



# MALTMAN'S GREEN SCHOOL

## Autumn Term Newsletter

December 2018



## Welcome

Our Centenary year comes to an end as the Autumn term closes. I am proud of all the girls who are worthy successors to all those who have been Maltman's girls over the last century. A defining characteristic of a Maltman's girl is her willingness to give things a real go and face challenges with determination and energy. This term, the girls have worked hard and taken a whole host of activities in their stride. They have given us superb harvest concerts, nativity plays and carol concerts. They have raised money for charity, entertained the elderly and played in numerous sports fixtures. They have represented the school at music festivals and taken music and ballet exams.

The Year 6 girls have sat senior school entrance assessments and held their nerve and retained a noteworthy sense of solidarity. I am in awe of the courage shown by our girls and the way in which they compete and strive without losing sight of those around them. Our gymnastics squads deserve a mention as they became IAPS National Champions – a testament to their dogged determination and their excellent teamwork.

The youngest amongst us have settled into life in school and frequently astonish me with their independence and ability to make you forget their age and size. Higher up the school, we have been moving our curriculum towards a more integrated creative curriculum and the collaboration by both teachers and girls has been wonderful. More of that to come I know. I would like to thank the FOMG and all the parents who stepped up to give the girls such a great Christmas Fayre. You were all amazing!

I am, of course, looking forward to a holiday. However, I am also already looking forward to next term and to seeing all the happy, eager faces returning for a new year of excitement, learning and fun.

I wish you all a restful and happy Festive Season.

**Joanna Pardon**  
Headmistress

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## Student Showcase

In this section we highlight an exceptional piece of work by one of the girls.



### Mara 6H

This term's Student Showcase is Mara W in 6H. Together with her year group she made this beautiful flower themed wall hanging in DT. The girls designed and made their own flower designs using felt adorned with decorative embellishments and stitching.

They then learnt how to use the sewing machines in order to hem their wall hanging and once this was done they applied their flowers and foliage onto the fabric, either by hand stitching or by using the machine.

We were particularly impressed with Mara's work which shows excellent use of hand stitching and machine work, and a colourful, intricate design. A beautiful end result.

Well done Mara.



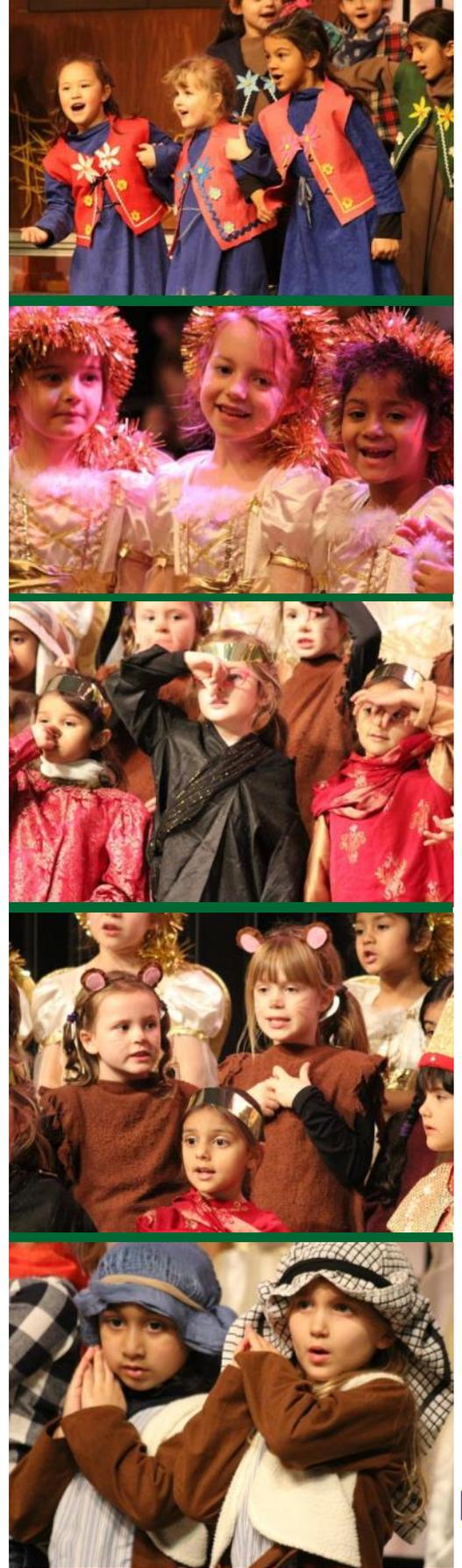
## Nativities



We are so proud of our little performers who treated us to three incredible Nativities - Nursery/Reception (pictured above and below), Year 1 and Year 2. The girls did an amazing job to learn their lines, sang their songs beautifully and made us laugh. What a great way to start the festive season. We also enjoyed the Little Malties performing some wonderful Christmas songs to their mums and dads. If you joined us for one of these events we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



## Year 1 Nativity



## Candlelit Carols

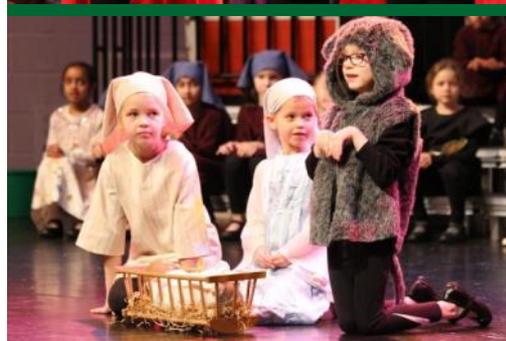


What a special treat we had on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 December with our amazing Candlelit Carol Services. Girls from Years 3-6 performed Christmas carols and songs and delivered some wonderful readings. We also heard from some talented instrumentalists including the Flute Group, Brass Group and the Maltman's Belles. Of course the audience got to have a sing song too!

Thanks to our Music Department for getting the girls ready and to the girls for putting their heart into their performances. Thank you also to our generous audiences who donated an incredible £1877, all of which will go straight to Malaika Kids UK.



## Year 2 Nativity



## The FOMG Christmas Fayre



We had a truly magical Christmas Fayre on Saturday 17 November, all thanks to our incredible FOMG. Mrs Pardon's drawing room was transformed into a festive wonderland and we're extremely lucky that Santa and his elves came to visit all the lucky children. For parents, we had a well-stocked bottle tombola, beautiful trade stalls, charity stalls and delicious food and drink on offer in the café.

Lots of money was raised for a variety of charities but the main beneficiary is the Indonesian Earthquake & Tsunami Appeal - a very worthwhile cause. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the fayre.



## Christmas Fayre



### Competition Winners

Many thanks to all the girls who took part in our Christmas Fayre competitions, and may we offer our congratulations to our winners and runners up.

#### Cake Baking:

**Winners:** Elizabeth S, Louise B, Vera V

**Runners up:** Alice H, Cara F-D, Alessia M

#### Cake Decorating:

**Winners:** Charlotte L-B, Louisa B, Mia Y

**Runners up:** Elizabeth S, Sidrah A, Alessia M

#### Snowflake Decorations:

**Prep Winner:** Amber D

**Pre-Prep Winner:** Elysia W

**Early Years Winner:** Leiya P and Alyssa P

#### *Highly Commended Work:*

**Prep:** Millie P, Evie F, Emma B

**Pre-Prep:** Elsie R, Grace S, Grace M

**Early Years:** Elizabeth S, Pippa M, Ariana D

## A Special Remembrance



On Friday 9 November we had a special Remembrance Assembly, presented by our Bursar, Mr Beer. As some of you may know, Mr Beer spent 32 years serving in the Royal Air Force so for him, remembering and thanking the men and women who have fought and died in combat, be it during the great war, or indeed today, is very important.

Girls in Year 5 have been writing their own Poppy Poems. Here's one by Holly from 5S.

### POPPY POWER

*Oh wonderful poppy as red as can be,  
You remind me of those who fought to make us free.  
Who gave up their life and fought hard to pull through,  
And that poppy is what you do.*

*You're as red as a rose and as delicate as a lily,  
Looking at you now I feel quite silly,  
For I used to think of you as just a flower,  
but now I realise you have so much power.*

*You help people whose loved ones died,  
It makes them realise how hard their loved ones tried,  
To make the world a better place,  
And to keep everyone they love safe.*

## GX Service



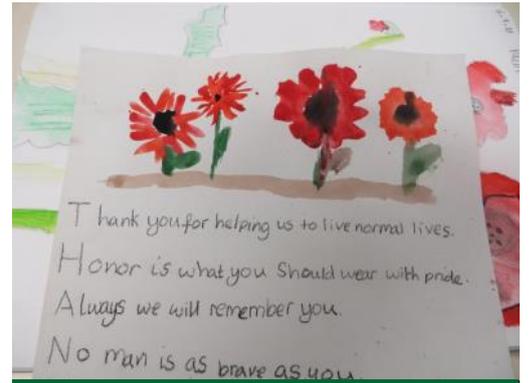
On Sunday 11 November a group of girls accompanied Mrs Pardon, Mr Beer and Mrs Hattam to the Service of Remembrance at Gerrards Cross, where they lay a wreath on behalf of the school for the fallen service men and women of the Great War and all since.



