

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

This year, the progress we have made in the Arts is reflected in our scholarship success. Those of you who have enjoyed watching the development of our young actors and musicians as they make their way through the school, in plays, concerts and competitions will be heartened to learn that those two stars of the stage, Paige Atkinson and Lara Mills have been awarded drama scholarships to Berkhamsted and Abbot's Hill respectively. They will be

joined by Rebecca Wagstaff who won music scholarships from both schools and Georgia Hurley, who won academic scholarships to Abbot's Hill and Berkhamsted. Great credit to all the children and especial thanks to Mr Wagstaff and the Music department, Mrs Woodward and her LAMDA programme as well as all those other members of staff who add so much to the life beyond the classroom for our children. Mention should go to Aidan Mullins, who

though ultimately unsuccessful in his scholarship ambitions, has completed a very busy term, in which he has become a 'serial examinee', with scarcely a week passing without him sitting a test or scholarship paper. At the start of the process he wanted to go to RGS High Wycombe, so it is tremendous that he was successful in the 13+ entry and will be joining them in September. Congratulations go to all who have passed their entrance tests this term. It is an intensely stressful time for ones so young and hopefully they will now be able to relax and enjoy their time with us, as we get back to educating them in the widest sense, rather than just to the limitations of exam preparation. Keith Young

History is boring, it's very sad. It's a load of rubbish, it makes us very sad..... are the opening lines of the first song in the play and the start of a journey through history for five children and their very different supply teacher. The Keymaster, played by Kolade Ladipo, first takes the children to the Battle of Hastings which according to the script is not quite as the history books would have us believe and so the plot progresses! The journey takes the children, played by Lara Mills, Ellie Beesley, Paige Atkinson, Joshua Kerr and George Stockbridge to many whacky scenes in history and the children try to make sense of what they have experienced with a bit of a twist at the end. As ever a production with over 60 actors in it takes a lot of hard work



HISTORY EXPLORED IN THE KEYMASTER

and commitment from the children, staff and indeed parents and the efforts of everyone is very much appreciated. In a way it is a sad moment as this will be the last school play in the Assembly Hall which over the years has produced many happy times for all from Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dream Coat to Alice in Wonderland but we look forward to exciting times in the new Performing Arts Centre in the near future.





Our Ancient Egyptian history topic was brought to life when St Albans Museum came in to school to show us some artefacts from Ancient Egyptian times. The workshop began with group activities involving different aspects of Egyptian life. We dressed up as pharaohs,



BOOK ELVES

Lower School was overrun with Book Elves again on World Book Day, as Upper School children dressed up and read stories to Robins, Swallows and the Reception classes. Thank you to all the children who took part. The younger children love being read to by the older children, who are excellent reading role-models. We're already looking forward to next time!

Our visit to a Sikh gurdwara in Hitchin enabled the children in Year 4 to see first-hand how Sikhs worship and live. We were given a tour of the gurdwara and learned how all people of all faiths are welcome in a gurdwara. We were even shown the bedroom of the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy book. After, we were invited to eat a delicious snack in the langar. The children learned about the Sikh philosophy of everyone being equal and about the origin of Sikhism. They also saw how much Sikhs do for their community.

BOARDING REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Along with the ever popular Go-karting, our boarders this term enjoyed a 'cook out' in the school kitchens resulting in a spectacular feast of homemade cookies, cupcakes, truffles and pizza. Our final event, and a first for some of our Year 7 and 8 boys was rock climbing at the X-C in Jarman Park. The boys, and GAP student Ally, had a fun hour playing climbing games in the 'soft' area before tackling the high walls under the expert guidance

of the climbing instructors. This was followed by pizza (we have a theme!!), chicken nuggets, chips and ice cream. Next term, the boys and girls have chosen to return to X-C for high ropes and caving. Go-karting is the second choice for the boys and the girls have elected to go to the cinema. Of course, there will be lots more pizza as well!!

EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP

played with Egyptian toys and musical instruments and learned how to write our names in hieroglyphs! We also saw models of mummies and even had a go at bandaging ourselves up in linen. In the final and most exciting part of the workshop, we were given the opportunity to look at some authentic Ancient Egyptian artefacts that had been excavated from the Valley of the Kings in the 1920s. There were shabti dolls, jewellery, and some amulets that had been found amongst the bandages of a real mummy!



