



## CEDAR STUMP TO BE CARVED

The Westbrook Hay Association has agreed to fund the carving of the Cedar of Lebanon Tree that collapsed in the summer term. It will be carved with a selection of native British animals, and this should give you an idea of what it will look like.



## PRICKLY HAY

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Lower School performed 'Prickly Hay' to their parents. This is the story of Sam, the stable boy and his friends the shrews, who swapped prickly hay for lovely soft hay to make

baby Jesus comfortable. All the children worked extremely hard to learn their lines and they all sang beautifully. The lead role was played by Ben Yadav (Year 1) who gave an excellent performance.



## PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

It was anchors away for the children of Middle School as they set sail on a swashbuckling pirate adventure during their Christmas production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. When Jack & Liza Periwinckle discovered a real life treasure map, little did they realise it would take them

on a sea adventure in search of their mother, who had been kidnapped by the fearsome Redbeard and his pungent pirates! Their voyage took them from Old London Docks to the mysterious island of Lumbago in the sea of Sciatica in search

of Pearl and the treasure! The children all played their parts brilliantly and the jokes, singing and dancing were all a big hit with the audience. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped make such a successful production!



# HISTORY WEEK

History Week took place in the first week of October, and the whole week was dedicated to bringing history to life in all areas of the school and its curriculum. As, when we first undertook such a week in 2007, the Front Hall was turned into the Westbrook Hay Museum, storing lots of wonderful artefacts donated by our most generous parents and children, ranging from 17<sup>th</sup> Century Civil War musket balls to iron age tools and implements, prehistoric arrow heads, and all manner of wonderful objects and memorabilia from the Egyptian, Roman, Medieval, Tudor, Victorian and 20<sup>th</sup> Century periods. The display also included a wide range of absorbing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World War paraphernalia, including uniforms, maps, ration books, shells and weaponry etc. Also some wonderful and very moving letters sent from soldiers who served and died in the wars to their families and loved ones, and the printing tools from an original composing room. Every member of staff and each area of the school gave lessons an historical flavour for the week. As a very small example of what took place - Lower School looked at personal/family histories, Year 2 looked at 'Cave Art', Year 3 made books of the Romulus and Remus



story, Year 4 looked at Egyptian maths and Years 5-8 between them studied historical literature texts, looked at the history of transport, studied code-breaking, the history of jazz music, space exploration, famous scientists, French musicians and painters, Jewish history in RS and even underwent Victorian PE drill. The design technology and art departments had been working on building castle walls and the ballistae used for attacking and destroying them, and we had visits to the Roman Verulamium Museum in St Albans and to Bletchley Park, where the Enigma code-breaking took place in World War II. The week began with Victorian Day, and a presentation on what school-life was like for Victorian children. We also had a brilliant demonstration of riding a Penny Farthing bicycle, one of the key items on display in the Front Hall Museum. The children 'enjoyed' a 'grueling' Victorian-style lunch, though the girls would not have appreciated having to line up separately from the boys, and in silence, and let the boys eat their meal first!



Thursday was Roman Day and included a visit from Legion X1111, a group of charismatic and knowledgeable enthusiasts who re-enact Roman life throughout the world. They demonstrated to the children what life was like for a Roman soldier and showed them how to march, fight and defend themselves from their Celtic enemies, and finished with a display of the use of Roman weaponry up on the school field. Throughout the week the children took part in the Great British History Quiz, which many found absorbing and entertaining and which tested them on their historical knowledge. This led to a prize giving assembly at the end of the week when all the children's effort was rewarded with house points, certificates and book tokens. The library book fair also incorporated History Week, with over 200



# HISTORY WEEK



titles on offer to the children, aimed at all ranges and abilities from over 50 different book publishers. On the Friday we had an historical costume parade, where the children and members of staff dressed as the historical character of their choice. Mr Young made a dashing Sherlock Holmes and, with well over 200 costumes on show (many made by our parents) the children came variously as queens, kings, Florence Nightingales, court jesters, ladies-in-waiting, soldiers, knights, servants, peasants, mummies, plague doctors, alchemists, executioners, court-jesters, warriors, archbishops, nobles, courtiers, scientists, musicians and artists, to name but a few!





