



MALTMAN'S GREEN SCHOOL



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Welcome

The world is a different place now to what it was at the beginning of the term but rather than focus on the dreaded ‘c’ word I want to take this opportunity to focus on the wonderful, amazing things that your girls have been doing over the term. Where the Autumn term can be a nervous time for the girls, as they try to settle into new teachers, new classes and new routines, the Spring term is instead one of new-found confidence and purpose. We have so enjoyed watching the girls learn, explore and achieve.

It has been a nerve-racking time for the Year 6 this term, as their 11+ and common entrance exam results have been released. They have had to make the big decision of choosing their next school, but we hope that they are now looking forward to the future with a sense of eager anticipation. They have shown courage, resilience and confidence and we are all very proud of these young ladies. We have also delighted in watching them take on the responsibility of being Year 3 mentors, something that they have done with great enthusiasm. This is a new project and is proving to be immensely successful, with both the Year 6 and the Year 3 girls benefiting hugely.

Prior to having to cancel events and fixtures, we enjoyed some fantastic sports events, both inside and outside of the School, and were lucky enough to be treated to a fantastic winter display from the Year 3-6 Gym and Y1-2 Pom Dance girls. In addition, the girls have been entertained by some very exciting visitors, including Feathers and Fur, Portals to the

Past, Image Theatre and more, we even had a visit from Lucy Hawking, daughter of the late Professor Stephen Hawking, who came to talk about her amazing book “Unlocking the Universe”. This term we also had something for parents, with a how-to evening about Accelerated Reader and a fascinating workshop on dealing with childhood anxiety. We hope that you found these useful. Perhaps a highlight of the term was Book Week, a time to celebrate and foster a love of reading and of course, to dress up as a favourite character from a book! We know how much the girls enjoy this, and we were amazed to see such creative costumes on display – you certainly have been busy!

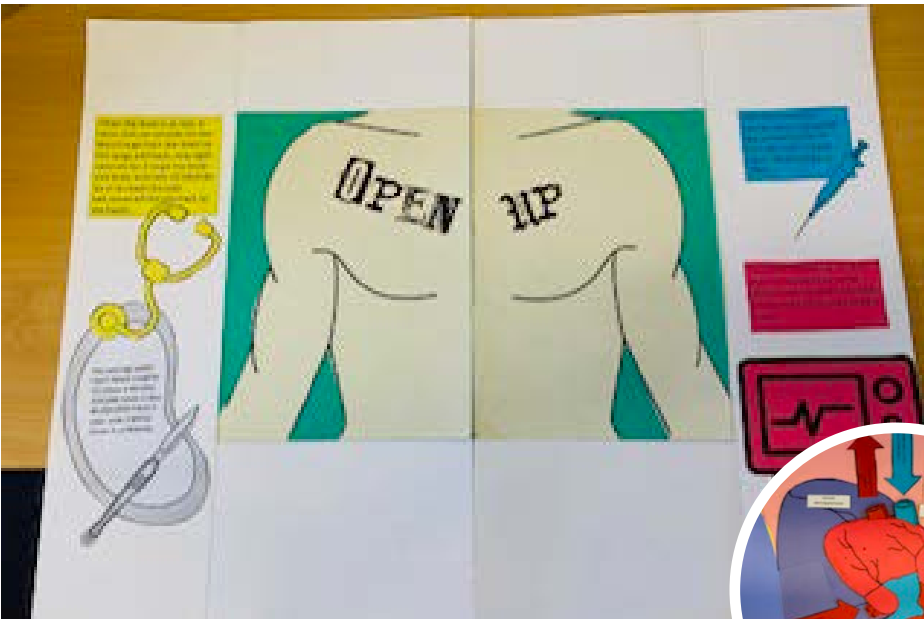
This term also saw the release of our school videos. We hope you have managed to watch them. If not, just click [here](#). I would like to commend the girls for their impeccable behaviour during the filming. They were patient, courteous, amiable and always polite – a credit to the School.

Before I leave you to peruse the following pages, I would like to extend my thanks to you all for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. We have been navigating uncharted waters and couldn't have done it without your unfailing support.

I hope that you and your families stay safe and healthy.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Joanna Pardon
Headmistress



Hediyeh's Incredible Heart

This wonderful piece of work by **Hediyeh** in Year 6 shows the workings of the human heart. This project was created as part of the girls' Science topic 'The Human Body and Organs'.

Not only does Hediyeh's piece show her incredible knowledge and anatomical understanding, but also displays her creativity and artistic talents. Her work invites you to “open up”, look inside and discover the

inner workings of the most amazing muscle in the human body.

Hediyeh was awarded a Headmistress' commendation for her excellent work. Well done Hediyeh!

Go to [page 13](#) to read more about this project and see some examples of the other girls' work.



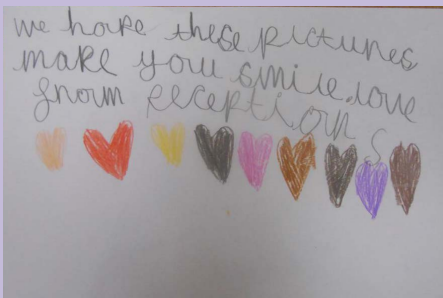
Charlotte's Eco Bag Design

Charlotte in Year 5 was awarded a Headmistress' Commendation at the beginning of term, for her beautiful bag that she made in CDT. Charlotte's eco design and quality of her sewing skills are what made her work really stand out. She worked extremely hard and completely independently, only asking for advice when absolutely necessary. Well done!

Reaching Out

As the situation with COVID-19 worsened, and we heard reports of lonely members of our society in care homes, girls across the school made and wrote cards to send to local residents to hopefully brighten their day and put a smile on their faces.

Maybe it's something you can encourage your daughter to do over the Easter Holidays? Why not ring your local care home and find out the name of someone the card can be personally addressed to? We're sure the girls would enjoy creating Easter themed cards.



Book Week

This year World Book Day was on Thursday 5 March, but here at Maltman's Green we celebrated Book Week – a whole week of fun activities to inspire our girls with a love of reading. This year, the theme was Fairy Tales. One of the highlights is the shared reading – girls spend time with those in other year groups, sharing their favourite books and reading to one another. Reading aloud and exploring stories with others is a great way to improve children's reading and comprehension, and we love how this can help form bonds between girls across the year groups.

Throughout the school there were book-themed activities taking place in classrooms, including in the Year 3 classrooms where the girls enjoyed creating their own alternative fairy tale by exploring story structure, learning how to introduce and develop characters and story-line, and how to bring a story to a close. The girls not only starred in their own fairy tale re-enactment, but also created film posters and brought in props. Also, in Pre-Prep French the girls learnt the story of Boucles d'Or – Goldilocks – learning that while Papa Ours, Maman Ours and Bébé Ours went for a walk in

the forest, Boucles d'Or tried porridge from le grand bol, le bol moyen et le petit bol. And in Drama, each year group was given a Revolting Rhyme by Roald Dahl to perform 'in the round'. The girls worked really hard to express the different characters and made sure they incorporated movement and actions. Meanwhile in the library, girls took part in a 'Where's Wally' hunt, a 'guess the number of books in the library' competition, a fairy tale treasure hunt and more.

Finally, Thursday came round and the girls came to school dressed as a character from their favourite book (the fairy tale theme was optional). The costumes were amazing and it was wonderful to see the effort that the girls (and parents!) had gone to, with some fabulous homemade costumes on display. But let's not forget the teachers, many of whom worked as a team to form all characters from Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Snow White and Cinderella.

It was a hugely fun week, which we hope has got the girls more excited about reading, more adventurous with their choice of books and more confident reading aloud.



The Pre-Loved Book Sale

Thanks goes to our wonderful parents' association, the Friends of Maltman's Green, for organising the pre-loved book sale of second hand books donated from our school community. The girls have really enjoyed exploring new stories and getting their hands on some fantastic books for just £1 or

£2. A big thank you also goes to Ella (Year 3) and Kiran (Year 1) who helped set up and arrange all the books, and a special mention to Mrs Singla who organised the successful event. The FOMG raised an incredible £560 and wished to thank everyone who supported them.