This term Reception are learning about 'people who help us' at home, at school and in the community. On Monday 14th January Reception were very lucky to have a visit from the Hemel Hempstead Fire Brigade. The children learnt about what they should do if they detected a fire and how to stay safe should a fire occur. The firemen dressed up in their uniforms and demonstrated how they used the breathing apparatus. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the visit. On Tuesday 29th January, Reception were very lucky to have a visit from two police officers. The children learnt about what they should do to keep themselves safe and how the police help us in the community. The police officers showed us what they wear to keep safe and the children were allowed to dress up in police uniform! Peter was also allowed to use the walkie-talkie to send a message to the rest of Reception.



SIKH VISIT



OFFICIAL RECEPTION



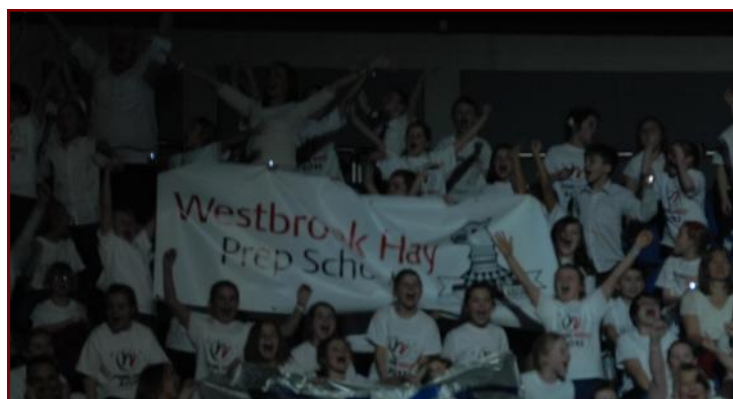


Tebbett, DipMusEd(RSAM), PGCE, PGCA, HonFTCL, and won 2nd prize. Sam Yadav, Elise Ivory, Imogen Strowger, Jacob Winter-Brown, Max Young, Molly Custance, Lara Mills and Rebecca Wagstaff all took part in the festival. Sam Yadav sang a folk song in Hebrew, achieving a Certificate of Distinction. Rebecca sang a piece by Vivaldi in Italian, and attained overall winner for her Category 'Tens and Under', and was awarded a medal. The next weekend, Jacob and Maximilian won joint 2nd prize in their

'Songs from Musical Theatre – Age Eleven & under' category. All in all, four of our contestants were awarded distinction or higher and everybody performed admirably. The children attended the festival in school uniform, looking extremely smart and well-presented. This prompted many positive comments from admiring parents of other Herts Prep Schools. Overall, the parents testified to a wonderful experience and success.

WATFORD FESTIVAL

During the three weekends of March from the 3rd -17th, Westbrook Hay Prep School participated for the first time in the annual Watford Music Festival held at Parmiter's School. The festival was founded in 1947 and is well-recognised nationally for its quality performances by Hertfordshire school children. The event is supported by the Mayor of Watford and covered by local press. The first weekend the WBH Chamber Choir of 20 entered the 'Small Choir – Age 11 or under' with internationally recognised adjudicator Eric



O2 YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

Westbrook Hay were invited to attend the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena early in the term. Despite the snow Mr Wagstaff took 35 pupils who had been busy learning their songs to perform with 600 other schools from around the country. It was a truly exciting experience for the children with the massed voices literally bringing the house down.

PANGBOURNE PIANO FESTIVAL



Five Westbrook Hay pianists took part in the inaugural Pangbourne College Piano Festival in early March. Maximilian Young and Freddie Redfern played in the Novice, 10 and under (Grades 1-3) Class; Reuben Redfern and Joseph Rabey played in the Intermediate, 12 and under (Grades 4-6) Class. William Upson joined the Intermediate, 12 and under (Grades 4-6) Class. Each piano student had the opportunity to play on the new Model C Steinway grand piano in the Nancye Harding Recital Hall, which is part of the College's new music school, and in the presence of an experienced adjudicator and ABRSM examiner, Mr Anthony Williams MMus DipRAM GRSM LRAM. The boys were among 55 pianists many of whom had never per-

formed at a Festival before. They were accompanied by Mr Wagstaff, Head of Music, and their families, who heard them play and also learned with them from Mr Williams how they could improve their playing; after each performance, each candidate was given a 'mini-piano lesson' with Mr Williams. Maximilian and Freddie were given new insights into how they could improve their performances of Haughton's 'Bah-Ba-Doo Bah' and Attwood's 'Allegro' from 'Sonatina No.2 in C' respectively. Reuben and Joseph were each encouraged in their playing of Haydn's 'German Dance in C.' William, who had waited patiently all day to perform, was given new insights into his playing of one of the pieces from Schumann's 'Album for the Young'.



