

A Midsummer Night's Dream



This year's production had the additional challenge of being staged in the Sports Hall, while we await the completion of the Performing Arts Centre. However, disadvantage was turned into triumph with the minimalist stage and simple scene changes which only added to the focus on the action taking place. The addition of some 11 songs to Shakespeare's adapted script enhanced the production and gave the actors the chance to display their musical skill as well as their stagecraft.

Theseus and Hippolyta (Scott Rolfe and Katie Hartmann) and Oberon and

Titania (Ben Fuller and Tegan Howard) gave us royal dignity and solemnity, which played well against the mischievousness of Puck (Oscar Masters) and the frivolity of the Mechanicals, splendidly led by Peter Quince and Bottom (Toby Russell and Jacob Winter-Brown).

The star-crossed lovers played their confusion with élan. Lysander (Alex Martindale) and Demetrius (William Garnett) resolved who was in love with Hermia (Elizabeth Lapthorne). Helena (Rebecca Pratt) finally got her man and both girls enchanted the attentive

audience and their intended with their melodic solos.

Mr Woodward's extensive company looked magnificent in their wonderful costumes and make-up and did their director proud. What, at the outset, appeared to be a hugely ambitious production, turned out to be a most entertaining romp through ancient Athenian society and the magical fairy woodland. The major players were excellent and superbly assisted by the supporting cast, all of whom enjoyed their moment in the spotlight – when the fuse box allowed.... Congratulations to one and all.
Keith Young

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Our Successful Scholars

This term is always a nerve-wracking experience for teachers and senior pupils alike, as it is entrance test time and also the prospect of our scholars being rewarded for their efforts. It is therefore extremely pleasing to report that our pupils have excelled.

Max Robertson was invited back to St Albans to sit their hugely demanding scholarship papers. It was no surprise that David Burnell had multiple offers from schools keen to acquire our Head Boy's talents. Both Merchant Taylors' and Berkhamsted offered scholarships to David with MTS winning in the end. Berkhamsted will be pleased that their offer to Scott Rolfe has found favour and it will be fascinating to compare these two fine sportsmen's school careers.

St Columba's were obviously impressed by who we sent their way, with Harvey and Finn Graham offered academic scholarships and Jamie Rowley an academic exhibition. Finn Graham was also awarded a scholarship from Berkhamsted.

Ben Fuller did magnificently to be



offered a music scholarship to Norwich – a school attached to the cathedral and therefore attracting the very best musicians. The choristers are in for a treat if they ever get to sing some of Ben's compositions.

Also on the creative side, Oliver Smith showcased his Design and Technology

talents and was offered a scholarship to Aldenham. Katie Munn's musical ability has never been in doubt and Piper's Corner were keen to attract her with a music scholarship, while Abbot's Hill offered Sophie Smith an award for her sporting talent.

Special mention should go to David Kukoyi who became a semi-professional examinee, sitting for myriad schools, with offers aplenty and an academic scholarship from St Columba's.

If we add in all the entrance test successes and the 11+ winners, we can be rightly proud of the efforts of all our examinees this term. They deserve our congratulations and also a well-deserved rest over Easter.

Keith Young



Ben Fuller and Katie Munn were awarded music scholarships. Other scholarships were awarded to David Burnell, Scott Rolfe, Finn and Harvey Graham, Oliver Smith, David Kukoyi and Sophie Smith. Jamie Rowley was awarded an academic exhibition.

What happens in the Lab?



At Westbrook Hay each year group studies healthy eating and by Year 6 pupils have developed sufficient lab skills that they are able to test foods for the presence of nutrients. Year 6 discovered that the school breakfast is a very balanced meal containing all the major nutrients with a few surprises of hidden sugar in sausages and baked beans that they had not predicted.

In their conclusion on the 'Testing School Breakfast' lesson, one Year 6 said; 'Everyone should eat breakfast to work at their best, and we have proved that school breakfast is a balanced and nutritional way to start the day.'

Thanks Chef Julie!

There are numerous pets of the furry and scaly kind in the lab and the children take great delight in caring for each one of them. Below is a poem by Kian Jan-Dickens about the Thai Water Dragons.

Year 6 scientists analyse the nutritional value of school breakfast.

Studies show that children who eat breakfast perform better in school. According to reports from the FFLP, (Food for life partnership) <http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/>, children who eat breakfast have better problem-solving abilities, recall, memory, verbal fluency and creativity. They are also less likely to be absent. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention report that children who do not eat breakfast, or eat an insufficient breakfast, are more likely to have behavioural, emotional and academic problems at school.