Accelerated Reader

We are delighted to have launched Accelerated Reader for girls in **Years 2 to 6**. Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer programme that uses computer-adaptive technology to recommend a personalised range of books for each pupil based on their reading ability. Girls have the freedom to choose books from within this entire range, which they read at their own pace. When finished, they take a short quiz on the computer as a measure of comprehension. AR gives children, teachers and librarians feedback,

which the teacher uses to help set goals and encourage ongoing reading practice to develop a true love of reading.

At the beginning of February we hosted an Accelerated Reader information evening for parents, offering guidance, tips and advice for getting the most out of this programme. These photos show girls enjoying their book quizzes, a great way to demonstrate comprehension and engagement.

Book Tasting

Earlier in the term some of our **Year 5 and 6** girls enjoyed a book tasting where they rotated tables to explore a range of different genres.

Multiple courses were on offer including graphic novels, poetry, non-fiction and picture books. The girls had lots of fun filling in their 'menus', highlighting what attracted them to the book and offering comments about the cover. Sadly, no food arrived (which was rather disappointing for some of the girls) but they enjoyed an absolute feast for the mind instead!





Hampton Court

To support their topic of The Tudors this term, girls in **Year 5** visited Hampton Court Palace. They explored the kitchens, Great Hall, Council Chamber, Chapel and even the tennis court. The girls also took part in a workshop where they explored what young Henry Tudor was like and how he changed from a young man who was relaxed and fun and enjoyed sport and

hunting, to a paranoid, obsessed tyrant. It was exciting to see the girls exploring the amazing Palace as well as imagining what it would have been like to have been there when Henry VIII was alive. It certainly brought The Tudor era to life.



King Tut

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the Tutankhamun exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in support of their History learning. The girls took part in an art workshop where they created some colourful Egyptian hieroglyphs before having the opportunity to tour the exhibits. The day really brought this ancient civilisation to life and it was great for the girls to see so many incredible, ancient artefacts up close. The girls were impeccably well behaved and the teachers were approached more than once by members of the public who praised their behaviour.



Poetry Festival

At the end of January we took ten girls to perform in the Royal Masonic School Poetry Festival with four other schools. The girls recited poems with the theme of The Environment and were well prepared, vocally strong and added their own personalities and passion to each poem. The girls did a fantastic job and got some excellent feedback.

Roman Day

Just before half term, girls in **Year 3** enjoyed a special, immersive history day dressed as Ancient Romans. The girls had been studying the Romans in their History lessons over the term, and their Roman Day was the icing on the cake. We were delighted to welcome Dan from Portals to the Past who gave the girls a very enjoyable Roman experience. After a very interactive fact-filled morning, the girls had fun trying on Roman helmets, shoes and shields, and handled pots and coins. They also got to try their hand at some typical Roman games including Delta – a Roman numeral, maths-based game, and Segedunum – a simple and fun game. They also took part in a Roman quiz. The girls had such a good time working as a year group, and Dan and their teachers were very impressed with their teamwork and friendship



Play in a Day

In early February the girls in **Year 5** experienced a delightful day working with Aesop's Theatre Company. To start, they were treated to a 75-minute, two-hander performance of Henry VIII, followed by a day of performing activities. The girls had fun being different characters before working in small groups to produce their own, short play. After lunch, it was time

to sit back and watch each group's performance. The girls really stepped up to the mark, giving some excellent performances and coming up with some hilarious stories based on Henry VIII. The acting skills were superb, their focus and participation an absolute joy and their behaviour impeccable for our visitors. A wonderful day was had by all!



The Reluctant Dragon

Girls from **Nursery to Year 2** were treated to a theatrical performance by the Image Theatre Company back at the start of February. This year the story was called 'The Reluctant Dragon' and it centred around the tale of King George and the dragon. The girls helped to tell the story by

singing along to songs and a few lucky girls were chosen to help the actors on stage. They did a wonderful job delivering their lines and acting out their parts in costume. All in all, an exciting morning was had by everyone!



Feathers & Fur

Girls in **Year 1** have been enjoying their 'What a Hoot!' topic this term, so to complement their learning they had a very exciting visit from the Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre. They got to meet Bailey the Barn Owl, Ash the Tawny Owl, Charlie the Indian Eagle Owl and Pip the Little Owl. As well as learning lots of amazing facts, the girls had the opportunity to see owl eggs, owl skulls and even owl pellets! The best part of the visit was holding Pip the Little Owl who loved posing for the photos!

Little Malties Round-up

This year the Little Malties class have been learning about 'People Who Help Us' and about 'Stories'. They were lucky enough to have two local police officers visit to talk to about their role in the community. The girls were very excited to see a real police car and try on their jackets and hats. The home corner has become a veterinary centre where the girls have been taking care of their cuddly toy animals. They developed fine motor skills, wrapping the animals in bandages and covering them in plasters. When they moved onto the next topic, 'Stories', the girls became very familiar with Elmer, the patchwork elephant, Dear Zoo and Each Peach Pear Plum, to name a few. The girls have been introduced to the Jolly Phonics programme and have a 'sound of the week' to focus on. The girls have enjoyed learning the songs that come with each sound and have had a go at recreating the letters in paint, gloop and sand using different tools and techniques.

In P.E. the girls have been developing their balance and coordination, navigating their way over balance beams, soft blocks and in and out of hoops. The focus this half term has been on ball skills and teamwork in relay races, which will help them work towards the Early Years sports day in the summer term. Meanwhile, in Music the girls have explored sound, using instruments, attempting to match a beat set by Mrs Penhale and experimenting with loud and quiet sounds. They have also been learning a variety of songs relating to the seasons and festivals that we have celebrated so far this year. In their Art work Mrs Hattam has helped the girls create their own multi-media Miss Polly from the rhyme Miss Polly had a Dolly.

The girls have also had opportunities to team up with Nursery and Reception in pancake races, during Sport Relief, and the St. Patrick's Day WOW event.



Nursery Round-up

It's been a busy Spring term! The girls have continued to develop their phonic knowledge and skills through a variety of fun activities. The girls were delighted when it snowed briefly one Thursday morning so got dressed in nice warm clothes for an adventure into the woods!

This term the girls have celebrated and learnt about Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day. They have also enjoyed Safer Internet Week, Book Week and Sports Relief - the latter two giving the girls opportunity to dress up, which they always enjoy. Throughout Book Week, the Nursery welcomed groups of older girls to read stories and share their love of books with the younger girls.

The girls started swimming after half term and the staff have been amazed by how sensible they all are. They

have showed fantastic effort and perseverance getting changed into their swimsuits themselves and then back into their uniforms, even when tired after swimming. They've even demonstrated empathy by helping their friends.

We have been fortunate enough to have a variety of specialist Doctors come and speak to the girls about senses and the girls have enjoyed carrying out various experiments, including using salt and sugared water to activate the different taste buds on their tongues, and experiencing the different feelings on their feet by wearing shoes and no shoes outside! They have also compared eye colours and made an eye chart, noting that we have many girls with brown eyes, four with blue eyes and only one with green eyes!

Year 1 Round-up



What a busy and exciting Spring Term Year 1 have had! Right back at the start of term the girls enjoyed a 'flying' visit from Feathers and Fur for their 'What a Hoot' topic. The girls were incredibly well-behaved with our visitor and her feathered friends and were exceptionally gentle and quiet when given the opportunity to hold one of the owls. To introduce their second topic, 'Turrets and Tiaras', the girls enjoyed a visit from the Image Theatre Company who performed The Reluctant Dragon to the Pre-Prep. This gave the girls some fantastic ideas when designing and drawing their own dragons in class. But you cannot have a dragon without a castle and so the girls put their creativity to the test, making their own

castles out of recycled materials. One of them even had an indoor swimming pool - a very modern castle! Out in the woods the girls have had fun building dens for dragons out of the natural materials, and have been competing for star baker making mud pies to feed the dragons.

As part of their next topic, 'Sights of the City', the girls went on a virtual bus tour of London. They had to use pretend money to pay for their tickets and wave their Union Jack flags out of the pretend bus windows as they travelled all over the city (with the help of the digital whiteboard)!

Towards the end of term, girls enjoyed Book Week and they were barely recognisable on World Book Day when they came into school dressed characters from their favourite books. During the term, the girls performed in their class assemblies, and did so with confidence and courage, managing to remember all their lines perfectly.



