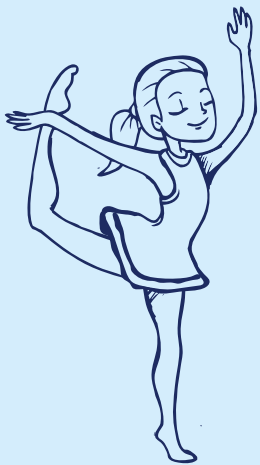
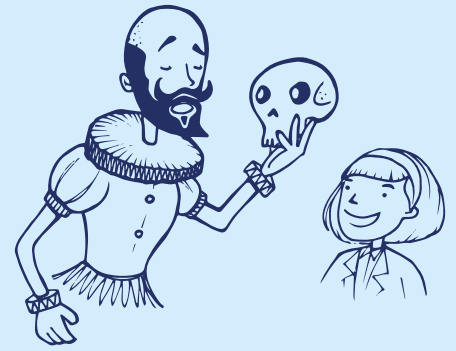
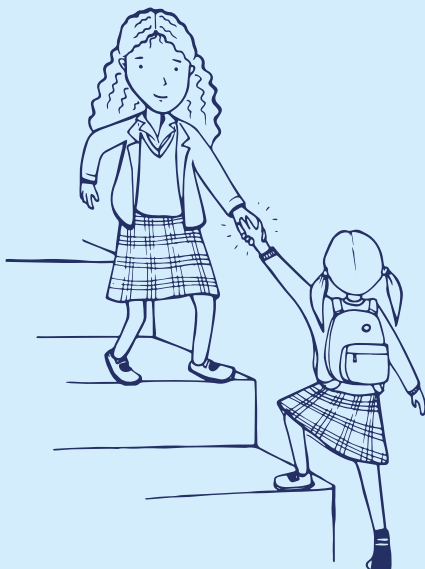


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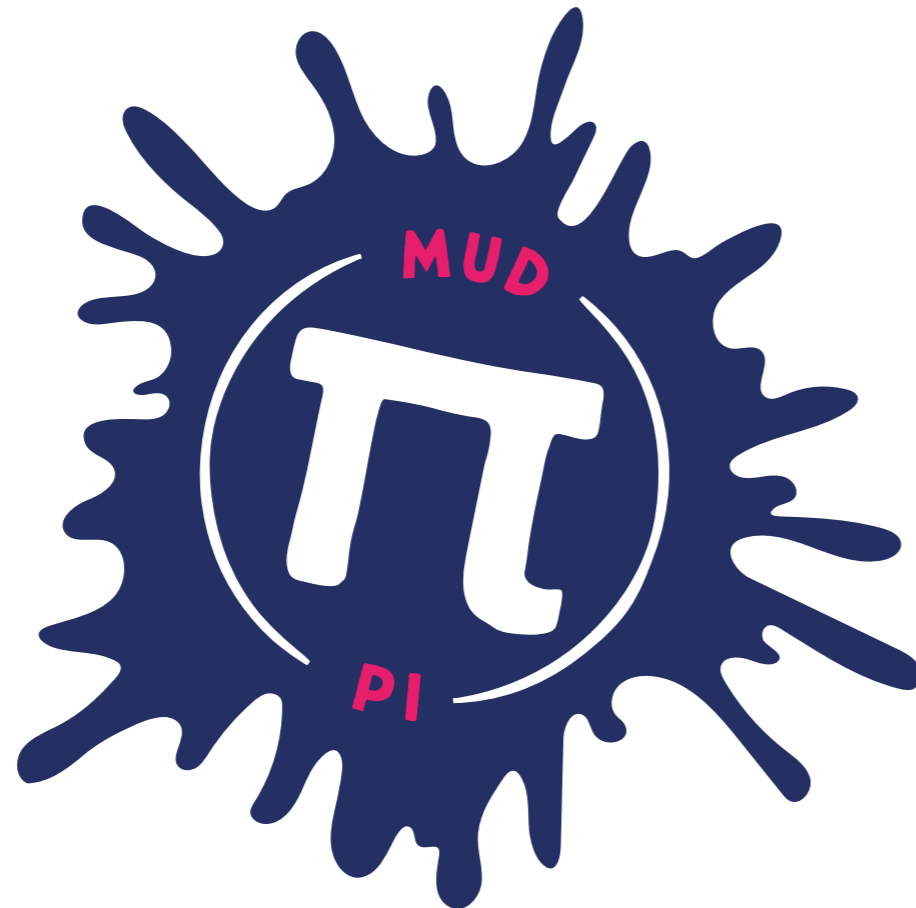


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HEAD'S WELCOME

I can't quite believe another 12 months has gone by though I think the speed at which it seems to have passed is attributable to the huge number of different events that have taken place this year. I hope that as you turn the pages of The Journey you will get a little *flavour* of just what we've been up to.

I must begin by congratulating all of our Year 8 pupils who have successfully gained entry to their chosen senior school. We also collected 16 scholarships this year including 4 academic, 6 sport, 1 art, 2 drama and 3 music. It was lovely to see so many achievements across all of the different disciplines.

Our Performing Arts Thursdays have become a real feature of our calendar. These are opportunities for our pupils to perform smaller more intimate improvised pieces of work which their parents can come and see. This has really inspired so many of our girls and boys to get involved in drama and we saw a record number of auditions for the school play 'Grease'. Both performances were quickly sold out and all who attended were treated to a very special evening indeed.

Our sport continues to be a strength and we outperform some much larger schools on our circuit. This year we were particularly proud of our First 11 cricketers who reached the national finals for the first time in our history.

We have also reached four team finals for the U13 Girls Netball, U13 Girls Hockey, U11 Boys Hockey and U13 Boys Cricket. As well as 5 individual IAPS swimming finalists and 13 National Athletics finalists. It is, of course, important to recognise all our girls and boys who take part in our busy match day programme. It has always been a real focus of ours to ensure that all our girls and boys get to experience that match day feeling and their participation and enjoyment are just as important as every other team.

We are delighted to have offered pupils the opportunity to attend Great Walstead under the Burbidge Award scheme. This was due to the incredible generosity of an old pupil Anthony Burbidge who has left the school a significant sum of money allowing children, who wouldn't otherwise have been able to afford to come here, the opportunity to attend Great Walstead.

As I write, I'm looking out of my window on to a sun-drenched Headmaster's Lawn which is abuzz with happy and kind children. It's moments like these that you realise just how lucky you are to be running such a wonderful school.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Chris Calvey'.

Chris Calvey, Headmaster



8ABL

MRS A BLAND

- A. Bigwood **L**
- D. Callow **L**
- M. Forty **G**
- M. Francis **G**
- H. Goodwin **L**
- E. Gray **M**
- I. Hoyle **M**
- H. Kemp **L**
- J. Moon **L**
- O. Rees **C**
- J. Robinson **L**
- R. Tollit **C**
- L. Van Dijk **M**
- T. Whitney **G**

7DRE

MRS D REES

- S. Brown **G**
- E. Costin **G**
- T. England **M**
- A. Grobbelaar **C**
- V. Millington **C**
- J. Phillips **M**
- I. Pope **L**
- F. Sorrell **M**
- R. Stuart **C**
- L. Taylor **L**
- E. Turner **M**
- E. Willis **M**

6ACH

MISS A CHEVALLEY & MISS S BENKTANDER

- C. Andrews **G**
- T. de la Rosa **C**
- S. Donougher **C**
- S. Duarte **L**
- A. Gohl **L**
- I. Griffin **M**
- M. Hoenig **L**
- O. Knight **L**
- D. Robbie **C**
- B. Ross **G**
- L. Sandeluss **G**
- S. Scott **L**
- S. Searls **M**
- E. Shuttleworth **L**
- F. Van Dijk **M**
- E. Williams **G**