At Westbrook Hay we are fortunate to have a superb breakfast club. Chef Julie Barratt has 're-vamped' the menu bringing in low fat and high fibre favourites such as crumpets and increasing the amount of fruit and juices as well as providing a chilled water dispenser. It seems the children like the cooled water as much as they used to enjoy squash and it is much better for their teeth.

A good breakfast and nutritionally balanced lunch will have a striking impact on their health throughout adolescence and adulthood. Consuming nutritious foods helps children and teens grow, develop, do well academically and feel good about themselves. Good nutrition also helps prevent child and teen issues such as eating disorders, obesity, dental cavities and iron-deficiency anaemia.

Thai Water Dragons

Beady eyed,
Cricket eaters,
Insect lovers,
Egg laying invertebrates,
Draco sleep with his eyes open,
But Hydra sleeps in water,
Spikes all over the spine,
Yeah,
That's the water dragon way !!!!



'Chemistry Around Us' at Bedford School

Bedford School hosted an 'Adventures in Science' day for Year 5 children in January. The aim of the day was to allow younger children to explore the physical world of 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' using dramatic demonstrations and participation with explosive and frozen gases! There were 400 children at the event from the top local Prep schools.

Mrs Harris, Mr Agboke, Mrs. Stoner-Redfern and Mr. Shield accompanied Year 5 along with the GAPS Riley and Sammi.

Much like the Royal Society Christmas lectures, the children were



encouraged to participate and ask questions.

A great afternoon was had by all. I was very proud of the children who were well behaved in a relaxed way and bursting with enthusiasm and curiosity to learn – we really do have some budding scientists at Westbrook Hay.



Year 1



The Year 1 classes had a fantastic afternoon of science with Mrs Harris when they were looking at the properties of materials. After making predictions and ensuring it would be a 'fair test', the children used weights to find out which material was the strongest. They really enjoyed using the apparatus, especially the goggles! Thank you Mrs Harris!



Year 4 go back in time to Ancient Egypt



The Year 4 children had an exciting time pretending that they had travelled back to the time of the Ancient Egyptians. They tried on wigs and robes, necklaces and headdresses. They were then allowed to handle artefacts such as canopic jars that were over 2000 years old! There were games to play and ancient musical instruments to try out too. The best part, by far, was writing their names in hieroglyphics. They also tried to play King Tutankhamun's favourite game — a game that was buried with him. It proved quite tricky!



Boarding Fun

Our Year 5 boys experienced their first boarding this term and thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Quasar which was also the choice for the Year 6 boys.

Year 7 and 8 boys chose Ten-Pin Bowling over a trip to the cinema, much to adult relief as the Year 5 and 6 girls had already chosen to



see *Big Hero 6*, which was really the only suitable option on offer for either!

The children's choices of MacDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pizza as take away treats was balanced with healthy meals prepared by Chef on Wednesday evening.

Sarah Whitehead



Nursery enjoy playing in the snow...



The Nursery children were taken out to the playing fields to enjoy playing in the snow we had on the 3rd of February. They had great fun making snow angels and made a collaborative snowman which they named Clarence.



...and in the jungle!

The Lower School children had a fantastic time during the PERFORM workshop this term. The children went on a safari adventure through strange lands meeting various animals along the way. We can't wait for the next adventure!



People who help us

We have been very lucky and had lots of visitors during our 'People who help us' topic, including two different types of police officers and the firefighters!

The firefighters talked to the children about what it is like to be a firefighter. They told funny stories and let the children look at their uniforms. Miss Gilden was lucky enough to be dressed up in full firefighter clothes (which the children loved!).

The firemen then took the children out to see their fire engine and showed them the equipment inside. (We didn't realise how much equipment the fire engine carried, including an inflatable boat!!)

Finally, everyone got to sit in the fire engine, to see what it is like to be a true firefighter!

We were then extremely fortunate in having two separate Police visits.

A hostage negotiator came and visited. He told the children all about his job and what it involves. The children thought it sounded very exciting; climbing buildings and having to use ropes! They all got to sit in the hostage negotiator van and looked at the different equipment inside.

Then an Inspector came to visit, bringing his police car and lots of uniform. The children loved dressing up in the uniform and trying on all the different gear. They all got to go in the police car and learnt how to turn the sirens on and off (much to the distraction of everyone else at school!)

The Reception children would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all our visitors.



