

A DUMPTON YEAR

A yearly review from Dumpton School

2013/14

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Planting trees

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A yearly review of the activities and achievements of both pupils and staff here at Dumpton School.

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'Yet' can be a powerful word.

It can turn a negative into a positive 'I don't understand this' transforms to 'I don't understand this yet.' 'We can't do this' becomes 'we can't do this yet.'

Statements of doubt become words of possibility. The word 'yet' delivers a sense of inevitability – I will be able to do it.... we will be able to understand it.... I will achieve.

We don't want children or staff setting ceilings for themselves. Self-belief is the key and the school motto 'you can because you think you can' is central to all we do.

It has been a pleasure to browse through the pages of 'A Dumpton Year' to see how much is achieved in just three terms.

I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have.
Best Wishes

Andrew Browning
Headmaster

IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE *woods today*

Having recently been awarded the International Eco-School's top environmental award, Green Flag Status, the children at Dumpton School were delighted to be visited by representatives of skills and training company Paragon to help them plant trees in the school grounds last October. Paragon has teamed up with fellow eco-enthusiasts Carbon Footprint and Tree Appeal, to plant native broad leaf trees in schools. They have sponsored the planting of more than 100 trees within the grounds of the school, demonstrating a commitment to environmental education and their aim of reducing their impact on the natural world. There was great excitement amongst the 200 children involved who had an opportunity to gain hands-on experience of how trees are planted and to learn how important trees are to the world in which we live. The new saplings will provide a perfect habitat for wildlife, promoting biodiversity and preserving the natural environment within the school grounds.



COVER
STORY!

5 STAR KITCHENS! ★★★★★

Well Done to Steph & her team for gaining top marks following a Christchurch & East Dorset Council Food Hygiene and Safety Inspection. The Catering Department retains its top 5-Star rating and was given special praise for its high standards.

FODS SUMMER PARTY

This year's Summer Party was a great success. Held in the elegant 'Top Floor Suite' at Bournemouth Football Club some 120 guests enjoyed welcome drinks and cocktails whilst singer and parent, Jaime Franes provided entertainment. A 3 course dinner was enjoyed before guests danced the night away.

Goodbye TO STANDBY

Once again the school took part in 'Switch off Fortnight', held between 18 November and 1 December. The aim of this national event is for schools and businesses to monitor their energy consumption and take lasting steps to reduce any wastage and, hopefully, their bills! A dedicated team of Eco Spies monitored staff and classmates to ensure that no electronic devices were left on standby, or lights left on in empty rooms. The result was a saving of £193. Imagine how much could be saved in a year...?!

2014 SCHOLARS

Congratulations to our 12 scholars who are now settling in at Bryanston, Canford, Clayesmore and Ballard.



SUMMER CLUB

The sun shone again for the two whole weeks of summer club. The mixture of tie-dying t-shirts, riding bikes, making pizzas, sublimation printing, swimming and hours of team games made for a thoroughly enjoyable and exhausting time for all!



SENIOR TENNIS TOUR TO PORTUGAL!

Following last year's first and hugely successful Easter Tennis Tour to the Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy in Portugal, thirteen pupils from Year 6 to 8 set off again this year, accompanied by Mr & Mrs Cox and Mr Jeremiah, to enjoy some more tennis fun in the sunshine. Again the pupils were praised at every turn for their superb attitude and effort and both Om Ramchandani and Amelie Tulodziecki delighted the crowds in this year's exhibition match. Pupils benefited from some outstanding coaching, as well as conditioning sessions in the gym, downtime in the pool and the now legendary BBQ and karaoke evening! We look forward to another successful trip in 2015.

Julia's HOUSE

£4,954.68

Congratulations to all staff, pupils and parents who have helped Dumpton raise the amazing total of £4,954.68 for Julia's House over the last few years! As Dorset's only children's hospice we can be assured that the funds will be put to good use to help the quality of life of children close to home.

RISING STAR!



Last November **Leila Stimson** in Year 6 (front row on the left) took part in The Studio One Children's Choir performance of a song 'Love from Home' written by two local soldiers who have returned from operations abroad. Thank you to those who have helped Leila raise funds by downloading the song from YouTube as all proceeds went straight to the Help for Heroes charity. **Since its release the song has had well over 2,000 hits – Well done Leila!**

TOTAL RAISED
£2,087.85

CHILDREN IN NEED

Every year in November, the children take great delight in organising their own stalls (with a little direction from staff!), and this year was to be no different! While Mr Moulton marshalled the troops, the whole event was driven by pupils from all levels in the school, putting their own ideas into practice. A special mention to the junior pupils who filled and labelled the 100 jars of Dumpton honey to raise over £150. Special thanks should also go to Dumpton parent Sam Dean and her team, who took on the recycled toy stall and raised an impressive £625, followed by a morning at Wimborne Market which raised a further £120 for the Philippines Appeal. This was an excellent effort by all concerned – parents, staff and children. **The total collected stands at an impressive £2,087.85.**



WIMBORNE FOOD BANK

Harvest gifts were collected this year in aid of Wimborne Food Bank. Gifts were boxed up and presented at the Prep School Assembly and were taken by the Reverend Robert Jones who oversees the project. **This is an important local charity touching the lives of many and since starting in November 2012 they have helped over 250 local people (119 family units).**



SPORT RELIEF

As usual, Sport Relief prompted a flurry of activity amongst the children. This year the school celebrated the day with the House Cross Country Competition and other activities included the usual Mufti Day, cake competition, staff cake sale and pupils and staff dressed as their favourite sportsperson; there were some excellent outfits on display and well done to all involved as **£562.55** was raised for the charity.