5ARE

MRS A REES

- P-A. Ashby **C**
- B. Breeze **G**
- I. Brown **G**
- A. Chads **M**
- M. Ellis-Smith **G**
- A. Guillaumier **C**
- B. Hanmer-Delve **L**
- I. Henderson **G**
- J. Howden **C**
- E. Joyce **M**
- H. Martin **M**
- A. Massey **M**
- M. McIntyre-Beckers **C**
- S. Pepper **C**
- C. Satchwell Smith **L**
- M. Selby **C**
- H. Stafford **L**

4HMO

MS H MORRIS

- K. Andrews **C**
- S. Chaplin **C**
- A. Clay-Goard **L**
- A. Duffield **G**
- A. Elson **C**
- G. Henocq **M**
- S. Marshall **C**
- M. Pullen **G**
- L. Roberts **L**
- S. Slade **C**
- I. Smith **G**
- J. Sorrell **M**
- A. Stevens **M**
- T. Stuart **L**
- L. Wolfaardt **M**

3RPA

MISS R PARR & MR R HIGGINSON

- J. Ashby **C**
- R. Collins **C**
- P. Finlay **G**
- C. Griffin **M**
- G. Groom **L**
- B. Gu **M**
- C. Hunt **M**
- R. Malcolm **G**
- M. McIntyre-Beckers **C**
- J. Millyard **C**
- W. Peters **C**
- E. Reece **C**
- R. Tompsett-Snell **M**

ELM

MISS E BURGESS

- G. Armstrong
- E. Ball
- D. Bigwood
- T. Burn-Murdoch
- M. Burton
- S. Guillaumier
- F. Holmes
- M. Lawson
- W. Malcolm
- M. Meeks
- A. Stafford
- O. Willis

MAPLE

MRS K BARKER

- B. Chads
- M. Finlay
- A. Henderson
- E. Marshall
- C. McCrea
- A. McLeod
- M. Mead
- R. Monroe
- L. Nardini
- R. Newlyn
- O. Peters

PRE-SCHOOL

MRS P LINDFIELD, MISS V PEARCE & MRS L MANN

- S. Armstrong
- A. Bailey
- J. Bailey
- E. Behles
- O. Bell
- M. Bentley
- I. Boyles
- F. Clark
- A. Cromb
- M. Darby
- E. Davis
- M. Del Drago
- J. Dunk
- E. Ellis
- Q. Faraday
- M. Fuller
- T. Henry
- H. Hubble
- A. Kelly
- I. Levien
- W. Lucas
- A. Marks
- M. Masters
- G. Matthew
- N. Matthews
- J. McGregor
- E. Mulvee
- R. Nardini
- C. Newlyn
- M. Pargeter
- O. Parker
- I. Parpworth
- C. Phillips
- C. Pichler
- C. Pollins
- R. Rudd
- F. Slade
- M. Standen
- E. Stevens
- A. Tompsett-Snell
- C. Whiley
- H. Wieszner
- O. Wiseman

HEDGEHOG

MISS R PARANGI

- G. Barrett
- I. Behles
- G. Bournon
- V. Graham-Dixon
- A. Parker
- J. Ritchie
- H. Sargent
- P. St Pierre
- W. Taylor
- E. Wilson

OWL

MRS H CALTHROP

- W. Ashby
- A. Behles
- E. Brotherton-Lowe
- I. Lube
- K. Misquita Rodrigues
- I. Phillips-Cochrane
- H. Pollins
- T. Simandl
- F. Smith

LARCH

MISS H LAFLIN

- H. Adnan
- P. Barrett
- E. Bell
- B. Broad
- E. Cronin
- W. Dawes
- E. Duffield
- O. Foot
- L. Hanmer-Delve
- J. Le Goff
- E. Lucas
- T. Martin
- B. Ross
- L. Sitzia
- B. Stevens
- E. Valadier

PINE

MRS L PARPWRTH

- C. Daines
- A. Del Drago
- R. Eliot
- S. Ellis
- O. Garrod
- X. Jelowicki-Henwood
- M. Koumelli
- I. Magee
- C. Raybould
- G. Rees
- S. Rudd
- A. Ruskin
- T. Simpson
- E. Sitzia
- C. Slade

8BMC

MR B MCCREA

- M. Andrews **G**
- A. Charters **G**
- A. Coulson-Thickett **M**
- C. Eastman **M**
- E. Harwood **M**
- L. Hutchison **M**
- M. Karcha **C**
- O. Murphy **C**
- E. O'Donnell **G**
- M. Sadler **G**
- W. Staples **C**
- W. Utley **G**
- W. Ward **C**
- B. Webb **C**

7ESM

MRS E SMITH

- A. Axford
- I. Breen
- J. Charters
- S. Duffield
- F. Goodwin
- R. Groom
- T. Iyer
- M. Lunn
- A. Mathews
- M. Meeke
- T. Patel

6CCL

MR C CLARK

- A. Adnan **L**
- A. Austin **G**
- N. Calisan **L**
- C. Campbell-Baker **L**
- G. Field **L**
- H. Fogg **L**
- M. Gorton **M**
- K. Harada **C**
- E. Kentish Barnes **G**
- F. Lube **M**
- H. Mansbridge-Mirzoeff **L**
- R. Misquita Rodrigues **M**
- E. Munday **M**
- P. Sadler **G**
- O. Savage **C**
- A. Worwood-Cherry **L**

5BLW

MISS R LAW

- W. Axford **L**
- J. Baker **L**
- P. Becker **L**
- N. Bostock **G**
- G. Hinchliffe **L**
- C. Humphrey **M**
- C. Kemp **L**
- I. Le Fleming **M**
- P. Meeke **M**
- H. Munden **C**
- L. Piggin **L**
- G. Raybould **L**
- H. Reece **C**
- C. Scrivens **C**
- I. Soares **L**
- S. Soni **M**
- M. Tether-Jenkins **G**
- E. Valadier **L**

4LSU

MRS E SUTTON & MRS B CORNWELL

- A. Campbell **G**
- L. Cleverton **L**
- F. Dunk **M**
- T. Garrod **G**
- A. Glover **L**
- H. Harding **C**
- A. Howard **M**
- J. Jacob **G**
- K. McCrea **G**
- T. Munday **M**
- E. Semple **M**
- F. Simpson **L**
- B. Thorpe-Brewer **M**
- F. Whiting **G**

3RWI

MR R WILLIAMS

- L. Bromwich **G**
- H. Chads **M**
- M. Davis **L**
- P. Giffen **G**
- C. Henderson **G**
- R. Mahon **M**
- T. Milliken **G**
- R. Petruccielli **L**
- H. Raynsford **G**
- M. Searls **M**
- N. Shuttleworth **L**
- B. Smith **L**
- S. Soares **L**
- L. Stuart **L**

8TGL

MRS T GLOVER

- K. Arnold **M**
- M. Breeze **G**
- A. Campling **M**
- N. Donougher **C**
- C. Jacques **C**
- E. King **L**
- M. Le Fleming **M**
- P. Moss **G**
- M. Nolan **C**
- T. Oates **G**
- C. Richardson **L**
- J. Staples **C**
- T. Utley **G**
- W. Williams **G**

7MLL

MR M LLOYD

- L. Bryant **C**
- H. Devine **C**
- C. Hinchliffe **L**
- A. Montier **L**
- A. Oates **G**
- R. Pounce **G**
- C. Rees **L**
- D. Rolfe **C**
- R. Selby **C**
- L. Sturdy **M**

6SMC

MR S MCCAGNEY

- R. Bussey **G**
- G. Calodoucas **M**
- W. Caporn **L**
- L. Cornwell **C**
- J. Dobson **M**
- I. Foster Healy **L**
- H. Graham **G**
- P. Hatt **L**
- C. Howard **M**
- L. Malta **G**
- J. Murphy **C**
- M. Seddington **L**
- G. Spadaccino **M**
- O. Tollit **C**
- R. Vesey Holt **G**