## A Special Remembrance cont.



We wanted to do something special to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI and so decided to take part in the Paint a Poppy Challenge, a partnership with the Royal British Legion and the SAA (Society for All Artists). All girls in the Prep School were given a small square of recycled paper and asked to paint their very own, unique poppy. The poppies were then combined to form three beautiful collages which have been installed in the school's front hall. This installation will stay up for many months to come so do pop in and take a look sometime.



## Harvest Festival



Thank you to our generous parents who donated to our Harvest Festival. We have been collecting for the The London and Slough Run and all these wonderful supplies will go straight to where they are needed most. We know that the charity are ever so grateful for the support of Maltman's Green, so thank you.

Our Early Years girls sang some beautiful Harvest songs to their parents and then the rest of the school had Harvest Assembly with a special visitor from The London Run who told the girls how important the donations are. There was, of course, some fun Harvest singing for everyone to enjoy.



## Friendship Week



From the 12-16 November British schools celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, but we like to be a little different so have thrown a positive light on it and call it FRIENDSHIP WEEK instead, placing an extra special focus on the importance of choosing kindness.

This year our theme was 'Choose Respect' and the PSHE lessons looked at bullying and how respect can change relationships. In each form the girls made something that represents respect for self and for others.

Their artwork, poems and thoughts are displayed on our 'Wall of Respect' in the Purple block. In the above photo 3L girls are making doll paper chains and came up with the following philosophy:

*"As an individual we have to respect ourselves but when we are all together we respect each other".*

## Bushcraft Capers



In early October, the **Year 5** girls headed off for an outdoor adventure to the Bushcraft camp - 3 days of activities, fun and laughter. Split into tribes the girls enjoyed activities such as lighting a fire, outdoor cooking, building shelters, whittling wood, building traps and woodland games. They learned about the importance of water and found out ways to purify it if you're caught short and desperate for hydration. Similarly, there was a focus on emergency first aid and their new-found knowledge was put to the test when they encountered a "wrecked plane" with casualties (Bushcraft leaders) inside. Of course, the girls remembered what they had been taught and their quick thinking saved lives! A great, educational trip all round.



## Woolley Firs



As part of their Science learning on 'Animals Including Humans', the **Year 1** girls visited Woolley Firs Environment Centre for a Sensational Senses experience. After exploring the woodlands to identify a variety of colours, textures and shapes they learnt that lots of animals have a 'super sense'. The fox has amazing hearing and the sparrow hawk fantastic eye-sight. Then, they had fun imagining that they had such senses and in one activity, had to find their way around an assault course as if they were a mole, using just their sense of touch. They also learnt how the badger uses its sense of smell to navigate the world, so made some smelly magic potions in the herb garden.



## The Living Rainforest



During the second half of the term, **Year 6** headed off to The Living Rainforest where they got to see all sorts of tropical creatures. The girls absolutely loved their trip. Here's what Philippa had to say about it:

"In my whole 7 years at Maltman's Green, I enjoyed my visit to the Living Rainforest more than any other school trip. The noise of the Rainforest creatures and the heat of the environment, emphasised to me what being in a real Rainforest might be like. When we arrived, the contrast between the giant, humid greenhouse and the frosty, November Berkshire air was immense. In my head, I can still hear the sound of the Toucan and feel the damp, warm air on my skin.

One of my favourite experiences was viewing the Goeldi's monkeys; I could hardly believe how small and cuddly they were. I wanted to take them out of their glass tank and stroke them, their silvery grey and beige fur looked so soft. I watched them jump and climb the twistiest branches I had ever seen. I also enjoyed meeting Cinnamon; I was one of the lucky few to spot this elegant and beautiful sloth. I had wanted to much to manage to see a sloth in real life so I was overjoyed that I was able to find her amongst the big, emerald green leaves. In the afternoon I met an armadillo for the first time. I also found out that the "armour" part of this creature's name is because of the plates of strong shell that they wear. The armour did look as hard as a rock.

I would love to go back to the Living Rainforest, in fact I'd be happy to return tomorrow! There was so much to see and I enjoyed every minute of my visit. Next time, I'd like to see how the monkeys have grown and also say hello to Cinnamon again (she reminded me of a soft carpet in the air). I would highly recommend the Living Rainforest to children and grown ups."

## St Paul's Cathedral



**Year 2's** termly topic has been Fire! Fire! which has been a focus in many lessons and saw them visit St Paul's Cathedral in November. Starting off with a talk about the cathedral the girls were surprised to learn it has been rebuilt many times and that today's building is the fifth construction! Their learning came to life when they dressed up as significant people from the Great Fire of London including Sir Christopher Wren and Samuel Pepys. Then, they started to climb, first to the Whispering Gallery, then to the Stone Gallery and a final climb to the Golden Gallery. A very long way for little legs, but they were rewarded with fantastic views of London.



## Pumpkin Fun in Nursery



Our **Nursery** girls had an autumnal pumpkin day shortly before the half term. They explored what's inside a pumpkin; developed their gross motor skills and hand to eye coordination by hammering golf tees into pumpkins; painted and washed pumpkins; and also made some pumpkin collages.



## Little Chefs



Our **Little Malties** tried their hand at baking at the beginning of the term. Here they are making cheesy, courgette scones - tasty and healthy!

Needless to say, they went down a treat and was a great way to get them eating their greens!



## Welly Walks

**Little Malties** girls have been enjoying their Autumn Welly Walks this term.

Here you can see them doing some bark rubbings to explore different textures, as well as making nests using sticks and woodland debris.



## Reception Forest School



We are lucky enough to sit on 10 acres of land here at Maltman's Green, which means we have plenty of outdoor space and an amazing forest school complete with bug hotel, bird hide, mud kitchen, fire pit, trees and bushes to hide behind and lots in between. These **Reception** girls are certainly making the most of it. Split into groups, they rotated four different activities: **1:** They used tree stump blocks to lay a short 'stepping-stones' course and then numbered each block in sequence using chalk. This activity helped them learn their numbers and then practice their balance. **2:** In the mud kitchen they worked on their motor skills to dig, scoop and pour. **3:** With Miss Nicholas they made woodland jewellery, threading leaves, conkers, bark and more onto string, again, practicing their motor and coordination skills. **4:** With magnifying glass in hand, the girls set off to investigate the woods, collect interesting things and record their findings.

Of course for the girls, this was just pure fun. Shhh...don't tell them they were actually learning something!



## Bread Bake Off



Alongside their regular learning, our **Year 1** girls enjoyed their special topic of bread making, learning all about the ingredients that get mixed together to make dough, finding out where flour comes from, and writing their own ingredient list and method for bread making. The topic came to a close in true Bake-Off style when the girls made their 'Signature Bake'. With the help of our star baker, Ann, from the Maltman's kitchen, the girls worked in teams to mix the ingredients together before personalising their own piece of dough, shaping it and finishing it with olives, cheese or seeds. When their loaves came out of the oven, they were golden brown and smelt delicious. Needless to say, the girls were very excited to take their bread home...we hope the taste test went down well!



## French Fame



At the beginning of November we recorded a short clip of the start of one of our **Year 4** French classes with Monsieur Baud and popped it up on Facebook. In our own little way, this clip went viral, getting 2100 views, 80 likes, 21 shares and 19 comments. This is record engagement for one of our posts and it's easy to see why. Monsieur Baud's classes are packed full of energy, enthusiasm and passion that has the girls up on their feet, desperate to shout out the right answer and enjoying class participation. The girls win points for correct answers, either individually or as part of their team, but we reckon it's the sheer enjoyment of the class that gets them motivated. Needless to say, Monsieur Baud's classes are incredibly popular and well loved by the girls. *If you have not seen the video, visit our Facebook page, go to the 'posts' section and type 'French' into the search. You should find it from the 1 November.*

## Making Smoothies



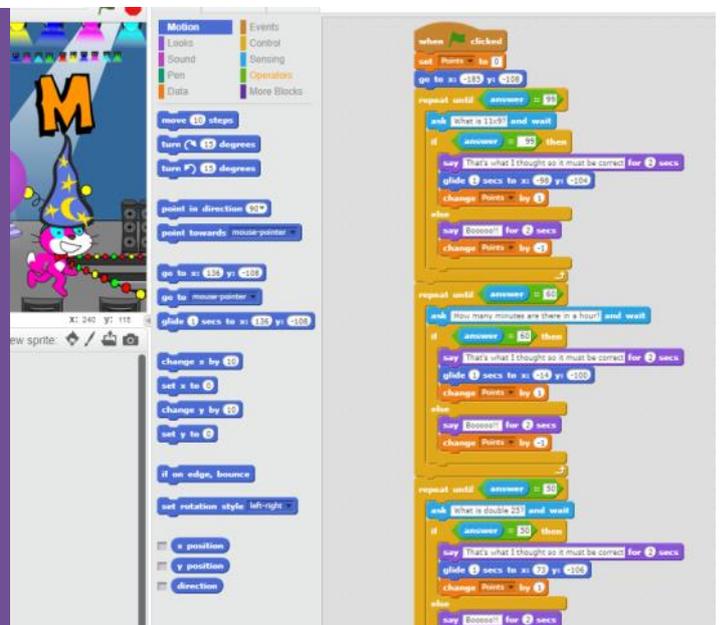
Our **Year 2** girls had fun making smoothies before the half term. Not only did they get to drink them, but they had to chop the fruit, decide on the flavour combination and use the blender - all supervised by our wonderful staff of course. This work was part of their 'Fighting Fit' topic.



