

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE SCHOOL NEWS

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LATEST NEWS

Pre-Prep Prize-winners

We are delighted to announce the following prizes:

Effort Prizes:

- RC - Isabel Woods
William Liggett
RW - Esmé Rusling
Ethan Mathers
1G - Lily Locke
Daisy Hawker
1K - William Reid
Tristan Hagerty
2R - Lucy Cox
Russell Pooley
2S - Joe Mathers
Freddie Spence

Prizes for contribution to Pre-Prep life from Mrs Nash:

- 2S - Sebastian Lilley
Josie Edgar
2R - Amelia Dipper
William Stewart-Blacker

Very many congratulations to them all.

The Prize-winners were announced in the Pre-Prep assembly today and they will receive their prizes from Mrs Nash at Prizegiving next Saturday.

!!!!ACTION!!!!ACTION!!!!

• **Years 5 – 8 Disco** – A reminder that all children (except Thursday boarders) finish school at 4pm next Thursday and return for the school disco at 6pm.

• **Head Lice** – Please may we ask parents to check their children's hair for head lice and to treat accordingly? Three treatments are needed to ensure they don't return!

• **Prizegiving Crèche** – A reminder about the crèche facility for Prizegiving next Saturday. The Crèche will run from 10.30am – 12.30pm and only children who have been booked in via the Office will be able to stay. All children must be booked in by Monday 5th July. Unfortunately children under the age of 2 are not able to be left.

• **Swimming Galas** – These take place next week as follows:

Tuesday 6th July

Years 1 and 2 1.30 – 2.30pm

Years 3, 4 and 5 2.45 – 4pm

Wednesday 7th July

Years 6 – 8 2.30 – 4pm

All children **MUST HAVE** a swimming hat, (House colour for the Prep School), regulation swimwear, goggles if required and a towel.

Do please come along and support. Please call the Matchline on 01580 755151 if the weather is in any doubt.

• **Pre-Prep Holiday Photo Competition**

- Mrs Nash will be holding a 'Holiday Photo Competition' at the start of the Autumn term. Children may select one photograph, either taken by them or of them which reflects a memorable moment of their summer holiday. The photos should be **no bigger than A5 size** and should have a **caption** and the **child's name** written on the back of the photograph. The competition is open to all children in the Pre-Prep. Closing date for the competition will be at the end of the third week of the Autumn term.

• **Surprises Exhibition** – Don't forget to join in the Surprises Exhibition in September! Contributors (and those who have put us in contact with contributors) will receive their invitations to the sale at the beginning of next term. It is all looking very exciting. Many thanks to all. *Mrs Rowena McWilliams*

- **Second hand Uniform Shop** – Outstanding bills have been sent out for items taken on trial from the second hand shop, please would parents settle these bills before the end of term? Many thanks.

GENERAL

News of past pupils –

Harry Taylor who left MHS in 2005 and went to Judd, has been awarded a scholarship to King's Canterbury for the Sixth Form where he will be starting in September.

Congratulations to **Polly Benton** (MHS 1995 – 2001) who has gained a First from Queen's College, Cambridge in SPS (Social and Political Sciences).

Congratulations to Kaye Hodges, mother of **Leon Devereux** (MHS 2001 - 2008) who has received a BP Portrait Award at the 2010 Exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery. Her picture, which is of Leon, is entitled 'The Hockey Player Marden Russetts' and is of Leon in his full Marden hockey kit. The picture can be seen at the Exhibition any time up to 19th September.

LOST

- ❖ Freddie Porritt (5A) has lost his swimming trunks. There is a name tape sewn to the leg of the trunks, plus his name written in laundry pen on the inside label, so they are clearly marked. Please check to see if your child has them by mistake.

Work Experience Pupils – Next week we are looking forward to welcoming our last three Work Experience pupils of the term: Harry Sloane from Skinners School will be helping Mr Mathers in the Sports Department, Izzy Bogle (ex-MHS pupil) from Brighton College will be helping in the Pre-Prep and Lucy Douglas (also an ex-MHS pupil) from Cranbrook School will be with Mrs McWilliams in the Prep School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Amelia Cornish (2nd July), Lily Locke, Edward Clayson, Serena Rawlings and Georgia Bickerton (3rd July), Sophie Winser (6th July) and Keara McKie, Jonty Martin and James Walker (8th July).