5NCA

MRS N CALVEY

- M. Andrews **C**
- D. Broad **L**
- G. Cook **C**
- M. Coulson-Thickett **M**
- B. Crossfield **C**
- S. Crozier **M**
- D. Foot **G**
- H. Hubble **G**
- E. McCarthy **L**
- T. Meeks **G**
- R. Oates **G**
- E. Rees **C**
- S. Soni **M**
- A. Tollit **C**
- B. Wellen **C**
- M. Williams **G**
- I. Woolley **G**

PUPIL LIST 2022-2023



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS

NAME	AWARD	SCHOOL
M. Andrews	Academic	Worth School
K. Arnold	Drama	Bede's School
M. Breeze	Music	Ardingly College
C. Eastman	Sport	Hurstpierpoint College
M. Francis	Sport	Ardingly College
E. Gray	Academic	Brighton College
E. Harwood	Music	Hurstpierpoint College
I. Hoyle	Music	Hurstpierpoint College
L. Hutchison	Sport	Bede's School
C. Jacques	Tennis Exhibition	Bede's School
H. Kemp	Sport	Worth School
J. Moon	Drama	Brighton College
J. Staples	Art	Hurstpierpoint College
B. Webb	Sport	Lancing College
T. Whitney	Academic	Hurstpierpoint College
W. Williams	Academic	Hurstpierpoint College



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)

END OF TERM PRIZES

YEAR 3

SPIRIT OF WALSTEAD

G. Groom
N. Shuttleworth

FORM PRIZE

R. Tompsett-Snell
B. Smith

PROGRESS PRIZE

M. McIntyre-Beckers
S. Soares

YEAR 4

SPIRIT OF WALSTEAD

F. Simpson
S. Marshall

FORM PRIZE

E. Semple
K. Andrews

PROGRESS PRIZE

H. Harding
I. Smith

YEAR 5

SPIRIT OF WALSTEAD

M. Ellis Smith
Sa. Soni
M. Andrews

FORM PRIZE

P-A. Ashby
I. Le Fleming
S. Crozier

PROGRESS PRIZE

A. Guillaumier
G. Raybould
I. Woolley

YEAR 6

SPIRIT OF WALSTEAD

S. Scott
M. Gorton
M. Seddington

FORM PRIZE

E. Shuttleworth
K. Harada
P. Hatt

PROGRESS PRIZE

I. Griffin
F. Lube
G. Spadaccino

YEAR 7

SPIRIT OF WALSTEAD

L. Sturdy
J. Charters
E. Costin

FORM PRIZE

A. Montier
T. Patel
R. Stuart

PROGRESS PRIZE

L. Bryant
M. Meeke
I. Pope

YEAR 8

SPIRIT OF WALSTEAD

A. Campling
M. Karcha
R. Tollit

FORM PRIZE

M. Andrews
H. Kemp
M. Nolan

PROGRESS PRIZE

A. Bigwood
A. Coulson-Thicket
C. Jacques



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)

END OF TERM PRIZES

YEAR 8 (CONTINUED)

NAME	PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
A. Campling	Art Prize	L. van Dijk	Communication
A. Charters	Confidence	L. van Dijk	Philosophy Prize
A. Charters	Watson Prize, Determination in their Learning	M. Andrews	Symonds Colossians Award – Upholding Christian Values
B. Webb	Biology Prize	M. Breeze	Senior All-round Music Award
B. Webb	Davidson Shield, Overall Sportswoman	M. Forty	Music Prize
C. Eastman	Munks Award, Overall Sportsman	M. Francis	Bloomer Award, All-round Girl
C. Eastman	Spoken French Prize	M. Karcha	Evans Cup for Vibrancy
C. Richardson	Chemistry Prize	M. Le Fleming	McCourt Spirit of Q-day Cup
C. Richardson	Maths Prize	M. Sadler	Davis Cup, Diligent & Consistent Effort in their Learning
D. Callow	Ardagh Cup – Unsung Heroine/Hero	N. Donougher	Parke Prize for Academic Progress
D. Callow	Scholarship English	O. Murphy	Collaboration
E. Gray	Programming Prize	O. Murphy	Filmer Science Cup
E. Gray	Sloane Maths Cup	O. Rees	Craftsmanship
E. Harwood	Religion Prize	O. Rees	Drama Cup
E. Harwood	Spanish Prize	P. Moss	Blandford Award – Compassionate Leadership
E. King	Physics Prize	P. Moss	Creative English Prize
E. O'Donnell	Great Walstead Sports Award – Commitment to Sport	R. Tollit	Heine Drama Cup
H. Goodwin	Benton Cup – Academic Improvement In Year 8	T. Oates	Geography Prize
H. Kemp	Curiosity	T. Utley	Alex Newman Award, Demonstrating Persistence & Commitment in Learning
I. Hoyle	English Prize	T. Whitney	Commitment
I. Hoyle	History Prize	T. Whitney	Scholarship French
J. Moon	McKinnell Performing Arts Award	W. Staples	Brown Maths and Music Cup
J. Robinson	Ethics Prize	W. Staples	Crichton Projects Cup
J. Staples	Bloomer Award, All-round Boy	W. Utley	Baty Award for Resilience
J. Staples	Thomson Art Cup	W. Utley	Digital Design Prize
K. Arnold	Creativity	W. Ward	Endeavour Award for Outstanding Contribution on Leavers' Trip
K. Arnold	French Prize	W. Williams	Scholarship Science
L. Hutchison	Spoken Spanish Prize	W. Williams	Wainwright Shield for ICT Excellence
L. Hutchison	Williams Cup, Outstanding All-round Contribution to Great Walstead		

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)

ATHLETICS RECORDS

TRACK EVENTS

Event	Record Holder	Seconds	Year
100m Sprint			
Sen Boys	A. Meadows	11.89	2005
Sen Girls	Z. Williams-Thomas	12.93	2016
Mid Boys	J. Salt	13.09	2008
Mid Girls	L. Hope	14.10	2006
Jun Boys	C. Mackie	15.24	2005
Jun Girls	H. Kleinwort	16.67	2004
75m Sprint			
Jun Boys	A. Goudie	10.58	2017
Jun Girls	F. Rogers	10.87	2017
75m Hurdles			
Sen Boys	P. Cooke	11.49	2009
Sen Girls	E. Hutchison	12.82	2019
Mid Boys	C. Frost	12.36	2013
Mid Girls	N-R. Williams	12.98	2013
55m Hurdles			
Jun Boys	T. Rockett	8.11	2008
Jun Girls	H. Kleinwort	8.24	2004
200m Sprint			
Sen Boys	L. Mathews	25.10	2022
Sen Girls	N. Forster	26.68	2005
Mid Boys	P. Cooke	27.58	2007
Mid Girls	A. Grobbelaar	30.60	2022
Jun Boys	C. Mackie	33.94	2005
Jun Girls	L. Hope	33.60	2004
300m			
Sen Boys	R. Selby	45.11	2023
Sen Girls	B. Webb	46.39	2023
Mid Boys	R. Bussey	53.32	2023
Mid Girls	I. Soares	62.00	2023
600m			
Jun Boys	M. Webb	2.01.02	2016
Jun Girls	A. Fox	2.05.80	2016
800m			
Sen Boys	T. Wharton	2.07.61	2016
Sen Girls	B. Webb	2.25.36	2023
Mid Boys	M. Webb	2.30.45	2018
Mid Girls	A. Fox	2.34.46	2018
1500m			
Sen Boys	M. Andrews	4.34.33	2023
Sen Girls	B. Webb	4.55.58	2023
Mid Boys	T. Fox	5.11.53	2016
Mid Girls	F. Goodwin	5.18.25	2021