Palaeontologist and Dinosaur WOW day



There was great excitement in the Reception classrooms on Tuesday morning; two nests had appeared in the classrooms overnight. In the nest were two large mysterious eggs laying on sticks, mud and leaves. After lots of class discussion the children decided that the eggs had definitely been left by some dinosaurs. Reception then decided they needed to investigate where the egg had come from and which type of dinosaur had left it. Throughout the week Reception kept a close eye on the eggs, each day they noticed a few little cracks appearing, until on the Friday the egg had completely cracked open and there were muddy dinosaur footprints all over the classrooms. Both classes went on a hunt through the school grounds to find the missing dinosaurs; unfortunately they could not find the baby dinosaurs, but we did find a dinosaur skeleton in the woods! The children thought they would make missing posters to describe what the dinosaurs looked like.



Year 6 visit a Synagogue

The whole year group had the privilege of travelling to St Albans reform synagogue to listen to Rabbi Rafi speak about what he does. He was entertaining and engaging and the year sixes warmed to him immediately.

He talked about the symbolism of the various parts of the synagogue – the star of David, the menorah, the stained glass windows representing the ten commandments, the eternal flame, symbolising God's undying love for his people, the *bimah* and the ark.

He then took the scrolls out of the ark and showed the children the beautiful coverings and the *yad*. A *yad* is used to point to the text whilst reading it.

He explained how the Torah is written and kindly read out a portion



when requested. The children were fascinated by the singsong way in which this was done.

The children learnt many new things and built on what they had learnt in class on this very enjoyable and informative outing.



Practical Pizza Maths

Mrs Sharp's maths set had an exciting trip to Pizza Express in Berkhamsted to learn how to put maths into practice for a 'real life' maths lesson. Pupils were given a guided tour of the restaurant and learnt all about the commercial fridge, freezer and oven temperatures needed in a working restaurant environment. The chef then showed us the packets of ingredients and tins of tomato puree and pupils had to estimate how many portions the chef had to get from each container and what margin of error he had to work with. Lastly, every pupil was shown how to make a pizza from scratch and everyone made their own. Of course,



the best part was being able to eat 25% of it when we returned to school.

For the rest of that week, Mrs Sharp's classroom was turned into a restaurant and, using actual Pizza Express menus, children had to add up costs from menus and calculate change from £20.00. Some were able to construct and design their own 'special offer' menus having learnt about percentage profit margins. Finally, we all agreed on a reasonable percentage to leave as a tip, based on the total cost of our order.

It was a great, fun trip with lots of real life maths experiences too!



The Charities Committee

Thank you so much to all those who made donations for our Bag2School collection. We loaded a fantastic pile of bags into the van and we have raised just over £300 from this event which is a great total working towards our aim.

Last term we ran a fundraising event in the hard court by doing a teachers' ice bucket challenge with doughnut stalls and this raised £322! With additional donations from concerts and productions our total now stands at £1,266 which is very close to our goal!

During Readathon week, the third week of next term, we will be running a series of activities including a Harry Potter potions challenge, a book character dressing up competition, a book reading cafe with delicious cakes and much more!

We aim to raise £2,000 for CLIC Sargent by the end of the year. All the money goes to them. CLIC Sargent helps children with cancer, the

families that have children with cancer and families who have lost children to cancer. Cancer is a serious problem in the world so it all goes to a great cause that could help many people and save lives.

Ethan Stockbridge.

Save the date!

The **Readathon** will take place from Monday the **11th of May** until Thursday the **14th May**.



The School Council

The School Council started the year putting spare benches in the Colonnade to ease the shoe on/off scenario at break-times! This has been a huge success, especially for the smaller children. The Council carried out a survey in Upper School to establish what the children would prefer for match teas, and now margherita and pepperoni pizzas are served to happy customers!

The mufti day was a huge success and raised over £300, £75 of which will go to Lower School to buy play equipment for their playground, the rest will be used to buy house badges for the start of the new term in September. Upcoming projects are WBH hoodies for sale and the long term project of introducing lockers for Upper School.



Marvellous Maths



Four pupils from year five represented Westbrook Hay at the Haileybury Maths Challenge. There were 29 schools competing and our top team came an impressive fourth in their group. However, I think the highlight was the wonderful buffet lunch provided in the stunning Haileybury dining room!!

Notes from the Library



This term has seen the completion of the junior librarian training. They worked very hard at learning how a library is arranged and run. I awarded 25 children with badges! These chil-

dren join the 9 current librarians. I now have plenty of willing hands to help at break times with issuing, returning and shelving books.

The library also hosts a parents' book

club. We meet after coffee morning and discuss the latest book we have read. This term we have read a wide variety of books, and *'Elizabeth is Missing'* was unanimously voted our best read.

Joanne Mallory

Yay! It's the Book Fair!

