

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It seems that one of the biggest excitements yet has been the opening up of Andrew's popular tuck shop again for the Senior School with his amazing cookies and pizza! The idea is that the bubbles will each have a 'Tuck Day' on a rotational basis and, in the meantime, keep to the concept of their own snacks at break time in their form room areas. I am not sure how long my willpower will last before I wander down there but I know that some restoration to the tuck norm has been met with enormous approval!

We are now gearing up for our new look in-person Open Morning and Virtual Open Evening on Saturday 10th October and Wednesday 14th of October respectively. Please do spread the word if you know of anybody who might be interested in these events. I had an amusing surprise when I returned to my office after teaching this morning to find Nula, our lovely school Labrador, luxuriating on my office sofa being filmed for her part of the Virtual Open Day presentation!



On a separate note, I hope you have received my letter this week about being as prepared as we can be for potential future difficulties. I truly hope that, with an all-round team effort and forward planning, we can ride any eventuality and keep the Maynard wheels turning smoothly.

I really had a fabulous time meeting with the Year 6 for over an hour on Monday and they certainly put me through my paces with a 'Meet the Head' style interview. I must have fielded 50 - 60 very insightful questions, from my favourite book to my most difficult decision as a Head, forcing me to be very reflective! I even had to divulge my greatest fears (sharks in case you are wondering, born out of a childhood in the Bahamas).

The girls continue to achieve so many individual accolades and it is so nice to see our charity fundraising heritage continuing at home and my congratulations to them all. On to this week's news:



Healthy Eating in Reception

Reception have been learning about healthy eating and brought in three pieces of fruit for their morning snack. They cut up their fruit and made a tasty fruit salad. It was all great fun and the girls were thrilled with their results!



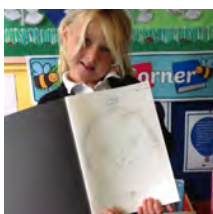
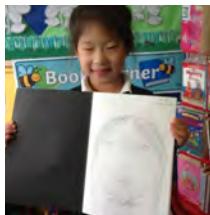
Year 1 Maths

This week the girls have been measuring using non-standard units in their maths lessons and have also been creating Monet-style pictures using pastels. They clearly loved getting really messy fingers.



Wonderful Art work from Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about portraits in their Art lessons this term, and have created their own self-portrait masterpieces!



Learning about the Stone Age in Year 3

Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying their Stone Age topic in History this term. They are particularly interested in the many prehistoric animals which roamed the Earth. This week they learned about sabre toothed tigers and the girls made some amazing (cute looking) sabre tooth tigers for the classroom display, using a variety of materials. They have also been finding out about woolly mammoths and they have created some miniature versions of this magnificent creature. They have looked at many different artefacts and have designed their own Stone Age necklaces made from clay. The highlight of our topic so far is the discovery of an actual flint tool, which Amelia Conn brought into school for us to examine. We were all very excited about this and it made our lesson even more interesting and memorable.



Year 6 – An interview with Miss Dunn

The girls in Year 6 made the most of an opportunity to quiz Miss Dunn about life as a Headmistress when she popped in for an informal chat with them all on Monday. This super inquisitive bunch were full of questions; what is her favourite subject (Biology, of course), does she enjoy coming to work ("It's my dream job"), if she wasn't a teacher what would she be (a vet), who she disliked most as a schoolgirl (undisclosed – nice dodge, Miss Dunn!) and many, many more insightful questions.

Science & Maths Q&A ... ask Poppy a question!

I'm writing to inform all KS4 Students that I will be running a Science and Maths Question and Answer session as part of my Gold YSA. This will have to be done remotely to avoid the mixing of bubbles, so if you have any questions please email them to Poppy on 22it45@maynard.co.uk.

Also, the STEMM group have an Instagram account, so if you would like to support us please follow us on [@maynard_stemm](https://www.instagram.com/maynard_stemm). We will be posting Science and Maths related items on there. Again, feel free to ask us any questions via Instagram too.

Thank you! From Poppy and the STEMM group.





Olivia's beautiful card making

We wrote back in the summer about Olivia's (Lower 5) wonderful cards that she had been making throughout lockdown and she is still going strong with further gorgeous designs. Huge congratulations to her and we have no doubt that, with Christmas coming, she is going to have a lot of very happy family and friends when they receive her latest creations.

Dog-walking club underway

Miss Hartopp and Mrs Rowley held their first dog walking club last week and very popular it proved, too! Smartie (a Shih Tzu) and Ozzy (a pug) escorted 16 Upper 3 girls down to Bull Meadow Park to give them a little run around and play before returning to school.



Baran's wonderful community spirit

We are so proud of Baran in Lower 4 who has been doing some charity work for her local Foodbank since June. Each month, she collects food and other relevant supplements from the neighbours and their generosity has been astounding as you can see from the photograph. We thoroughly commend Baran for her wonderful community spirit.