Shooting – The shooting team had their last match on Thursday 24th against a team of adults (mostly), which included a parent and a former pupil. They scored 387 out of 400. Our 'A' team tried to match their total but didn't have their best day and didn't come near that total. Our 'B' team beat the 'A' team aided by good scores from its two girls, and finished with 375 including their handicap of 17. As one of the visitors was **Fran Danczak** this meant there were four girls shooting and a girls v boys match could be held – the girls won easily. The main prize of the afternoon was awarded to the shooter who exceeded his/her average by the biggest margin. It went to **Cara Fuller** who scored 95, so it turned out to be a girls' day!

Year 8 Cycle Ride around Bewl Water -

After many years of this annual pilgrimage, the present Year 8 finally managed to circumnavigate the reservoir without any major incident – hooray! The whole morning went very smoothly and the cyclists were grateful for Mrs Nona Wright's very kind invitation to drinks, biscuits and ice lollies at her house en route. Many thanks also to the staff involved in achieving this feat: Mr Tooze, Mr Lockyer and Mr Hillier.

Music

Friday was an exciting day for the Year 3 Singers and the Year 4 Choir when they went to the Parish Church of St. Laurence, Hawkhurst to sing at the wedding of ex-MHS pupil James Thorn who married Sally Hancocks.

Informal Concert

*A very successful informal Concert was held on Tuesday and it was lovely to hear many of the younger pupils who were playing at a concert for the first time and they all did very well. It was also a privilege to hear **Ella Williamson** play an extended piece of Dvorak quite beautifully. Well done to all the children who played and sang so well: **Freddie Latham-Coyle, Archie Marshall, Grace Richardson, Alex Tennant-Holder, Harriet Morss-Davies, Amelia Cornish, Henry Morss-Davies, Florence Roberts, Ricky Alikhani, Olivia Jones, Ella Williamson and Georgia Bickerton.***

Junior Concert

Many parents enjoyed the wonderful Junior Concert last Friday and a full report on both of these events will be published in the School Review.

MERIT AWARDS: Well done to the following who have achieved merit awards:

Emily Allchin, Ella Carr, Megan Clube, Sophie McGee, Samuel Holroyd, Isabel Locke, Natasha Machin, Amelia Sandford, Isabel Cloke, Matilda Denbow (2), Eloise Gare, Annabel Guye-Johnson, Olivia Jones (2), Alice Locke, Flora Macpherson, Freddie Porritt, William Spence (2) Sam Perrett, Freya Desoutter (2), Rosie Woods, Henry Morss-Davies, Jonty Martin, Sophie Killick, Oliver Duncombe-Jones, Josh Bassett, Oliver Santini, Eleanor Minns, Harrison Woods, Lily Fleming, Jessica Fox, Daniel Ball and Harriet Dipper (English), Myles Denbow, Archie Reynolds, Edward Roberts, Joe Porritt, Julia Nabavi, Emmaline Martin, Maddie Perrett and Leonora Lynn (History), Alice Richardson (Science), Hannah Anderson, George Marshall, Cara Fuller, Alice Locke, Henry Morss-Davies and Oliver Morss-Davies (Art) and Isobel Spence, Phoebe Gale, Natasha Gale, Rose Down, Finbar Turck, Eloise Gare and Harriet Dipper (Maths).

Visiting Children

We were pleased to welcome **Matthew Whiteley** (who left MHS to live in Hong Kong) back to school this week in Year 1.

We also enjoyed having **Freya Desoutter's** Danish cousin, **Kristian Gronnegard** who spent two days in 5A and who enjoyed his time experiencing life in an English school.

Finally next week we are looking forward to welcoming **Milly and Harry Street** back to school, they will be spending their time in 3N and 4T respectively.