We love the book fair! The school hosts two book fairs each year—one provided by Scholastic Books, the other by Travelling Books. This term saw us hosting the Travelling Books book fair. They had a marvellous selection of books and, as always, the children loved coming to browse through the selection and if they had permission, buy a book or two! Your generosity helped us to earn £1062 worth of commission to spend on books around the school. I have bought some new books for the Library, but Lower School are extremely pleased to be able to spend several hundred pounds on guided reading books. The Reception children especially will enjoy these new books as they start on their path to becoming life-long readers. Thank you all, once again, for your very generous support.



Solar Eclipse Celebrations



On Friday 20th March the school celebrated the solar eclipse with a special assembly. Sadly, the sun did not shine to let the children view the actual moment of the eclipse, although we were able to see a glimpse of it a few minutes later. This did not dampen the spirits of the Westbrook children. They all went out to the cricket field enthusiastically with their solar viewers and were rewarded with a view of a partial eclipse when the clouds thinned a bit.

had a turn. They particularly enjoyed counting off the paces taken from the 'sun' and placing their 'planet', which was mounted on a dowel, in the ground. The sun managed to make an appearance just as we were tidying away and most of the lower school children managed to carefully view the partial eclipse through a pinhole camera, which was very exciting!

Solar System Projects

Year 5s began the term by building a model of the Solar System in class and then over half term completed their projects. They all worked really hard and produced some fantastic projects. This year, competition for the coveted Solar System shield has been fiercer than ever. Congratulations to Sam Patel-Espin, the winner of the Solar System competition.

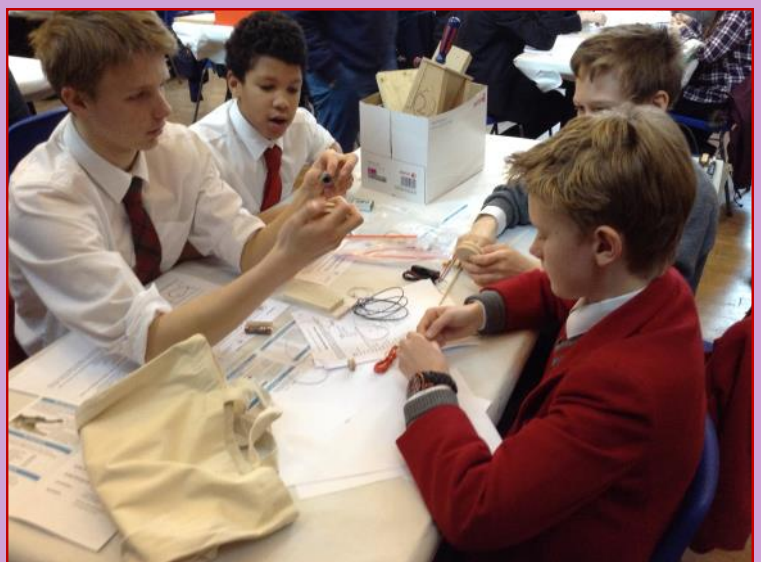
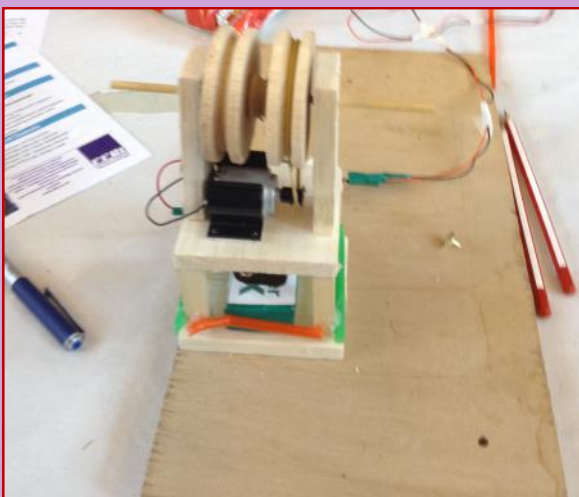
Earlier in the term, the children took part in a joint house science and maths activity. They were asked to complete a scale model of the Solar System, using the cricket square to represent the sun, whilst waiting for the eclipse to take place. The Upper and Middle School children did it first and then the Lower School children



Year 8 Design and Technology Tournament

As in previous years, Westbrook Hay entered three teams of Year 8 students into the annual Design and Technology Tournament. This is an annual event run by the local Rotary clubs and hosted by Ashlyns School.

This year's scenario involved building a device to transport a rescue package over a deep crocodile infested ravine. Teams had to reason out the associated problems to plan, make and test a solution. As a school we gained second place in our category. A big well done to all participants.



Watford Music Festival

Watford Festival

'The largest of its kind in the UK'

I entered, for their first time ever, Verity Pope-Williams and Tiffany Taiwo in the Watford Festival, Vocal competition in the 'Age 7 and Under' category. They performed so well and were rewarded with **Silver** and **Bronze** medals out of a class of 10. Some of our children were competing on Saturday 7th March, morning, afternoon and evening and Sunday 8th morning and afternoon.