We are delighted to welcome several new pets to the science lab this Spring. Colin the chameleon is beginning to lose his fear of people and will be ready for his first home visit this Easter. Other new pets include Lucy the rabbit kindly donated by the Cang family; Twilight and Fang the Russian dwarf hamsters; Peggilegs, the giant millipede and Hydra and Drago, the Thai water dragons.

NEW SCIENCE PETS



Year 8 attended the annual technology tournament organised by the Dacorum Rotary Club and held at Ashlyns School. Our pupils had to work as a team to design and make a vehicle powered by a falling weight that would move up a ramp. This proved to be a very complex task, but none the less an enjoyable experience for all concerned.

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE



Year 1 visited Chiltern Open Air Museum as part of our topic about Houses and Homes. The children had the opportunity to make griddle scones on an open fire and take part in shelter building in a copse. After a quick lunch in the barn we explored the rest of the site, visiting the old wagons and the Toll House. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their day.

OPEN AIR MUSEUM



YEAR 6 SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Grace Hunt, Zoe Jones, Joshua Grimsdale and Alfred Woolf represented Westbrook Hay this year at the Haileybury Science Challenge. The teams faced challenges themed around flight and were judged on how far the plane they had constructed could fly. Our teams built a superb plane and were the first to finish stage one...sadly she crashed on her maiden flight and dashed the team's hopes of winning!



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

In February Year 6 explored the Natural History Museum where they interacted with the 'Dynamic Earth' and Darwin exhibits. The Natural History Museum is more than a collection of rocks and bottled specimens. The children were able to interact with the exhibits and speak to researchers working in the museum to take a peek into the world of cutting-edge natural science and geological research.



The children returned from half term straight into Maths Week and what better way was there to start than Smartie day! Nearly 300 boxes of Smarties were investigated (and eaten!!). In all 8,632 Smarties were surveyed and our Smartie expert was Ethan Stockbridge who was nearest in his estimation of this amount. Tuesday and Wednesday saw Angela Gould visit the school running investigation workshops in the Assembly Hall. Children made shapes, solved problems and overall had a really fun time. Mathematics Day followed this on Thursday and our aim was to end the day with an individual into the top 100 in the UK... and possibly the world. Riam Gohil led the way with an amazing 10,000 points coming 4th in the UK and 13th in the world. The other children to



MATHS WEEK



make the top 100 were Lewis Baines, Sacha Stojilkovic, Grace Hunt and James Holden. The evening was the parents' turn and over 60 turned up for an evening of Mathematics. Friday was the chaos of the maths relay, over 100 children in the sports hall running around answering questions. Fun was had by all! Throughout the week Lower School used their maths lessons to learn about cooking cakes which they sold at the end of the day. The cakes were lovely and many a mum had a broader smile than usual when picking up their children. Perhaps we can open up our own coffee shop? A special mention must go to Riam and Sacha who came second in the North London Year 5 maths challenge involving 28 schools! Well done boys. Apologies to those parents who had sleepless nights attempting to answer the problems of the day... they were all possible!!

Congratulations to Kolade Ladipo, Marley Maidment and Joel Bramley who all won the World Book Day poster competition. The judging panel loved Marley's poster which was based on **The Hobbit** as the picture drew you out of the Hobbit Hole and made you want to explore the world outside. Kolade's beautifully drawn globe was the centre of his poster and his messages such as

"Reading is fun!" and "Don't stop reading!" were very inspiring. Joel's poster was really colourful and had lots of different books on it, hopefully inspiring many of his classmates to pick up a book and read. Thank you to everyone who entered. The standard was fantastic, which was why the judging panel chose three winners instead of two.



WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate World Book Day, the library hosted a Travelling Books Book Fair which raised over £800 for the school to spend on books. Thank you to everyone who supported the fair, and especially Anita Howard, Julia Barber, Anna Silsby, Clare Mason, Deborah Cang and Susan Laphorne for all their help.