## The Art of Animation

In their IT lessons girls in **Year 3** have been learning about animation in the computer programme called Scratch. Coding in a series of instructions they have made their animations move across the screen.

Girls in **Year 4** have taken this to the next level, setting a quiz for the viewer where each correct answer sends their character to the next level. The picture shows the instructions needed for one of these quizzes.



## Year 4 Take On The Water Cycle



This term, **Year 4** have been learning about different states of matter. They have been doing lots of investigations to find out more about solids, liquids and gases as well as processes of change. This topic culminated in a lesson about the water cycle and how the water we drink is actually millions of years old!



4B used this half-term's mind-set, Collaboration, to work together and make their own poster of the Water Cycle. The new vocabulary they have been using is evaporation, condensation, transpiration and collection. Well done, Year 4's you have learnt so many new things this term.



## Thanksgiving

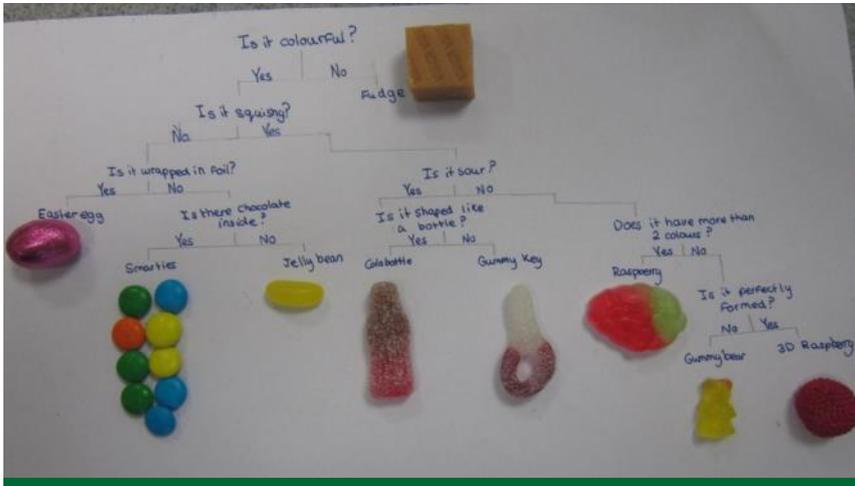


Some of the girls in **Year 3** got a special treat towards the end of November when Stella, in 3L, read her classmates a story about thanksgiving and how this special holiday is celebrated in the USA. She even made all her peers a popcorn turkey!

The whole class then spoke about what they are thankful for, which really allowed the girls to pause and consider how fortunate they all are. What a great time of year to be thankful!



## The Science of Sweeties



What better way to get girls enthusiastic about their learning than to do it with sweets! **Year 6** girls got a treat when they learnt about how to categorise sweets and make a key. They had to work out what questions to ask in order to individually

identify each sweet. "Is it sugar coated?", "Is it opaque?" "Does it have a milky base?" This identification allowed the girls to learn scientific ways of classification, looking at the shape, texture, colour, composition and packaging of a simple pick 'n' mix sweet. They'll never look at sweets in the same way again!



## Combustion



Our **Year 6** girls have been studying irreversible reactions including combustion. In these photos they are learning how a candle burns and gases become unbalanced when a glass jar is placed on top of it.

The girls are now able to list the products of combustion.



## Angel Saxon

Girls in **Year 4** have been introduced to a very special young lady in their History classes....

Meet Angel Saxon, the History Super Hero who has been helping them learn about the Anglo Saxons in a fun and memorable way. They even got to try out being a super hero themselves!



## The Creative Curriculum



Here at Maltman's Green we ensure that the Creative Curriculum is embedded in much of our teaching, allowing our girls to learn through creative and active teaching strategies. Creative curriculum focuses on big ideas, not learning by rote, incorporates interesting projects and individual students' skills and needs.

Here is just one example of how we practice the Creative Curriculum, working across subjects to bring a greater appreciation and understanding to a subject matter.

Before half term, **Year 6** studied a poem called "The Listeners" by Walter de la Mare in their English lessons, discussing the alliteration, onomatopoeia and rhyme. This acted as a stimulus for the girls to then write their own spooky poems.

But we didn't stop there, in their Art classes the girls used the poem as inspiration for their own spooky paintings, focusing on the blending of colours and featuring foreground silhouettes. You may have seen some of these framed around the school already.

But wait, there's more...In their Music lessons the girls then worked in small groups to compose eerie music, involving chromatic notes, minor keys and various sound effects, again with The Listeners poem as a creative stimulus.

All this hard work culminated in a special Halloween assembly, where the girls got to show their artwork and read their poems, all to a backing track of their own spooky music.

It's great to see this one, evocative poem being used to bring three separate subjects together to teach a whole range of skills and understanding.

## Flower Power



In their Science lessons, **Year 5** have been learning about the different parts and functions of a lily flower.

Slowly, they investigated each layer of the flower, gradually removing each section to end up with the separate composite pieces. This was a great way to understand the purpose behind such beautiful and intricate parts and they are now able to identify them and name their function.



## Prep Maths Report



**Written by Alessia M and Holly R**

Over the past term at Maltmans we have been learning so much in Maths. Mrs Janakan, our wonderful maths teacher, has set up lovely tasks and challenges for us. These have included making murder mysteries where we have had to crack codes using the punctuation, carefully measure angles with our protractors and many more fun and interesting things! We also enjoy doing reading comprehensions on all topics ranging from world records to building rockets. We really enjoy Maths and all our maths teachers help us learn that tests are our friends, not our enemies!

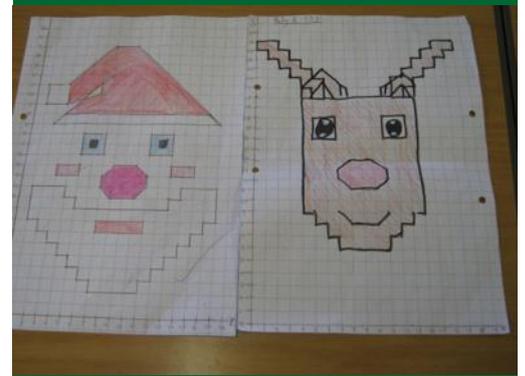
**Year 5** have also made mind maps showing numbers facts on our favourite topics, such as gymnastics and cats. We have had fun homework like plotting coordinates on a grid and joining the points up to make entertaining Christmas things, including reindeers and Santa Claus! We also cheerfully made Christmas Advent boxes and, in our last Maths lesson of this term, the teachers will fill them with some surprises for Christmas. Then we will be able to take the present home and enjoy whatever it is. We can't wait!

In the school year we have been very excited because some of us recently undertook the task of completing the Primary Maths Challenge, which we hope we have done well in.