Year 2 Round-up

The trees are blossoming and Spring has arrived to mark the end of another terrific term in Year 2. The girls have been lucky enough to watch the season change during their Woodland School sessions with Mrs Campbell, creating some wonderful outdoor learning opportunities. Most recently, the stories of Beatrix Potter were brought to life as the girls made their own Peter Rabbit out of clay and life size weaving was inspired by 'The Tailor of Gloucester'. Another inspiring topic this term was 'Independent Investigators'. During these lessons the girls were introduced to some inspiring people, learning about those who were brave enough to change the world around them. The teachers were amazed by the posters that the girls created and

were impressed that some girls even chose to present their work to their peers. A great example of confidence and independence - two of our Maltman's Mindsets.

There have been many more magical moments this term, including Book Week when characters from a plethora of stories walked through our doors. We have also had class assemblies, which have showcased how far each and every girl has personally progressed. All of the teachers have been incredibly proud to see the girls courageously stand up and perform to the whole of Pre-Prep and to lots of mummies and daddies. We hope you enjoyed them.



Reception Round-up

At the beginning of the Spring Term the Reception girls studied the topic 'When I grow up'. They learnt about the life-cycles of a human, butterfly and frog, and were particularly interested in tadpoles!

Also this term, the girls discussed their dream jobs. There were lots of Ballerinas, Explorers, Doctors, Teachers and Gymnasts. The girls were lucky enough to be visited by some of our parents who spoke to them about their occupations, giving them an insight into the many different jobs out in the big, wide world, including Lawyers, Dentists, Vets, Pilots and Bankers.

After the half term break, the girls enjoyed a new topic - 'Food Glorious Food'. For this topic the girls have investigated fruits and vegetables, and discussed healthy eating. They have made fruit faces inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and followed the journey of a banana from tree to the supermarket shelf. Along the way the girls celebrated St David's Day, Holi and Mother's Day, and ended the term by learning about The Easter Story and creating Easter crafts to take home.



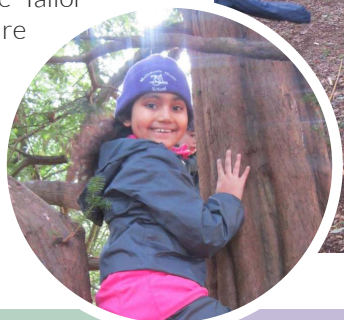
Woodland School Round-up

Girls in the Pre-Prep had a very exciting term in Woodland School and even though the weather was a bit chilly, the girls tackled lots of games and challenges outside. For the Nursery girls, an activity was set up as part of their 'Senses' topic for them to experience different textures after being read the story of 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'. The girls also used the different vocabulary in the story to describe the trays that had been laid out with various resources, starting with the 'swishy swashy grass' and the 'squelchy, oozy mud'. In Reception girls have been reading the story of the Gruffalo and have had a great time doing role-play with masks and putting on puppet shows for their friends. They also enjoyed making some delicious mud pies and mud soup specially for the hungry Gruffalo, as well as building him a den! The girls also enjoyed bug hunting and were delighted to find lots of worms out and about after the rain. Did you know that the castings left behind make perfect fertiliser for your gardens?

In Year 1, the girls built giant stick men out of natural resources, and made

winter bird feeders so the birds would have access to food during the cold weather. To tie in with their topic of 'Turrets and Tiaras' they also enjoyed making dens from natural materials for the castle's resident dragon! This really allowed the girls imaginations to grow and it was magical to hear some of the fantastical conversations that they had with one another.

Girls in Year 2 built some very impressive woodland dens for the animals in the woods, including hedgehog and foxes. They did a fantastic job choosing appropriate natural materials for their dens and perfectly demonstrated the Maltman's Mindset of collaboration by working extremely well together. For their topic 'National Treasures' the girls have studying Beatrix Potter and so enjoyed pretending to be 'Tailor Mouse' while doing nature weaving and 'Squirrel Nutkin' when burying acorns in the digging pit. We're already looking forward to what the Summer term will bring.



Independent Investigators

Girls in **Year 2** enjoyed their topic of independent investigators earlier in the term by becoming brilliant boat builders. Working in small teams the girls designed, built and tested their boats - all crafted from recycled materials that had been assembled together. Amazingly, all of the boats floated. But then came the sneaky part - teachers tested

the boats even further to see how much weight they could hold. Using small counting cubes they began loading them up and all boats fared very well. Two of the boats even managed to hold over 250 cubes! Some very impressive engineering skills in action. Maybe we have some future boat builders in our midsts!

Que or Gue?

During their supported spelling lessons, **Year 4** have been looking at the 'que' and 'gue' word endings, such as rogue, league, antique and cheque. Having first discovered that que and gue words have their origins in Latin/Greek followed by French, the girls then played the 'beret game' - if they heard a word with a 'g' sound, they had to pop the green beret on and salute the class; if the word had a 'k' sound at the end, they would don the royal red beret and give the royal wave!

This fun, multi-sensory activity helped the girls remember these tricky word endings and led to a lot of laughter, especially as the green beret was far too large!



WOW! It's St. Patrick's Day!

Our **Early Years** girls enjoyed a special St Patrick's themed WOW day. The girls arrived in their rainbow outfits and teachers were waving Irish flags and wearing shamrock headaddresses. Due to our social distancing measures the activities were classroom based rather than with the whole of Early Years. Girls took part in some Irish dancing, created colourful rainbows with their pots of gold, made paper-

chains, coloured shamrocks, decorated Leprechaun pictures, printed with corks to create shamrock patterns and so much more.

Thanks to parents for donating their loose change for the girls to make coin rainbows. All the coins were collected up afterwards and will be donated to our charity for the year - [Edirisa UK](https://www.edirisa.co.uk).



Unlocking the Universe

This term we hosted a very special event with Lucy Hawking, daughter of the late visionary physicist Stephen Hawking, for **Year 5 and 6** girls and visiting pupils from Thorpe House School, St Mary's School and Gayhurst School. Lucy did a brilliant job engaging the pupils and seamlessly covered a great breadth of science - including what would happen if you fell into a black hole, her work with the European

Space Agency and what it is like to float in zero gravity. Much of the Science she covered in the talk can be found in 'Unlocking the Universe', the last book she worked on with her father. The pupils of the schools who attended, as well as our Year 5 and 6, left Lucy's talk with a passion for science and space, inspired to use their imaginations to further scientific discovery.



How Clean are Your Teeth?

The **Year 4** girls have been learning about looking after their teeth and were given a task to create a poster or booklet about dental hygiene targeted to Nursery children which they then presented to our Nursery girls. They did a great job playing 'teacher' and the Nursery girls were very impressed by their lovely posters. What a great way for the Science Lab to contribute to Book Week!



Exploring Ancient Egypt

This term the girls in **Year 4** have been learning about Ancient Egypt. One of the most recognisable images of this great civilisation is arguably the pyramid. The girls learnt how and why these ancient tombs were made, and even had a go at making their own mini paper pyramids to cement their new-found knowledge.

Some of the girls even made their own mummies and sarcophagi to go into their pyramid. Then they moved on to the gory topic of mummification - a way to preserve the body for the afterlife. After finding out how a body was mummified and what happened to their organs (particularly the brain), the girls used dolls to talk through the



process with a partner, wrapping the dolls with bandages as if they were real mummies!

The culmination of their learning was their wonderful trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery - read more on [page 6](#).

Pre-Prep French Round-up

Girls in EYFS and Pre-Prep have continued to demonstrate excellent participation, impressive memory work and fantastic collaborative skills in their French lessons.

Year 2 have been learning the names of different modes of transport and have practised describing how they come to school. They all agreed that 'Je vais à pied' and 'Je vais en vélo' were best for the environment!

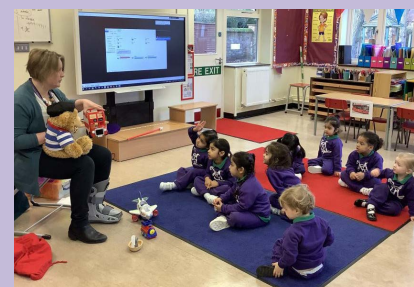
In **Year 1** the girls have enjoyed naming parts of the face with the help of Monsieur Patate and singing along to 'Tête, épaules, genoux, pieds'.