DUMPTON MUSIC REVIEW

House Singing Competition, Carol Service and Orchestral Day

Autumn was another successful and busy term for the Music Department. The senior musicians took part in the **SATIPS Orchestral Day at Bryanston**. The pieces rehearsed were performed very successfully when played with the other prep schools and our ensemble item was exciting and very well received. The Canford Strings Workshop saw another successful collaboration with eight other prep schools and the Canford String Ensemble.



The Lunchtime Singers' Recital involved pieces from all age groups. The concert culminated in a choral piece by the Junior's, 'I Am The Earth' and a choral piece by the Senior's, 'Plaisir D'Amour.' The Junior and Senior Gala Concerts both featured the various school groups as well as a number of very confident and accomplished soloists. The Dumpton Dudes, the Clarinet, Flute and Recorder Ensembles all performed excellent pieces as well as the Mini Jimis, the Betweeners and the Brass Group – well done to all.

The high point of the term is of course the **Carol Service at Wimborne Minster**; an opportunity to show the wider Dumpton family what can be achieved. As usual, there was standing room only as parents of the 250 or so pupils involved in the choirs came to celebrate Christmas in the most stunning of settings. A few of the highlights were a beautiful rendition of 'Two Thousand Years Ago' by Year 2 pupils, the Ukulele and Guitar group playing 'Silent Night' for the congregation to sing to and Year 7 and 8 singing the 'Watts Cradle Song.' In addition, instrumental accompaniment made for a wonderful atmosphere and complemented several of the traditional carols whilst the Steel Band added a modern twist to the Year 4 and 5s rendition of 'Mary's Boy Child'. Unique additions this year were two carols written by members of staff – Mr Moulton and Mr Nye.

As we have come to expect from the Music Department, the Spring term was full of lunchtime concerts which offer many pupils the opportunity to perform to an audience and use it as a platform to practise their skills in preparation for forthcoming scholarship applications or exams. **Thank you to all the parents and pupils who were able to support the performers – it is always much appreciated.**

Of the many highlights during the term, **the House Singing competition and the Canford Prep Schools Singing Festival**

stand out. The theme for the House Singing competition was World War I and Music Hall Songs from the same period. Each house drew their song 'out of a hat' although this is now traditionally drawn from a djembe (an African drum). Our judge for the afternoon was Alastair Nye, assistant director of music from Claysmore Senior School. Alastair loved his afternoon with us and decided without a shadow of a doubt that all houses should be placed equal first. The whole school was thrilled and a great afternoon was had by all! Later in the term, the Year 4 pupils were lucky enough to join the eight or so other local Prep Schools at the Canford Prep Schools Singing Festival. They had learned some songs from a number of popular musicals which we then rehearsed, together with some new songs during the afternoon. These were then put together with the Canford Chamber Choir to further enhance the performances. The end of the afternoon culminated with a very nice tea and a concert for the parents and the children went home happy and enthusiastic about the importance and joy of singing. Canford gave each pupil a CD of music recorded at the school: a lovely memento of the day.

The Summer Term, although the shortest was just as busy as the others with many events including the Staff Summer Serenade, 'Busking for Argentina', a Charity Concert at Canford School, a performance of 'Joseph' with the Years 4 & 5 as well as the Year 6 Gospel Concert and, finally, Speech Day.



"This is always one of the highlights of the school year"

Photo by Fraser Portraits

The **Staff Summer Serenade** was another rare chance to see the Headmaster on the stage playing the Steel Drums, supported by other fellow musicians. It has been a great success over the past years as a showcase for the talents of Mrs Watkiss, Mr Nye and the peripatetic music teachers, but also the less well-known musicians on the staff such as Mrs Gray, Mrs Browne, Matron Stokes, Mr Price, Miss Zeal, Mr Moulton and members of the staff choir. This year's event was a magical evening with some outstanding and very memorable virtuoso performances; with Mr Sisson's arrangement of 'The Best Years of our Lives' as a particular highlight. Thank you also to the parents and pupils for their generous applause on the night...!

The school year concluded with **Speech Day** which is always a highlight of the term. The large audience was hugely appreciative of all the groups who performed including singers, saxophonists, steel bands and not forgetting 'Schools Out for Summer' performed on the drums by Om Ramchandani!

We mustn't forget that running alongside all the performances and events throughout the course of the year, over 150 pupils have been studying and taking their music exams as well. These have produced a bumper set of results each time – **well done to all those who achieved the successes they richly deserved!**

WORLD BOOK DAY

In celebration of World Book Day in March, this year the pupils took part in a 'Look Who's Reading' photo competition. Reading in an 'adventurous' or a 'cosy' situation, the children had to have photographic evidence of themselves in these situations – and the more bizarre the better! Congratulations to all those who took part and well done for thinking up such unique situations!



1st

Harry Somerville
Adventurous Category

Grace Piercy
Cosy Category

2nd

Ruby Stevens
Adventurous Category

Noah & Ella Dance
Cosy Category

3rd

Hebe Brown
Adventurous Category

Hugh Fulkes-Jones
Cosy Category



DONATED
£500

Awake Mercy Children's Home

From the Headmaster

Once again it was a pleasure for our family to visit the Awake Mercy Children's Home on the plains of Tamil Nadu in April to strengthen Dumpton's links with our adopted Indian charity. The home is run by Krisnamoorthi and Elsie, but is overseen by local Indian trustees along with a similar committee in the UK. Thirty children are fed, clothed and educated in a family setting, supported by local Indian sponsors and donations from abroad. Funds raised on India Day – one of our most colourful of days – or via FODs events go straight to the home, as there are zero UK administration costs. On this visit we were able to hand over £500 raised or donated by the Dumpton teachers at Staff Room Cake Sales, mufti days, Daisy Dean's generous birthday collection and the Bollywood Disco. Funds will be used to buy school uniforms for the children in the home. We are looking forward to another live Skype from India in assembly later in the year!