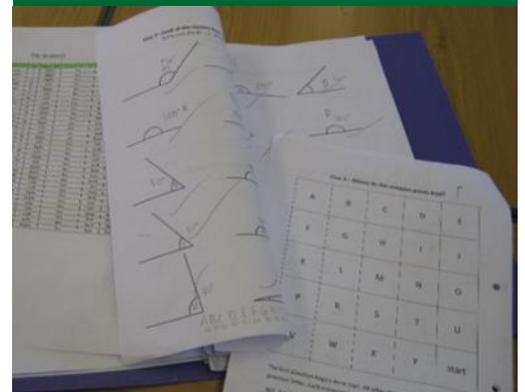
We really love Maths! These are some of Mrs Janakan's favourite quotes: *"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."* - Albert Einstein. *"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you are right."* - Henry Ford



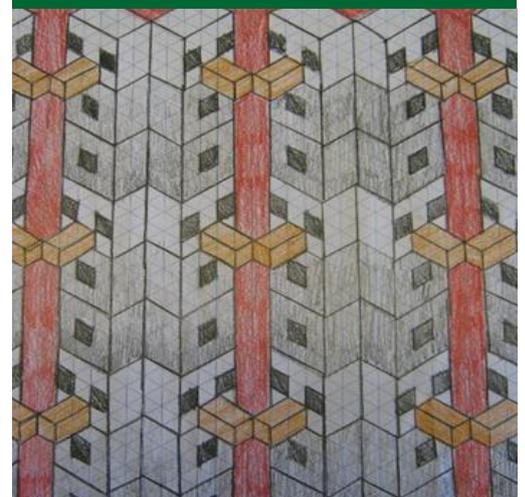
Investigating 3D shapes



Christmas Coordinates



Y5 Maths Murder Mysteries



Y6 Geometry explored through Art

## Primary Maths Challenge

This year the school once again entered **Year 5 and 6** girls into the Primary Maths Challenge, organised by the Mathematical Association. This is a national competition aimed at Year 6 students with about 100,000 pupils taking part. It encourages logical thinking and competent use of Mathematical ideas. All the girls involved should be very proud of their achievements. Well done!

### Bronze Award

Kaylee Boteju  
Noemi-Alexandra Capatina  
Ananya Janakan  
Audrey Kay  
Aneesha Kullar  
Alessia McCormick  
Emilie Millar-Fillion  
Kate Mowlds  
Millie Powers  
Aaniya Prasad  
Holly Ryan  
Camilla Bartlett  
Sara Hayat  
Zahra Shah  
Philippa Coghill  
Eleni Antoniou  
Olivia Cambell  
Anyu Manu  
Darcy Collett  
Amber Dhamrait

### Silver Award

Samara Bartholomew  
Constance Driver  
Jessenia Furlonger  
Sophia Lynch  
Aroush Nasim  
Lauren Peters  
Maddison Peters  
Bella Voss

### Gold Award

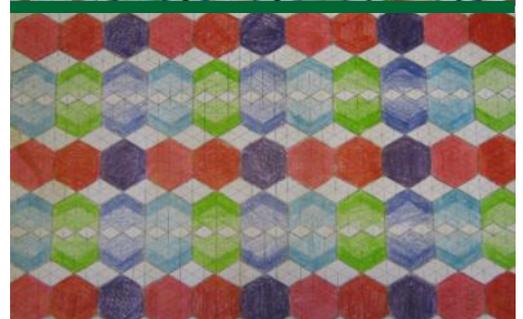
Masha Boguslavskaya  
Hannah Brisbane  
Felicity Canney  
Sasha Fearn  
Rhea Gupta  
Lilianne Jervis-Allan  
Sofia Koval  
Rebecca Lawson  
Charlotte Lentz  
Anoushka Patel  
Ava Walia  
Mara Waller  
Lucy Wilkinson



## Christmas Paper



Year 6 girls learnt about geometry while designing their own Christmas Wrapping Paper. They explored translations, enlargement, rotation, reflection, symmetry and tessellation.



## A Centenary of Sport



At the beginning of the second half of term, the PE department hosted a very special Centenary of Sport week to celebrate our 100th birthday. They developed a series of themed activities to show how various sports have changed over the years both inside and outside of Maltman's Green. Lessons include the following:

**Traditional Games:** the girls got to try out some typical PE activities from Maltman's Green's early days, for instance, hula hooping, hoop and stick (or in our case hoop and tennis racket!), bean bag throwing, skittles and skipping.

**Synchronised Swimming:** girls at Maltman's Green used to have specialist synchronised swimming classes, complete with underwater speakers! During this special week the girls got to enjoy finding out just how tricky this aqua activity is.

**Military Drill:** though not necessarily practiced at MG, the girls got to learn about the discipline and coordination needed for this very traditional activity.

**Dance:** after watching some clips of dances through the ages, such as foxtrot, jive and line dancing, the girls got to try their hand (and feet) at country dancing and made up some routines of their own.

Finally, the girls had the chance to have a good giggle at some photos of sporty Maltman's girls going right back to the 1920s to see how things have changed with equipment, clothing and style.

What a week!

## Tennis News



In Tennis this term there has been a focus on competing and playing as a team with an emphasis on perseverance and determination.

There has been a great improvement in the girls' technique which sets them in good stead for the tennis tournaments in the Spring term.

Across years 2-6 girls took part in mini tennis tournaments where they were split into teams to compete in a variety of games, some singles, some doubles, to win points for their team. In **Year 2** the winning team comprised of Maddie B, Lucy W, Chloe G and Arianna M. In **Year 3** the winners were Georgia E, Olivia K and Emily W. **Year 4** winners were Chloe N, Freya K, Maria A and Amyl A. The **Year 5 and 6** group tennis winners were Lottie R, Holly R, Charlotte L, Maddison P, Aaniya P and Sophie H.

Congratulations to all the girls who competed.



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## Prep House Cross Country



On Monday 3 December Prep girls in **Year 3-6** took part in our inter-house cross country event - the first in a series of house events that give all girls the opportunity to be involved in a competitive environment and as part of a team. The cross country course was set up throughout the school grounds, with the start and finish on the main sports field. Here the girls assembled, where music blaring from speakers had them dancing and cheering with excitement...needless to say, there were a fair few housemistresses and teachers joining in too! For each year group, there was a participation race (the Green Race) and a competition race (the Purple Race). Throughout the entirety of the races the girls cheered each other on and offered loads of encouragement, especially towards the finish line where we saw some great sprint finishes. After a warming cup of hot chocolate it was time for the medal ceremony. Well done to all the girls who took part and congratulations to our winners shown below. The overall house winner was Johnson House, followed by Pankhurst, Aylward and Bronte.

### Y3 Green Race

1st-Christina K  
2nd-Lydia S  
3rd-Sofia H

### Y3 Purple Race

1st-Eleanor H  
2nd-Tallulah J-A  
3rd-Georgia E

### Y4 Green Race

1st-Arianna B G  
2nd-Harriet S  
3rd-Emma C

### Y4 Purple Race

1st-Emily H  
2nd-Grace C  
3rd-Freya M

### Y5 Green Race

1st-Audrey K  
2nd-Anabelle C  
3rd-Penelope H

### Y5 Purple Race

1st-Alessia M  
2nd-Anya N  
3rd-Lottie R

### Y6 Green Race

1st-Felicity C  
2nd-Elodie E  
3rd-Katherine N

### Y6 Purple Race

1st-Lucy W  
2nd-Rebecca L  
3rd-Lilianne J-A

## Netball News



Throughout the Autumn term all girls in **Years 3-6** have been doing netball in their curriculum PE lessons. Girls have been learning the fundamentals of the game, including passing, receiving and footwork skills, and have been developing and applying their knowledge of the rules. Many of our girls also attend extra-curricular Netball in either the development groups, which are open to all girls, or in squads. The girls have worked hard to develop their game play and their training has been put into practice in a number of Year 4-6 matches and tournaments this term. After Christmas we have more fixtures and tournaments coming up, including our Year 5 Inter-House Netball Tournament and the IAPS Regional Netball tournament for the Year 6 squads .

## Y5-6 House Swim

Well done to the girls who took part in the House Swimming Gala on Monday 10 December and congratulations to Pankhurst for being crowned overall winners.



## Christmas Keepsakes



Our Head of Art was kept very busy this half term, firing a cheeky clay Father Christmas for every girl in the Prep School. The kiln was working overtime to get through the two firings each piece needs. Once the item had been fashioned in clay and air dried, it was put through its first firing. Next, the girls applied their glaze before the second firing to set the colour and give the piece that wonderful glossy finish. We're sure these little characters will make an appearance in your home each Christmas for many years to come.



## Pottery Poppies



In the run up to Remembrance Day, **Year 6** girls had fun making these gorgeous clay poppies.

They worked on techniques to fold the clay into petals and make indentations and markings. They then worked on their glazing technique to show the contrasting colours.



## Pastel Polar Bears

Girls in **Year 3** have been experimenting with white oil pastels on black paper to create these gorgeous, Christmassy polar bear pictures.



## A Term of Textiles



Each term there is a different focus in Design Technology. Last term (the Summer Term) you may remember the girls' projects centred around food technology. This term, the topic has been Textiles. All prep girls have learnt different sewing techniques and stitches, and played around with applique and other decoration ideas.

In **Year 6** the girls have been making floral wall hangings and learnt basic skills on the sewing machine; **Year 5** have been busy learning how to make a bag with a handle, fastener and decoration; **Year 4** have made recorder cases with applique decoration and fastener; and **Year 3** have been making stuffed hanging decorations (maybe for the Christmas tree?!) including bells, fruit and hearts.

During these sessions the girls have improved their dexterity, developed hand eye coordination, mastered tricky techniques and worked on their fine motor skills. They have developed independent working and patience and, through product evaluation, have worked on planning skills and confidence in decision making.