Patrick Acheson and Chris Otten, our Junior Masters, are available for babysitting/helping with children until 20th July when they go off on their summer travels. Please contact the office if you would like them to help you out.

The Pre-Prep children have obviously been working hard at their maths judging by a conversation between a Year 2 mother and her child this week!

Mum: Let's do your sun-cream for the day

Child: I've already done it mum

Mum: Oh well done, what factor number did you use?

Child: Well, I used 4 squirts of the 50, so I'm up to 200 now!!

Eastbourne College Challenge Day

There was much camaraderie amongst the eleven Year 7 pupils who went to Eastbourne College on Tuesday for their 'Challenge Day'. The children were mixed up with students from five other schools, and undertook various tasks, including learning Japanese /Italian /Portuguese, making models of DNA (and came back with a strand of their own!), dropping things off buildings to calculate its height, doing some creative writing, and discussing the 'most important questions' in thought-provoking philosophy sessions. A most instructive day, much enjoyed by all! Participants were James Bignell, Patrick Boland, Cornelia Bentsen, Max Chester, Millie Poole, Charlie Horlick, Sophie Lunshof, Hamish Heilbron, Ella Williamson, Isabel Locke and Amelia Sandford. Many thanks to Mr Davidson for taking the children.

Pre-Prep Outings Day

The Year 2 children visited Porte Lympne and particularly enjoyed a talk about Big Cats. Huw Mathers was brave enough to put his head inside a lion's jaw – luckily it was a skeleton! The highlight of the day was an African Safari when the children travelled on big army trucks and saw, amongst other things, giraffes, zebras, elephants, buffalo, gorillas and wild dogs.

Magic and Mystery awaited Year 1 at Groombridge Place. Children excelled at negotiating the challenging obstacle course followed by the wonder of discovering that the Minpins had left 'treasure' hidden in the woodland. Welcome refreshment was enjoyed in, or near, a full sized teepee and great fun was had exploring the 'Serpents Lair' and 'Mossy Bottom'. New for this year was a boat trip along the canal. Their trip concluded with a refreshing ice-cream, watched by an audience of interested peacocks!

According to the Reception children the best part of their trip was going on the coach and lunch, so next year the trip may be driving around in the coach and having a picnic! They did however do lots of other fun things at Bore Place. They had a tour of the farm and saw some beautiful calves. One group caught a Great Crested Newt when they were pond-dipping and Oscar got mistaken for a flower by a Bumble Bee. They all had a super day and Lyn, one of the group leaders said she had never met such beautifully behaved children.

The Nursery children had a wonderful day visiting Wilderness Wood where they enjoyed a special sensory walk and a bug hunt. The children listed their highlights as the coach ride, the picnic, pond dipping, pretending to hunt spiders and trapping Mrs Buswell!

'Walk for Africa'

Last Friday, we did our 'Walk for Africa' in beautiful weather, and the whole school got together in good spirits walking the perimeter of the school grounds. It was lovely to see the interactions between Prep and Pre-Prep children, as Year 7 was 'paired off' with Year 2, Year 6 with Year 1, and Year 5 with Reception. There was much camaraderie, and £235 was raised in the process for Nyeramya School.

Well done to the following who achieved 3 or more Good Marks last week:

AWDRY: Amelia Sandford (2), Isobel Spence, Louisa West, Harriet Dipper (2), Will Kinchin, Ronan Turck, Freya Desoutter, Eloise Gare, Freddie Porritt, Phoebe Hensley, Olivia Tomalin, Henry Killick, Freddie Latham-Coyle, Ben Fox and Holly Robertson (2).

DUNBAR: Georgia Bickerton, Sophie Lunshof, Natasha Machin, David Bickersteth, Matilda Denbow, Flora Macpherson, George Marshall, Sam Huggett, Timmy May, Mollie Oliver, Bea Walker (2), Archie Marshall, Grace Richardson, Iona Howells, Epernay Balcomb-Hellier, Imogen Hutt and Leonora Lynn.