## YEAR 2 PUT BERKHAMSTED ON THE MAP

On a fine September day Year 2 began their work on mapping skills by visiting Berkhamsted. They compared plan views on a map with actual buildings and features, answered questions about the town and when back at school made keys for their maps.



## HINDU TEMPLE VISIT

Year 4 embarked on an exciting day out to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple donated by George Harrison. The trip included a cart-ride pulled by oxen, face-painting, dressing up and touring the magnificent grounds. The children learned all about the various forms of Hindu worship, their beliefs and practices and how they live their daily lives at the manor. As usual, one of our favourite experiences was lunch; a tasty paneer curry, which everybody loved!

Year 5 enjoyed a day of mystery and secrecy during their trip to Bletchley Park as part of History Week. The focus was cross curricular, with elements of Maths, ICT and DT coming together to cover the very interesting subject of communication during the Second World War. The children

experienced a variety of talks on differing subjects, the highlight of which was meeting a former MI6 agent who gave us an insight into the equipment and skill needed to send secret messages all over the world. Hopefully we have inspired the next generation of spooks!



## IN SEARCH OF THE CODE-BREAKERS



## HOW WE USED TO LIVE

In early September Year 5 enjoyed their annual visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum as part of their studies on the Victorian era. Pupils were able to compare the basic way of farming then to today's large scale industry. We also visited a cou-

ple of cottages and saw how small these were, especially when the children realised that a large family were expected to live in such cramped and simple conditions. Perhaps the biggest impact came when pupils saw the outside 'privy' and metal bath!





## CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN

Unusually we arrived in Wales in sunshine, with the rolling vales at their best. A busy five days lay ahead which started with the climb of Cadir Idris. We fought through cloud, wind, rain and sunshine to reach the peak and the stunning views. Other activities included a river study (and much of the river returned with the children to the minibus!), a trek following the path of a glacier, a study of a spit, a day looking at a variety of forms of energy from nuclear to hydro-electricity, and of course many an hour on the wonderful beaches! We returned suitably tired but having all had a fantastic five days. A big thank you from all in Year 7 to Mr Hill for organizing a fantastic trip.

## THINKING OUTSIDE

Early in September, and with a very early start, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls headed for the Oxfordshire countryside where they took part in a "Thinking Outside" adventure. It really was a fabulous trip and a pleasure for the Westbrook Hay staff to run for a third time, just for our girls to learn lots about themselves and each other. It was also wonderful for the staff to see them at their best in a completely different environment. Blessed with gloriously sunny weather twenty three Westbrook Hay girls, in three tents, spent the night sleeping in open-fronted shelters. The days were filled with exciting outdoor strategy games and practice of survival and team building skills. The girls took part in a series of challenges, including having to make their own trap, with no adult assistance, baiting it with food, making a fire suitable for cooking, and then preparing and cooking a whole (HUGE) salmon using a South Pacific island method. The girls returned to Westbrook Hay tired but exhilarated!



A group of Year 6 boys and girls had a day away from school at the Pangbourne College Leadership training day. A variety of activities were on offer, all within the general leadership theme and ranged from crossing imaginary rivers, orienteering through woods to find the enemy base and

## LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

the highlight, in many senses, of the high ropes course, with children suspended in trees on harnesses way above the ground. One of our number was not looking forward to this particular activity, but by the end of it claimed to have overcome her fear of heights. Excellently run by some former Royal Marine commandoes, ably assisted by Pangbourne prefects, the day was blessed by good weather and the enthusiasm of all who attended. Some parents took the opportunity to visit the College to watch the closing stages and have tea in the Mess Hall, which made for an enjoyable end to a worthwhile trip for all.