Everyone performed really well and I'm proud of all our WBH children for just taking part and performing in front of some of the best talent in Hertfordshire and the surrounding counties.

Lois Robinson - Any Brass instrument, age 11 & under- **Silver** (on Tenor Horn)

Finn Bullen - Elementary Strings - grades 3 & 4. - **Silver** (on Violin)

Lois Robinson - Elementary Strings - grades 3 & 4. - **Bronze** (on Violin)



Elliot Scott & Sam Patel-Espin - Guitar Duet (any age) - **Bronze**
 Sam Yadav- Musical Theatre Songs, age 11 & under (class size of 18) - **Silver**
 Sam Yadav - Classical songs, age 10 & under (class of 17) - **Bronze**
 Victoria Kelly - Classical songs, age 10 & under (class of 17) - **Gold**
 Victoria Kelly—Classical songs, age 10 & under - won the **Christopher Martin Cup** (class of 34)

Chris Wagstaff



Junior Choirs – Age 11 and Under

Our WBH children sang very well. In the words of the adjudicator: there was 'a lively start to 'Yesu Ni Wangu' and some 'lovely solo singing', 'a rich vocal tone was produced, with enjoyable warmth and expression'.

'Great is He' began with a very full chest register and the Alleluia's were well controlled and sustained'.

Our Choir was awarded 92% receiving 'Honours' (higher than Distinction and only 3% behind the overall winners who were much older than the average WBH chorister).

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Watford Music Festival

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Well done all our soloists: Tegan Howard, Rebecca Pratt, Sam Yadav, Victoria Kelly, Ali Mecklenburgh, Seren Saunders and Fenella Rennie.

'Small Choirs – Age 12 and Under'

This was restricted to 24 singers so we had to lose some of our wonderful singers.

You Are my Hiding Place -

The adjudicator wrote: *'There was a pleasing sense of line and diction was clear.....all the leaps were tackled well'.*



Britten's *The New Year Carol* -

'...started with a lovely full tone and a very good sense of expression and shape.'

Again we were competing with the winning group who were, on average, 2-3 years older than ours.

We were also awarded Honours for this performance.

Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Romano, who very kindly provided sandwiches for everyone after the event, Mrs Strowger who helped escort the children and everyone else who helped out.

Pangbourne Piano Festival

James & Eve Wise, Freddie & Henry Stoner-Redfern, Rebecca Pratt and Arthur Lyons all took part in the Pangbourne Piano Festival this February and deserve massive congratulations for entering such a high class piano festival.

James Ripley won 1st prize in the Under 9s Gr 1-3 class. He performed 'Moody Prawn Blues' by Franklyn Gellnick in the Novice, 9 and under class (Grades 1-3). The festival took place in The Nancye Harding Recital Hall at Pangbourne College on a Model C Steinway concert grand piano. Well done James!



Basketball

The basketball squad have had an excellent season, culminating in the IAPS tournament at Bradfield School. This was the first time we have taken part in this tournament.

The autumn term saw us play 3 matches, all of which were won. The squad worked very hard over a 2 year period to be ready to take on other schools and it certainly paid off. We had a good understanding of team play and tactics and moved the ball quickly and often subtly.

The Easter term also saw us play 3 matches, but this time the emphasis had changed and we were looking at budding younger players as well as keeping up momentum for the tournament.



The tournament was held in the very impressive sports hall at Bradfield School and 10 teams took part. There were 2 pools of 5 and we won 3 matches and lost 1 to reach the semi-finals. There we met our old adversaries, Edge Grove, and it was the tightest of matches. We were 1 point up until the last minute when they scored to beat us by a single point. It was a very exciting and purposeful day.

The future? We have 3 Year 7 boys who already have lots of team experience and now we are working hard to build the skills of our enthusiastic Year 6 squad! The future is bright.

The squad: Jerry St Hilaire, Jacob Winter Brown, David Burnell, Toby Russell, Daniel Morrissey, Freddie Stoner Redfern, Harry McHugh, Max Dewick and Josh Rembalski

Swimming



The swim squad competed in the IAPS regional finals at Aldwickbury and although the squad was hit by illness, they did themselves proud. Harry Lines, Pippi Stangoe, Katie Hartmann and Rebecca Pratt in particular clocked impressive times but all just missed out on qualification to the national finals.

In the recent trials for the Under 11 District squad, Marley Maidment and Finnlee Ferguson were successful in gaining selection and they will be going on to represent Dacorum at the Inter-District gala in May.