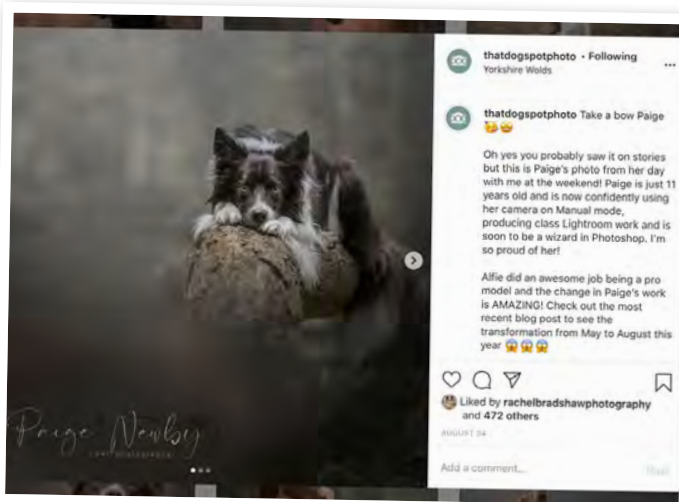


Great success for Jasmine

Jasmine in Year 6 enjoyed an especially successful competition at the British Showjumping Pony Premier Show at Chard last weekend, finishing 2nd in the British Novice Second Rounds and, in so doing, qualifying for the National Championships at Aintree. This is a fantastic achievement amongst hugely strong competition that had travelled to the event from afar and we wish her the very best of luck for the Nationals.

A budding photographer in our midst

We were wowed by this photo taken by Paige in Upper 3 who, at just 11 years old, appears to have a unique eye for her subject. Not only are we enormous dog lovers here at The Maynard, but the way in which she has mastered the more technical aspect simply bowled us over. A very well done to her!



Maynard Brownie update

Throughout summer, the Maynard Brownies have continued having weekly virtual meetings. During these meetings we have been working towards our Have Adventure theme award badges by doing activities with each other via camera. Some examples of the different activities we have been looking at are star constellations, lighting candles, learning to tie bandages and even making a compass out of a magnet and paperclip! The girls were also challenged to try and accomplish some badges to help achieve their theme award.

We also completed four different Challenge badges on topics the girls chose - Butterfly Challenge Badge, The Unicorn Challenge, Purrrrfect Challenge and Girls in Space badge. The girls did various activities to gain these badges, including having the Cats Protection League come and give a talk about cats and kittens and using string to make beautiful pictures.

We also held two sleepovers during the Summer Term where the girls chose a film to watch and then the following day did a bunch of activities from baking shortbread and dancing to making salt dough decorations.

This Autumn Term, as we continue to meet online over Zoom, we are covering our Take Action theme award which looks at how we can look after the world around us and tackle problems such as

plastic waste and recycling. The girls have also chosen some more challenge badges to complete in different topics, starting off with Seahorses.

Since the summer holidays the girls have:

- Gained 12 Interest badges including, Zero Waste, Inventing, Jobs and Charities.
- Completed Girlguiding Exeter's lockdown challenge badge - well done Anaya, Maddie, Catherine, Taryn, Olive and Ida.
- Six girls have completed their Explore Skills builder - Anaya, Maddie, Catherine, Taryn, Annie and Olive.
- Four girls have gained their Have Adventures theme award - congratulations to Catherine, Maddie, Ida and Anaya.

Just before we all went back to school, a few of us met up at Killerton House where some of the girls were presented their Bronze Award. To gain their Bronze Award the girls had to have gained two different theme awards, which consists of eight hours' worth of activities, two skill builder badges and two interest badges.

This is a lot of hard work so CONGRATULATIONS to Ida, Anaya, Taryn, Maddie and Catherine. Equally, there are many more girls who are close to gaining theirs as well.

Well done to all the girls on their achievements and we are looking forward to seeing you all in the new year.





Massive uptake of Young Enterprise as team positions allocated

There has been unprecedented interest from the Lower 6 in the Young Enterprise Company Scheme this year, following on from the previous team's incredible success at European level. We are delighted by this uptake and look forward to putting forward two sub groups who will operate as one large company. Communication between them both will be absolutely key and we look forward to the launch of their products!

Following a team vote held last week the following will take up their company positions and a huge congratulations to them all:

Alice	Managing Director
Anna	Operations Director
Gloria	Financial Director
Althea	Sales Director
Charlie	Marketing Director