FIELD EVENTS

Event	Record Holder	Metres	Year
Long Jump			
Sen Boys	K. Lewis	5.21	2004
Sen Girls	S. Allisat	4.56	2015
Mid Boys	K. Batham-Read	4.42	2012
Mid Girls	S. Allisat	4.07	2014
Jun Boys	S. Anderson	3.96	2005
Jun Girls	L. Musson	3.26	2018
High Jump			
Sen Boys	A. Osler-Holt	1.63	2013
Sen Girls	H. Williams-Thomas	1.51	2013
Mid Boys	H. Rienecker-Found	1.45	2012
Mid Girls	S. Allisat	1.35	2014
Jun Boys	H. Rogers	1.27	2015
Jun Girls	I. Hopkins	1.20	2013
Triple Jump			
Sen Boys	J. Florschutz	9.50	2013
Sen Girls	I. Hopkins	7.66	2017
Cricket/Rounders Ball Throw			
Jun Boys	C. Ross	45.50	2004
Jun Girls	I. Hazeldine	28.48	2018
Javelin			
Sen Boys	E. Rabe	33.00	2005
Sen Girls	O. Rees	19.93	2023
Mid Boys	E. Rabe	32.01	2004
Mid Girls	G. Meredith	18.15	2006
Jun Boys	H. Reece	15.20	2022
Jun Girls	M. Andrews	11.10	2022
Shot Put			
Sen Boys	J. Scanlon	12.51	2003
Sen Girls	C. Benstead Schlup	9.96	2016
Mid Boys	A. Oates	8.46	2022
Mid Girls	T. Oates	7.20	2021
Jun Boys	B. Breeze	6.38	2022
Jun Girls	P. Betts	4.80	2021
Discus			
Sen Boys	A. Oates	33.20	2023
Sen Girls	M. Forty	23.34	2023
Mid Boys	A. Oates	26.18	2022
Mid Girls	I. Le Fleming	17.80	2023
Jun Boys	G. Hinchliffe	13.20	2022
Jun Girls	S. Chaplin	9.00	2023
Nerf Throw			
Jnr Boys	C. Griffin	24.10	2023
Jnr Girls	E. Reece	14.70	2023

SPORT

THE SPORTING PROGRAMME

After the success of the previous school year on a sporting front, you would be forgiven for thinking that this year might not quite live up to the same hype. Four team national finals, five national swimming finalists, fourteen national athletics finalists and ten school athletics records later and it is fair to say that it has been another *mightily successful year* for the school.

This, combined with a record number of Wednesday and Thursday fixtures, shows how much sport is thriving at Great Walstead.

Our U13 girls had a hugely successful year, reaching the IAPS hockey finals at Haileybury College and the respective netball finals at Bryanston School, where they went on to win the silver medal in the plate. Not wishing to be outdone, the U13 boys qualified for the IAPS cricket finals at St Peter's School in York, representing a top four finish in the country. Finally, the U11 boys also qualified for their hockey finals at Rugby School.

These national successes are fantastic and show the impressive levels that our pupils can reach, but seeing the whole school out playing on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon fills me with just as much pride. As with all sports, whilst the standard of play is important, how you interact with your teammates and the way in which you play the game is paramount. I am most proud of how Great Walstead pupils play their sport; in a fair and positive way.

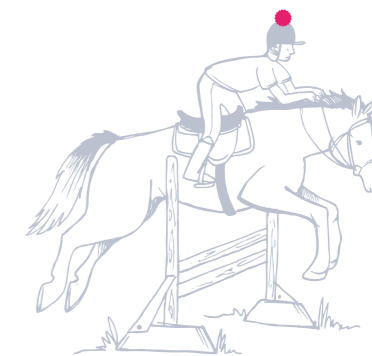
BY MARK LLOYD



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YOUNG EQUESTRIANS

The 2022-2023 season has seen 15 active members of the Equestrian team made up of pupils from Years 3-8 competing in a range of disciplines from Show Jumping to Jumping with Style and Arena Eventing. Success has come at Grass Roots local, regional and national level as well as at the NSEA National Championships and NSEA Le Mieux Eventers' Challenge Championships. This year's team comprised L. Bryant, H. Devine, F. Goodwin, M. Hinchliffe, H. Hubble, E. Joyce, C. Kemp, T. Milliken, J. Moon, R. Oates, T. Oates, C. Rees, B. Ross, H. Goodwin and our Equestrian Captain H. Kemp.



BY DEBORAH REES



National finalists



U13 Boys Cricket



U13 Netball Finals



U11 Boys Hockey



U13 Girls Hockey



DEVELOPMENTS

WHAT WE'VE IMPROVED AT OUR SCHOOL

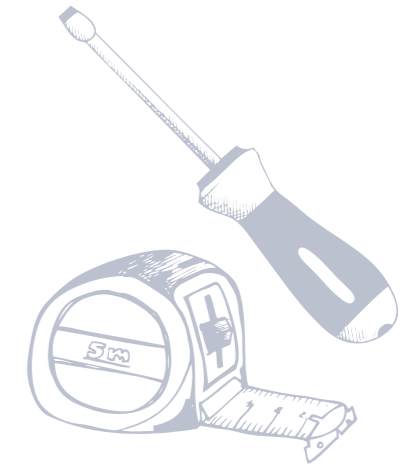
ONE YEAR ON...

The refurbished Reception Classrooms have been a hit with pupils, staff and parents. They form a multifunctional space which enables our youngest year group in the School to develop and explore in a creative and engaging learning environment.

The Dining Room refresh, along with a new Executive Chef, have reignited the 'inner foodie' in the whole School community! The new furniture makes the space feel bright and fresh and the new wall designs give the pupils something to read and explore whilst they queue for their lunch. As for match teas... they are again the best on the circuit, whether it is chilli and rice in the enamel mugs for the pupils after a cold, wet game of football or afternoon tea delights for the parents whilst watching a thrilling game of cricket in the summer sunshine. Match teas are a highlight of the week.

The new outdoor classroom donated by FOGWA was installed towards the end of the summer term. This is located behind the Woodland Wing classrooms near the astroturf. It will be a great addition to our teaching environment. The close proximity of the classroom to the main school will give our teaching staff the flexibility to transfer their teaching from inside to outside even if the weather is not always sunny!

For the second year running the School has been successful in securing a Rose Fund Grant to complete some refurbishment works that are essential but not always glamorous. The **Reception classroom toilets** were the latest area for a refresh. New LED motion lights make them a little more sustainable and the green 'funky' toilet doors match the classroom chairs.



FURTHER AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT...

this summer include the sports hall changing rooms. New LED motion sensor lights will be installed to make the areas brighter and to help nearly halve monthly electricity usage. Such small changes will reduce the School's carbon footprint over the next twelve months.

The final project for the summer will be to refresh the Waters Room which will be painted, have new lights, flooring and blinds. There will be new larger computer screens kindly donated to the School by Mr Howard (parent of Year 4 & Year 5 pupils). These will be positioned on arms so that each terminal will have two screens enabling even more design creativity in the ICT room.

LED MOTION SENSOR LIGHTS WILL REDUCE THE SCHOOL'S CARBON FOOTPRINT





PRE-SCHOOL

With a new team leading Pre-School this year, it has been as much *fun* as ever.

This year's highlights have included following a trail of carrots to find Father Christmas at the Tree House, singing our hearts out at the Nativity and modelling our bonnets with great confidence at the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Mud is always at the heart of Pre-School and this year we've been muddier than ever with the expansion of the mud kitchen which has meant a constant supply of mud cakes for the staff.

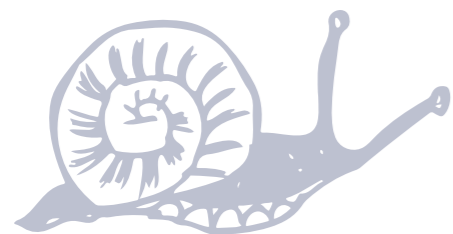
Throughout the year, Pre-School have become experts at making their own sandwiches which we then pack up in our rucksacks and take to the woods.