Reception girls are becoming experts in colours and the numbers 1-10 and have also enjoyed meeting some of

CamemBear's friends: 'le canard, le chien, la souris and le poisson.'

In **Nursery** the girls have been enthusiastically joining in as they have been introduced to some greeting words/phrases, colours and numbers.

The confidence and contribution of our youngest linguists has been amazing to watch in **Little Malties**. These girls listen carefully, are not afraid to experiment with the language and are keen to join in with songs and rhymes. 'Monsieur Pouce' continues to be a firm favourite and they loved singing along and joining in with the actions for 'The Transport Song'. Another highlight was a game of hide and seek with the animals, 'Où est le lapin?'



Rain-Forest Mathematics

Girls in **Year 6** have been following our 'creative curriculum' to magically combine Geography, Maths and Design and Technology. Their study of rain-forests in Geography has been the inspiration behind a maths project where the girls have been learning about engineering. Each pupil chose an animal or plant from the rain-forest to study. They found angles and curves in a picture of their chosen subject, then created Parabolic Curves to add dimension to that image. This is the foundation for Curve Stitching (also known as String Art) which was first

introduced by Mary Boole, a self-taught mathematician and wife of George Boole (the father of Boolean Algebra). This technique is found in engineering projects around the world and linked wonderfully to their Design and Technology learning. Once the girls outlined their image, they then began the detailed art of stringing together their picture in a series of straight lines to create a curve. The results are truly spectacular and have created a wonderful display in the Purple Block.



Investigating the Human Heart

This term **Year 6** have been learning about 'The Human Body and Organs' with a focus on the heart. The girls learnt about the heart's structure and function, the chambers, valves and circulation of blood.

For a homework project the girls were asked to make a model that shows the four chambers of the heart, the blood vessels that lead to and from the heart, and the valves. The effort and skill applied was truly amazing. They showed exceptional attention to detail and a huge amount of creativity. Just take a look at some of their work.



Blue Peter Badges

Girls in **form 5H** watched and wrote a review of a Blue Peter programme which included ideas for future programmes. For their efforts they were each awarded with a Blue Peter badge. They are now busy working towards their Blue Peter Green badge which involves writing or making something with an environmental theme.



P.E Round-up

In P.E. this term, girls throughout the school have been busy learning new skills and developing their knowledge.

Little Malties have continued with their one-to-one swimming lessons, and in their games lessons they have started to use balls, hoops and beanbags to do individual activities. The girls have also been learning how to work collaboratively as a team. In Nursery P.E., the girls have been focusing on different ball skills such as throwing, kicking and hitting, as well as developing their agility, balance and co-ordination. Nursery have also started their weekly swimming lessons, which has been very exciting.

From **Reception to Year 2**, the girls have taken part in a variety of sports. In gymnastics they have developed their floor skills and done some lovely balance routines both on and off apparatus, and in dance they have been very creative working to different types of music. In games, girls have been learning how to hoola hoop and skip as well as develop their ball skills and teamwork. And in swimming they have not only been developing their swimming, but have been working on different water skills

too, like collecting sinkers from the bottom of the pool and jumping in.

Meanwhile, girls in the **Prep School** have continued to develop their skills in netball, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse and swimming, while in multi-sports, football has been introduced and been very well received by the girls. They have really enjoyed learning how to dribble, pass and shoot and applying these new skills in game situations.

Year 5 Inter-House Netball returned for its third year, with girls demonstrating excellent teamwork skills. The effort and commitment girls made was impressive and at the end of the morning, Aylward were crowned the winners.

Unfortunately, we took a bit of a hit due to Coronavirus COVID-19 and not only were multiple sports fixtures cancelled, but we also had to cancel the House Games events for Years 2 and 3, the Year 4 Splash Gala and the Year 6 Inter-Form Gymnastics competition.

We did, however, manage to enjoy [Pancake Races \(page 23\)](#) in February and [Sport Relief \(page 24\)](#) in March.



Eco Update

The Eco Council has met twice this term to discuss lots of ways that the School can continue to promote sustainability and make sure that we are being as sustainable as possible. They are very enthusiastic and have come up with a huge number of ideas such as litter picking, stickers on windows to prevent birds flying into the glass, reducing the amount of paper we are using, thoughts on how to make our grounds more colourful, and how to promote habitats for insects and other animals. They are all very excited

about their idea to have a Green Day at Maltman's - they propose that all girls come wearing something green in their hair in exchange for a donation to an environmental charity. It would be a day to encourage all girls to think creatively about how to encourage sustainability at home and at school, and what small part we can all play to benefit the environment. They have also been preparing an assembly about how we can protect marine life as well as remember to admire and appreciate this amazing ecosystem.



The Eco Club

The Eco Club has been busy looking at the diversity of life in our school grounds, particularly focusing on fungi and lichen. After surveying the site and photographing what they found, they spent some time researching and making posters and quizzes for the School's sustainability noticeboard to showcase what they had discovered.



Bronze Medal Travel Award

We are delighted to have been awarded Bronze in the Department for Transport's STARS award for sustainable travel to and from school.

If you travel to school by car, why not lift share with another local family, or maybe try walking, scooting or cycling all or part of the way?

Each year we take part in Walk to School week, encouraging parents to bring their girls either all or part of the way on foot, plus in the past year we have launched our School Bus in the mornings from Beaconsfield with the hope of reducing the amount of cars travelling to school. In addition, the Eco Council girls have launched their Switch Off Engines campaign with posters in the Parents' car park encouraging everyone to switch off their engines.

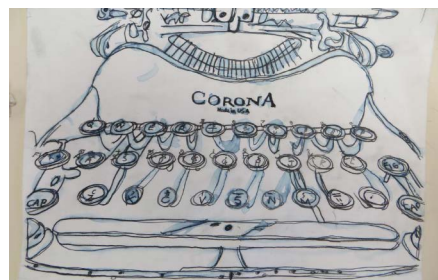




Art Round-up

The girls have been very busy during the Spring term producing lots of amazing artwork to adorn your homes. All year groups have been practicing their oil pastel techniques and they have produced some outstanding illustrations of Puffins, Peacocks and Daffodils. To make the exercise more challenging they have been using black paper rather than white!

Throughout the term, the girls have been drawing a variety of different objects, practising their mark making techniques and studying a range of exciting artists. To encourage the girls to celebrate their mistakes **Year 5** were not allowed to use pencils or rubbers, but drew a vintage American Typewriter with a water based ink pen. Once complete the girls added a touch of water to their finished observation and watched the ink spread. If you have an old typewriter hidden away somewhere why not get it out and show the girls how it works, they would love to have a go!



In **Year 6** the girls have drawn dramatic illustrations in response to their English work where they have been studying the book 'Skellig' by David Almond. Skellig is an elusive character and it is hard to know who or what he really is. The girls have used descriptions and information from the text to put together their visual ideas of what Skellig might actually look like. Following their History trip to see the Tutankhamun exhibition **Year 4** have been reinventing themselves as Egyptian Queens and Pharaohs. Using collage techniques with multiple layers, they have created their very own colourful wall art, which includes designing their own regal clothes and jewellery. And in **Year 3**, girls have been recycling cardboard, plastic lids and road sign fluorescent off-cuts to make the most amazing Roman shields. Using lots of recycled materials and a bit of red paint, they have created some superb works of Art as part of their cross-curricular History work.



CDT Round-up

This term there has been a focus on product design and development. Across the Prep School girls have been designing a product to a particular brief before getting hands-on to make their item. So far, they are half-way through. In **Year 3**, girls have been learning about packaging - its function, what goes on the outside and branding in the form of logos. They have been tasked with designing their own logo for an imaginary stationery company, which sells animal shaped erasers.

Year 4 girls have designed their own night-light in the shape of a house and have been busy working out dimensions, cutting the foam board accurately, making apertures for the windows and decorating the exterior using rendering techniques. They have

also learnt how to make a circuit so that their night-lights will work. Meanwhile, in **Year 5** they have been designing their own vehicle that they will race on the playground next term. For this project, they have made the circuit and used a glue gun to assemble the parts they have cut out. They will then make the chassis and axles and fit a pulley.