Cross-Country

After our House Cross-Country events, our teams headed to King-shott for the annual Quadrangular tournament and the weather was better than last year, which pleased our athletes. Our Under 9s raced first and put in a great show on the 1km long course. Maya Delyfer and Lillie Wallis won medals finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively, while Josh Mullins came in third for the boys. The girls won their section too! Grace Botha also took home a medal with a great run securing a 2nd



place finish in the U11 race. The U11 boys ran hard as a team with Charlie Woodmansee and Max Delyfer leading them home in 5th and 6th. Callum Angel just missed out on the top 10 in the 1800m U13 section. We had a young team out there, but they all performed very well.



Cricket

Westbrook Hay boys David Burnell and Scott Rolfe took the Hertfordshire cricket awards by storm, scooping the U13 and U12 batting awards respectively.

Both boys topped the averages and runs total for their sides with averages over 50 for the 2014 season and both scoring centuries! Well played boys.



Rugby



1st XV

Westbrook Hay's 1st XV rugby started with a match away at Lockers Park on the 14th January. The boys put in a great performance but unfortunately with the last play of the game Lockers Park snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. On the 21st January we travelled to York House and had an excellent 46-0 win. Eight tries were scored, with Harvey Graham scoring twice and Jerry St Hilaire putting in a strong performance to pick up man of the match. Our next fixture was away at Heath Mount, this has always proved to be a stern test. Fortunately for us the boys put in another strong performance and ran out 48-10 winners, with David Burnell scoring three tries. After half term we played Kingshott at home. This was by far our greatest performance and we ran out 62-0 winners with Harvey Graham scoring a tremendous five tries!!! On the 4th March we had the return fixture of Lockers Park. Unfortunately one of our key players Jacob Winter-Brown got concussed the Sunday before so was unavailable for three

weeks. This proved to be a big loss to us and Lockers Park ran out comfortable winners. Our last 1st XV fixture was against Edge Grove at home, our toughest match all term. Edge Grove's power was just too much for us and unfortunately we lost 38-29. The Friday of that week we travelled to Heath Mount for their annual 7s festival. In our group were Kingshott, Sherrardswood and Edge Grove. We won two of the three group games beating Kingshott and Sherrardswood and narrowly losing to Edge Grove. This then put us into a third/fourth play off against Heath Mount and we ran out 58-0 winners putting us third out of eight teams. Considering we hadn't done any 7s all rugby term, I was delighted with the boys' performance. Well done boys. Throughout the rugby term the boys have shown great attitude and enthusiasm in every games lesson, which shows they want to learn and to improve. Their determination and work rate in every game shone through and it showed by some of our fantastic results.

Everyone played their part in the 1st XV

this term, the front row of Ethan Stockbridge, Edward Grigg and William Jones worked extremely hard in every set piece, ruck and maul. In the second row we had Jamie Rowley and Jerry St Hilaire who supported the front row well. The back row of Jacob Winter-Brown, Josh Rembalski, and Dan Morrissey were outstanding; they showed great work rate and tackled everything that moved. Linking the forwards to the backs was Ben Fuller who gave good service to our fly half Harvey Graham, who controlled the back line very well. At inside centre we had our talisman David Burnell. Joining David in the centre was Scott Rolfe and they linked up well together. Our back three consisted of Max Dewick, Freddie Redfern and Harry McHugh with James Mason interchanging. A special mention has to go to our Captain, Toby Russell. Toby always led by his performances on the pitch and was outstanding in every game. Finally, the 1st XV should be very proud of an outstanding term of rugby, having **played six, won three and lost three.**

Well done boys!

Rugby

2nd XII

Played: 5, won: 4, lost: 1

On paper, it looks as though the second team have had a very successful season and I would go along with that, thanks to Mr Stedman's careful liaison with other schools and the positive attitude of opposing coaches. The emphasis has been very much on playing the game and involving all those who want to play and then making sure that the

matches are enjoyable to play in and closely matched. I think I can safely say that those objectives were achieved, the biggest margin in any game being 10 points.

It was also clear that the boys improved their rugby considerably. In the early games, while the individual play was strong, team play and tackling were areas for improvement and it was obvious that rucking and mauling were more coherent, tackling was lower and more boys were

tackling and the ball was being passed before the ball carrier went to ground or lost the ball. Our final match against Aldwickbury brought everything together and was a very satisfactory conclusion to the season.