TEAMBATH

As inspiration to the budding Dumpton netballers, watching netball played at a high level is a great way to start. So, a coach full of excited girls set off to Bath University to see TeamBath play Manchester Thunder on a very stormy evening in early February. It was a tense and exciting game and in the end TeamBath lost 41-54, their only loss of the season to date. After the match the TeamBath players delighted the girls by signing autographs on a huge variety of objects, including balls, t-shirts and photos.



SIR ISAAC NEWTON

IS EXHUMED FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK!

To celebrate National Science and Engineering Week this March we had a very special guest come to school. Sir Isaac Newton was a physicist and mathematician who is widely recognised as being one of the most influential scientists of all time. We were incredibly lucky to have him visit our school and talk to all of the students in Years 3-8, especially because he passed away in 1727! We were honoured to have a visit from David Hall, who works for Johnny Ball Productions who helped us bring Newton back to life for one day only. After a fairly explosive entrance in assembly Sir Isaac wondered around the school enjoying some classes (Latin with Mrs Wilson) and getting thoroughly confused in others (ICT with Mrs Welch). At break time he described projectile motion to some footballers and forces to passers-by. Sir Isaac put on two fantastic shows describing gravity, his discovery of light and design of telescopes and shared his original perspective on life. The highlight for many was pushing two volunteers on wheely office chairs to describe his laws of motion. There was much hilarity as the audience members had to stop them. I wonder who might appear next year?!



NURSERY & PRE-PREP

NURSERY, RECEPTION & YEARS 1&2

Sports Day

The Pre-Prep Sports Days were very entertaining and great fun - the weather held for us and we had a lovely time!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, *ACTION!*

Christmas Plays put a smile on everyone's face; have a look at the pictures - **On Page 16**

EASTER EGG HUNT

A big thank you to all who supported our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of the Spring Term - **On Page 17**

RECEPTION
Adventures
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

In early February, the Reception classes were delighted to visit the new Food Technology Centre with Mrs Brown to make fresh egg pasta. With Pavarotti playing in the background the children measured and combined the ingredients and manipulated the dough. Great fun was had stretching the dough through the pasta machine and making tagliatelle. Some of the pasta was packaged and sent home to eat on the day – *delizioso!*



In March the Reception children also visited Moors Valley Country Park for a day of exploration and fun in the forest. On their visit to Farmer Palmers later in the month, the children were able to meet lots of farm animals as well as feed some of them. They also met Mr Farmer Palmer himself!



PANCAKE DAY

The Woodpecker children had great fun learning how to make pancakes in February. With an outdoor kitchen set-up, Mrs Goodwin showed the children how to flip their pancakes – some with more success than others – and then cook them on the stove with adult supervision of course! Great fun was had by all!



Exploring
AT MOORS VALLEY COUNTRY PARK



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04 |

Outdoor FUN

- 01 | The Reception classes visited Kimmeridge Marine Life Centre on a beautiful sunny day in June to learn all about the underwater world in this unique part of Dorset.
- 02 | To finish the term in style, all Year 1 and 2 pupils spent a day on Sandbanks beach, enjoying the sun, sand and of course the ice cream!
- 03 | In anticipation of their visit to Bournemouth Oceanarium, the Year 1 pupils had a practical biology lesson where they were able to find out all about the different types of fish that we eat.
- 04 | Year 1 enjoying the views at Hengistbury Head!

RECEPTION PET SHOW

The Pet Show took place in May with a nervous Headmaster, judging various categories such as behaviour and personality, trying not to upset the children (or the parents)! Thank you to Ruth Fermor, a vet from the Damory Practice in Blandford, who came to talk to the children in advance of the show, with her dog Gus.

AFRICAN DRUMMING

In February the Year 2 children were transported from one continent to another when they were joined by Noah and his African Drums for a day of music and entertainment. We do hope the parents enjoyed the impressive concert at the end of the day staged by Noah and the children!

NATURE WALK



Throughout their time in Year 1, the children monitor and record the changing of the seasons in the school woodlands. They love identifying and drawing the variety of different plants, trees and wildlife they discover on these walks.

SWIMMING GALA

A big thank you and well done to Katie Hudson, and the Year 2 staff for organising such an enjoyable swimming gala in May. The children did us proud, and were very grateful for the support of so many parents poolside.

02 |



PRE-PREP Christmas Plays

It's A Party - Nursery Rhyme Nativity - Shine Star Shine

The Pre-Prep Christmas plays put a smile on everyone's face and all those involved must be congratulated for putting on four big dramatic productions in one week: hours of patient preparation was required, including from the parents who had a hand in the wonderful costumes.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

The Year 1 and Year 2 production 'It's A Party!' was a traditional nativity play, with all pupils on stage throughout, performed twice for Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

THE NURSERY PRODUCTION,

'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' was also extremely entertaining with Christmas songs from the Nursery animals and stars, followed by Reception's 'Shine Star Shine' with beautiful costumes and confident acting.

THANK YOU!!

Thanks must go to all the staff involved and the talented children for their energy at this stage of term, along with the Bursar, for his excellent cameo as a very large narrating shepherd!