## Nunn Hayward Winners

Each year local Accountancy firm, Nunn Hayward, host a Christmas card competition with four local schools. They choose a winner and 2 runners up for each school, with the 4 winning designs becoming their Christmas card for the year. This year's winner from Maltman's is Isabelle T from 4E, with Aariya R (3L) and Holly R (5S) as runners up. The girls were awarded certificates, a Lindt chocolate bear and book vouchers and Isabelle received a canvas of her card.



## Christmas Cards



The girls have been getting very Christmassy in the art room this term. As usual, we had the annual Nunn Hayward Christmas Card competition with some excellent entries, and for FOMG fundraising the girls made beautiful Christmas cards with Christmas robins, foxes, snow men and penguins. Mrs Pardon was so impressed with the quality of the designs that she chose a very special one to be her Christmas card for the year - well done to Alexandra G-W for her sweet little fox.



## Music This Term



The music department has been super busy this term, not least with getting the girls ready for the Nativities and for the incredible Candlelit Carol Services. Here is a flavour of what else has been happening:

**Year 3** had their first go at song-writing. Working in pairs they came up with some lyrics and added a melody before writing it out using musical notation and performing it to the class on xylophones. Meanwhile, girls in **Year 4** worked on their Recorder skills, a termly topic which culminated in a 'private concert' to their form tutors, featuring soloists and whole class pieces. In **Year 5** the girls composed sections of a soundtrack to a silent animation using various instruments including our set of djembe drums. In **Year 6** the girls started the term exploring Gamelan - the traditional music of Indonesia featuring tuned percussion - before moving on to compose original Christmas songs towards the end of term.

## Drama This Term



Like the Music Department, the Drama Department has been very busy this term with the Nativities to stage. We were lucky enough to have three separate nativities for girls from Nursery to Year 2 so everyone's been busy learning lines and getting the girls to respond to their cues. So while the pre-prep girls have been occupied with Christmas shows, girls in **Year 3 and Year 4** have been creating their own action poems on the theme of Autumn. First they had to write them, then they added actions before performing them to their class. The final performances were filmed and the girls had the chance to watch their work back - fun but also eye opening.

## Little Malties Christmas Songs

The day before we broke up for Christmas, our **Little Malties** girls performed some Christmas songs for their mums, dads and other family members. Mrs Penhale had worked hard with the girls to get them to learn the words and actions to songs and after some initial nerves it was clear the girls were enjoying the performance just as much as the audience was.



## Carols in the Community



Towards the end of the term, **Year 6** girls delivered some festive spirit to Rock House, Mulberry Court and the Gold Hill community coffee morning, singing a variety of carols as well as showcasing some pieces from their Carol Service.



The residents and staff always appreciate our girls enthusiasm for singing and they are always keen to invite us to entertain the residents.

## Chalfont St Peter Christmas Night

Several girls from the Senior choir came together to sing some of their Carol Service songs at the annual Christmas Fun Night in Chalfont St Peter on Friday 7th.

It was lovely to see the girls still full of energy and excited to sing after a busy week rehearsing and performing at our own Carol Service only a couple of days previously. They had a fantastic crowd in front of them; hopefully we will make this an annual event!

## Music Exams



Congratulations to the following girls who took their music exams in November:

Beatrice A, Singing, Prep Test  
 Rosie A, Singing, G1  
 Rebecca A, Singing, G1, **Merit**  
 Holly B, Singing, G2, **Merit**  
 Holly B, Piano, Prep Test  
 Corina B, Piano, Prep Test  
 Kaylee B, Singing, G2  
 Felicity C, Trumpet, G3  
 Ava C, Piano, Prep Test  
 Jessica S, Flute, Prep Test  
 Tess E, Trumpet, G3, **Merit**  
 India F, Singing, G3  
 Evelyn G, Piano, Prep Test  
 Ananya J, Singing, G2, **Merit**  
 Maya J, Piano, Prep Test  
 Olivia K, Violin, Prep Test  
 Elizabeth K, Singing, G1  
 Mia K, Violin, G1, **Distinction**  
 Sanjhvi M, Piano, Prep Test  
 Anoushka P, Flute, G2, **Merit**  
 Misha P, Piano, G1, **Merit**  
 Holly R, Piano, Prep Test  
 Isla S, Singing, G1  
 Phoebe S, Violin, G1  
 Vera V, Harp, G3  
 Suzannah V, Piano, Prep Test  
 Ava W, Piano, G1, **Merit**  
 Lucy W, Guitar, G2

## IAPS Gym Champions



Maltman's girls were crowned National Champions at the IAPS Gymnastics Nationals. Scores from the three age groups were combined together, putting our girls at the top of the tables.

Held at Kent College the IAPS finals saw over 300 competitors fighting for the top spots. The U10 and U11 girls were first up with a set floor routine, 2 set vaults and 2 vaults of their choice, followed by a group sequence. In the afternoon the U9 girls showed their skill on the floor with the same events.

The girls did themselves and their coaches proud by performing some wonderful routines and fantastic vaults. As a result they were rewarded with the following incredible haul of medals:

### Under 9s

Team 1st, National Champions  
1st - Annabel K, National Champion  
2nd - Georgia E  
3rd - Layla J  
5th - Tallulah J-A

### Under 10s

Team 4th

### Under 11s

Team 2nd  
1st - Lillianne J-A

Huge congratulations to all the girls.

## Tormead Gym



In early November, our U9, U10 & U11 A, B & C squad girls headed off to Tormead School in Guildford for an Invitational Gymnastics Competition. A total of 36 girls were involved, each performing their voluntary floor routine as well as 2 vaults each.

### MGS Individual Medals

(top 6 in each age group):

U9 - 1st Annabel  
U9 - 3rd Layla  
U9 - 4th Tallulah and Amber  
U10 - 2nd Alessia  
U10 - 5th Natasha  
U11 - 4th Alexandra  
U11 - 5th Mara & Elizabeth

### Team Medals:

U9 - 1st Y3 Development  
U9 - 4th Y4 A Squad  
U9 - 5th Y4 B Squad  
U10 - 2nd Y4 A Squad  
U10 - 3rd Y4 B Squad

Congratulations to all the girls and thank you to the coaches for all their hard work getting the girls ready for the competition.

## Maltman's Belles at Marlow



This year's Senior Handbell team – affectionately known as the **Maltmans' Belles** – should feel very proud of their first public performance at the Marlow Music Festival. They played professionally, receiving lovely feedback from the adjudicator about how well they listen to each other whilst playing which is a key feature of playing as an ensemble. They received a Gold medal and a high Distinction, playing the famous winter classic "The Skaters" as well as "We Wish you a Merry Christmas", both of which were also aired next at the Year 5&6 Carol Service. Well done to Miss Guy for preparing the girls for the event and a big thank you to Mrs Campbell for accompanying the girls and helping with the equipment.

### Adjudicator's Comments

"You all look and perform very professionally - well done! Your ensemble is very good and you are all watching the conductor...you all play together and in time. This was great - well done again!"

## Tech Swimming



One of our swimming coaches, Mrs George, has been teaching our extra-curricular swimmers using these underwater headsets. This means that Mrs George can speak to the girls whilst they are swimming allowing her to correct technique and give coaching whilst they are mid-way through a length. The girls are really enjoying using them and have given feedback about how useful they find it to be able to hear underwater.



## Breakfast Club Creativity

During Breakfast Club, girls of all ages join together to play, create and learn, bridging the gaps between year groups and allowing the younger girls to learn from the older ones. Over a few mornings this term, the girls collaborated to create a beautiful paper castle, decorating it in teams and learning together how to assemble all the pieces and get it standing on its own.



## A Burst of Learning



Early in November, girls drew inspiration from fireworks to create these beautiful designs in their Spanish classes. The exercise allowed them to learn vocabulary, such as the words for all the different colours in the fireworks, as well as verbs such as 'to go up' - 'suben', and 'to come down' - 'bajen'. They also looked into the night sky to see stars - 'estrellas' and were encouraged to write their own words to describe firework displays, for instance, 'fantastico' and 'bueno'.

Rosa = pink	Amarillo = yellow	Morado = purple
Naranja = orange	Dorado = gold	Cobre = copper
Azul = blue	Verde = green	
Plateado = silver		

## Year 5&6 School Newspaper

We are delighted to announce that we have launched a school newspaper to be run by girls in **Years 5 and 6**. Towards the end of November you may have seen a notice go out asking for girls to 'apply' for the various roles, including editor, designer and journalist.

There are 14 roles up for grabs for girls who can demonstrate an interest in the news, collaborate to work as a team, meet deadlines, is good with IT and can commit to some lunchtime and after school sessions. Girls have the Christmas holidays to write their own news report as part of their application, and in the New Year Mrs Conn will collect all the submissions and choose which girls will form the Maltman's Newspaper company.