EGAN: Isabel Locke, Ben Butler-Felton, Oscar Edmondson, Cara Fuller, Oliver Morss-Davies, Serena Rawlings, Isobel Cloke, Annabel Guye-Johnson, Alice Locke, Jonty Martin, Eva Timlin, Jessica Costain, Charlie Edmonds, Harriet Morss-Davies, Julia Nabavi and Alexander Tennant-Holder.

HAWKINGS: Cornelia Bentsen, Maddie Fox (2), Elspeth Gordon, Henry Poole, Olivia Jones, Sam Perrett, James Ross, Amelia Cornish, Toby Cutler, Freya Gordon, Emily Woods, Megan Stewart, Tilly Woods, Sophia Anderson (2) and Maddie Perrett.
The winning House was **AWDRY**.

Year 4 trip to Bedgebury Pinetum

"We arrived at the Pinetum and sat down at the side of the lake and listened to what we were going to do. We discussed what was the best habitat for life to live in. We set off to the grassland habitat and tested the soil temperature, air temperature, light and moisture. We also recorded the types of plants in the quadrant. With the same equipment we went off to another different habitat: the woodland. From our experiments we noticed the amount of life was much lower than in the grassland. This was not what we expected!"

Rory O'Sullivan 4D

Marden Russets Hockey Club - U12 Boys

Come and play some quality hockey next Season. Training Saturdays 8.30-9.45am (avoids clashes with Rugby and Football!). Matches some Sundays. Registration 4th September 2010 at 8.30am. Enquiries c.felton@shell.com

Handwriting Competition

We would like to give our congratulations to the following winners of our Marlborough House School Handwriting Competition:

Reception: **Henry Filmore**, Year 1: **Alice Roberts**, Year 2: **Huw Mathers**, Year 3: **Alexander-Tennant Holder**, Year 4: **Iona Howells**, Year 5: **Freya Desoutter**, Year 6: **Ella Holroyd**, Year 7: **Amelia Sandford** and Year 8: **Megan Clube**.

Mrs McKendrick kindly came in to act as our judge and she was very impressed with many of the entries. As ever, it is a terribly difficult task and we are most grateful to her for helping with this! Prizes will be given out before the end of term.

Poetry Competition

Also congratulations to **Barnaby Saunders** (7P) who received a "Highly Commended" in the SATIPS Poetry Competition for his poem "Siamese Kitten Glove Puppet" Well done on achieving this high standard in a highly competitive national competition!

Parents & Sons/Daughters Golf Tournament.

The record entry of 18 pairs consisted of an eclectic mixture of Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles and Grandfathers; we also had our youngest entrant in Ben Fox (3N). It was another beautiful evening and there were many good scores on the fast-running course... but disaster for those who strayed into the heavy rough!

With such a large field and playing only 9 holes it was inevitable that there would be a close finish: Mr Stewart & Nicole tied with Mr Shepherd & Laird on 28 points. A sudden-death play-off then ensued; Nicole Stewart showed nerves of steel when she had to drive off first in front of the Club House (and all the Bridge players!); she sent off a superb long drive putting Dad in a very good position. Laird's drive finished tighter to the trees. Both second shots finished alongside the green but the Shepherd's were able to get up and down for par. An exciting finish to an excellent evening's golf. Ben Fox and Richard Vasaar-Smith (standing in for Tim Fox) were a close third (27 pts) and Mr Skinner and George were fourth (26 pts). Many thanks to Hawkhurst Golf Club for allowing us to have a Shot Gun start so that everyone started and finished at the same time.

Staff Profile Philip Lockyer

Role at MHS: Catering Manager
Length of tenure: 3 very quick years

Background

Grew up in Wallington, Surrey, left school at 16 and enrolled to train as a chef at Westminster College in London (the same college as Jamie Oliver). Completed a 3 year BTEC National diploma and had work experience at The Selfridge and Inter-continental Hotels then at Lords Cricket Ground with Ainsley Harriet. Really enjoyed the food industry and enrolled at Manchester Metropolitan University to study Hotel and Catering Management, gaining a 2:1 with honours and was lucky to complete a year's Internship with Marriott Hotels in Cleveland, Ohio.