Sophie	Human Resources Director
Charlotte	Social Media Director

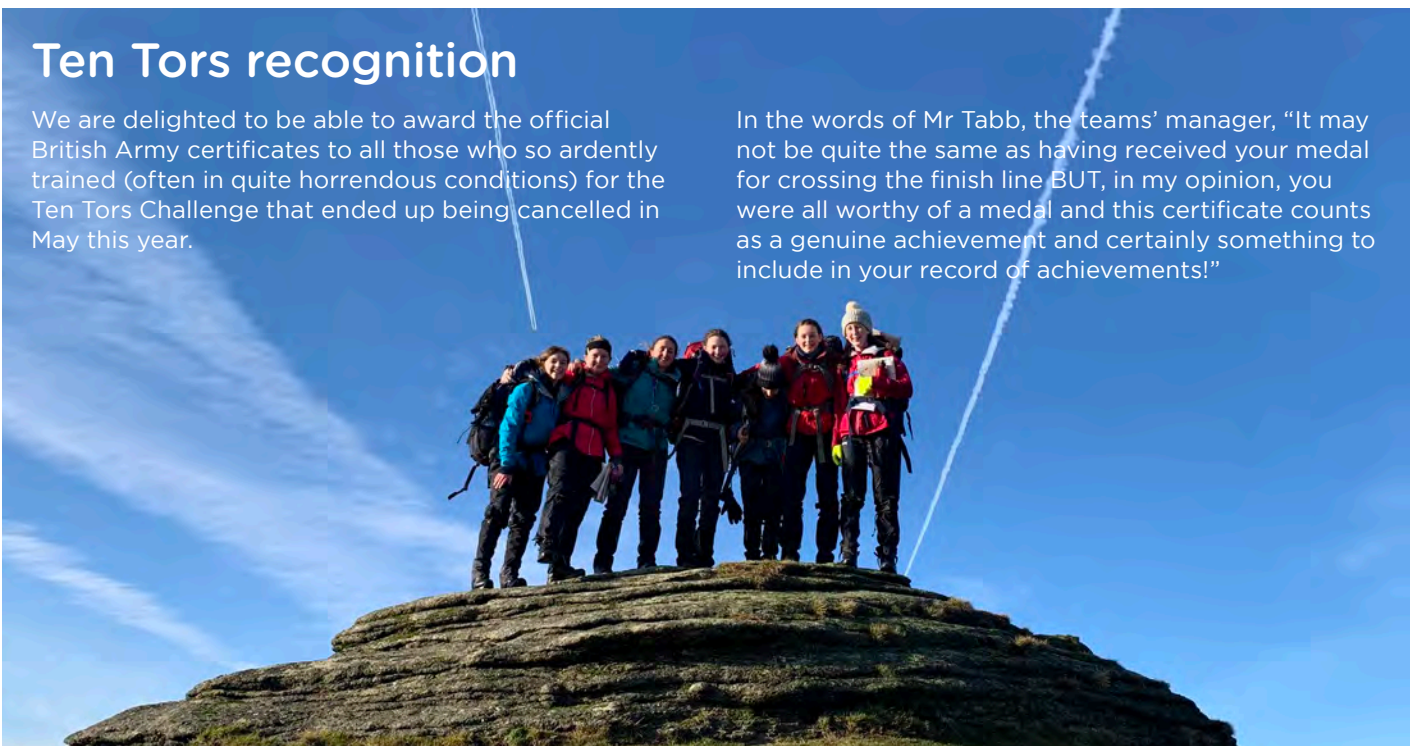
And the other team:

Katie	Managing Director
Lizzie	Assistant Managing Director
Imogen	Operations Director
Hazel	Financial Director
Angel	Assistant Financial Director
Lorelei	Sales Director
Isabelle	Marketing Director
Lucy	Assistant Marketing Director
Jaspinder	Human Resources Co-Director
Shirah	Human Resources Co-Director
Satara	Social Media Director
Eliza	Assistant Sales Director

Ten Tors recognition

We are delighted to be able to award the official British Army certificates to all those who so ardently trained (often in quite horrendous conditions) for the Ten Tors Challenge that ended up being cancelled in May this year.

In the words of Mr Tabb, the teams' manager, "It may not be quite the same as having received your medal for crossing the finish line BUT, in my opinion, you were all worthy of a medal and this certificate counts as a genuine achievement and certainly something to include in your record of achievements!"



Extensive club options launched

From Film Making, Drama, Ten Tors, MUN, Debating, Cyber Discovery, Stem through to all manner of music and sport, our club options this term are as extensive as can possibly be in the current climate. There really is something for everyone, whether that's in the morning before school, during lunchtime or even after school!

So please do encourage your daughter to sign up and try something new – beginners through to advanced are always very welcome, even with the various sports clubs and fitness classes where the buzz words very often are 'keen not team' – we just want everyone to feel happy to give something a go!



Vote Beth!

For those of you who love a little Britain's Got Talent, we are super excited that our former music teacher's daughter, Beth Porch, has reached the semi-finals being aired tomorrow night. An oncology nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, Beth contracted coronavirus earlier in the year but remains dedicated to looking after the children in her care and is often seen strumming her guitar in the wards and bays. She moved both the BGT judges and viewers to tears in her audition after performing her original track 'You Taught Me What Love Is', a song she was inspired to write from her time treating patients in a cancer ward. This was since released, reaching number 2 on iTunes with all proceeds going to the NHS and GOSH.



Please support Beth by voting for her – it would be wonderful to have a Maynard connection in the finals!



And finally... It's a family affair!

If ever there was a glowing endorsement, this family portrait shows just some of our amazing staff and their daughters who have chosen to join The Maynard. It was difficult to squeeze everyone in given the teachers' busy timetables, various children's commitments but this does at least give you a feel of just how much the staff rate the school!

Have a fabulous weekend!