EASTER EGG HUNT

A big thank you to all the FODS and Nursery parents who supported our inaugural Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of the Spring Term. We were so grateful to Dumpton mums Liz Fowley, Elana Visser, Caroline Kersey, Claudine Tindall and Hayley Piercy who braved the unpredictable weather - it was good to see the pioneer spirit of all the children as they searched for the eggs in the adventure playground! We then retired to the Front Hall for hot cross buns and coffee. Luckily the sun came out for Year 1 and Year 2 after lunch! There were also enough chocolate eggs to ensure that every member of the school left for the Easter break with a smile on their face.



YEARS 3-6

A REVIEW OF YEARS 3-6

Adventures

Year 6 pupils had a fantastic trip to Normandy, read all about it - [On Page 20](#)

YEAR 6 SCIENCE CENTRE!

Year 6 enjoyed a fun filled day at the Winchester Science Centre - see all the fun on [Page 23](#)

CAMPING!

Year 5 camped out in style and took part in many activities at Rempstone Forest - [On Page 22](#)

Adventures

IN NORMANDY, YEAR 6

Early in the morning on Friday 2 May, the Year 6 pupils set off to France accompanied by Matron Stokes, Mr Moulton, Mr Nye, Miss Zeal and Mme Tulodziecki. After a long ferry crossing, we were met at the port by Fabrice, our French driver, who took us to our gîte, where we were warmly welcomed by our French hosts and the children were very excited to discover their dorms and explore their home for the next few days. After a fun treasure hunt, we were treated to a delicious French-style dinner. During the next day, the children practised their French in the market at Attanches where they bought their lunch and some souvenirs.

We will never forget the epic walk across the bay of Mont St Michel, during which we were showed how to safely walk on quick sand! On the last day, the pupils enjoyed visiting the Bayeux Tapestry, the American Cemetery and the memorable Pointe du Hoc where the American Army Ranger assault of 1944 took place. The children returned home happy, tired and of course, expert French speakers! We look forward to another successful trip in 2015.



TAEKWONDO EUROPEAN CHAMPION!



We are delighted to report that Natasha Pettifer won a gold medal and two silvers at the English Championships at Worcester in March – adding English Champion 2014 to her many accolades. At the European Championships at Davos, Switzerland in April, Natasha won two European Gold medals making her an English, British and European Taekwondo Champion.

Very well done Natasha!



YEAR 3 VISIT BROWNSEA ISLAND

Year 3 had an exciting day visiting Brownsea Island. We took the Sandbanks ferry and on arrival we hiked across the island and met the education team. They set the pupils a 'survival challenge' to build their own camp which needed to have various requirements such as a cooking area and flag to hoist! All the pupils were active and enjoyed the task. After lunch, we walked along the beach and learnt about the history of the island and found some artefacts. Then we climbed to the higher terrain and enjoyed the views. Eventually, after lots of photos and paddling in the sea, we headed back to the ferry.

YEAR 4 CAMP

This Summer Term the whole of Year 4 set about camping out for a night on the school campsite. Each tutor group had a great night under canvas, enjoying the BBQ and wide games with their tutors. Everyone got some sleep and went home the following morning having had a thoroughly good time.

ACTIVITY DAY, YEAR 4

The Year 4 Activity Day in June was led by a wildlife expert and the children were able to learn different bushcraft skills including fire lighting using flints, building shelters from natural materials and cooking on an open fire. Pizzas were handmade by the children at lunch time and cooked in the school's pizza oven – a fun packed day for all!

THE ROMANS ARE COMING!

Year 6 pupils had been looking forward to our annual visit by the Romans in March and they weren't disappointed! The pupils spent the day cooking Roman food, making mosaics and mini peep box amphitheatres, acting out an imaginary scene, marching to Latin commands, singing songs and even doing the 'oke-coke' in Latin! The children dressed up as Roman men, slaves, ladies, gladiators and soldiers and at the end of the day took home honey cake to share with their families.



ARCHIE DOBSON'S WAR

We were all very much looking forward to the Year 6 production of 'Archie Dobson's War' in the Summer Term and we were not disappointed. The script was produced by the BBC as part of their resources for the study of WW1 in schools. It is a very poignant story, written specifically with this age group in mind and, alongside Mr Price's 'live trench experience' and display in his classroom, forms part of our own commemoration of the Old Dumptonions who fought and died in the war. **A huge 'well done' to everyone involved in the production – it was a very moving evening for all concerned: staff, parents and pupils alike.** The impact of the First World War on a family in rural England was a very emotive subject for 10 and 11 year olds to take on, but they delivered an impressive performance with confidence, maturity and real presence. Mr Price's WWI trench was visited in the interval, to add some context to the story, and the names of Old Dumptonions lost in the conflict, were included in the script. Thank you, as ever, to Miss Anson, for her direction, and Mr Nye for his musical accompaniment.



Camping with Year 5

It was great to see that almost the whole of Year 5 opted to get their hands dirty in the Rempstone Forest in September! The children camped out in style and took part in many activities including climbing and abseiling, coasteering, bushcraft and team building. The food was delicious and the games were so much fun. But the best activity of all had to be relaxing and sleeping in the bell tents with friends! The coasteering was enjoyed by everybody; jumping into the sea from large rocks and enjoying the waves was exhilarating as well as being challenging for some. Thank you to Mr Randle, Mr Allen and Miss Farrell for giving up their free time to take the children.