Congratulations to Sophie Gasser (5L) and Miles Dervish-Uman (3C) for coming first and second in the Book Fair competition. The children were asked to decorate an arrow to advertise the fair using their favourite book or character for inspiration. The judging panel (made up of impartial parents!) were really impressed by Sophie's imaginative and beautifully drawn entry inspired by Harry Potter,



## BOOK FAIR BOOST FOR LIBRARY

and Miles' intricate "How to train your dragon" design. Well done! Thank you too to all the children who entered the competition, we had over 80 arrows submitted and the standard was really impressive. All the arrows were displayed during the Book Fair and helped point "customers" in the right direction! Thank you to everyone who supported the fair. Due to your generosity we raised over £1300 which translates to over £800 of commission to spend on new books for the school. A special thank you goes to Anita Howard, Deborah Cang, Julia Barber, Clare Mason and Louise Buckley for running the fair so efficiently.

## NEW SYSTEM FOR LIBRARY



Thanks to the generous donation the WHA makes to the Library we are purchasing a new web-based library system which will launch in January. The system will be accessible from anywhere with an Internet connection. This will mean teachers, children and parents will be able to see what books we have in the library, get recommendations for further reading and access quality assessed weblinks from the classroom, home and even using smartphones and tablets. This will make it easier for the library resources to be embedded in teaching, and more closely integrate library resources with information available on the Web. It also means you will be able to link to the library using your smartphone from a bookshop to see if we have a title in the library before you buy it yourself or to get recommendations about books your children might enjoy. More information will follow after Christmas.



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

At the Golden Assembly on the 12th October we celebrated the success of over 80 children from Westbrook Hay who completed "Storylab," the Summer Reading Challenge for 2012, coordinated by the Reading Agency and run by local libraries. To complete the challenge successfully, the children had to borrow and read six books over the summer holidays and there was also an entertaining and highly interactive website for them to use. The key aim of the scheme is to keep the children reading over the long summer break. As well as encouraging them to enjoy books and try new titles and authors, this is also very important in order to maintain reading levels over the holidays and helps them to return to school in September with stories to tell, ready to start work again. We are thrilled that so many children took advantage of the scheme and were so successful. Congratulations!



## SHORT STORIES

In November we celebrated National Short Story Week with lots of stories in the Library. The Book Elves were also out in force reading to the children in Lower School. We're not sure who enjoys this the most, the children or the Elves!





# DANCE DISPLAY 2012



The Dance Display this year was a great success. All the children danced with great enthusiasm. I was delighted to see so many boys dancing in Sleeping Beauty; both boys and girls enjoyed dancing to such a great score. The Disney songs were performed by the children from Robins to Year 2. Every class was very eager to rehearse and perform to such fun music. 'West Side Story' for the Middle and Upper School was a great challenge as it was not only dance, but acting as well. The 'Jets' and 'Sharks' gangs not only learned a fantastic dance but it was educational as well because we were discussing that gangs are not good and don't lead to anything. The 'I feel pretty' dance was full of energy and excitement. The Mambo and America, with their very strong music, led to an amazing performance from the dancers that the audience really enjoyed. The new boys from Year 3, who danced Michael Jackson, loved it and learned their dance very quickly. Well done to all of you boys and girls who made this year's dance display full of joy and professionalism. Mrs Henderson.

"Friday Afternoons" is a nationwide singing project led by Aldeburgh Music, culminating in an event to celebrate Sir Benjamin Britten's birthday – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013. A Westbrook Hay choral ensemble was invited to the Fishmongers' Hall in London to perform at the celebrations, singing a song of their own for the first time at this venue. The song was actually very hard for the children to sing as the conductor wanted it performed a lot faster than they had been rehearsing it, but the children sang well and enjoyed the whole experience.