Lastly, in **Year 6** girls have been busy making fairground rides (either a carousel or a Ferris wheel). There are many component parts to make as well as the decoration and circuit. A lot of maths was used to work out the angles as accuracy is very important or the product might not work.

Take a look at the girls' incredible creations.



Prep Music Round-up

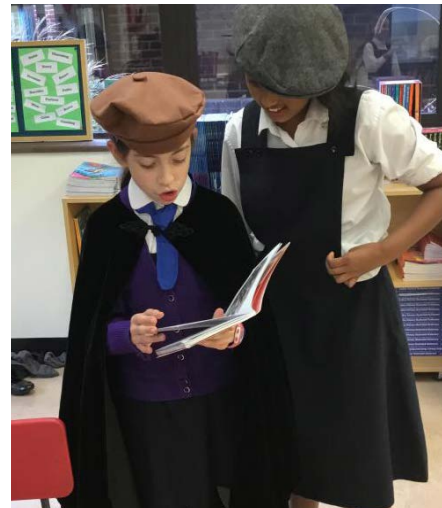
It's been a busy term in the Prep Music Room. Girls waved Miss Guy off for maternity leave and welcomed our new acting head of Music, Mrs Harper, who has been settling into life at Maltman's.

In **Years 3, 5 and 6** the girls have been working on their recorder skills, developing their ability to read music notation. The **Year 3s** have really enjoyed using the Charanga website as a resource to assist in their recorder learning and the **Year 5 and 6s** have all made steady progress through the Recorder Magic Book series.

In **Year 4** the girls have explored the concepts of scales, intervals, pitch and ostinato, and worked in pairs using the xylophones to apply these concepts to create their own musical compositions. Together they came up with some

outstanding work and really enjoyed performing their compositions to their peers. Creativity has definitely been in full flow!

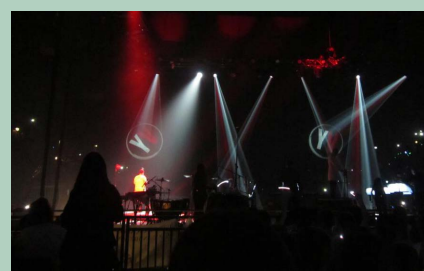
In their humanities lessons the girls in **Year 6** have been learning about rainforests and so, as part of the creative curriculum, this topic was brought into the music room where they girls have enjoyed learning the 'Rainforest Song' by J.P. Taylor. Each class was then given the task of creating their own lyrics for a new verse of the Rainforest Song. The girls' lyrics were very inspiring and all about preserving and protecting the rainforests. Hopefully their words can encourage us all to take responsibility for the environment and the rainforests!



Young Voices

On Friday 7 February, a number of choir girls in **Year 5 and 6** participated in the Young Voices concert at the Wembley Arena. This concert was part of a series of annual concerts across the UK arranged by the Young Voices Foundation to promote music education and inspire a love of singing and collaboration in schools. It was a very long day, with a three hour rehearsal followed by the concert itself, but the girls demonstrated remarkable stamina and enthusiasm. The excitement was palpable as they entered the Wembley Arena and took to their

seats where the combined choir held over 4000 children! The girls sang their hearts out and had the opportunity to perform alongside guest artists such as Ruti, winner of the Voice 2018, The Shires and Tony Hadley. Some highlights from the concert included singing through song favourites like the spooky 'Frightfest', the iconic 'Queen' medley and the 'Pop' medley, as well as being treated to some thrilling performances by the Urban Strides dance group. It was most certainly a musical evening to remember!

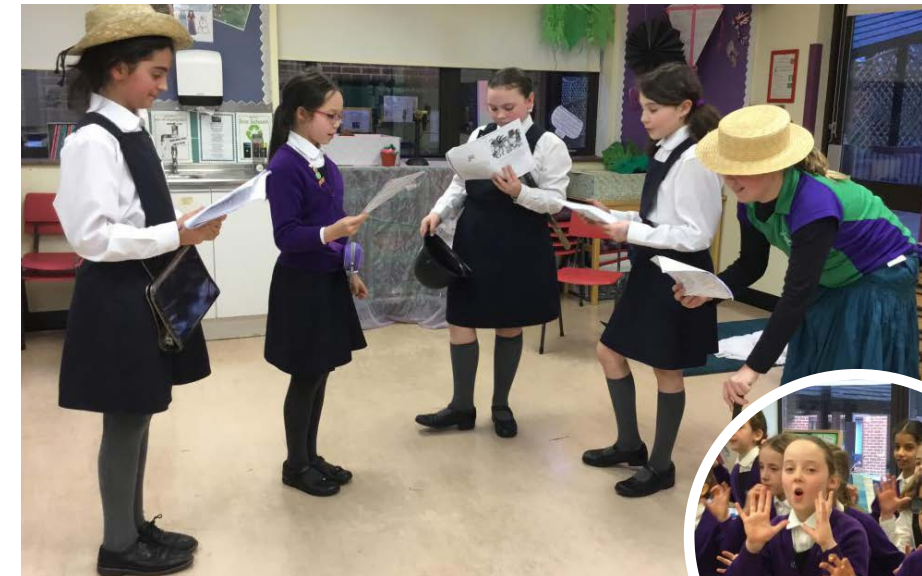


Pre-Prep Music Round-up

This term our youngest girls have been enjoying developing their music skills, learning songs and exploring some percussion instruments. In **Little Malties**, the girls have been learning songs about helping others and have enjoyed collaborative play with tambourines, learning to keep in time with one another.

The **Nursery** girls having been adding sound effects to stories and singing songs about them. A particular favourite has been The Three Billy Goats Gruff. While in **Reception**, they have been on adventures with Wind and Cloud - two characters from the BBC's Music Box course, specifically aimed at 4-5 year olds, with songs, games and stories designed to enhance their musical education.

The **Year 1** girls have been composing music using percussion instruments. They have been learning about and experimenting with 'high' and 'low' and 'loud' and 'soft'. And in **Year 2**, the girls have started learning to play the recorder.



Drama Round-up

This term, girls in **Year 3** have been working on The Midas Touch to link with their Greek Myths topic in English. The girls have used the script well, worked collaboratively and performed with confidence. After working on The Midas Touch, the girls created their own version of a Greek Myth. Meanwhile, in **Year 4** the girls have been busy rehearsing for the Year 4 Play. They have had fun developing characters, learning their lines and practising their songs. Unfortunately, the play was pushed back from the Spring term into the Summer term due to Coronavirus COVID-19, but we hope to see the girls perform after the Easter holidays. Girls in **Year 5**

have enjoyed travelling through time to explore some of the more famous the kings and queens of England. The girls really brought these monarchs to life as they acted out historic moments in history. Finally, in **Year 6**, the girls have been working on the World War II play, 'Bombs and Blackberries' by Julia Donaldson. Despite its serious nature, the girls have been surprised to find subtle humour in the script and the play has sparked some interesting conversation around the realities of war, jobs for women and evacuees. We were able to film the scenes as part of our evaluation. Watching back a performance can be very insightful.

Music Assembly

This term, girls in the Prep School were treated to an amazing music performance assembly where those girls receiving instrument tuition and taking singing lessons were able to showcase what they have been learning. We heard from the Guitar Group, from pianists, singers, flautists, clarinetists and solo guitarists. Not only did the girls perform with exceptional talent, but they were also brave enough to do so in front of a packed auditorium of their peers.





Netball News

The U11 squad have had a number of friendly fixtures including a great tournament at The Manor, finishing 4th place overall. Unfortunately, after the IAPS Netball was rained off on two separate occasions, we were unable to attend the tournament, which was rearranged at short notice. But at their final tournament of the year at Pipers Corner School, they finished in 2nd place. Meanwhile, the Year 6 club girls had a very wet, but good tournament at Berkhamsted School where they

finished in 3rd place out of 18 teams. The U10 squad remain undefeated in all their games this year and hope to continue with this into next year.

The Year 4 Squad and Club girls have played very well in a number of matches including our first ever Bee Netball fixture. And finally, the Year 3 Netball club girls attended a tournament at Pipers Corner to enjoy a great afternoon of netball.



Swimming News

It was a very busy term in the pool with no less than seven swimming galas scheduled, six of which were to be hosted at Maltman's. The seasons started with a gala against St Benedict's for Year 3-6 Club girls.