CROSS COUNTRY WIN FOR UNDER 9 BOYS



The annual quadrangular cross-country match took place at Lockers Park this year and our team travelled with a mixture of excitement, anxiety, confidence and fear! The under 9s kicked us off and did us proud by winning the team event and capturing the shield. Charlie Woodmansee came 4th, Lomax Tannett was 5th with Toby Dewick 6th. The U11s were next and in the boys' event. Ewan Michie was going strongly in the top four until a fall 700m from the finish put paid to his race. Ben Fuller led the team home in 8th with Callum Angel in 10th

and probably also the second Year 5 in. The U11 girls worked well together and dragged each other home. Lara Mills was our first finisher in 9th closely followed by Georgia Hurley, Alice Ripper and Crystal Jugoo in 10th, 11th and 12th respectively. The girls finished 2nd behind a strong Heath Mount team. The U13 boys placed 3rd but individually we saw our best results here. BJ Busari came in 2nd with Joe Rabey 3rd. Both of these boys are in Year 7 so this bodes well for next year's race! Well done to all the athletes!

On Monday 25th February 2013 all the children in the photograph were selected to take part in the IAPS Regional Swimming Meet at St. Albans Senior School. This was a great opportunity for our swimmers to take part under Regional rules, in a competitive gala where accuracy of stroke, correct procedures for touch, turn and take-overs in relays were all adhered to. Times were important throughout and we await notification if any of our swimmers have made it through to the finals. Later in the term, on the 7th March we sent the following pupils to the Dacorum Schools Swimming trials which took place at the Knox-Johnston Sports Centre in Berkhamsted. Alice Ripper, Molly Custance, William Jones, Joshua Yeo, Tom Lane, Harvey Stangoe and Jacob Winter-Brown all competed. This is a great opportunity for club level swimmers to experience time trial stroke sessions to see if they are of a standard to be invited to represent the Dacorum in galas.

SWIMMING



HERTFORDSHIRE WARRIORS BASKETBALL SESSIONS



Tony Marmo, coach of the Hertfordshire Warriors Basketball team, joined us for an afternoon to give the pupils in Year 7 and 8 a basketball master class. With the help of Mr Lloyd and Mr Summerfield we have been trying to raise the profile of basketball in the school and this was another step towards doing this. The boys have also played some matches against Edge Grove, Orley Farm and Immanuel College this term which has seen their general game play, understanding and skill set vastly improve.



This year Westbrook Hay Prep School is celebrating its move 50 years ago from Gadebridge Park in Hemel Hempstead to its wonderful location today between Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead. The celebrations began on Friday 25th January with a Commemorative Evensong service for the parents and children, with some VIPs for the occasion - former pupils, former staff, former governors and the Headmaster at the time, 87 year old Trafford Allen who gave a wonderful address describing the move in 1963 during the coldest winter of the century, with snow on the ground until 15th March. The children sang the Gadebridge Park school song, recited the original school prayer and finished the Evensong with a question and answer session, where the children asked the former pupils about life at Gadebridge Park before the move – the food,

the discipline, the termly boarding and life without television! It appears that much of life has changed at the modern Westbrook Hay, where stale bread isn't on the menu, the writing of lines certainly doesn't feature anymore but the climbing of trees and building of dens is still enjoyed by the pupils today. On Saturday the Westbrook Hay Association organised a walk for the children, their families and staff from the site at Gadebridge Park to Westbrook Hay. The three and a half miles was walked by over 80 people, taking around 2 hours to complete. Since the school's foundation in 1892 Westbrook Hay has occupied four different sites and changed a great deal from a school with just two boys, to a flourishing Prep school with 300 boys and girls. It is hoped that the school will not have to move locations again!



50 YEARS AT WESTBROOK HAY





It's been a tough rugby term for the 1st XV, due to the weather and hard games. In the Aldwickbury and Lockers Park fixtures we came up against two sides with more physical presence and size. After going a few tries down in both games the boys showed great enthusiasm and determination to force their own pressure and score. The 1st XV also took part in a 7s festival over at Heath Mount, playing three other schools - Kings College, Kingshott and Heath Mount respectively. The first two matches proved to be tough but the final match against Heath Mount proved

to be a tighter affair. With both sides evenly matched for size Westbrook managed to pull out a 5-5 draw. Again the boys' work rate, attitude and determination shone through. Everyone played their part this term. The front row of Richard Platt, Josh Kerr, Dominic Hampstead and George Stockbridge worked extremely hard in every scrum. In the engine room we had Billy Boot and Edward Bryant who supported the front row well. The back row of Kolade Ladipo, Alex Wilkinson and Jamie Turner were outstanding show-

ing great work rate and tackling everything that moved. Linking the forwards to the backs was James Holden who was always a live wire and leading the team from fly half was Ben Yeo, our captain. In the centres we had Tom Holes and Edward Khan who worked well together. Finally the back three which consisted of Joe Rabey, Billie Busari and Thomas Wright, who will be key players next year, with Reuben Redfern interchanging. The 1st XV should be very proud of what was a tough term of rugby.

