

Autumn Term 2016



Dear Parents,

In this newsletter I have written about a small range of the activities that have taken place this term, it is simply impossible to include everything. I hope you enjoy this snapshot of the life we lead at Prince's Mead!

Exam preparation

Teachers and pupils in Year 6 have been working at a great pace this term in preparation for the Senior School Transfer Examinations and Common Entrance 11+ Examinations that take place in January. This year pupils in Year 6 have made applications to 15 different schools.

Sailing Success

Sailing Club has thrived and continued into the first half of this term.





Fishing Fun



The fishing club had a good start to the season at Nether Wallop Mill and had a course of lessons courtesy of Simon Cooper and Alan Middleton at Fishing Breaks. All the children caught a trout and great fun was had by all.

Fund Raising



Great British Bake Off fund raiser for Macmillan Research



Murray Parish Trust Raffle



Riding for Allegra's Ambition



Remembrance Day Service



6W led our Remembrance Service this year and James Booth played Last Post and Reveille with great sensitivity and accuracy. Head Boy Oliver Thompson, Head Girl Grace Davey and James Booth, then went to the Martyr Worthy War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Prayer Group



I was delighted to be approached by Mrs Goodwin-Hudson and Mrs Karoly with a proposal to form a Prayer Group here at Prince's Mead. It is always a joy to me that parents come up with all sorts of interesting ideas and proposals and it goes without saying that I consider all suggestions very carefully. Our special Prayer Group began in the second half of this term; it is a wonderful coming together of a small community who pray for our school, our pupils, our teachers, our parents, the wider community and our world. Please keep an eye on the school calendar for next term's dates.

Steve Brine's Christmas Card Competition

Prince's Mead pupils were invited to enter Steve Brine's Christmas Card Competition. Mr Brine is the Conservative MP for Winchester. This year a number of our pupils were shortlisted to the final and we won the Year 1 category with a painting by Toby Chambers.

Prince's Mead Association



The Fireworks Committee led by Ciara Wright, ensured we had a wonderful evening of family fun and the film night for the children, they all watched the Secret Life of Pets, was a delight with the children arriving in a variety of onesies, armed with bean bags and teddy bears!



Sport at Prince's Mead

NETBALL	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal Difference	Tournaments
U11A	7	3	1	3	44	47	-3	2
U11B	6	0	1	5	11	40	-29	0
U10A	7	4	1	2	37	54	-17	1
U10B	3	1	0	2	3	17	-14	0
U10C	3	1	0	2	4	14	-10	0
U9A	8	2	0	5	21	39	-18	1
U9B	7	3	1	3	17	22	-5	0
U9C	3	1	0	2	4	10	-6	0
U8A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
U8B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Totals	44	15	4	24	141	243	-102	13

In addition the girls have been involved in 6 hockey training matches to hone their developing skills.

FOOTBALL	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal Diff.	Tournaments
U11A	11	4	2	5	18	22	-4	5
U11B	10	7	2	1	46	14	+32	3
U11C	8	7	0	1	24	4	+20	3
U11D	13	5	5	3	33	21	+12	3
U9A	4	4	0	0	16	1	+15	2
U9B	4	2	1	1	16	9	+7	0
U9C	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
U8A	3	2	0	1	5	5	0	3
U8B	2	1	0	1	4	3	+1	1
U8C	1	0	0	1	1	8	-7	1
Girls	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Total	58	32	10	16	164	91	+73	21



Music at Prince's Mead



Music plays a very important part in the lives of our children; it is uplifting and engenders feelings of well-being and happiness. Christmas is a time for much joyful music making. This term has been a challenging one for the Music Department with Sue Williams being absent for much of the term, however we were simply delighted that she returned to us in the final weeks of the term. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the peripatetic music team, especially Martin Leweson and Fiona Jeppsson who stepped in and led the singing so effectively throughout the term and prepared the children for the glorious Carol Service. In addition we welcomed Karla Powell who took responsibility for the 'Young Voices' choir and who enthralled us with her oboe playing in the Cathedral.



In addition, we have been entertained by the Reception and Year 1 Nativity Play, 'Strictly The Nativity' and I thank the Reception and Year 1 team and Sally Boyden and Debbie Emmott-Dart for their patience and talents in producing such a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story, albeit in a rather unusual format.



We ended the term on a high with our traditionally rowdy Christmas Concert!



Inungur School, Tamil Nadu



This term we have raised some additional funds for the School in India. So during this season of goodwill, we have sent £250 to Senthil who manages the school in order that the staff and children can have a special 'Prince's Mead Christmas lunch' together on Christmas Eve. What a wonderful Prince's Mead gift!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Penelope S Kirk - Headmistress