For many of them this was their first experience of a gala and the fun events made the experience less daunting. We also hosted squad galas against St Helen's and St Piran's Schools with some fantastic swims from the girls, as well as a very busy Division 10 League Gala involving over 120 children. In February we once again hosted and organised our biggest event of the year - the IAPS Regional Gala. We will have to wait to find out if we have any qualifiers for the National Finals, which will take place at the Aquatic Centre at the Olympic Park. Unfortunately, galas at the end of term were cancelled due to COVID-19, but we will ensure there are more galas planned for the girls in the future.



Gymnastics News

The first event this term was the internal Winter Gym and Dance Show for our Club gymnasts and Year 1 and 2 Pom Dance girls. With lights, costumes and bundles of excitement, the girls performed wonderfully and the shows were a great success. The U11 A squad girls were in action in the Floor and Vault Regionals at St Mary's School, finishing in a very close 2nd place and narrowly missing qualification for National Finals in May. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the ISGA National Gymnastics competition was cancelled for the first time in its 42 year history, and we were also unable to attend the Milano National Finals and the Acro Regional Finals. This was a great shame for the girls, but sadly unavoidable.



Football Club

Mr Collett has continued to run Football Club on a Friday lunchtime and it remains very popular with the girls. The Year 5 and 6 girls had a victorious match against Claire's Court winning 3-0. Unfortunately the Y3 Tournament at Gayhurst was cancelled due to the rain and the Y3/4 fixture was cancelled due to COVID-19.



Breakfast Club

Girls in Breakfast Club not only get served delicious breakfast, but also get to enjoy an array of fun activities; take part in collaborative, creative projects; can play games; or simply read. It's a great way to get girls socialising across different year groups.

This term the girls made love bugs for valentines day and created their own smiley face for the 'Be the reason someone smiles today' noticeboard.



IAPS Judo

On Sunday 9 February six of our girls attended the IAPS Girls' Judo Tournament at the High Wycombe Judo Centre. The girls gave some of their best performances and showed excellent technical skill and technique. We are delighted to announce that in the U28kg category Caterina took the Silver Medal and in the U32kg category Evelyn took Bronze. Such amazing results! Congratulations also goes to Alicja and Aaniya for reaching 5th place in their categories.



New Gymnastics Squad Tracksuits

Our Year 4 to 6 Squad Gymnasts were very excited to receive their new Maltman's tracksuits earlier this term. These are to be worn when at competitions but not in the throws of performance. We love the colour blend from purple to green! Don't they look fabulous?





Maltman's Videos

Last term we welcomed a videographer into school for a day and a half of filming. We tried to capture the essence of Maltman's which meant for a jam-packed schedule to get footage of everything from Little Malties to Year 6, Woodland School to the Science lab. Throughout the filming, the girls were impeccably well behaved, were patient, helpful and very excited! After the filming, the gruelling task of editing began. We now have five incredible

videos that showcase key areas of the School. We have a short, snappy taster as well as a longer, more detailed introduction to the School with a voice over from Mrs Pardon. There are also separate videos for Early Years, The Arts and Sport. These can all be found on our website, so do have a watch if you have not yet done so.

Watch now: [click here](#).



Chinese New Year

In celebration of Chinese New Year our wonderful caterers, Thomas Franks, created a Chinese food dining experience for the girls including spring rolls, beef chop suey, hoi sin tofu, pak choi and garlic and soya Chinese cabbage. Girls are encouraged to try new foods and sample different tastes and our specialty days in the dining room are a great opportunity to get them more adventurous with their choices.



Playground Friends

Meet our Spring Term Playground Friends! These girls wear special jackets and hats, so that they are visible when on the playground, and their job is to offer all girls a friendly

ear and encourage group play. They will make sure no one is left out and work hard to encourage cross year group bonds.



FOMG Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends of Maltman's Green Quiz Night on Friday 7 February. It was a wonderful evening with delicious food from caterers Ashridge Delicious and a fantastic, competitive atmosphere. Thanks to excellent Quiz Master, Mr Nicholas Pietrek of Thorpe House, who kept the questions flowing and most importantly, kept everyone in line! After a close tie-break, the eventual winner was a combined Year 2 and Year 3 parent table aptly named "At Least We're Not Last". The FOMG raised over £500 on the night!

Parent Workshops

We take pastoral matters very seriously and work to ensure that we respond to the changing pressures that children face. On 22 January we were delighted to welcome Dr Shireen Saluja and Dr Ravi Gill, Chartered Clinical Psychologists, to give a talk to parents on Dealing with Childhood Anxiety. While children may have been exposed to a number of anxiety stimulants for generations, the growth of social media, greater reporting on negative issue around the world and pressure to conform to a physical ideal has led to modern children being at higher risk of developing anxiety.

In their workshop Dr Saluja and Dr Gill discussed how to deal with conflict resolution, offered tips for developing

resilience in children, suggested how parents can manage their relationship with their children, talked about growing pains and discussed self-identity. Finally parents were given tools and tips for managing their child's anxiety, such as mindfulness practice, therapy suggestions (such as Art Therapy) and simple tips for the home such as sticker charts, marble jars and point systems.

We hope to continue with helpful workshops for parents and are already planning a second workshop with Dr Saluja and Dr Gill.

[Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)



Pancake Day

Pancake day was a very exciting day for girls right across the school. In a number of classes they enjoyed pancake inspired lessons and for pudding after lunch there were pancakes with a variety of fillings on offer. But by far, the highlight was the pancake races! Girls in Early Years were split into mixed teams and ran a relay race where they had to keep the pancake in the



pan, flipping it at the half way mark. In Pre-Prep girls had an obstacle course to contend with and in the Prep school girls split into their houses for a race involving hoping, running and of course flipping! Congratulations to Pankhurst, our winning house. Finally, there was the teachers race and it's safe to say that the girls' flipping skills far outweigh their teachers'!



Climbing Mountains

On 23 February Mrs Charalambous, in the School office, left with a group of twelve others to climb Kilimanjaro for Child Bereavement UK.

In total it took them five and a half days to climb to the top and one and a half to come down. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa. They walked through three different climates: hot and humid at the bottom; wet and rainy like the Amazon Rain Forest in the middle; and very cold and snowy at the top.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Mrs Charalambous, as a group they managed to raise over £65,000 - simply amazing!

Routes to Senior Schools

On 29 January we held our annual routes to senior schools evening. Last year we had a tradeshow style event with visiting senior schools, and so this year it was a series of talks about how to prepare for senior school entry including the Bucks Transfer System and entry into independent schools. We were joined by incoming head, Mrs Jill Walker who spoke to parents about her vision for Maltman's. Next year we will host the senior school stands again and parents from Years 3 to 5 are welcome to attend.



Edirisa UK: Where Your Money Goes

Founder of Edirisa UK, Sheila Windridge, recently headed out to Uganda to put to good use some of the funds that our school community has raised so far. Along with purchasing supplies out in Uganda, she also took with her materials unavailable in Uganda, such as plasticine to use in their Nurseries. The children had never seen plasticine before and were fascinated to discover all the different things they could make. They also had great fun with construction blocks

and spent ages playing and creating - something Mrs Windridge is working to encourage. It's wonderful to see such simple items able to enhance the daily learning experiences of the children. Funds have also been spent renovating two of the nursery schools. Mrs Windridge wishes to say a big thank you to the Maltman's Green community.



Sport Relief

On Tuesday 10 March we celebrated Sport Relief by coming into school in active wear and taking part in sporty activities throughout the day. In P.E. lessons girls enjoyed netball passing, skipping, tennis tap ups, balancing on the wobble cushion, netball shooting, target throwing and more, while in swimming lessons they collected sinkers, swam through tunnels and enjoyed jumping challenges. Girls in the Early Years took the opportunity to practise teamwork through six different exercises. Thank you for helping us raise £560.50 for the Sport Relief causes.

NSPCC Assembly

On Monday 3 February the girls received a visit from the NSPCC who gave a wonderful assembly about how to stay safe from harm and how to get help if they had any worries, "Speak out. Stay safe." The NSPCC perform a vital role keeping children safe across the whole of the UK, and they rely on the public's generosity to carry out their work. At the end of the day, the girls were given a Maths challenge and a voluntary sponsorship form to take home and we wish to say a huge thank you to those of you who have returned the form and sponsorship funds. We are pleased to announce that you helped us to raise a whopping £1604.20. Thank you!