MEMORABLE MATHEMATICS

Congratulations to Charlotte Butt (Year 7) who qualified for the prestigious final of the 'Dauntsey Dodecahedron', one of 36 from the 2000 or so entrants this year. Well done also to Charlotte Butt and Tiger Kelleway, for their Gold Certificates for the Junior Maths Challenge, and to Charlotte who was 'Best in School.' Congratulations also to Miranda May (Year 8) and Tomas O'Kane (Year 6) who were 'Best in Year'. Overall Dumpton won 2 gold's, 6 silver and 16 bronze certificates. Well done to all involved!

WINCHESTER Science Centre

Ready and raring to go, all Year 6 pupils boarded the minibuses for a day at the Winchester Science Centre in January. On arrival the children immediately encountered awesome and mind boggling science zones, each dedicated to a different aspect of science: from creating mini tornadoes to parachuting toy soldiers, from running races to walls of distorted mirrors; there was something to tickle the fancy of every budding Year 6 scientist! After a break for lunch, we found ourselves laid back in super-comfy seats in the planetarium where we looked up to be greeted by the night sky. The astronomy and planet show was absolutely fascinating and the pupils really got to grips with just how massive the universe is. We even did a spot of star gazing where we learnt about constellations such as 'The Big Dipper', 'Orion's Belt' and managed to spot the brightest star, 'Sirius' and 'The North Star'. As the afternoon came, the excitement continued with a kitchen chemistry 'Bath Bomb Making' workshop. We used our detective skills to identify mystery substances by testing their pH, solubility and reaction with water. With our science senses in gear, we created our own fragrant bath bombs with our new knowledge of how bath bombs work. After a jam-packed day of science we returned to school as motivated super-scientists!



"We returned to school as motivated super-scientists"

THE FRENCH Exchange



On Sunday 8 June 2014, we welcomed 7 French pupils from the Lycée Ombrosa in Lyon to stay with their English host families for 3 weeks. Angus Walker, Toby Hiller, Alex Kay-Lightfoot, Annabel Kersey, Alfie Perkins, Bella Hunter and Jasmine Dean were fantastic Dumpton ambassadors. They entertained and looked after their partners, both at school and at home: it was such a pleasure to witness their friendships developing. Thank you to everyone involved for making the exchange programme such an enriching experience.

ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE!



YEAR 5 VISIT CORFE CASTLE

The sun shone on Corfe Castle for the Year 5's joint humanities trip in May. We climbed the hill above the village, from where we could look down on the castle and work out why the area was a good site for a settlement. We also looked at transport – the road and the railway. After a packed lunch in the castle grounds we looked around the keep and Mr Price entertained us with descriptions of medieval castle life. After a visit to the church, where we also learnt more about the history of the area, we finished with the highlight of the day – ice creams!



YEAR 3 ADVENTURES

As a welcome into the Prep School and a team building exercise the new Year 3's, spent an afternoon at Rockley Sailing in Poole Park in September. They had a go at kayaking and sailing lasers in somewhat blustery conditions! An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and the spirit of team work shone through even though the sun didn't! This was followed by an exciting hands-on Iron Age Living History day at the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne in October. The pupils watched a fire making demonstration in the Earthouse before breaking into groups. Pupils then ground grain into flour using a quern stone, helped clean up animal hides and made ropes. The highlight for many came when the whole group worked as a team to drag a huge, heavy boulder by rolling it along using posts.

MEMORABLE HISTORY

The Year 3's had a memorable history lesson at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard where they were able to discover the hidden treasures of Nelson's flagship, The Victory and the life of a sailor in the Georgian Navy.



YEARS 7-8

A REVIEW OF YEARS 7-8

Science fun

This year's prestigious Bryanston Science Writing competition involved writing a story of a great British scientist and their discoveries - **On Page 30**

YEAR 8 LEAVERS COURSE!

The Year 8's embarked on a month of challenges, leaving them with the very best memories of Dumpton - **On Page 32**

THE MANY & THE FEW

From the Headmaster.

The production of 'The Many and the Few', one of the most ambitious in my time at Dumpton, involved all 74 senior students choreographed over 21 scenes with a live band and over 300 in the combined audiences.

The original script, courtesy of Miss Anson, took the pupils back to a time through a series of reminiscences, giving them an insight into the history of World War 2 from unusual perspectives. There were the land girls, the workers in the spitfire factory, the tube stations used as temporary bomb shelters and the many children billeted out to the countryside to avoid the air raids – particularly poignant as Dumpton School was itself moved from Kent to Dorset in 1939, and never returned. Meanwhile, the clever songs written by Mr Nye, complemented the story perfectly. The confidence of the singers was marked, with some disarming performances from the very accomplished soloists.

Thanks must go to all the very talented pupils, of course, but also Miss Anson who directed the play, and Mr Nye, ever present on the keyboards. In addition, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the production: Mrs Watkiss and the peripatetic music teachers who made up the band, Mr Price and Mr Moulton for their cameos, Mr Allen for his work on the technical side and Steph and her team for the wartime refreshments in the interval - along with the extremely appreciative audiences, of course. We hope that the new multi-level staging, retractable seating and fully equipped Sound and Lights Room will allow similarly impressive projects in the future.