# LONDON CHORAL CONCERT



# HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The finale of the House Music Competition solos was a great display of the breadth of musical talent at WBH. From Year 3's very endearing Charlotte Fuller singing 'Price Tag' by Jessie Jay with her brother Ben accompanying on guitar, to Year 8's 'soul' voice Kolade Ladipo attempting that great song 'Respect' by A Franklin. Angus Coles played 'Amazing Grace' on his trumpet with great passion. Rory Hall, who won the Senior Cup, sang 'Panis Angelicus' like a little angel, with that beautiful quality of voice that only a true chorister can have. Rebecca Wagstaff, who won the Junior's Cup, doubled up voice and instrument. She gave us an introduction on the flute to 'Vieni' by Vivaldi and then with a quick change over to the microphone, sang her grade five piece in Italian, with an emotional Dad in the wings.

Year 3 scientists took their learning outdoors to study the chalky, sandy and clay soil types found across the Boxmoor Trust. We dug up and analysed our own samples from the woodland behind the Old Barn and

conducted an investigation to find out which type of soil drains the best. The chalky soil from the meadows drained slower than the sandy soil from the valley bottom but the clay soil was the slowest!

## SCIENCE ROCKS!



## MATHS CHALLENGE



Westbrook Hay entered two teams into the Year 6 Mathematics Challenge taking place at Aldwickbury. The afternoon involved a mental arithmetic test, a series of countdown conundrums and some testing prob-

lems. In all 54 teams took part and overall Westbrook Hay came 6th and 8th, a very creditable performance against the cream of Hertfordshire.



## LAMDA SUCCESS

Seren took her first Solo Acting exam at LAMDA in November and gained a very high Distinction, an excellent result for a 7 year old. Paige also took Grade 2 Solo Acting and was awarded a Distinction with another very high mark. Both girls worked extremely hard to gain these awards and it is something of which they can feel immensely proud.



## HANUKKAH ASSEMBLY

Swallows and Robins learned about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah this term as part of their focus on the social and emotional aspects of learning. One of our parents led the assembly, explaining that the most important part of the celebration on the day is to re-light a huge candlestick with eight branches, called a Menora, which was kept burning in the ancient temple as a sign of God's everlasting presence. The children learned that the festival remembers a story from long ago in which something very special to the Jews was taken from them and spoilt, and how God helped them.



## YEAR 8 ENERGISED

Year 8 spent an excellent morning at RES on a Geography and Science workshop, seeing 'first hand' and up close the giant wind turbine that so many of us have driven past on the M25. They then carried out some experiments on wind speeds and turbine blade angles to maximise generating electricity. Here Kolade and Tom find out if 5 blades are more efficient than 3.



The U8 and U9 girls have all played in matches this term. The U8A team had a super game against Edge Grove to win 3-0. Evie Lyons scored 2 goals and Grace Botha 1 goal. Evie was nominated as player of the match. The U9A girls have had some very close matches but they too had wins over Manor Lodge and Swanbourne House. The U9A team have also played up an age group and competed against some weaker U10 teams. The U9/U8B team have learnt a lot from their experiences of playing in matches. The U10 team managed a couple of wins playing against appropriately matched teams

and though they are only a small group they have all played with great enthusiasm for the game. The U11A & B teams have improved over the term with wins under their belts. One exceptionally nail biting match for the U11As was against a new team on our circuit, Duncombe School. Both teams demonstrated a really high level of skill and the final score could have gone either way but a fair result was that it ended in a draw. Georgia Hurley has been an excellent captain throughout the season.

# NETBALL





Ellie, Molly and Isabel were absent for the team photograph, but were important members of their Under 11 and Under 10 teams