Poppy Accolade

We are delighted to have been praised by the Royal British Legion's Head of the Poppy Appeal, Shane Crowhurst, for our fundraising dedication and achievements over the years. Out of the whole of the UK, Maltman's Green has come to the attention of Mr Crowhurst who has now awarded us a framed 'Certificate of Appreciation' "for the excellent work carried out in support of the poppy appeal".



Marie Curie

Towards the end of the term, girls were selling these beautiful daffodils to their peers on the playgrounds during break time in order to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Research.

Thank you for giving the girls money to donate for their daffodil. The funds raised haven't yet been counted but will go straight to support Marie Curie's essential work.

Swimming Sensation



Back in January Annabelle in Year 6 qualified for an amazing 11 events in the Berks and Bucks County Swimming Championships, which took place at the 50m pool in Wycombe. Annabelle secured three gold medals in the Breaststroke events, making her the fastest aged 11 Breaststroke swimmer in Berks and Bucks! Her 50m swim was 44.29, her 100m swim 135.6 and her 200m swim was 3.26.45. These times mean she has already qualified for the County Championships in 2021 for

100m and 200m Breaststroke in the age 12 category.

In the 50 Fly Annabelle secured another 2021 qualifying time of 37.53 narrowly missing out on a medal and finishing in 4th place. The 100 Fly was a fantastic swim at 1.26.88, which secured her the silver medal. The 400 Free was a tense final with Annabelle swimming in a different heat to the other 11 year old finalists so she was pipped at the end, adding 2s to her personal best and coming 3rd to take the bronze.

Annabelle was also selected to swim breaststroke in the 50m medley relay team and to swim front crawl in the freestyle relay where the team won another impressive two gold medals. So overall five Gold medals for Annabelle in the County Championships!

Annabelle has been swimming at Wycombe swimming club for over 2 years now. In 2018 and 2019 she won the Cup for the best swimmer in her age group in the Club Championships. Overall in her swimming career she has won 73 medals with 41 Golds, 21 Silver and 8 bronze.



Charity Chop

Just before Christmas Anya in Year 6 very generously, and bravely, donated 32cm of her hair to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer. A huge well done to Anya, it's very brave to have so much hair cut off at once.



Netball's Star of Tomorrow

Congratulations in Genevieve in Year 6 who has been selected to play for the Clan U13 Regional Netball Squad. Genevieve trialled with over 60 other girls, many of whom were in Year 7, and the standard was incredibly high.

Genevieve is very excited to play for one of the most successful clubs with players who go on to play for superleague teams and for the England team. Well done to Genevieve for her fantastic achievement.

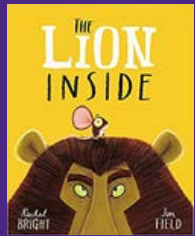
An Act of Kindness

A special mention goes to Emilia in Year 2 who recently turned 7. Birthday parties are usually a time when the birthday girl gets showered with gifts, but Emilia decided to do something a bit different. Rather than her party guests bringing presents, she asked her friends to donate to her Just Giving page instead. Emilia has been raising money for two charities - WWF Australia "to help the poorly koalas and kangaroos from the fires", and Greenpeace "to help the oceans". Emilia managed to raise an incredible £470 through this generous act of kindness.

Little Malties

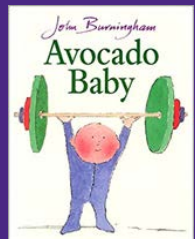


See how you measure up against some of the world's most amazing animals. **Lifesize** is an interactive, non-fiction adventure with lifesized illustrations of some of the smallest and largest animals in the world that invites children to compare parts of their bodies with these amazing animals.

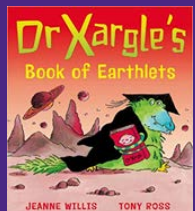


The Lion Inside is a bestselling story about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar. "In a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tinyful house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse."

Early Years



In **Avocado Baby** The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen...



"Good morning, class. Today we are going to learn about Earthlets." Dr Xargle is a friendly, alien teacher who teaches his class about humans and babies. **Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets** is a funny story that takes a particularly wry look at the way we bring up babies. Look out for the 'egg-mangle' - will you ever want to eat eggs again?

A Message from the Librarian

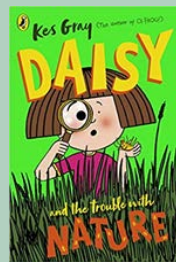
I have had a lovely start to 2020 meeting all the staff and girls who have shown such a love of books. It has been a very busy Spring term and we have celebrated Michael Morpurgo month, National Storytelling Week and my favourite - Book Week. The girls wholeheartedly threw themselves into Book Week and by far the most popular activities were the Where's Wally Treasure Hunt and the Guess How Many Books in the Library competition.

As we have now adopted Accelerated Reader, I will be reorganising the library so that the girls will easily be able to find books at their level. The computers in the Study Hub next door to the library are available to the girls every lunchtime so that they can complete their quizzes.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Mrs Ellis

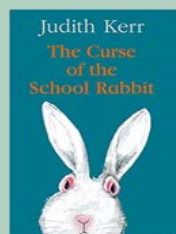
Books for Pre-Prep Girls



In **Daisy and the Trouble with Nature**, Daisy and her class are so excited when their new school nature garden is unveiled. But the trouble with their nature garden is, there's not very much nature in it. If there's one thing Daisy HATES it's waiting, especially waiting for nature to appear. Luckily, she's going camping with Gabby, and will find LOTS of nature to bring back. Only, the trouble with nature is, it's really hard to control!



There's some-bunny new in Peggy the pug's family - and she's hopping mad! **The Pug Bunny** is the perfect Easter story where Peggy the dog has to learn how to share her family's attention with the long-eared newcomer. Jealous of the new pet, Peggy decides that she must become a rabbit to compete. Can every-bunny learn to get along and realise that there's more than enough love to go around?



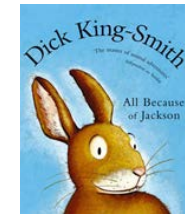
In **The Curse of the School Rabbit** we meet Snowflake, the school rabbit, who is TROUBLE. At least that's what Tommy thinks, and when Snowflake is unexpectedly left for him to look after and EVERYTHING starts to go wrong, it looks like Tommy might be right. Will Snowflake turn out to be more good luck than bad? Or are Tommy and his family DOOMED by the curse of the school rabbit?

Try Something New



The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse are four friends who share a deep, unshakable bond. Through a series of brief but profound conversations, Mackesy teases universal truths and rich wisdom from the mouths of his characters, celebrating warmth and empathy in all its myriad forms. Exploring kindness through exquisite, sensitive artwork and delicate calligraphy, this book is a moving study in friendship and the perfect gift for those you hold closest to your heart.

Books for Prep Girls



"I want to sail the seas," said Jackson, "I want to see the world. . ." In **All Because of Jackson** we meet Jackson, a very unusual rabbit - a rabbit with a dream. He spends his days watching the tall sailing ships coming and going and he longs to go to sea. So one day he and his girlfriend, Bunny, stow away on the Atalanta and sail off in search of a new life.



In **The Highland Falcon Thief** Harrison Beck is reluctantly joining his travel-writer Uncle Nat for the last journey of the royal train, The Highland Falcon. But as the train makes its way to Scotland, a priceless brooch goes missing and things are suddenly a lot more interesting. As suspicions and accusations run high among the passengers, Harrison begins to investigate and uncovers a few surprises along the way. Can he solve the mystery of the jewel thief and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line? Hear whispers in the dining car, find notes in the library, and unknown passengers among the luggage as you help Harrison to solve the mystery aboard one of the world's grandest trains. Fast-paced and packed with illustrations and clues, this is a book you won't want to miss!



The House of One Hundred Clocks takes us back to June 1905 as Helena and her parrot, Orbit, are swept off to Cambridge when her father is appointed clock-winder to one of the wealthiest men in England. There is only one rule - the clocks must never stop. But Helena discovers the house of one hundred clocks holds many mysteries. Can she work out its secrets before time runs out?