For more details, please refer back to the School Post from Friday 23 November.

## Chess Club in Action

The new lunchtime Chess Club has got off to a flying start with an enthusiastic bunch of strategists for Mr Baude to train.

Using the interactive whiteboards, Mr Baude has designed a chess board to present openings and various moves to help the girls on their way..



## Playground Friends



Our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Louw, kicked off a brand new initiative this term and launched the Playground Friends. For this, Mrs Louw advertised the job of being a friend and interested girls had to apply for the role - there was even a formal application form! The chosen girls received some training and play a very important part in making our playground a happy and safe place to be.

### The role of a Playground Friend:

1. To help all children learn how to play cooperatively with each other.
2. To help children resolve minor conflicts.
3. Teach children to play a wider range of games.
4. Help lonely children make more friends.
5. Most importantly, be available as a friend to all the other children.

## Modernising Maltman's

It's all systems go here at Maltman's. At the start of the term you will have noticed we are using a new parental email system called School Post which we hope has streamlined communications. Plus, in early 2019 we will be launching a brand new website to see us into our next 100 years. There might also be something else new and exciting on its way so do watch this space!

## Try Something New



This term we have had three taster days: Snacks made from first Beetroot and then Squash (which had a very pumpkin-Halloweeyn theme!) for morning break, and a lunch time Vietnamese themed day. These taster days really help to introduce girls to new, healthy foods, enticing them to eat vegetables they perhaps wouldn't usually choose to try.



## What Was On The Menu?

A sample of our break snacks on offer

- Beetroot Brownie ·
- Beetroot Crisps ·
- Beetroot Houmous ·
- Beetroot Juice ·
- Butternut Squash Smoothie ·
- Warm Butternut Squash Tots ·
- Iced and Spiced Pumpkin Cake ·

### Celebrating our History



As part of our centenary celebrations we have been working on a project to showcase the history of the school and present some of our archived materials for girls and guests to see.

The final frame of the series went up at the start of the term so do keep an eye out for these exhibits when you're next in the front hall and adjoining corridor towards the music wing.

What a great way to mark this momentous year. We hope it will be added to over the years to come.

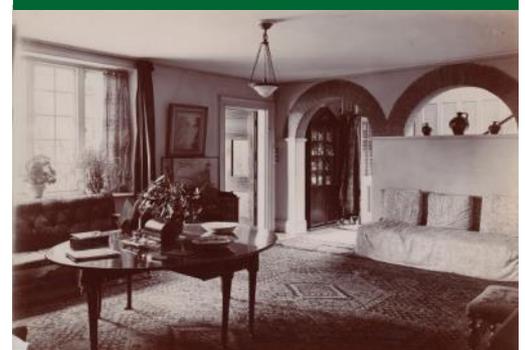
To view an interesting timeline of the history of Maltman's Green visit our website and click the download on the right, under the photos: <https://www.maltmansgreen.com/1880-school-history/>



### A Family Home



Before it became a school, Maltman's Green was a family home. We're not sure exactly when the house was built but our first records show it to be a maltings house in 1676. In 1884 when the Drummond family bought the estate they remodelled and extended the house into the beautiful building you see today.



## New School Charity: Malaika Kids



We're proud to support many charities and our new key charity for the year ahead is Malaika Kids UK in Tanzania.

*"Malaika Kids rescues the most vulnerable children from the streets of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. They may have been orphaned from diseases or left homeless because of poverty or disability."*



At the start of the term, girls from Years 1-6 were lucky enough to have a special visitor - Mrs Sue Osmaston - teacher and active supporter of Malaika Kids UK. Mrs Osmaston began her career as a primary school teacher in the UK and Kenya, before training as an 'English as a Foreign Language' teacher which took her all over the world.

In Tanzania, much of the primary education is in Swahili while secondary education is in English - this leaves many children struggling to catch up. Malaika Kids is always looking for energetic English teachers to help the children with their English and last year, Mrs Osmaston spent 3 months doing just that. Having recently returned from a second trip to see how the orphanage is getting on she was enthusiastic to share her love of this special place with our girls.

Find out more about Malaika Kids: <http://malaika-kids.org/uk/welcome-to-malaika-kids/>

## The 100 Club



Our beautiful 100 Club tree is steadily growing copper leaves. Our generous 100 Club members pledge £100 for 10 years towards our Bursary Fund - giving girls who wouldn't ordinarily be able to attend Maltman's the chance of benefiting from our education.

**JOIN THE 100 CLUB  
AND GET YOUR VERY OWN  
COPPER LEAF**

email us for an application form:  
[MGS100@maltmansgreen.com](mailto:MGS100@maltmansgreen.com)



## Charitable Giving

### Children in Need



On Friday 16 November it was mufti day in aid of Children in Need and all girls came to school dressed in yellow to celebrate and recognise the work of the charity. All participating girls donated just £1 towards the charity and we managed to raise an incredible £544



Children in Need is the BBC's UK corporate charity making a real difference to the lives of children all across the UK.

### Baking & Making



At the FOMG Christmas Fayre a number of our girls sold their wares to raise money for their chosen charity. The pictured girls made dozens of beautiful soaps (perfect Christmas gifts) which they sold for the main fayre charity - the Indonesian Earthquake & Tsunami Appeal, while another enthusiastic group (*pictured on page 3*) baked and sold cakes and cookies for Muscular Dystrophy UK. There were also beautifully decorated plant pots for sale and a Fairtrade stall selling lots of great gifts. Well done to all their girls for their hard work, effort and enthusiasm.

## A Children in Need Poem

Written by Noemi-Alexandra, Rhea, Sophie, Aroush and Charlotte

One day a year, we join together  
And dress in yellow spots,  
We pledge our dosh, to help our friends  
Who may not have a lot.

Help, help children in need,  
Help us all to do a good deed.

Pudsey and his girlfriend Blush  
They make us all so kind,

We give our money and our time  
For this we never mind.

Help, help children in need,  
Help us all to do a good deed.

Help the children, don't let them down,  
This is a special day for cheer.

Don't leave them all with a frown,  
Let them have a happier year.

## A Trip to Speaker's House



Back in November, India from Year 5 accompanied her mum and dad to Speaker's House for the rebranding of 'RP Fighting Blindness' to 'Retina UK', a charity dedicated solely to working with people affected by inherited retinal conditions.

Speaker's House is the office of the Speaker and is used a great deal for entertaining. India was lucky enough to have a tour of the State rooms and the Speaker's study. This was a very special visit as the rooms are usually being used by the Speaker.



## Charity Swim

Back in November, Sidrah from Year 2 swam 1 mile at Wycombe Swim Club, raising over £1000 for Children In Need. Assisted by her coach, she managed to swim her mile in 30 minutes.



## Star in the Making



On Sunday 11 November, Genevieve from Year 5 performed in a special show at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre called Making Memories as part of the centenary celebrations for the end of the Great War. The show was in support of Help the Heroes and featured songs and dances from different genres. Additionally, following on from her pantomime success last year, this Christmas Genevieve returns to the Wycombe Swan for 18 shows of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Break a leg Genevieve.



## Future Photographer



Tess, aged 8, is in Year 4 and one early morning she looked out of her bedroom window to spy a Grey Heron who had stopped for a rest right at the top of a cypress tree. Wasting no time, she grabbed her camera and got this beautiful shot of the heron in silhouette. She submitted her photo to the British Wildlife Photography Competition and to Tess's delight, her photo was 'Highly Commended' in the Under 12 group and chosen to be featured in this stunning book - the perfect Christmas gift! Her photo can be found in the Young People's Award section sponsored by the RSPB Wildlife Explorers. We've definitely got a wildlife photographer in the making here.



## Got a Story?



If you have something to share about what your daughter has been doing outside of school then we'd love to hear from you.

Your story could be shared on social media (while abiding by our *Taking, Storing and Using Images of Pupils Policy*) and featured in our next newsletter.

Please send your story and an image or two, if possible, to:  
[marketing@maltmansgreen.com](mailto:marketing@maltmansgreen.com)



## Ms Clifford Sleeps Out



On Saturday 24 November Ms Clifford and her daughter, Charlie, slept out as part of The London & Slough Run's fundraising initiative. Approximately 80 people took part in the fundraiser which was held in the grounds of a school in Slough. Together they managed to raise over £27,000. This money will go towards helping the homeless in London and Slough this winter by giving them food and shelter as well as helping them to find permanent jobs and homes.

A big well-done goes to Ms Clifford and huge thanks to those of you who supported her.

## Baby News



We are delighted to share with you the good news that two healthy babies were born this term. Dorothy *Wren Sturla* (above, daughter of Mrs Sturla) arrived on Friday 16 November, and *Alexander Francis MacLeod Kelly* (bellow, son of Mrs Kelly) arrived on Monday 5 November. Many congratulations!