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YEAR 7 VISIT KIMMERIDGE BAY



As the Year 7's gathered by the minibuses on a fresh September morning, there was a definite sense of excitement in the air. With backpacks bursting at the seams and nets in hand, we set off on our annual adventure to Kimmeridge Bay. Upon arrival we met the Bay Warden who gave us a captivating talk about the area, and then with our minds enriched, we walked up what felt like hundreds of steps up to Clavell's Tower. Here, we embraced our 'artistic' sides and made sketches of the beautiful bay which lay ahead of us. After recharging our batteries with a quick break for lunch, we marched, slipped, and skated across the algae-fied rocks to get down to business – it was time to lay our transects and get periwinkle spotting and barnacle counting in the glorious sunshine that had been teasing us all day. After the many discoveries we made and coming, face-to-face, literally (!) with numerous seaside critters, it was time to head back to the buses. We arrived back at school with a sense of great satisfaction and smiles evident across our faces.

YEAR 8 VISIT ROCHE COURT

SCULPTURE PARK

In September Year 8 visited The New Art Centre, Roche Court near Salisbury. It has been a traditional way to start the 3D sculpture topic and provides an ideal opportunity for pupils to see sculptures by world renowned artists including Sir Anthony Caro, Barbara Hepworth and Antony Gormley. We spent the day sketching, photographing and discussing the often challenging works of art on display in the beautiful grounds and amazing Artists' House.



STAR CHEMISTS

Congratulations to the Year 8 Chemistry Team of Jack Lockett, Ben Evans, Ceire Fowley and Lydia Harvey who competed at the Salters' Chemistry University Challenge at the University of Bath in May against 20 other schools. The day was filled with unusual experiments and exciting tasks and gave the team a taste of Chemistry at a senior level.





BRYANSTON SCIENCE ESSAY COMPETITION

The topic of this year's prestigious Bryanston Science Writing competition was very open: 'Following on from Professor Brian Cox's Science Britannica television series, entrants should explore some of the great scientific breakthroughs made by scientists in Britain.' With this theme in mind, a number of Year 7's and some Year 6 pupils spent their Christmas holidays researching and writing the story of a great British scientist and their discoveries. The topics ranged from tin cans to tanks and the discovery of DNA to refrigeration systems in shipping and the pupils worked very hard, some submitting numerous drafts before their final essay was ready. We were delighted to have ten entries either being commended or prize winners in their category, out of the one hundred entries overall from Prep Schools in the region.

Many congratulations to Archie Hunter (Year 7) for winning the Physics section and Jacob Browning (Year 7) the Chemistry section with papers entitled 'Refrigeration' and 'The Discovery of the Molecular Structure of DNA'. Congratulations also to Daisy Gallimore who came an impressive second in the Physics section with 'The Dewar (Thermos) Flask' and to Max Anand, Amelie Tulodziecki, Katie McKenna, Ben Morris, Lily Gallimore, Sabina Culley and Freddie Longmore, whose essays were all highly commended. All papers are proudly on display available in the Front Hall for general perusal.

YEAR 7 VISIT THE CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY

A record number of enthusiastic Year 7 pupils experienced a sunny few days in Mid-Wales for their trip to the Centre of Alternative Technology. The weather was excellent, the food tastier than ever (thanks to Mr Martin) and everyone was kept busy investigating sustainability, observing Ospreys, scoring at beach cricket and partaking in Indoor Olympics. We experienced some of the bravest, busiest and boldest feats during the trip. New adventures will await next year's Year 7's!



CHEMISTRY LESSON

Always a favourite for the Year 8's is their teaching visit to Hampreston Primary School where they get to work with younger pupils and demonstrate some practical chemistry.

YEAR 8 CREATIVE WRITING

By Ben Evans & Lara Kosinski

Green, orange, purple, brown,
Red, blue and yellow
The colours all around me,
Dark, bright and mellow.

Small birds, insects, all sorts of animals,
Hidden amongst the trees.
Sounds echo through the environment,
As we listen to what we can't see.

A bright green future glistens ahead,
And the grass ostentatiously stares up at us,
And as the sun is shrouded in a bed of clouds,
The shining texture reveals a more dull shade.

A new world, new opportunities, new people,
The distant cry of children and joy,
New things to learn and discover,
So many activities all at once.

Ben Evans

There's a quiet tinkle from the leaves,
A mild sleeping sound,
Perfectly formed amongst the echo of playing children.
There's a whisper from the reeds
A murmur from the lily pads,
Which guides extravagant blooming lilies, strong in the breeze
A blanket of buttercups lie deep on the floor,
But a devil's work stings and crashes its way past,
Upon the silence of the glistening pond,
Shattered by the rage of an aeroplane.

The Assembly Hall is muggy and silent,
With heads down on desks,
Straining for the right answer.
The nerve-wracking atmosphere spreads quickly
Avoiding those who have come to test.
The tension is built up slowly,
Crawling like an insect to pounce on its prey.
A quiet buzzing sound can be heard from a distracting radiator,
And the groans of distress from the panicking children.

A concentrated vibe is spread quickly like honey,
Filled with knowledge and intelligence,
Arising to their turn in order to show off their part.
Hockey sticks were once hit,
Netballs thrown,
Footballs kicked
To put skills to the test.

In a classroom nearby,
A quiet giggle and chatter of girls,
And whispers of boys surround the room
Tired of the stress from the work of teachers.

Lara Kosinski

YEAR 8 Leavers' Course

Each year in June, the Year 8's embark on a month of challenges specifically chosen to ensure their time at Dumpton ends on a high. This is the most educationally varied time of their school careers to date and as they progress through an impressive range of activities, we hope they leave with the very best of memories.

This year our Leavers' Course started off with now traditional fine weather camping at Brenscombe Outdoor Activity Centre in the heart of the Purbecks, where archery, rifle shooting, high ropes and eating marshmallows over camp fires were some of the highlights.



