

## Autumn Term 2017

We have been blessed with some fine crisp Autumnal weather this term, the leaves have been a startling colour and the light has encouraged many budding photographers! The term has been as busy and exciting as ever and there is simply insufficient space to report on all events organised and enjoyed. Here is a taster of the term!

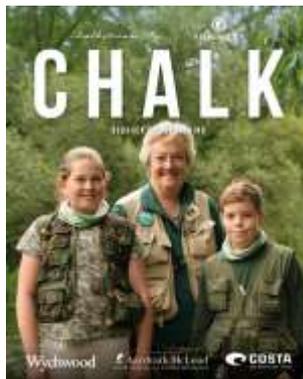


## Exam preparation

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.

## 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. In addition to this, CHALK - Bedrock of Fly Fishing was premiered in Leicester Square in November. It featured ex Fly Fishing Club members Imogen Nichols and Edward Gibbs and was an amazing event to attend, who would have thought the three of us would tread the red carpet!





## Remembrance Day Service

We welcomed Rev. Amanda Dennis for our Remembrance Service this year and Head Boy Finley Paterson and Head Girl Rio Gawne Cain went to the Martyr Worthy War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.



## 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!



The Smartie tube competition with the theme of, 'People from History' was a resounding success. It included a model of our very own retired Head of History, Mr Gleed!



### Fireworks

Ex Prince's Mead pupils returned for our Fireworks event.



### House Spelling Bee

This event was held for the first time this term and proved to be a huge success with everyone. Well done to Chestnut House and Rio Gawne Cain for emerging victorious as the first ever Prince's Mead Spelling Bee Champion!

### Sporting Success



Surrey Storm ace players ran a workshop for the Year 6 girls to help them achieve even more success this netball season.



## 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 as was seen at the Cathedral Carol Service, the Nativity Plays and the end of term Christmas Concert. The concert raised £1,057.41 for the new Winchester Hospice.



We also sang for the elderly residents at Abbott's Barton Care Home.





## New Headmaster to join the School in September, 2018

The Governors recruited the first Headmaster ever appointed at Prince's Mead since it was founded in 1949. Mr Peter Thacker was put through his paces by the Selection Panel of Governors, the pupils and staff and will be visiting us during the coming months. His first formal visit will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, World Book Day and he will be attending Friday Prayers. We are all delighted by this new, exciting appointment.

## Timothy Pruss Memorial School, Inungur, Tamil Nadu

This term we have raised some additional funds for the School in India. Ms Lacey and James co-ordinated the clothing, fabric, shoes and bags collection and £270 was raised which has been sent 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