## Born to Run

Our wonderful Registrar, Mrs Day, completed the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 14 October, despite the miserable weather, and achieved a new personal best of 1:52:05.

*"I would like to thank all the parents and staff who very kindly donated towards my run on behalf of Malaika Kids UK. Thanks to your generosity I raised £507 for this worthwhile cause."*

Thank you



### Autumn in the Garden



This term the gardening clubs have been busy digging up old plants from the flower beds and planting new bedding plants to make the gardens look tidier and more colourful in these drab winter months. Now, the girls are helping to plan a herb garden and have been researching herbs to decide which plants we should grow. Keen to use fresh herbs in their cooking, the kitchen staff are quite taken by the idea, and look forward to receiving the first crop from the girls.

On a more artistic note, the gardening clubs put their creativity to the test decorating plant pots to sell at the Christmas Fayre. They did a great job and managed to raise £105.20 for the Indonesian Earthquake & Tsunami Appeal. Well done, girls!



### The Eco-Council



Here are our new Eco-Council reps for the year ahead.

Our Eco-Council comprises girls elected by their peers who meet every half term with staff, parents and governors to form ideas and initiatives for eco progression. Our eco-councillors help inspire and motivate the rest of the girls and have specific duties such as our annual 'Clean for the Queen' litter picking campaign and running a stall at the Christmas Fair.

This term they presented an assembly to the prep school to tell them about a new initiative to save energy around the school. **SWITCH OFF ALWAYS** was inspired by the National Switch of Fortnight. The girls created a PowerPoint to inform their peers and made posters to put up around the school.



## Eco School News

### Waste



Across the school there is a focus on waste and recycling with different bins in each classroom for separating rubbish.

This starts even in Little Malties where during carpet time, the girls are introduced to our recycling system. Staff draw the girls' attention to the different bins, each with their own label, explaining what is to be put in each. They are also encouraged to ask questions and tell us anything they already know about recycling.

Year 4 had a whole terms topic on waste and recycling. They carried out a landfill experiment, discussed how to recycle items and even learnt the process for recycling aluminium. They have learnt about the dangers of chemical waste in household cleaners and in the use of pesticides.

In Art, Mrs Hattam works tirelessly encouraging the girls to use art materials carefully and the girls' Paint a Poppy project used scraps of paper. These pieces of artwork can be seen hanging in the entrance hall of the school.

### Stamps



We are collecting stamps to help Canine Partners. Please help us by bringing in as many stamps as you can to support this amazing charity. Simply cut your used stamps out of their envelopes, leaving 1cm around each stamp, put them all in an old envelope and write your house name and number of stamps on the envelope, then just pop your envelope into the dedicated box found in the Old Library.

Please bring them in by the end of January. Thank you from all the Eco Council



Merry Christmas From the Eco-Council

# Library News

By Mrs Keil



## Library Life

These suggestions come with my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to hearing all about your favourite reads at the beginning of the new term.

*With love from Mrs Keil*

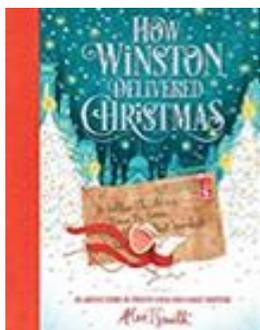
## Pre-Prep Books



*Grab that Rabbit!* by Polly Faber is a feel-good story with long lasting appeal. The hero is Hodge, an enterprising white rabbit "with one black splodge", who gets stuck in the hedge of Mrs Sprat's vegetable garden while a hungry buzzard looms overhead. A beautiful tale about kindness and forgiveness, packed with adventure and peril. Grab that Rabbit! is Peter Rabbit for the 21st century.



*Snow in the Garden: A First Book of Christmas* by Shirley Hughes - Kate Greenaway-winning author - is a classic collection of festive poems, stories and activities. This beautiful Christmas anthology contains winter adventures, seasonal poems, festive recipes and easy-to-make craft activities as well as Shirley Hughes' trademark warm and classic illustrations.

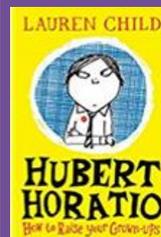


*How Winston Delivered Christmas* by Alex T. Smith is a delightful book written in 24½ chapters interspersed with 24 Christmassy activities, from making party invitations to building a snow globe to creating a guide to random acts of kindness. On Christmas Eve, Oliver, an 8yr-old boy, posts his letter to Father Christmas but somehow it misses the post-box slot and gets lost in the snow. A mouse called Winston finds Oliver's letter and, being unusually intelligent, Winston sees that it is addressed to Father Christmas. Bravely, Winston decides to take the letter to the North Pole.

## More For Pre-Prep



*First Prize for the Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy is the final book in the successful series of books started in 1974, but at Miss Cackle's Academy, remarkably little has changed. Our shambolic heroine Mildred Hubble has finally reached the Fourth Form, and is still the best friend of Maud, and the "implacable enemy" of the priggish Ethel Hallow, who never misses a chance to torment her.



*Hubert Horatio: How to raise your grown-ups* by Lauren Child, our current Children's Laureate and multi-award-winning, best-selling writer and artist, creator of characters such as Clarice Bean, Ruby Redfort, Charlie and Lola and Hubert Horatio. Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent is back in this hilarious and gloriously illustrated book for ages six and up. The Bobton-Trent seniors certainly know how to make the most of their extravagant wealth – socialising, doing things, buying things and generally being more than a little bit ... irresponsible... Luckily for them, their son Hubert Horatio is an exceptionally intelligent, talented and sensible child...

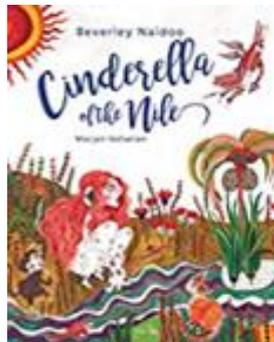
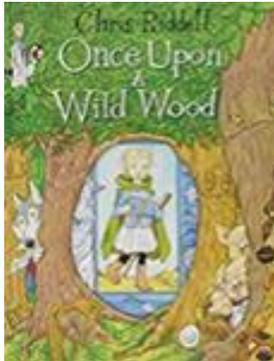
# Library News

By Mrs Keil



## For Prep Girls

### FAIRYTALES WITH A TWIST



*Once Upon a Wild Wood* by Chris Riddell. The story weaves in some famous fairy-tale characters - Goldilocks, Beauty and the Beast, Little Red Riding Hood – but Green is Riddell's own invention. We meet her marching through a wood, holding a stick and carrying a backpack. As she stumbles upon fairyland's gallery of villains, she outwits them all.

*Cinderella of the Nile* by Beverley Naidoo, nominated for the 2019 Kate Greenaway Medal. A rosy-cheeked girl called Rhodopis is abducted by bandits from her home in Greece and enslaved in Egypt. Although she finds friends, she remains unhappy, until one day the gift of a pair of beautiful slippers leads her to the King of Egypt. This earliest-known version of Cinderella is brought to life for the modern-day reader. Along the way she becomes friends with the storyteller Aesop and a host of playful animals. Her master gives her a pair of beautiful rose-red slippers, making three other servants jealous. But when Horus, the falcon, sweeps in to steal her slipper, Rhodopis has little idea that this act will lead her to the King of Egypt.

*Kat Wolfe Investigates* by Lauren St John. Lauren St John's books are full of fresh air and adventure. Her smash hit Laura Marlin series follows a young detective's rampages around Cornwall with a husky. The Snow Angel is the story of a girl in Nairobi, who dreams of climbing Mount Kenya, both of which I have recommended in previous newsletters

*Kat Wolfe Investigates*, the first in a new mystery series, delivers all the cliff-hangers that St John's fans expect. The heroine is 12-year-old Kat, who lives in London with her mother. She is delighted when her mother takes a job at Bluebell Bay in Dorset. However, when Kat sets up a pet-sitting agency, and her first client vanishes from his clifftop mansion leaving behind a half-packed suitcase, she stumbles on more excitement than she envisaged.

*The Last Chance Hotel* by Nicki Thornton. The hero is Seth, a kitchen boy at the sinister Last Chance Hotel ("outside the hotel the whole world was nothing but never-ending trees"), run by the penny-pinching Bunn family. After a death at a magicians' dinner party, Seth is accused "of murdering the most important sorcerer in the land", and in a well-executed plot must set about applying logic to magic in order to clear his name. If you like Fantasy Fiction then this mystery is for you.