The 1<sup>st</sup> team has enjoyed a good term on the football field. We have played some excellent football in some closely fought battles against Lockers, Aldwickbury and Lochinver while securing our biggest win against Kingshott. Jamie Turner has led the side in great fashion from the back while the 'Alex twins' – Taylor and Wilkinson – along with Richard Platt have given us great strength, drive and creativity from midfield. Ed Khan, BJ Busari and Joe Rabey have formed a fine three-pronged attack. The highlight of the term has undoubtedly been our success in the IAPS six-a-side competition. We went to the regional event at Rokeby and produced some fine passing football on our way to beating Chinthurst, Westminster and Parkside (ex national champions) and then navigated our way through to the final via two knock-out rounds where we faced St Martins. One goal always looked likely to win it after a tiring morning. BJ hit the post early on but the game was very tight. Late on, St Martins scored with

a goal off the cross bar and we had little time to rescue the position. However, the runners-up position secured us a place in the national finals in Reading where the top twelve prep schools would fight it out. We prepared for our day with an overnight stay at the luxurious surroundings of the Holiday Inn, Reading. A relaxing dip in the pool was followed by an evening snack and then bed. We woke to our buffet breakfast and then headed to Bradfield. We beat St Olave's and Elstree and drew with Bishops Stortford but defeat in our final group game meant we lost out on a semi-final place much to the disappointment of us all. However, we have played all four semi finalists this term and either drawn or lost by the odd goal so it shows we've been mixing it at the top end of prep school sport. Can we go a step or two further next year?

## 1st X1 FOOTBALL



## WESTBROOK HAY OLD BOYS REACH NATIONAL SPORTING PROMINENCE



Two sporting success stories from our school come in the form of Alex Hales and Luke O'Nien. Hales, 23, was at Westbrook in the early 90s and has gone on to play cricket for Nottinghamshire and England, proving to be a big hitter in the Twenty20 version of the game. O'Nien, 18, has been attending the Watford FC academy since he was a boy and is now in the second year of his scholarship. Luke was Colts A and 1st team Captain in 2005 and 2007 and has trained with the 1st team squad as well having recently played in the FA Youth Cup at Vicarage Road. We look forward to hearing of future successes!



The 2nd team was split into teams on most match days in an attempt to find more competitive games for everyone. Generally speaking we played 7-a-side matches with everyone being involved. The A team was captained by Kolade Ladipo who was our leading goal scorer using his blistering speed to out run hapless defenders. He was supported by Jude-Clark Regamey and Tom Wright from midfield and the development of William Upson as a footballer was rewarded by his two goals against Beechwood Park, but consistently our outstanding player was Joshua Kerr in goal. There is a very long list of fantastic saves he has pulled off this season. The B team have struggled to win games but recorded a couple of draws. They have maintained an excellent spirit throughout the season under the leadership of Thomas Hurley.



## 2nd TEAM FOOTBALL

A Team: Joshua Kerr, Edward Bryant, Dominic Hampstead, Billy Boot, George Stockbridge, William Upson, Jude-Clark Regamey, Tom Wright, Kolade Ladipo.

B Team: Jack Dugard, Toby Camplin, Aidan Mullins, Alastair Bond, Angus Coles, Rory Hall, Thomas Hurley.

I am extremely proud of the boys and the progress they have made over the term. In September we were a team of good individuals, but with some hard work and determination we have now become a very good team. With David Burnell in goal we were always going to be a hard team to score against. David has performed very well this term and his distribution of the ball and leadership from the back has been excellent. Harvey Graham and Scott Rolfe have been hard to break down and are always looking to play the ball out from the back into midfield. Our midfield showed great quality throughout the term but also excellent work rate to win the ball back, so well done to Josh Yeo, Josh Tambwe, Tom Lane and Freddie Stoner-Redfern. I would like to give a special mention to Freddie who showed immense progress over the term and who made the central midfield position his own with a number of great displays. Finally, leading the line as a lone striker was Jerry St Hilaire. Not only scoring goals himself but holding up the ball well and bringing others into the game. We certainly won more games than we lost or drew. I was particularly impressed



## COLTS A FOOTBALL

with our 3-2 win over Manor Lodge after half term; the boys were 2-1 down but didn't give up and scored a late goal to win the game. I was also impressed with our come-back from 3-0 down away at Heath Mount to

draw 3-3 and the comfortable 5-1 win away at Lockers Park with Jerry scoring a well deserved hat-trick. Well done boys, you should be really proud of what you have achieved this term!