Book Week saw a variety of visitors to Pre-School who came to share their favourite book with us and we finished the week by dressing up as different book characters.

We celebrated the King's Coronation with a colourful assortment of crowns and joined the rest of the school for a party, including face painting and bouncy castles.

We finished off a fantastic year by joining with the Pre-Prep for a delicious picnic and fun in the woods.

BY PENNY LINDFIELD



PRE-PREP

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

RECEPTION

How lovely at the beginning of the year to explore our brand new, sparkly classrooms. As ever, an important part of the rooms is the role-play area, which, prompted by the children, became a bakery. This led to a demonstration of bread-making by Simon, our executive chef, inspiring us to have a go ourselves.

In April, Reception had the chance to see Julia Donaldson's 'Zog' at the Brighton Dome. The children made us so proud on their first ever school trip, including an exciting train ride.

Once our transport topic really got into the swing of things and the children had started to recognise vehicles from the past and present, we enrolled Mr Ashby who organised the incredible 'Car Fest' which involved many parents bringing along their prized motors for the children to explore and ask many questions about.

YEAR 1

Year 1 launched their first term by exploring the Blue Reef Aquarium in Hastings. Billie C said, "I liked seeing Rebecca feeding the Archer Fish." Later, a visit by Miss Burgess' fiancé, PC Setra, set us off, equipped with magnifying glasses, clipboards and curious brains, to investigate a crime that had been committed in The Keep. Needless to say, our First Class Investigators solved the crime...

'To Infinity and Beyond' was our summer term topic for the whole of Pre-Prep who thoroughly enjoyed learning all things about space. We had a very special visit from the Herstmonceux Mobile Planetarium where the children got to pretend to be in space and asked lots of great questions. Year 1 created Information Booklets to show all they'd learnt.

SPACE IS REALLY REALLY BLACK AND THERE ARE MILLIONS OFF STARS. (sic)

ALFIE M



YEAR 2

The children started the year digging for fossils in our grounds and followed this up with a trip to the Natural History Museum in London. Throughout the term, we used our Outdoor Classroom for lots of our learning including an English lesson in The Secret Garden where the children used their senses to be creative and brainstorm descriptive phrases. The spring term highlight had to be our Chocolate Workshop from Jen the 'Chocolatician' where the children got to learn about the history of chocolate from bean to bar and made their very own chocolate bars. Ask the children the best way to savour a piece of chocolate in your mouth!

International Women's Day was a particular highlight, where the children were given the opportunity to be Curious Cats and put lots of questions to Dr Andrews, a doctor, Firefighter Fran, Dr Ross, an author advocating for 'Women in Sport', and Pilot Humphreys. The latter was particularly impressed by Rohan's question: "Do you switch languages when crossing another country in the air?"

Finally, Year 2 shared their special moments in the Pre-Prep with their Celebration Assembly. The highlight was singing 'Open up our World' and hearing their memories from Pre-Prep, with an over-arching theme of their friendships and kindness to each other.

BY HANNAH LAFLIN



JUNIORS

LAUGHTER AND LEARNING

Another year has flown by in Juniors and one that has seen the atrium bursting with life, laughter and learning as the children have *fully embraced* everything from curriculum enhancement days, Christmas shows, concerts and recitals to Mudlarks.

Year 3 have had an amazing year of learning and have progressed greatly in their maths and English, both of which have been incorporated into their science and humanities lessons. They have travelled through time to study the Romans and Anglo-Saxons and traversed the globe to study the rainforests of South America. Special topic days have brought these historical periods to life with the children acting as Roman soldiers, or mixing Anglo-Saxon medicines in the woods. A particular treat for many in Year 3 was the trip to the Living Rainforest where the children impressed the guides with their excellent understanding of rainforest layers and facts about the different animals, including the sloth and tapirs, among others, that we witnessed in person.

Another highlight of the year has been starting matches in games against other schools, where the children have shown skill, teamwork, commitment and sportsmanship.

Year 4 certainly hit the ground running with a visit to All Saints Church in Lindfield as part of their R&P topic on Christianity and then, with Year 3, a journey into London to see 'Frozen the Musical' where they were amazed and inspired by the performance. They also fitted in a trip to Michelham Priory to embed and understand more about life as a Victorian.

Spring term seemed to be the term of 'Days' – World Book Day, Languages Day, Maths Day – all of which involved a range of fun and creative costumes or activities or both. In May we celebrated the King's Coronation. It was a superb occasion where the weather was kind to us and the children all had the chance to fully enjoy the festivities.

Wednesday woods sessions in the summer term were spent preparing for Mudlarks with the date kept a surprise by tradition. At the signal, a coded phrase, the teams rushed to the woods to spend the day building shelters, cooking lunches and creating new friendships. The year ended with the visit to Broadstone Warren and an overnight camping experience. Both of these experiences have helped the children realise how far they have come this year and that they are ready and capable to take on next year's adventures.

BY BECKY LAW



MIDDLES

MOMENTOUS YEAR FOR THE MIDDLES

The Middles have had *another busy year* with a range of activities, including drama productions, concerts, trips to living museums, visits to Brighton, residential and concluding with Woodlanders.

The autumn term saw children settle very quickly into new routines, learning new teachers' names and rooms quickly as well as coping admirably with either the introduction of prep in Year 5 or the addition of new subjects to their prep timetables in Year 6.

Later in the term Christmas songs filled the air in preparation for the December concerts which saw everyone performing something as a year group and several performing additional pieces in small groups or individually – it was lovely to see their confidence growing as they took to the stage.

For the spring term, Year 5 visited the Weald and Downland Museum to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Tudor period and Year 6 visited Brighton to learn and understand more about the Rampion Wind farm and do a litter pick along the beach.

Year 5 began the summer term with their residential trip to High Ashurst where the children headed to the top of Box Hill for three days of rock climbing, abseiling, high and low ropes, team challenges and campfires. All of this whilst lodging in lovely log cabins nestled within an idyllic backdrop. They all returned suitably tired but having mastered many a personal challenge.

After half term a coded phrase signalled the start of Woodlanders 2023 and before long teams were assembled. Two wonderful days in the woods followed with so many of the 7C's on show. It really was a wonderful experience to watch. Following on from Woodlanders, Year 6 packed themselves up and headed out for their Bushcraft experience. Over three days, pupils had the unique experiences of learning how to sharpen knives and gut fish. There were 'Tribes Got Talent' performances, survival skills and even rescuing Mr Swarbrick from a disastrous situation! Then, as if three days in the wilderness wasn't enough, they had Sports Day the next day. Showing typical spirit, the children smiled throughout and made more lasting memories.

THE END OF A YEAR INEVITABLY SEES SOME FAREWELLS AND TO THOSE CHILDREN MOVING ON TO NEW SCHOOLS, WE WISH THEM WELL AND HOPE THEY LOOK BACK ON THEIR TIME AT WALSTEAD FONDLY.

BY BECKY LAW



SENIORS

A YEAR OF SUCCESS!

Our Year 7 and 8 sporting teams have had *so much success* this year: reaching National Finals, individual children representing Sussex in a wide variety of sports and dominating on Wednesdays.

The broad range of Year 8 scholarships achieved this year – art, drama, sport, music and academic – is testament to the high calibre of pupils we have at Walstead and how hard these individuals have worked. The large and talented cast for 'Grease', is yet another indicator of our talented senior pupils.

Our Year 8 leavers headed off to Wales for their post-exam trip again. After many years away, we reignited our relationship with the CMC in North Wales. Children jumped in rivers while gorge walking, overcame fears while rock climbing, worked together on raft building and played in the mud while kayaking. In June our Year 7 pupils had a wonderful time in Normandy, spending a week immersed in french language and culture. After a long COVID interruption, it is so pleasing to see this important trip return.