1st XV RUGBY AND 2nd TEAM RUGBY

The second team played two matches and won both. Although it was a chance for the boys not in the 1st XV to play in a match, because of numbers we had to call on reinforcements on both occasions! The first match, away against Aldwickbury's 3rd XII, was played in cold, wet conditions and was competitive. We ran out winners by 36 – 5 and it was a great team effort, although the help from our more senior players proved invaluable. Our second match was against York House 3rd IX and it was more of a chance for our genuine second teamers to make their mark. We won by 55 – 20 this time and it was a genuine 2nd IX who did most of the damage. It was an occasion when all of our players could enjoy their rugby! It hasn't been the easiest season for any of our players due in most part to the weather. However, I would like to think that some of our Year 7s will graduate from this team into the 1st XV next season!





The Under 9s, like the rest of the rugby teams, have enjoyed what has been a stop-start term of rugby. After an excellent football term, expectations were high and the boys certainly delivered the goods! While beating Lockers three times in a term was enjoyable, the highlight was without a doubt winning the Edge Grove festival, conceding only one try while scoring seventeen in seven matches along the way. The excellent technique and commitment to the tackle the boys showed is the best memory I'll take away from the day and the whole term. To a man we hit tackle after tackle, with Max Bustamante leading the way in the last game against Lockers with two terrific tackles, both leading to

us scoring. Ben and Harry Oldham, on the wings, also showed the importance of this skill with some superb 1v1 tackles. With the ball in hand we produced some great running rugby. Twinkle-toes Charlie Woodmansee gave the opposition vertigo with his side-steps while Harrison Hobbs' pow-

erful runs and Laurie Stredwick's, David Kukoyi's and James Woolf's aggressive bursts caused the opposition trouble. All in all, this was a terrific day and it was great to see the boys perform to such a high level. I look forward to seeing more of the same next term!

UNDER 9 RUGBY TEAM TOURNAMENT WINNERS



After a disruptive start to the term with the heavy snow and bitterly cold weather conditions, the Under 8s have all shown great improvement with their rugby. All of the boys adapted well to

the change from tag rugby to Walla rugby, and performed extremely well in our matches and festivals. The highlight of our term was undoubtedly winning the Under 8s tournament at

Lockers Park. Both A and B teams were unbeaten, conceding very few tries and with most of the boys scoring. We worked very well as a team, taking good care of the ball and working tirelessly to regain possession. Our opponents found it very difficult to keep up with the pace of Louis Baines, Will Smooker and Orlando Bustamante whilst Harry Lines, Henry Redfern, Oliver Wilkinson and Alex Jones made it very difficult for any team to score a try. Well done to all of the boys, particularly Joshua Odegami, Miles Dervish-Uman and Oscar Smith who showed excellent progress. I now look forward to even greater progress with our cricket next term!

UNDER 8 RUGBY



SKI TEAM TRIALS

The Westbrook Hay ski team is due to make its debut next term and we had a lot of fun at the trials session on the dry slope over at Welwyn. Focussing on race technique, the 27 who attended progressed well throughout the session and certainly gave us food for thought with regard to team selection. The team will be announced prior to the races next term.





COLTS A TEAM UNBEATEN

Played: 3 Won: 3 Points For: 87 Points Against: 14

From the very first training session way back in December last it was clear that we had one of our strongest Under 11

Played: 5 Won: 5 Points For: 154 Points Against: 12

Group Stage v. York House won 21 – 5 v. Lochinver House won 42 – 0 v. Lockers park won 28 – 0

Semi-final (main competition) v. Edge Grove won 21 – 7

Final (main competition) v. Beechwood Park won 42 – 0

Saving our 'best to the last' sums up the team's performance at this end of season annual event. In the driving rain all nine of the squad played with tenacity, courage and skill to dominate at all stages of the Beechwood Park 7s. During the afternoon we scored twenty two converted tries. Particularly pleasing was the number of tries scored that had the hallmark of 7s' style play – players supporting off the shoulder and adding width to our attack. Intelligent play, pinning our opponents in their 22 and using the corners to excellent effect, resulted in many tries including two from quick throw ins. Conceding just the two tries all afternoon is testament to the team's almost impenetrable defence and desire to play their rugby in the opposition's half. Very well done to all in the squad on an outstanding afternoon of rugby 7s and bringing back home the winner's shield; this now sits proudly in the trophy cabinet in the Front Hall.