In school we had visits from the British Red Cross and the Royal Academy of Art not forgetting to mention CSI Dumpton, Media Studies and the ever so keenly contested Geocaching competition. Pupils also experienced the thrill of playing the FTSE, making and then eating fancy chocolates alongside a morning of Kenyan culture and a whole day with the French department.

More energetic days out included visits to the Bournemouth Velodrome and the Milton Abbey confidence course where everyone donned camouflage face paint and threw themselves into a very demanding set of challenges. Cornwall was once again a fantastic four days away with surfing, visits to Geevor Tin Mine, Porthcurno Telegraph museum and the Tate St Ives. We also enjoyed the experience of seeing a wonderfully funny play performed at the Minack Theatre, perched on the cliff with the sea as a backdrop. Running throughout the Leavers' Course was the Business Enterprise challenge which once again brought out the very best in our pupils. The course culminated with a Leavers Supper with posh frocks and bow ties, a gourmet three course meal designed and cooked by Steph the Chef and some very heart-warming speeches.



Year 8's month of challenges chosen to ensure their time at Dumpton ends on a high!

SPORT

A REVIEW OF DUMPTON SPORT



Sports Day

An enjoyable day by all. Find out the final results of the house competition - On Page 36

LAPS NATIONAL NETBALL!

The U12 Netball side had an amazingly successful day at Roedean at the National Netball Finals in March - Find out the results on Page 38

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ATHLETICS & SPORTS DAY

Athletics at Dumpton is based around giving all the children in Years 3-5 specific coaching during their games sessions in all the events they will face during sports day and athletics meets. In Year 6 we follow the same process but with the addition of more technical events, but as they move into Year 7-8 children are given the opportunity to specialise, concentrating solely on developing their chosen event in games sessions. All performances are recorded and personal bests kept throughout their time at Dumpton. This year would see us use the information collected to create school records within each age group which certainly added some interest on Sports Day this year. Thea Bickford, Tommy McClafferty, Hannah Fairchild, Adam Phillips, Martha Taylor, Jessica Kelleway, Ollie Hilton, Charlotte Butt and Charlotte Cook all represented the school at the highest level of competition offered at Prep School age by successfully competing at the National Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

Sports Day itself brought about its most public battle of the houses and individuals at the school! With 200+ competitors taking part in at least three events, several records fell across age groups as the day warmed up and children worked their way round their chosen events to reach finals on the track, or finish as high up as possible in the field. **The final results of the house competition were Kent in 4th with 1219 points, Sussex 3rd with 1243 points, Hants 2nd with 1269 points and the winners this year were Dorset with 1336 points** with positions changing dramatically as the 4 x 100 relays ran their course. Well done and thank you to all the staff, parents and pupils involved!



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1ST XI HOCKEY

With the number of 7-a-side games on the increase, the days of 11-a-side hockey in Prep Schools seem to be numbered. There is no doubt that the small sided game can be dominated by just one player and I am sure that we would have had greater success if we had played with eleven players on the big pitch. The success of last year was unlikely to be repeated but the team of 2014 has tried hard and no doubt improved along the way. Some of the passing has been excellent and a number of fine goals were scored. Curtis Ormerod-Taylor performed valiantly in goal and Tommy Jeremiah and Nick Broad were solid in defence with John Ireland and Harry Heffer tireless in midfield; Will Emerson was unlucky to be injured at Bryanston and played very well up front. The team was ably led by Harry Pickard. Promise for the future lies in the emergence of Harry Claremont and Archie Hunter and a clutch of promising Year 7 players who performed well in the second team.

1ST VII HOCKEY

This season started out with an unbeaten record at the Canford tournament. The girls came 5th but managed to hold a few opposing teams to a draw without letting any team beat them. As the squad gelled, the level of hockey being played during matches was impressive with some fantastic linking movements from the whole squad. Success was seen in many matches, well deserved and fought for. In the Bryanston tournament the squad played off against a tough team to narrowly miss out in the final. The squad played some great hockey throughout the day. For the IAPS tournament, the girls played in their respective year groups with the U12's reaching the finals at Queenswood. Facing some tough matches and very strong teams their performance improved as the day wore on. **The 1st team squad was led well by Lydia Harvey throughout the season and the girls who represented the 1st team should be proud of what they achieved. Well done.**



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WELL
DONE
U12
NETBALL



1ST XI FOOTBALL

Once again the 1st XI football team proved itself to be a strong and competitive outfit at both the 11 a-side game and the tournament style 6 a-side. The squad was arguably as strong as any we have had over the last few years, as it had a real blend of talented and skilful ball players as well as those whose commitment and determination made them a valuable asset to the team. The boys had a number of outstanding performances which included resounding victories against local schools and their finishing a very strong 3rd at the Moyles Court Tournament. First team coach, Mr Jeremiah was delighted at their successes and looks forward to continuing to build on this next year.



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IAPS NATIONAL NETBALL RUNNERS-UP!