The year culminated with another wonderful Q-day. The pupils spent a whole week together, bonding as they built some amazing shelters. Our Year 7 pupils deserve special mention as they embraced the challenge with total commitment. I feel privileged to run this wonderful event and knowing we can trust pupils with saws, fires and running around in the dark at midnight is testament to the calibre of pupils we have at Walstead. This was a very tightly contested year, with several teams in contention right up until the end. The winning team was Section G, led by Oliver M. Well done to the team: Max A, Archie CT, Austin B, Eoin O, Sam D, Austin M and Fletcher S.

Finally, a thank you to all the senior pupils. Walstead children are so kind and really take care of each other.

THE OLDER CHILDREN CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT ROLE MODELS IN THIS REGARD.

BY BRUCE MCCREA



Head Girl & Head Boy handover



DRAMA

ONCE AGAIN THE DRAMA AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT HAS FELT ABSOLUTELY BUZZING WITH EVENTS AND *enthusiastic stars* IN THE MAKING.



How could we top last year's show, 'The Lion King'? The choice was 'Grease the Musical'. With the involvement of over 50 children, choreography led by Miss Claydon, a live band under Ms Slaymaker, and parts of the set created by Miss Crook, we had a fantastic time putting the production together.

All the cast really rose to the challenge of this ambitious show and we even managed to bring a modern twist to the traditional ending. Thanks to everyone for working with me to ensure that 'Grease' was an immense success.

As if that wasn't enough, we have continued with our Performing Arts Thursday events each week, including in the autumn term nativities in EYFS and Year 3, a Year 4 pantomime and Middles' concerts.

The spring term PA Thursday was all about Year 5, who spent music and drama lessons writing and rehearsing their very own mini-musicals. This is one of my favourite schemes of work as it really is about giving the children the opportunity to be creative and imaginative and take responsibility for their own work. Year 7 also put together a wonderful evening as they performed a selection of Grimm Fairy Tales.

The summer term PA Thursday saw Year 6 delight audiences with performances of Shakespeare plays. There were some amazing performances, and I was particularly impressed with P. Hatt who learnt all her lines within a week and gave an outstanding performance in 'As You Like It'.

This year's theatre trips have included 'Frozen the Musical' for the Juniors, while Year 8 were able to see the touring production of 'Jersey Boys'. The Juniors also enjoyed 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' by a visiting Panto company.

Drama scholars have also been busy this year and this has been a wonderful opportunity for our very own Miss Claydon to lead scholarship sessions and prepare the children for their auditions. We were delighted with the Scholars' Showcase event where we were able to share with parents exactly what the students have been getting up to and what they performed in their auditions.

As per tradition, the drama department year finishes with the Year 8 Leavers Show. This year's theme was celebrity-based with a final goodbye performance of 'I'm a 13 Year Old... Get Me Out Of Here...!' With fond memories, some bushtucker trials and the chance to show off some of the talents of our current Year 8 cohort it was a superb end to what has been an awesome year for the Performing Arts at Great Walstead.

BY NICOLA DURWARD



MUSIC

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

What an *amazing year* it has been in the Music School. With the introduction of the 'Music Scholarship Programme', 'Middles Chamber Choir', Year 4 'Da Capo Band' and Pre-Prep 'Jitterbugs' Music Club there really were opportunities for all our young musicians to take part and engage in the joy of music making with others.

The 'Music Scholarship Programme' began with a visit to Glyndebourne Opera House to watch Mozart's comic opera 'Le Nozze Di Figaro', an enriching experience and in November the scholars led the whole school in a moment of reflection to mark Remembrance Day. They sang a beautiful three-part harmony a capella performance of 'The Parting Glass', followed by the trumpet voluntary performed by M. Francis, E. Willis and O. Tollit.

The 'Walstead Orchestra' has doubled in size this year with many new players joining the group. The standard of playing has improved immensely and it was a wonderful experience to see the skills and confidence of the musicians grow week by week.

Christmas is always a busy time as we come together in storytelling, music, and song. As well as Pre-School nativities and the Juniors' pantomime, Years 5 and 6 took us back to the 1950's for a 'Rock'n'Roll Christmas' Concert. We heard premier performances by the Christmas song writing competition winners, with songs from P. Meeke and C. Scrivens, B. Crossfield and B. Wellen.

The Senior School children hosted their Carol Service at All Saints Church in Lindfield this year. The Year 7 and 8 Choirs sang carols from around the globe with solo performances from M. Francis, W. Staples, A. Campling, J. Moon, and accompaniment on the bass guitar from L. Taylor and M. Breeze on the alto saxophone.



The 'Informal Music Concerts' commenced in the spring term with some musicians performing for the first time to an audience. The Pre-Prep children concluded the term's programme with a fabulous concert featuring performances from P. Barrett and E. Lucas on the piano, M. Koumelli and B. Broad singing, L. Hanmer-Delve and E. Bell on the violin and T. Martin on the drums.

The school musical, 'Grease', saw us entertained by one toe tapping song after another supported by the Grease Band of musicians with M. Breeze, on tenor saxophone, M. Forty on bass guitar, T. Iyer on percussion, and our very own Mr Fuller on the drums.

In the summer term our children embarked on musical adventures around the world, culminating in the 'Walstock Music Festival'. From the Pre-Prep 'Jitterbugs', Year 3 choir and Year 4's 'Da Capo Band', the latter performing on stage for the first time, to Year 8's 'Samba Band' the music was hot, hot, hot!

The Chamber Choir gave a West End worthy delivery of songs from 'Matilda' the musical with solos from M. Kentish Barnes, D. Foot, M. Williams, D. Broad, A. Massey, S. Pepper, A. Campling, P. Meeke, C. Scrivens, V. Millington, P-A. Ashby, E. Harwood, R. Groom, L. Cornwell, J. Moon, M. Tether-Jenkins and the acclaimed Mr Rees.

IT HAS BEEN SUCH A PLEASURE TO HAVE SPENT THIS LAST YEAR WITH SUCH BRILLIANTLY TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS I WISH EVERYONE ALL THE BEST ON THEIR FUTURE MUSICAL JOURNEYS!

KATIE SLAYMAKER



ART

ARTS, CRAFTS AND COLLAGES

The Art Department has had a busy and productive year creating a *wide variety* of artwork and participating in a range of diverse events.

To start the year, the Seniors were invited to mark National Holocaust Memorial Day. They tackled this sensitive topic with maturity and skill in their tonal portraits. Their work went on public display at Haywards Heath Town Hall and featured on BBC South East news.

As we approached Christmas, Year 6 collaborated with ICT to create a multimedia piece called 'Where's Santa?'. Inspired by 'Where's Wally?' students produced a self-image in a festive style before scanning and transforming them into a film. Their work was broadcast on the school's TV screens to be enjoyed by everyone as they passed by.

The Art Scholars have all worked with great dedication throughout the year building portfolios, collaborating with our Artists in Residence and encouraging our younger children with their creative endeavours. Annabel C won an award for her Christmas card, commissioned by local MP Mims Davies. Jack S has produced many display pieces throughout the year, his exceptional talent and skills in art gaining him a senior level scholarship.

International Women's Day sparked much interest in the art room where we looked at a range of pioneering female artists included Beatrix Potter, Yayoi Kusama, Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keefe.

Once again, the Cedar building has provided a perfect space for creativity with many students regularly attending art club during break times. It has been lovely to see the children working on the steps during the recent sunny weather, demonstrating excellent collaboration and creativity.

BY TRUDI CROOK

LANGUAGES DAY PROVIDED INSPIRATION FOR COLLAGE ART IN THE STYLE OF MATISSE. OUR STUDENTS PRODUCED SOME EXCITING PIECES.