William Garnett, Sasha Stojiljkovic, Saahd Khan, Henry Johnson, Jack Terzza, Max Terzza, Dillon Hobbs, Henry Sheasby, Callum Mackay, Max Robertson, Callum Angel, Alex Martindale, James Wise, Teddy Grigg, William Jones and Ethan Stockbridge

Jack Terzza scoring a try



Colts A

Played: 6, won: 6

Points For: 196 , Points Against: 28

As the above results suggest this has been an excellent unbeaten season. The forwards played with both power and speed and at a level of accuracy rarely seen at this level. They provided a solid platform for the backs to attack from. The three quarters, playing flat, were able to penetrate and get behind the opposition defence often, thus creating a lot of space out wide.

I think most, if not all, would agree that we saved our best performance for the last match of the season against a rated Lochinver House team. It is only a pity

that the weather didn't allow for all scheduled matches to be played. Very well done to all!

The following represented the team: Ibrahim Busari, Max Bustamante-Macaire (scrum leader), Toby Dewick,

Finn Graham, Harrison Hobbs, David Kukoyi, Lewis Lavin, Freddie Moriarty, Ben Oldham, Harry Oldham, Laurie Stredwick, Adam Summers, Charlie Woodmansee (captain) and James Woolf.

Max Bustamante scoring a try



Rugby

Colts B

The Colts B completed a fantastic season being unbeaten against opposition B teams... in fact we did not concede a point! Ferocious in defence and with plenty of deceptive runners we had resounding victories against all. Our strength resulted in us playing other school's A teams and we were very competitive losing to Lockers Park by 1 try and beating Edge Grove by 1 try. Our B team had never beaten an Edge Grove A team and it was a fine way to end a very enjoyable and successful season. Well done to all who played!



Colts C

The Colts C have had a terrific term and have, without doubt, been the best C side we have ever had. We have won every game, with a number coming against other schools' B sides, which has meant we have been tested and not had it all our own way! The toughest game was the win by one try against Beechwood. Our commitment and bravery in contact has been great to see.

Seb Weston has improved very well at scrum half with Cameron Magson launching most attacks outside of him. The forwards have shown great tenacity with Orlando Bustamante always the first to the ruck and most aggressive in contact. On the wings Zac Wallis, Will Smooker and Henry Redfern have run in tries from up to 50 metres and Finnlee Ferguson has shown a great improvement in his game understanding coming from full back. Super work boys!



Rugby

Colts D

The Colts D have had a very good term of rugby. The players individually and the team have made great progress and performed magnificently in matches against other schools. Highlights of our term must be the comfortable wins against Lockers Park, Kingshott and Duncombe. The attitude and commitment of the players was fantastic. Freddie Lane, Orlando Alexander, Lev Umanskiy and Ethan Morrissey performed well as our forwards, making some great tackles along the way. Edward Desert, Harry Lines and Marley Maidment used their pace to score a number of tries. The boys worked very hard and they should all be very proud of their achievements.



Green Team

The Greens had a successful season where progress was noted on many fronts. They started the season with a humbling defeat by Beechwood Park but it is the way the team rose from the ashes that was so significant to their season. The boys showed fighting spirit and their efforts were duly rewarded

when they humbled Duncombe 60-45 before playing their best match ever against Edge Grove where they narrowly won 25-20 in what was an epic match. The team was ably led by Adam Cang who showed leadership qualities on and off the pitch and the top try scorer was Oscar Smith who dazzled many opponents with his deft runs. Whilst some boys have been mentioned, it was the team spirit that

won us matches as most tries were more team tries than individual. Well done Greens for a successful season and for spirited performances even when at times the chips were down. Team: Adam Cang (captain), Oscar Smith, Teddy Graham, Matthew Barnett, Isaac Saunders, Jamie Shield, Sam Yadav, Kian Jan-Dickens, Dominic Pratt, Callum Ogleman and Liam Lawless.

Rugby



Under 9A

The Under 9As have shown great progress throughout the term. We have worked a lot on the basics of rugby including, tackling, passing and rucking. At the start of term the boys struggled to tackle so this was an area to focus on. I can now say that all of the boys have succeeded in tackling in all our matches and festivals against Edge Grove, Aldwickbury and Lockers

Park - this is a great achievement. The boys rucking technique has vastly improved from the start of term. They started with basic drills of one on one rucking, to live rucking in match situations. Finally onto passing/offloading, where the key area was to teach them how to offload out of the tackle. We had two matches and three rugby festivals. Two of the festivals were away at

Edge Grove and the two matches were against Aldwickbury and Edge Grove. Unfortunately, we lost each match and festival but every boy has achieved their goal that I set them, and that was to all be able to tackle, ruck and to be able to offload out of the tackle.

Well done boys!