The Under 9 A and B sides have enjoyed a very impressive term with the highlight being festival wins over Heath Mount, Edge Grove and Lockers Park here at Westbrook early in the term. The As have beaten every team they've played except for Aldwickbury and in doing so have played some superb passing football. The team has played with great shape and with Finn Graham excelling in goal have been able to play out from the back with real success. Max Bustamante's energy, strength and quality on the ball has been invaluable both in midfield and defence while Toby Dewick and Ibrahim Busari have shown great work-rate and flair on the wings.



The Bs have only lost one match all term and have often been too strong for the opposition. A number have played for the A side and the number of Year 3s in these teams, usually solely the home of Year 4s, has been very positive. Elliot Scott has produced some lovely touches in the As while Lewis Baines, Henry Redfern and Joshua Odegbami have also shown their quality meaning we'll be fielding some strong teams next year!

## UNDER 9 FOOTBALL



The Under 9's C, D and E teams have shown great progress over the term. All of the boys in Year 3 and 4 have played in matches against other schools during the term, in which they have all performed magnificently and we have certainly won more games than we have lost. We have worked a lot on our passing and moving this term, keeping the ball and playing as a team and the boys have played in a variety of positions within a team to improve their understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each position. My main highlight of the term would have to be the festival we attended at Lockers Park. All the boys were very well behaved and played some excellent football that day, setting an excellent example of what Westbrook Hay is about. Oliver Wilkinson has impressed with both his goal scoring and celebrations (!) while Jamie Valentine and Cameron Magson have been solid in defence. Zac Wallis and Alex Jones have also impressed in goal. Well done boys, I hope for more of the same next term when we tackle rugby!

The football teams pictured here are the Under 9 Cs (left), Under 9 Ds (right) and the Under 9 Es (on page 14)



## UNDER 9 Es

It has been another enjoyable football term for the Colts B. I think the thing I will take away the most is the team spirit that the boys have played with. They really have worked as a solid unit, supporting one another, encouraging one another and behaving like only the best teams can. At the back Jamie Rowley has proved a superb shot stopper and when injury ended his season early Jacob Winter-Brown stepped up and showed that he was no slouch between the sticks either. Our last line of defence, Max Dewick, Max Young and, on several occasions. Daniel Morrisey was a formidable sight to

opposition forwards. The never-say-die attitude of all three and last minute tackling saved goals in more than one game. In the centre of the park we had James Mason, Max Robertson and our captain Ben Fuller. All three deserve praise for their work rate, accurate passing and tenacity. Ben should be signalled out as a great captain. He led from the front, always encouraging whether we were winning or losing. Finally, up front we had the mighty Stuart Finn. His ability to strike a ball from distance meant that most goal keepers didn't stand a chance. Well done boys!



## COLTS B FOOTBALL



## COLTS D FOOTBALL

At the start of the season such a pleasing set of results did not really appear to be possible. But what was clear from the outset was the determination and competitiveness of some in the team and, this soon filtered through to the less hardened players. And, in the period just before half term we were playing our best football of the season and the much-awaited and deserved wins came our way. The highlight of the season for all was our win against a previously unbeaten Lochinver House team; indeed, they had

beaten all their opposition comfortably before facing us. Our tenacity and desire to get to the ball first and close the opposition down ensured that Lochinver's superb passing game was nullified. By the end of the match they had only had a handful of shots at goal. After half term we struggled to get our rhythm back but in the final match of the season, in the most appalling wet and slippery conditions, the team managed to play some of their best passing football of the year to finish the season off on a high.



It was a season which would have had premier league managers tearing their hair out! We played in many closely fought contests and lost by the odd goal on a number of occasions. However, the spirit of the team was always present with the solid defence of Toby

Ogelman, Ewan Michie and Alfred Woolf proving difficult to breach. It was pleasing to see our passing and movement improve as the season progressed and most of all to see all matches played with smiles on our faces! Well done to all involved.