Chaya is a no-nonsense, outspoken hero who leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Pitching readers into the heart of a vibrantly evoked landscape that lives and breathes from the page, **The Girl Who Stole an Elephant** is an adventure full of heart and courage from a dazzling new voice.

Prep Plus



Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself. **The Girl of Ink and Stars** is a great next step for Prep girls looking to branch out.

Holiday Activities



Little Children's Puzzle Pad is a write-in, tear-off activity pad full of puzzles including look and find, mazes, dot-to-

dots, word searches and more that will help children develop vital reading, writing, counting and observational skills. Great for keeping children occupied on journeys and rainy days!



Packed with games, projects, crafts, experiments and gardening inspiration, **101**

Things for Kids to do Outside will have your children racing out to try something new. This hands-on guide covers all four seasons and ranges from quick 10-minute activities to a full day of fun that will get your kids away from the computer and provide hours of entertainment for the entire family.

Places to Visit

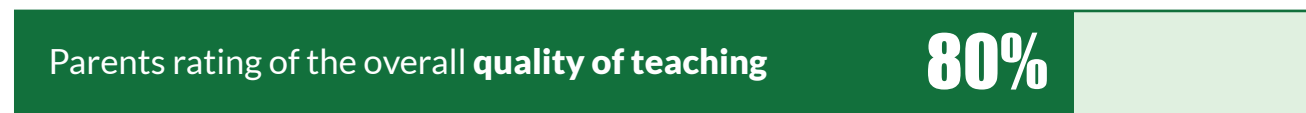
(when we're allowed out again!)

Wind in the Willows Museum in Windsor at the River and Rowing Museum. Join Ratty, Toad, Mole and Badger as they picnic by the river. Even make a cup of tea in Mr Toad's caravan.

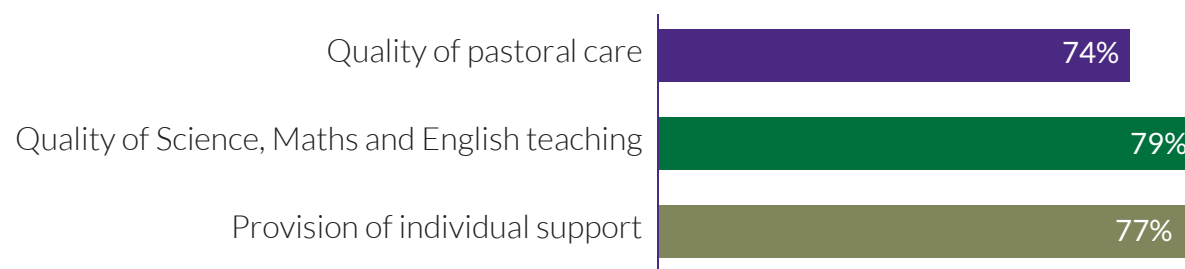
Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden. Get hands-on in the three galleries, packed with activities perfect for 6 to 12 year olds and their families. Find out about Roald Dahl's school pranks, peek into the author's original writing hut, and discover how Roald Dahl's real-life adventures inspired his stories. If you want to see more then visit the Children's Gallery in the Bucks County Museum in Aylesbury

Parent Opinion

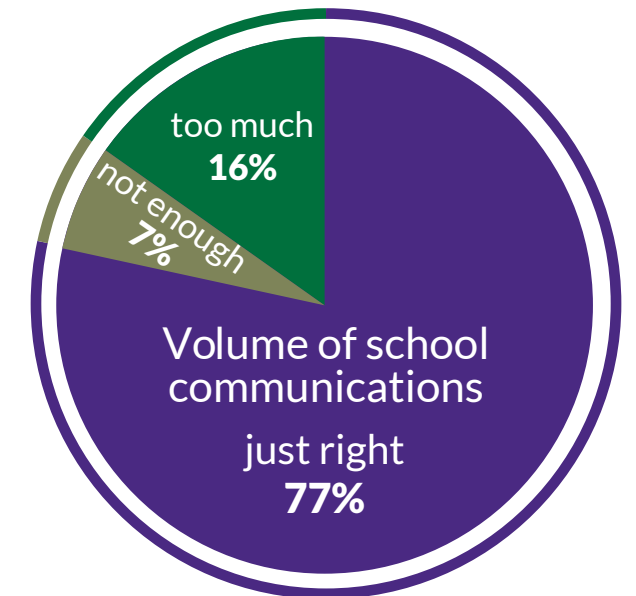
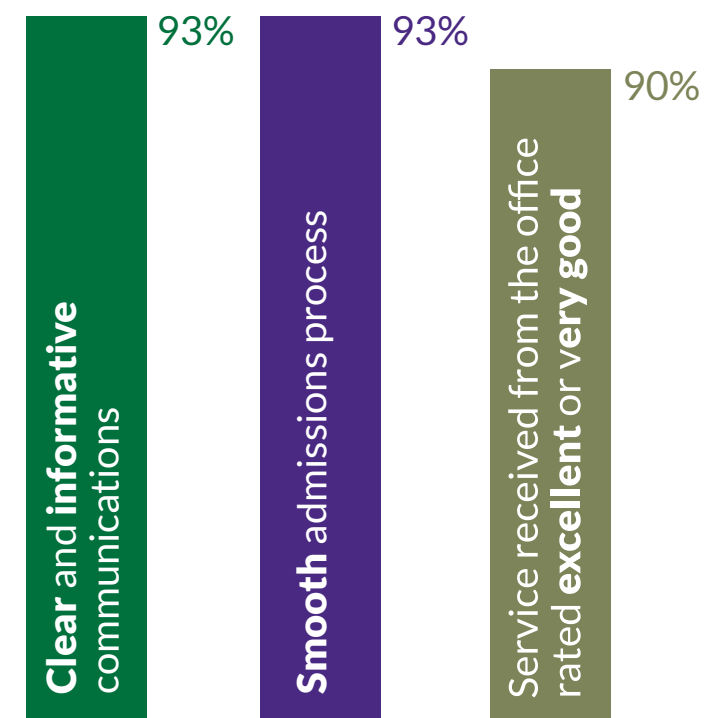
These results are from our annual new joiners' survey, the Year 3 transition into Prep survey and the leavers' survey.



“My daughter had the best time at Maltman's Green and loved every minute of it! And would have happily stayed for another few years.



Parent Opinion



THE MEANING OF MALTMAN'S

Parents describe Maltman's as...



Malty's Favourites

These are awarded to girls from Years 1 to 6 for outstanding pieces of work.



- Paveen (1N):** For your wonderful owl writing.
- Stella (4C):** For your wonderful work on big cats.
- Jessica (5B):** For your excellent holiday project.
- Mia (5B):** For your wonderful Save the Rhino project.
- Sophie (6M):** For your excellent Science project on aliens.

Headmistress' Commendations

These are awarded to girls for creating exceptional pieces of work and are the highest level of award the girls can achieve.

- Charlotte (4E):** For your wonderful ideas and design of your bag.
- Muskan (4E):** For your excellent and rapid progress in French.
- Hediyeh (6A):** For your amazingly detailed work on the heart.



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

- Ayva:** For trying so hard with your name writing using your 'ready to writes'.
- Olivia W:** For being such a helpful and kind new big sister.
- Sereen:** For becoming more independent in Nursery this term.
- Sofia:** For always having such beautiful manners in nursery and at a the lunch table.

Reception RS

- Belle:** For being such a good friend to all the girls in RS.
- Carolina:** For such super progress with your reading.
- Myla:** For your dedication to learning and for trying your best.
- Sienna:** For your eagerness and perseverance in everything you do.

Reception RW

- Ayana:** For your fabulous effort in class, especially in phonics.
- Cindy:** For your perseverance in learning new tasks.
- Liberty:** For showing enthusiasm when learning a new topic
- Elizabeth:** For being so kind and polite to your friends and teachers.

House Captains

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

Stylward

- Captain:** Kaylee B
- Vice:** Penelope H

Bronte

- Captain:** Ruby R
- Vice:** Holly R

Johnson

- Captain:** Kiara G
- Vice:** Emily M-F

Pankhurst

- Captain:** Charlotte W
- Vice:** Emily C

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