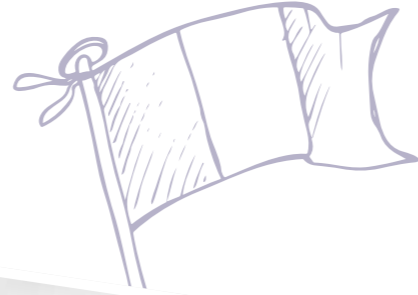


Photos Page 28: Paisley – Heidi S, Chicken – Isabella FH. Page 29: Fish – Maisie D, Giraffe – Keira M, Deer – Jack S, Van – Jack S.



OGW

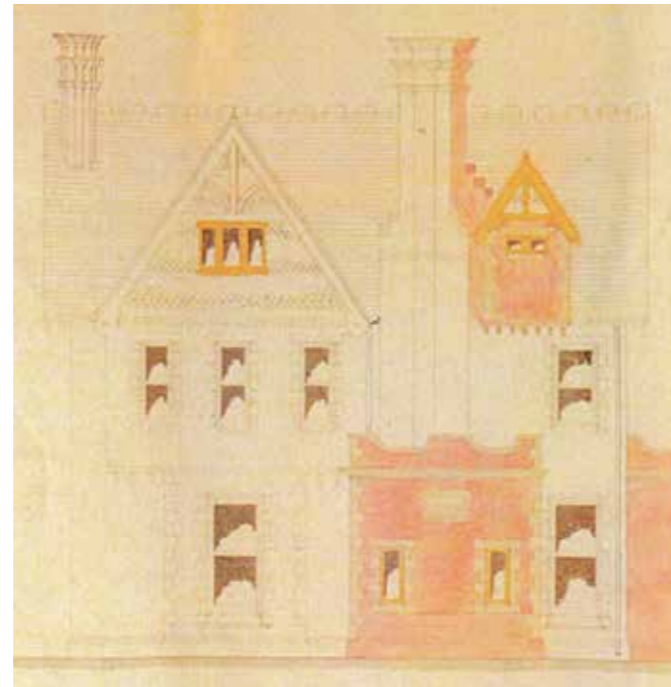
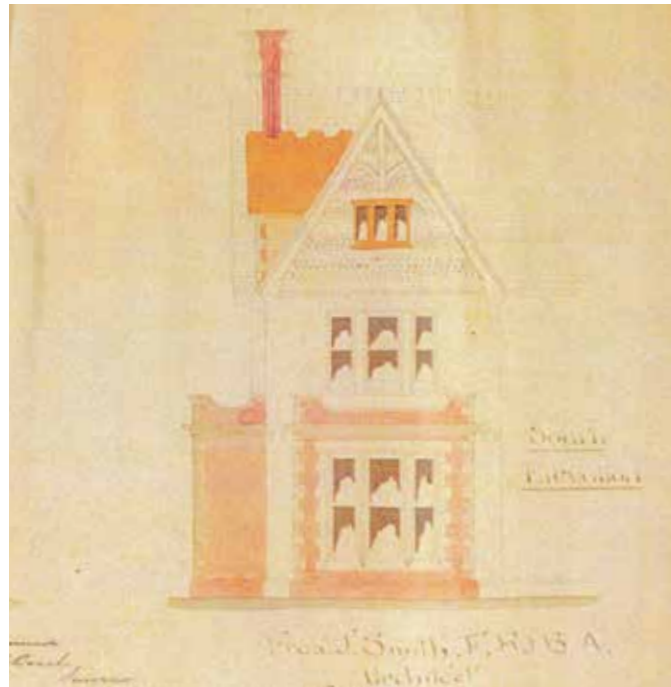
SCHOOL HISTORY AND ALUMNI



OGW Day this year saw a number of alumni, from the early days of the school to those who left in the 1970s and 1980s.

In the former group were Bridgid Sewell, daughter of the founder RJ Mowll, and her husband Professor Michael Sewell, and the founder's nephew, Andrew Mowll with his wife, Penny. Unofficial school historian, Graham Palmer (1949-55), was another welcome visitor who, much to the archivist's delight, brought plans of the building from 1900. These showed the proposals for the crenellated extensions as seen in this image from 1908 and which are now part of the Office.

Before Great Walstead was a school it was the private residence of Sills Clifford Gibbons. He was a dental surgeon with surgeries in London and Brighton. Sills kept a large household – in 1881, for example, he shared his house in Lindfield with his wife and six children, his mother, cousin, a medical student and seven servants.



Plans for extension on South and West elevations, 1900

THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE WONDERFUL DAY YESTERDAY. I MET UP WITH ONE OF MY NEAR CONTEMPORARIES AND HAD A GREAT WALK IN THE WOODS WHILE REMINISCING. I FEEL THE SCHOOL IS IN EXCELLENT HANDS.

EDWIN HARLAND (1968-73)

Attending this year for the first time since they left were a number of people from 1982/3.

They said they particularly enjoyed going down to the woods to relive walks and making camps there. (Q-Day remains a cherished memory for many OGWs.)

Photos: Nigel Bishop, Malcom Harris, Johnny Morris, Ash McKee and Simon Peters. Excellent lunch served by Great Walstead's Executive Chef Simon Dennis.



Photos: Mr & Mrs Ward ex-members of staff. Professor & Mrs Sewell

OGW (CONTINUED)

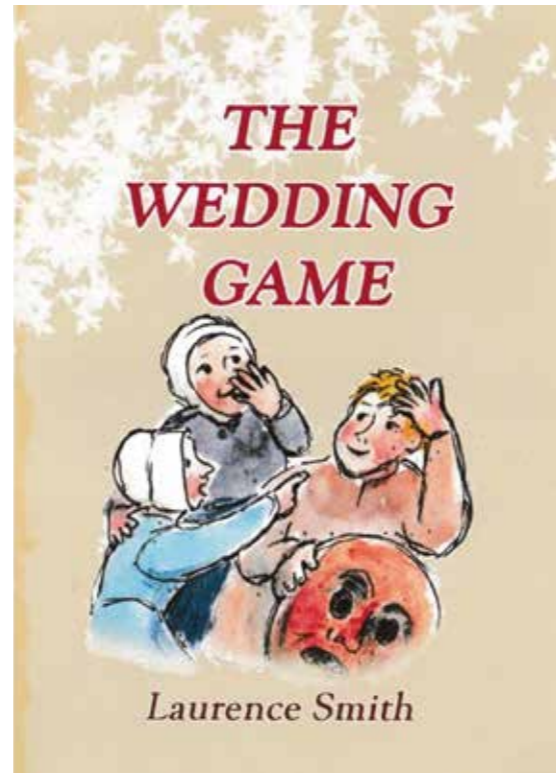
We were delighted to hear from old boy Laurence Smith recently, who sent us a copy of his book, a story inspired by Pieter Bruegel's painting of 'Children's Games' (1560).

I WAS HERE AS A PUPIL 1954-7 AND ENJOYED IT SO MUCH I CAME BACK AS A TEACHER IN THE 1970S.

LAURENCE SMITH

In an earlier email, he commented: "I am grateful for the overall care, generosity, integrity and spirit of cooperation and that was in all departments of the school and that were easily absorbed. There were long periods when we were left to play on our own so we learned to share and be responsible, to discover new things together."

The mix of academic and practical activities created an interesting learning environment. "The walled kitchen garden was filled with potatoes in the mid-fifties and some days to our delight it was – "Put your Latin books away and get your wellies on we are going to pick spuds!"



Lily O, Head Girl in 2016/17, popped in to school last September before going up to Durham University to study Biomedical Science.

GOOD LUCK LILY AND TO ALL OUR OGW'S STARTING UNIVERSITY.



BY ROSEMARY HUGHES



OBITUARY

Graham Turner (1942-48)

We were sorry to hear that one of our oldest alumni, Graham Turner, had died in September 2022. Born in 1933, he came to the school in 1942 as a young evacuee. A keen sportsman, he was Captain of the first XI cricket team, with a total score in his last season of 263. RB Jones, the games master, commented that "he handled his team well. His keeping was well above average throughout the term and his batting, once he had learned which balls to hit, was very useful."