Rugby

Under 9 B

The squad have developed hugely from the beginning of term and there has been some movement of players between the A and B sides. The improvement in the organisation and teamwork of the team has been particularly evident and great to see, while the confidence and understanding of the game in each player has developed well. Thomas White has shown great enthusiasm and enjoyed the contact side of the game with Gabriel Romano showing flashes of real quality. Harry Bell has also impressed and been one of those to be recognised by the A side.



Under 8

The Year 3s made great progress this term with their rugby. We didn't manage to play quite as many games as we would have liked due to the weather, but when they did get to play they performed extremely well! It was a lot for them to take in at the start of term, but with plenty of practice we managed to master our passing and gain a good understanding of the game and rules. It would be unfair for me to mention names, as all of the boys have worked extremely hard and demonstrated a great enthusiasm for the game. I look forward to seeing more of the same next term with our cricket! Well done boys, you should be very proud of your progress over the term!



Netball

Under 11

The Under 11s have really improved their game this year but they have not had it all their own way. They have enjoyed wins against Beechwood and Gayhurst among others. Tegan and Sophie have again been key players, Elizabeth has been training with the District team and Lois and Katie Hartmann have received

their colours for netball. It has been great to see the improvement Katie Munn and Leah have made. I will really miss the girls next year when they leave, but I am sure that they will play lots of netball in their senior schools.



Under 10 A & B

The girls have continued to develop their netball skills and the improvements they have made have shown in their positive results. Leading the way have been the U10A side, who cannot stop winning. Their tenacity, movement and hard work around the court has

seen them win by some big margins, notably against Beechwood, King-shott and Berkhamsted. Grace Botha and Imogen Cochran epitomise these traits and push the team on while Evie Lyons does some great work in defence. Ali Mecklenburgh has enjoyed scoring a large majority of the

goals and while the team missed Victoria Kelly's influence due to injury for a couple of games, this did not stop the winning run. In the Bs Jessica Verbeek and Pippi Stangoe have impressed and the girls have developed their positional play well this term.



Netball

Under 8

Another long winning run has been enjoyed by the Under 8A side. Wins against Duncombe and St Albans among others, saw the girls developing both their knowledge and experience well. Grace Milnes continues to find space excellently in attacking situations, while trying to get past our goalkeeper, Isobel Otley, and Adun Odegbami is a hard task for anyone. Millie Wallis has shown great versatility by playing in a number of positions too. The Bs have also developed well with Emily Barnett and Shani Dicks, in particular, shining for them. Their highlight was a 3-0 victory over Edge Grove.



Under 9

The Under 9s have shown great enthusiasm for their netball and work very well together on the court. Ella Rennie has been a key player at centre for the A side, along with Imogen Strowger who moves well out wide. Julia Mason has again been the top scorer, her hat-trick against Edge Grove being her personal highlight. The trio of Siobhan Stears, Daisy Smales and Lucy Yiannopoulos have combined particularly well in the Bs with Sienna Angel feeding them effectively. Siobhan has been the team's sharp shooter and scored a number of goals this term.



The Westbrook Hay Association

Bingo!



Bingo! – A full house in every sense of the word with 131 tickets sold. The evening brought a lovely happy atmosphere for all generations of the family. Gareth Exell kept the event moving at a very good pace, and ensured there were several winners

for each of the 4 games – and there were hundreds of prizes to choose from! The hot dogs were warm and tasty, and went down a treat, and as ever, the bar was well stocked and kept busy all night. The raffle surpassed all expectations and sold out of tickets – congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to everyone for coming and supporting us and for all your generous donations. A big thank you to everyone for their help clearing up and thank you to everyone who helped organise it!

Boden Pamper Evening

Thank you for all your support at the fabulous ladies' pamper evening. The Sports Hall was transformed and looked superb filled with rails of beautiful Boden clothes, stalls with jewellery, clothes, cosmetics, wine tasting and tables for treatments.

Thank you also to the business owners for setting up such interesting stalls for us. If you would like to make contact with any of them or you would like them to host your own parties, please contact them directly. You can find all their details on the school website.

Dates for your Diary

5th May 2015 - 8pm Class Rep Meeting

12th May 2015 - 8pm Committee Meeting

27th June 2015 Fun Day & Camp Out

2nd July 2015 School Disco

4th July 2015 Lounge Party



The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Well done to the fabulous WHA who managed to arrange a perfect day for all of us - and it barely rained! Thank you also to the parents for supporting the day with lovely cakes and also coming along on a day which was forecast to be quite wet. As it happened, the children enjoyed hunting for the clues around the grounds and the new QR code anagram added more challenge for the older children. The chocolate bunnies were a hit as always, but the highlight of the day was the very well supported raffle which the children really enjoyed. Their QR codes were put into a hat for an extra prize this year. You could see the anticipation on their faces....