After returning to Manchester, managed two restaurants for the Restaurateur Simon Rimmer who taught him much about food and customer service. 18 months of travel then ensued with a 6 month employment on a cruise boat on the Great Barrier Reef off Australia - an amazing job that included endless diving and beach BBQ's!!

Returned to England to manage the hospitality suite at Guildford Cathedral then moving on to start his outside catering business and run a golf club in Newport in South Wales. After 4 years and lots of hours returned to the South East and set up business in Hastings. Continued outside catering and was chosen to cater for MHS school ball in 2007. During this time the position of Catering Manager came up and he decided to apply. The school Ball was certainly the biggest job interview he had ever experienced!

Family: Not married but has a very patient and understanding girlfriend, Maria.

Interests

Food (would you believe!) but also loves the outdoors, as well as running marathons (best time was 3.03), camping, keen mountain biker and VW campervan obsessed. Odd but true: likes DIY and can plaster and now enjoys a garden full of plants that have been given to him but have no idea of names.

Hopes for the future

To get the MHS children to love fish pie!
To restore a classic campervan and hope that one day he can get his -3 hours for a marathon.



MIXED

Saturday 26th June

* Years 5 – 8 Inter-House Athletics Finals - Another warm and sunny day meant that Sports day took place in the best possible conditions for all the athletes.

In the senior school events, twelve records were set in both the sprint and distance races. Records were also set in several field events. The Victor Ludorum was awarded jointly to Charlie Hunter Blair and Harry Pendered and the Victrix Ludorum was also won jointly by Sophie McGee and Jessica Fox. Toby Houchin, Rose Down and Will Michaels all performed extremely well on the day too. New records were set by - Rose Down, Charlie Hunter Blair, Toby Houchin, Harry Pendered, Olly Santini, Isabel Locke, Will Michaels, Hamish Heilbron, Nicole Stewart and Ricky Alikhani. Very well done to them all.

The parents enjoyed their picnics in the grounds on such a beautiful summer's day. Very well done to all the children for trying their best for their Houses on such a hot day.

Result: 1st Egan, 2nd Hawkings, 3rd Dunbar and 4th Awdry.

GIRLS

Thursday 24th June

* U9 Rounders v Rose Hill – This was a really good finish to the season for the Year 3 and 4 girls who all played in these last fixtures. There was some really good fielding and batting in the first innings from both teams which ended up with just half a rounder between the sides after one innings each. Whole rounders were scored by Eva Timlin, Jasmine Jenkinson and Grace Richardson. In the second innings the girls batted first and Olivia Tomalin scored 3 whole rounders, with Jasmine Jenkinson and Megan Stewart also scoring one each.

The MHS girls then fielded fantastically with Megan taking a good catch and, as a team, they only allowed Rose Hill to score 3 rounders. An excellent finish for the girls who showed a lot of improvement throughout the season – well done!

Result: MHS won 14 – 9½

* U8/9 v Rose Hill – This was another really good game for the girls who again have really improved throughout the season. There was some steady fielding from all the team with some good bowling from Jessica Costain and some excellent catching on the posts that enabled the MHS girls to keep the Rose Hill score really low. There was also some really good batting with all the girls hitting the ball and whole rounders from Jessica Costain (3), Amelia Cornish (1) Freya Gordon (1) and Maddie Perrett (1). A really good game girls, well done.

Result: MHS won 12 – 6½

* U8 Rounders v Rose Hill – The U8 girls had a really great last match of the season last Thursday. They achieved a good win and every girl hit the ball at least once, therefore everyone contributed to the score! In the first innings they managed to score 10½ rounders which was very impressive. Sophia Anderson, Harriet Morss-Davies and Tabitha Wylie batted brilliantly scoring a total of 9½ between them. The girls were very quick with their fielding, ensuring they passed the ball nicely to each other and their knowledge of the game was very evident too. Sophia Anderson bowled really well with very few no-balls. A great end to the season girls, well done!

Result: MHS won 14 – 5½