## COLTS C FOOTBALL



## COLTS E FOOTBALL

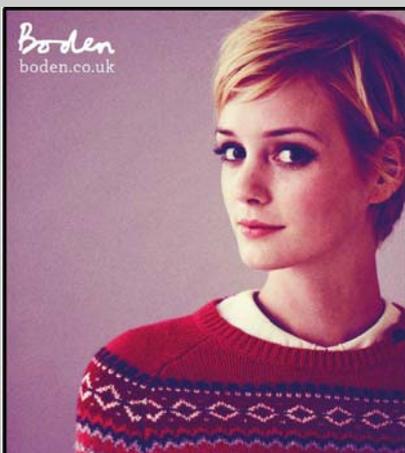
Well what can I say; the change from September to now has been vast. The communication between the boys and passing and movement has improved greatly over the term and the boys have won more games than they lost which is a great achievement. The big improvement for the Es was the way they worked together as a team, with everyone playing their part. Henry Johnston had great hands at the back in goal, Oliver Smith, Callum Angel and Ethan Stockbridge where rocks in defence. The midfield of William Garnett and Jack Terzza

showed great work rate in supporting the defence and also pushing forward to create goal scoring chances. A special mention has to go to two players Samad Ibrahim and James Wise. Samad's ability on the ball and his goal scoring moved him from the Fs to the Ds by the end of term while James Wise greatly impressed with his dribbling skills and his goal to game ratio. Moving him to the Es proved the right call as he scored goals for the Es on a regular basis. Well done boys!

## COLTS F FOOTBALL

The Colts F has shown great progress throughout the term. The boys worked hard on positional play and come match days this was evident with the good shape they showed. "Captain Fantastic" Joshua Grimsdale lead the team from the back in goal. In defence Zaid Janjua, Toby Daghlian and Riam Gohil tackled everything in their paths. The midfield of Harry Taylor, Manus Balla and Joe Innes and lone striker Edward Grigg combined well. At the start of term the results weren't going our way, but once the work-rate improved we saw improvements. The highlight of the term came in our last game against Lockers Park when the weather was awful. A howling gale, horizontal rain and a sloping pitch!! We knew that workrate would keep us warm. Two wonderful strikes from Harry and Manus gave us a well-deserved 2-2 draw. Well done boys on a good term!





## BODEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended the fabulous WHA Boden evening on October 11th. The rails were bursting with gorgeous clothes from the winter range and the laptop and I-Pad order points were working over time as everyone rushed to make the most of the 20% discount on offer. Boden offered us various commission rates depending on whether customers had shopped from Boden before or whether shoppers were buying from a new department to their usual pur-

chases and we raised a whopping £772 for the Association funds. The evening was a new venture for the Association and we were delighted that so many of you chose to come along and meet up with friends for a drink and chat as well as trying and buying some lovely clothes. Boden donated the £50 voucher for our raffle prize and every one through the door received either a complimentary umbrella or a travel mug. With over 80 people coming on the night we can safely say it was a great success!

We enjoyed a wonderful Teddy Bears' picnic this year with lots of our children from Robins and Swallows and some welcome guests too. As always Mr Marvel was super entertainment for the children and the mums and dads.



## TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

## FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

We are very lucky to have two ex-parents Richard Sayers and David Handscombe who willingly volunteer to come back year after year to put on a magnificent display of fireworks for us all to enjoy. I guess that they too must enjoy the evening as this year was their 21st year of putting on a marvellous display. We were lucky that after a wet week, the evening was dry, Chef Graeme supplied us with hot dogs, and soup, with mulled wine and refreshments available along with a variety of toys for the children, a wonderful evening for all. The WHA would like to thank all of the teaching staff who came in and helped with the food, refreshments and marshalling, Chef Graeme for preparing the food, and Eamon and the maintenance team for getting everything ready and clearing up afterwards. And thank you to all parents who came and supported the event.



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE PUTS SMILES ON CHILDRENS' FACES

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6TH JULY 2013



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