### DETECTIVE MYSTERIES

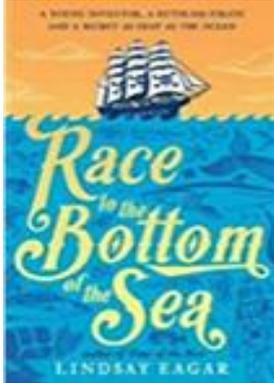
# Library News

By Mrs Keil



## For Prep Girls

### ADVENTURE



*Race to the Bottom of the Sea* by Lindsay Eagar. The heroine is Fidelia, an 11-year-old who has grown up on a fictitious island, exploring the "underwater fairyland" with her marine scientist parents. Fidelia loves the ocean - "the olive green of the algae", "the soft pink of the stingrays". She is kidnapped by Merrick the Monstrous, a notorious pirate who wants to exploit her maritime expertise to lead him to a horde of treasure on the ocean floor.

### HISTORICAL FICTION



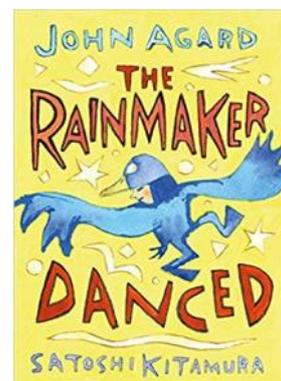
*Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll. Emma Carroll is the Hilary Mantel of children's fiction. Her elegant, informative historical novels scoop up awards and feature strongly in our library. The story begins in 1922, and is narrated by Lil, who lives with her parents in a London attic and feels misplaced at the girls' school she attends on a scholarship. But adventure comes thick and fast, and by the end of the first chapter Lil has found a mysterious package on her

*Snowglobe* by Amy Wilson. When daydreamer Clementine discovers a mysterious house standing in the middle of town that was never there before, she is pulled towards it by the powerful sense of a mother she never knew. The place is full of snowglobes, swirling with stars and snow and each containing a trapped magician, watched over by Gan, the bitter keeper of the house. One of these is Dylan, a boy who teases her in the real world but who is now desperate for her help. So Clem ventures into the snowglobes, rescuing Dylan and discovering her own powerful connection to the magic of these thousand worlds. Vowing to release the magicians from the control of their enchantments, Clem unknowingly unleashes a struggle for power that will not only put her family, but the future of magic itself in danger.



### FANTASY FICTION

*The Rainmaker* by John Agard. A wonderful children's poetry collection, from a celebrated, award-winning poet. From nature and science to identity, prepare to be transported on a journey through past and present. This collection from John Agard, winner of the Queens Medal and the Eleanor Farjeon Award, explores the wonders of the world - inviting you to ponder life's questions with lots of fun along the way.



### POETRY



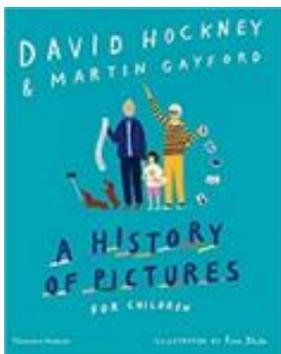
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By Mrs Keil

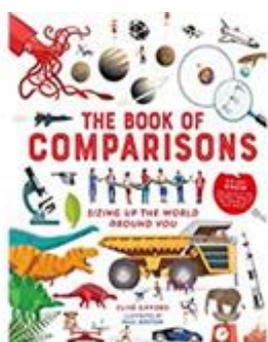


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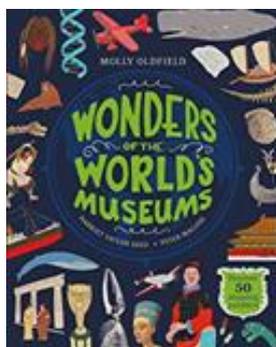
### NON FICTION



*A History of Pictures for Children by David Hockney and Martin Gayford* takes readers on a journey through art history, from early art drawn on cave walls to photos taken on phones. A History of Pictures is told through conversations between the artist David Hockney and the author Martin Gayford, who talk about art with inspiring simplicity and clarity. Rose Blake's illustrations illuminate the narratives of both authors to bring the history of art alive for a young audience. "When we look at pictures, we all bring our own point of view," Hockney writes. "That's one of the great things about art".



*The Book of Comparisons by Clive Gifford*. Did you know that the blood of an adult human travels 11,800 miles a day, which is roughly the distance from London to New Zealand? Clive Gifford's absorbing Book of Comparisons, is a mine of astonishing facts. "Comparisons can get really wild and weird and wonderful. It's time to look at the world in a whole new way!" This 90-page compendium has a whole host of jaw-dropping statistics such as, the leafcutter ant can lift up to 50 times its body weight, which is equivalent to a man lifting a rhinoceros and a large car!



*Wonders of the World's Museums by Molly Oldfield*. Some of the exhibits may be familiar: the blue whale skeleton in London's Natural History Museum; Anne Frank's diary, but others are more offbeat. There is an entry for Galileo's middle finger, which is exhibited in the Galileo Museum in Florence, and for a colossal squid, Museum of New Zealand. Through stunning photography and glorious illustration, these wonders and many more will bring history, science and culture to life for readers aged 10+, as well as the whole family!

## Award Winners

The Blue Peter Book Awards have been celebrating children's literature since 2000. The 2018 winners were **The Wizards of Once** by Cressida Cowell and **Real-Life Mysteries** by Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker. **Where the World Ends** by Geraldine McCaughrean is the winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2018 and **Town is by the Sea** (Joanna Schwartz), illustrated by Sydney Smith, is the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal winner for 2018.

Waterstones Younger Fiction winner is **Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow** by Jessica Townsend. In the 2018 Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards, the Overall Winner was **100 Dogs** by Michael Whaite. Fiction for 7+ **The Nothing to See Here Hotel** by Steven Butler.

UKLA 2018: The 3-6 category was won by **Colin and Lea, Carrot and Pea** by Morag Hood. In the 7-11 Category there were Joint Winners: **Welcome to Nowhere** by Elizabeth Laird and **Lesser Spotted Animals** by Martin Brown.



## Malty's Favourites



Awarded to girls from Years 1 to 6 for outstanding pieces of work.

### Year 2

#### Cara (2C)

For an amazing lifesize snowman.

#### Victoria (2E)

For a magnificent lifelike Santa.

#### Maddie (2F)

For your amazing Czech diary.

### Year 3

#### Emily (3C)

For your amazing information about your Summer holiday.

#### Aariya (3L)

For your amazing holiday diary.

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#### Olivia (3K)

For your wonderful Summer Fun diary.

#### Sophia (3T)

For your wonderful model of a Stone Age home.

### Year 5

#### Sasha (5C)

For your lovely poems and wonderful Rivers work.

### Year 6

#### Orissa (6S)

For your amazing letters to Mrs Clifford during the holidays.

## Milly's Awards

Well done to the following girls from Nursery and Reception for receiving a Milly's Award for their work and attitude in school:

### Nursery

**Isabelle:** For coping so well with becoming a big sister.

**Lara:** For always listening and following instructions.

### RB

**Audrey:** For big improvements in your reading and writing.

**Anaaya:** For organising your cubby-hole independently.

### RG

**Anushka:** For having confidence in making new friends.

**Gursimar:** For always trying your best and being positive.



## House Captains

Many thanks to the following Year 6 girls for being excellent House Captains and Vice Captains this past term:

### Aylward

**Captain: Katerina VA**  
**Vice: Eleni A**

### Bronte

**Captain: Ava W**  
**Vice: Rosie A**

### Johnson

**Captain: Camilla B**  
**Vice: Millie M**

### Pankhurst

**Captain: Rebecca A**  
**Vice: Elizabeth K**





# Season's Greetings

From everyone at Maltman's Green  
We hope you have an enjoyable, restful holiday.



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# Christmas Trees 2018



Following the enormous success achieved last year, the school is supporting the Christmas Trees for Schools Scheme run in conjunction with Rowan Garden Centre, Chalfont St Giles. If you buy a real Christmas tree, we urge you to get it from Rowan.

## How it works

When you buy your Christmas tree from Rowan, simply tell them at the till your child is at the school and in January **Rowan will donate vouchers to the school worth 10% of the retail sales of the trees.** Simple. Vouchers will then be used for fund raising and purchasing plants, seeds and tools for the school.

## When you can buy

Trees will be **available for sale from Saturday 1st December.** There will be hundreds! If you don't know Rowan, you can also buy decorations, lights, gifts, garlands, wreaths and of course a vast range of indoor and outdoor plants. Muddy Boots Café is open every day except Mondays. Rowan will deliver your tree if you can't get it home\*

**If you are planning to buy a real Christmas tree this year, please support this scheme and help raise funds for the school.**

## Choose your tree at:

Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4AB (just past the Chiltern Open Air Museum).

## About Rowan Garden Centre

Rowan is an independent garden centre owned and operated by locals Alison and Chris. They have been selling premium Christmas trees for over 30 years.

[www.rowangardencentre.co.uk](http://www.rowangardencentre.co.uk)



**Rowan**  
Garden  
Centre

Your independent garden centre in the beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm

01494 872335  

\* (£5 local delivery charge, Ts and Cs apply)