COLTS B RUGBY

Played 2 won 1 lost 1. The Colts B had a relatively successful if curtailed season. When the season began we were convinced that the B team were not particularly strong and would be best suited training with the C team but as a group they quickly developed and worked with the A team throughout the term. The opening match was over at Aldwickbury and the way the forwards encountered the first ruck was most encouraging and we did prove to be stronger than the opposition running in 6 tries. The season finished with a game against Lockers Park who proved to be far bigger and stronger than us in the pack and had some lightning fast runners in the backs and we could not live with them. The boys deserve a great deal of credit for the commitment they have made and indeed the progress achieved. The

rugby teams in recent years. In our first match against Duncombe we scored three tries in less than five minutes; thereafter it became a matter of evening things out using our Colts B (with some support from the As) to ensure that the match was evenly balanced in this first ever fixture with Duncombe. Against Aldwickbury our strength in all departments was clear for all to see and we crossed the try line seven times without response. Indeed much of the match was played in our opponent's twenty two. By this stage of the season, like many, we had lost several fixtures to the adverse weather conditions. So it was crucial in our final fixture against a hitherto unbeaten Lockers Park team to prove how useful we could be against a strong opposition. From the outset our intentions were clear and in terms of possession and territory the Colts A held the upper hand for much of the match. By the final whistle we had scored 3 tries against two breakaway tries by their fast and powerful winger that we had nicknamed 'Jonah Lomu'! Although unbeaten, and deservedly so, I suspect that the above statistics would have been rather more impressive had we been able to play all of our fixtures. **The following represented the team:** Joshua Yeo (captain), David Burnell, Harvey Graham, William Jones, Tom Lane, Daniel Morrissey, Scott Rolfe, Jamie Rowley, Toby Russell, Freddie Stoner-Redfern, Joshua Tambwe and Jacob Winter-Brown. All players received their colours.

COLTS WIN SEVENS



The following represented the team: Joshua Yeo (captain), Harvey Graham, Tom Lane, Daniel Morrissey, Scott Rolfe, Jamie Rowley, Toby Russell, Joshua Tambwe and Jacob Winter-Brown

Team: Alfred Woolf: Stuart Finn, Alex Martindale, Ewan Michie, Max Robertson: Max Dewick, Ben Fuller (captain); Will Garnett, Toby Ogelman, Jerry St Hillaire, Harvey Stangoe, Ethan Stockbridge, Oliver Strowger.

COLTS C AND D RUGBY

Rotten weather curtailed our season but the matches we played predominantly went our way. The star of the Cs was Samad Ibrahim who was our answer to Usain Bolt! Four tries against Lockers Park was a remarkable achievement. James Mason also made big progress at scrum half. Possibly the most pleasing aspect of the term was to see almost all pupils play contact rugby at a level suitable to their ability. Well done to all but next year please can we have less snow?



Unfortunately, school matches took a bit of a battering throughout this term because of the snow and poor conditions to play in. So many cancellations occurred across all the range of ages but we continued working on skills so that once the weather improved, we would hopefully be ready. When we eventually did play, all teams played with great commitment.

All the Middle School and Upper School girls have been able to represent Westbrook Hay as part of a team and they have enjoyed the whole package of 'match days'. The U11A hockey team was captained very ably throughout by Alice Ripper.