The U12 Netball side had an amazingly successful day at Roedean at the National Netball Finals in March. Playing against a series of very strong sides, who had all qualified as the best 12 schools in the country, they recorded the following results:

GROUP STAGES

- Winterfold House **Won 5-4**
- Gresham's **Won 12-3**
- Thorn Grove **Won 9-7**
- Westbourne House **Won 10-4**
- Clifton College **Won 7-3**

SEMI-FINAL

- Feltonfleet **Won 8-5**

FINAL

- Millfield **Lost 7-9**

It was an incredibly tense final, when Dumpton were trailing 7-1 at half-time, only to pull back to 7-7 with seconds to go. Having beaten Millfield in the final of the King's Bruton Tournament a week before this was particularly frustrating! Sadly for the girls, it wasn't meant to be, and they had to settle for the wonderful achievement of being national runners-up. A huge thank you to the coaches Mrs Gray and Mrs Rielly, and the parents who supported on the day. And an even bigger well done to the girls: **Hannah Challis, Martha Taylor, Nuala Dyball, Sabina Culley, Daisy Gallimore, Charlotte Butt, Hannah Fairchild and Amelie Tulodziecki.**



With perfect running conditions, there was great atmosphere with lots of support and encouragement!

DUMPTON CROSS COUNTRY

Another cross country season has been and gone with the usual wide range of weather, mixture of courses, hills and just enough mud to keep everyone happy. The favourite races were at St Aldhelm's in the PEDSSA league and the Bryanston relays.

This season saw lots of new runners making their debuts in Dumpton colours alongside the more experienced members of the squad; this bodes well for the future. It is always a pleasure taking the squad to fixtures, as in true Dumpton style they try their absolute best in their own races and then still find enough energy to roar on their team mates. I think special mention this season must go to Joe Webb who has run superbly well and often against boys much older than himself. At the Bryanston relays he came 12th overall running against boys in Year 8! Special mention too, to the Year 7 girls team finishing in 2nd place only two points behind the winners.

The House Cross Country competition, although a little later in the term due to the weather, fell neatly on the same day as Sport Relief. The individual year group competitions were combined with a point system for houses and also a fun run for those wishing to contribute to Sport Relief. With perfect running conditions, there was a great atmosphere with lots of support and encouragement for each other throughout the afternoon. With medals given to all finishers and podium finishers receiving special medals, all entrants were rewarded. Once all the points were counted, fourth place went to Kent with 664 points, third to Sussex with 687 points, second to Hants with 740 points and the winners were Dorset with 774 points. Well done to everyone for taking part!

1ST XV RUGBY

With an intense season of school rugby ahead of them the players had prepared well throughout the term and were ready to play. The success of a school rugby team can be attributed to many factors such as quality of coaching, numbers in year groups, the numbers of players playing outside of school, the ability of key distribution units within the team and the amount of time spent playing together.

At Dumpton we pride ourselves on playing teams at 1st XV level that are not only the strongest we can find locally, but have also played a full term of rugby. Thus, by the time we face them their basics are strong and they are thinking very quickly. It is a testament to the continued success of our 1st XV's and those of the 2nd's and 3rd's that we punch above our weight (metaphorically!) and this season was to be no different. In our first game against Claysmore our defence was strong and organised, but our attack was potent and direct bringing us through winners 34-0. Against Chafyn Grove we put up a terrific fight and had many opportunities to put the game away, but Chafyn's game was very strong and their extended time playing together by comparison showed as they won 15-5.

The team then entered a period of matches that would set the tone for the rest of the season, as we won in atrocious conditions against Walhampton (19-10), West Hill Park (46-0) and Sandroyd (8-7). Against Sandroyd and our next game against Port Regis the boys demonstrated real resilience and determination, winning the Sandroyd game with a penalty conversion in the dying minutes but losing out to Port Regis in exactly the same way! Referees in both games commented on the ability of both teams under pressure and one even said 'it was the best prep school rugby he'd seen!' An end of season win (22-15) against a strong Sherborne team sealed a brilliant season. Special mention should be made of the contributions of the Year 7 contingent within our squad, which bodes well for next season. Also, well done to Tommy Jeremiah and John Ireland who have represented South West Independent school sides and those who have been selected for Wessex trials.



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NATIONAL SWIMMERS

Congratulations to Lydia Harvey (backstroke), Tiger Kelleway (front crawl) and Katie McKenna (backstroke) who qualified for the National Swimming Championships at the K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley in May. This was a very competitive event, drawing a small number of swimmers from a very large number of Prep Schools and we are delighted that our swimmers came away with some impressive results against strong competitors. Well done to Tiger Kelleway who came 4th in the U12 boys 50m Freestyle, (Tiger was 0.07 off coming 3rd), Lydia Harvey who came 5th in the U13 girls 50m Backstroke and Katie McKenna who came 10th in the U12 girls 50m Backstroke.



HOUSE SWIMMING

House Swimming in the Prep School was as competitive as Sports Day with all pupils involved in at least one event from float races to individual medleys, and house cheering reaching ever new levels. Our thanks to Mr Jeremiah for making the event so enjoyable.

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1ST XI CRICKET

The 1st XI enjoyed a successful season, winning 4 of their 7 matches and losing just one, narrowly. Om Ramchandani captained the team and led the bowling attack with an impressive economy rate of just over 3 runs per over. There were plenty of consistent performers with the ball which meant that the opposition rarely posted a big total. The three main contributors were Jacob Browning, who was the leading wicket taker (9 wickets at 12.9), Tom Taylor (8 wickets at 13.9) and Nick Broad (7 wickets at 13.7). Plenty of boys showed good application with the bat, with Will Emerson leading the way, scoring 185 runs during the season, including fifties in victories over Port Regis and Sunninghill. The highest individual score was Charlie Berridge's 79* against Castle Court and Nick Broad was the only other batsman to pass 100 runs (avg 24 runs). Will and Nick also led the way with outfield catches, taking 15 between them, but practically every player took catches and the standard of fielding and catching was consistently high. There were plenty of other strong individual performances and it was great to see so many players adapt to the different match situations they faced.

Well done to all.

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