GIRLS HOCKEY AND NETBALL



This festival of sport is a wonderful opportunity for young girls to gain experience of playing a variety of sports with lots of matches against other schools but without too much pressure being placed on the results. We took two teams along, a team from Year 4 - Tegan Howard, Sophie Smith, Emily Green, Elizabeth Lapthorne, Ella McLoughlin, Rebecca Pratt, Harriet Rabey and Leah Yiannopoulos and a younger team from Year 3 - Jasmine Kendall, Evie Lyons, Eve Wise, Grace Botha, Charlotte Fuller, Ali Mecklenburgh and Pippi Stangoe. During the morning the girls played matches in netball, hockey and football. I think

football came out as a new favourite - the referees provided by Kingshott made the games both fun and exciting for all, there were some super goals scored. At the end of the morning one girl from each team was awarded with a 'Player of the Tournament' certificate which was presented to them by the Headmaster of Kingshott. The recipients of ours were Elizabeth Lapthorne and Grace Botha. This was a really enjoyable morning of sport especially for the Year 3 girls who gained a lot from playing their six matches.

Stuart Bishop came again this year to run two dance workshops. For the last few years Stuart has been coming to work with the children and teaching them different dance styles and different routines. Stuart runs a dance agency called Rudeye, he provides dancers for various events and has worked with many famous pop singers, he travels around the world teaching

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and choreographing and he also teaches at Pineapple Dance Studios. You can check his work by logging in Rudeye.co.uk. Nearly 50 children took part of the workshop, they all worked with great enthusiasm and had a marvellous time. I thank Stuart for his work and the children for taking part and working eagerly. Teresa Henderson dance teacher





CEDAR STUMP SCULPTED

Most of you will already know that the Westbrook Hay Association are kindly funding the chainsaw carving of a wildlife tableau around the perimeter of the stump of the Cedar of Lebanon tree that fell last summer. Some of you will have been fortunate enough to see the progress to date. For those that haven't the photos give an idea of what is starting to unfold. Daniel Cordell, the sculptor, has carved every-

thing so far using only chainsaws! It looks fantastic and should provide a lasting legacy of the iconic tree. You can see more examples of his work at www.dancordell.co.uk

He is having a break from this job at the moment, carrying out a commission in a Royal Park and will be back with us again shortly, hoping to finish by the end of the Easter holidays. We will then landscape the area.

Robins have enjoyed exploring the school grounds. We particularly like climbing onto the tree trunks and then jumping off the other end.

TREE FUN FOR ROBINS



HOT CROSS BUN SALE HELPS CHARITIES



50th Anniversary Ball
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
 OVER 50% ALREADY SOLD
 Westbrook Hay Prep School
 DON'T MISS THIS FABULOUS EVENT ON 6TH JULY 2013
 MORE NEWS TO FOLLOW

The WHA organised this very popular and successful event again. The Assembly Hall was packed with all the tickets sold and over 120 people taking part. A big 'Thank You' goes to Mr. David Hill who was our caller for the evening, thank you to the committee members who helped run the event, all the families who attended and to all the parents who so kindly donated such a spread of wonderful prizes. We raised nearly £800 which has gone towards the iMacs that the WHA have agreed to purchase for the school for use in IT, Art and Music.

WHA – Forthcoming Events Saturday 29th June – Sports Day 11am-1pm, picnic lunch, Family Funday 2pm - 5pm, Family Camp Out and Hog Roast 6pm-10am Sunday Tuesday 2nd July – End of Year Disco Lower School and Year 2- 6pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 2nd July – End of Year Disco Year 3 – Year 8 - 7.30pm - 9pm Saturday 6th July – 50th Anniversary Ball - 7pm

SALE RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR SCHOOL'S CHARITIES

Friday afternoon on 8th February saw another fantastic Grand Second-Hand Sale, and a huge 'THANK YOU' to all those families who contributed! This year it was in aid of our two chosen charities – The Pepper Foundation – a local charity providing nurses to care for very sick children in their own homes, and The Little Princess Trust, who provide real-hair wigs to children suffering from hair loss as a result of cancer treatment. We had a wonderful array of toys, books, dvds, cds, games, lego, cuddly toys, dressing-up clothes and memorabilia on display for sale, with the committee and other children working very hard to set up and man the stalls and persuade their parents to part with their money! Chef also

provided us with the remaining doughnuts from our Break-time sale and Mr Young, Mrs Ripper and the WHA were sold out of doughnuts and hot-chocolate in no time. We also had a grand raffle, with some fabulous donated prizes and the afternoon was an undoubted success, raising a record £522.50 to be split between our chosen charities. The little that wasn't sold was split between the Little Gaddesden Scouts' Jumble Sale and Books to Kenya, so nothing of everyone's fantastic generosity was wasted. Congratulations to Mrs Wood and the committee – you are well on your way to the target of £1000 for each charity!

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