Graham went on to Dover College and, after completing a correspondence course to qualify as an articled clerk, he joined the family property business, Worsfolds. He would work as a chartered surveyor and auctioneer for over 50 years with 30 years as Joint Senior Partner.

In 1950 as part of National Service, he joined the local Territorial Army Regiment, The Buffs. Four years later he was posted to Kenya to protect local residents from the Mau Mau. While there he learnt some vital lessons like to run uphill if chased by a rhino and never put your boots on in the morning before checking for snakes. He served a total of 14 years rising to the rank of Major.

He remained an active sportsman throughout his life including ski-ing and sailing. He played rugby on the weekends and golf with friends at Royal Cinque Ports, where up until recently he was one of the longest-standing members.

Graham had a fine sense of humour, a big heart and a deep commitment to his family, friends and employees.

With thanks to his son, Ben, for a copy of the funeral eulogy.



Charles Peattie artwork

Old boy Charles Peattie (1965-71), creator of 'The Daily Telegraph's 'Alex' cartoons, replied to an email from our Alumni Director last autumn:

Hello Sarah

Yes, I expect I left a number of drawings round Great Walstead, not necessarily always in appropriate places... I have very fond memories of the school as it was then under Gordon Parke. Manic games of British Bulldogs, overhead and overground railways etc (probably no longer allowed due to safety reasons) and of painting murals in some of the dorms and stairwells and the library, as well as embarking on my cartoon career.

Good times!

Thanks

Charles

MAKING CONTACT

As ever, the archivist would love to hear reminiscences of ex-pupils or members of staff.

Contact: ogw@greatwalstead.co.uk



Photo Graham Turner

STAFF NEWS

2022-2023

LEAVING STAFF

Liz Sutton

Liz began her career at Walstead in January 2011 as a Games and PE Teacher. A talented sportswoman, she had played lacrosse for England. In her early days at Walstead, Liz threw herself into the Wednesday matches with gusto. She returned to the classroom in 2012 as a Year 4 form teacher, where she brought all her energy and fun into this new setting. In 2008, she was asked to lead the Junior Department. Liz was such a key component in all staff social events, a lively and fun-loving person who was never afraid to wear every colour in the rainbow at the same time. Good luck in your new adventure in sports event organisation.

Nikki McCrea

During her time at Walstead, beginning in 2014, Nikki has worked predominantly as a Maths teacher where her passion and enthusiasm for the subject was infectious. Eager to raise the profile of the department, she has always looked for opportunities to do things differently. Window Wednesdays, maths relays and trading on the stock market are all things she introduced. Nikki has made a tremendous contribution to the school and we were very sorry to see her go in June, but wish her all the best in her full-time role at Cumnor House.

Becky Parr

Becky joined Great Walstead in 2020 as a KS2 teacher and quickly became a valuable member of the Junior team. Her passion for her job is infectious and the effort and time she puts in to ensure she does everything to the best of her ability is truly admirable. Following the birth of Leo in December, Becky decided to start a new part time teaching role a little closer to home and has accepted a part-time teaching role at Crawley Down Primary School. We thank her for everything she has done in her time at Walstead and wish her all the best in her new school.

Chris Clark

Chris joined us as a KS2 teacher in 2020 and soon became a firm favourite amongst the children lucky enough to be taught by him. Chris has always thrown himself into everything he does and lasting memories of him will be the many costumes he has donned – a red sumo suit, an Egyptian god (with a full face of make-up) and as one of the Smeds instantly spring to mind. After a short spell in Juniors, Chris moved into Middles and took on more teaching in the Sports department where his passion, enthusiasm and coaching skills were well received by all. It is within this area that he is taking on the next step in his teaching career at Rokeby School where we are sure he will continue to excel.

Lucy Helliwell

Lucy joined us as a Year 2 Teacher in September 2013, eventually moving on to Year 1. She was the Pre-Prep Literacy Co-ordinator and was passionate about reading. Prior to teaching, Lucy was a gardener and she used these skills at Great Walstead by running an after school gardening club, helping the children to create a wildflower bed within the Pre-Prep playground. She was a steady, reliable and unflappable member of the Pre-Prep team. Lucy left in January 2023 and, while retraining as a project manager, in May Lucy became a local councillor for North Portslade. Congratulations.

Katie Slaymaker

Katie took up her role as Head of Music in September 2022. She became well known for her love of upbeat music and her ukulele. She has helped promote music across the school, particularly in Pre-Prep, where her 'Jitterbugs' after school activity was a great success, and in Year 8 introducing the samba band at Walstock this year. We wish her well in her future musical plans.

Lynne Mann

Lynne joined Great Walstead in 2017 and worked alongside Sophie Leak in Year 3 until she moved down to Reception to work with Kate Barker. This year, she took on the role as Room Leader in Pre-School and enjoyed a wonderful year with all her Rabbits. Lynne has been a valued colleague not just for her contributions to the classroom but also her kindness in keeping everyone going with her supply of cakes. She certainly knows the true way to a teacher's heart.

Ross Higginson

Ross joined us in January 2023 to cover maternity leave in Year 3. Ross quickly established himself as part of the Juniors team and the children soon got to know and like him. Ross was excellent at sharing ideas and looking to improve the Walstead experience for all those he taught and worked with. We have very much enjoyed having him here with us this year. He is leaving to take up a Year 6 class teacher role at Farlington School.

Niamh Andersson

Niamh joined us in September 2021 as a Sports Graduate and has had a lasting impact on our pupils. She has been a fantastic role model, particularly to our girls, whose passion for football has grown immeasurably in her time at the school. We wish Niamh all the best as she moves to Brighton College to experience working in secondary education with a view to completing a teaching qualification in PE.

STAFF NEWS (CONTINUED)

2022-2023

LEAVING STAFF

Jack Billin

Jack has been a fantastic addition to our school as a Gap Student over the past academic year. Whether it be helping our youngest pupils with their breakfast, or utilising his rugby expertise with the 1st team, he has given a great deal to Great Walstead. We wish him good luck as he heads to Loughborough University to take a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Angela Shannon

Angela joined us 4 years ago as an IT Support Analyst. Her expertise, knowledge and kindness made her a much-valued colleague at Great Walstead. Always there to help, Angela will be hugely missed. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her the very best in her next adventure.

Jane Cocks

Jane joined Great Walstead School back in 2001 when Hugh Lowries was Headmaster and has seen three Headmasters come and go. Jane has been an invaluable member of Housekeeping, always happy to help out in any situation. She will be sorely missed, and we wish her good luck for the future.

Abbie Claydon

Abbie joined us in September 2021 as a gappie. Straight from school, she had been studying musical theatre and in she bounced full of energy and raring to go. Alongside her thespian talents, Abbie has been a great teacher in the classroom. She leaves us to take up a place at Warwick University to study Drama and Performance with a view to then do teacher training. In her own words "I never expected to want to teach, but now I can't imagine doing anything else other than working with kids".



NEW STAFF

Charlie Lee – Head of Maths

Charlie joins us from Cophthorne where she was the KS3 Maths lead as well as Designated Safeguarding Lead and Director of Wellbeing.

Jemma Packer – Director of Music

Jemma comes to us from Danes Hill School in Surrey where she was the Director of Performing Arts. Jemma was also the conductor of the Middle School Choir and a bassoonist in the orchestra.

Monty Hadow – GAP Student

Monty joins us on a placement year from the University of Bath where he is studying Sports Management & Coaching.

Claire Gale – Performing Arts Graduate

Following a degree in Vocal Performance (Classical), Claire completed a PgCert in Advanced Performance. She comes to us from the University of Chichester Conservatoire.

Danni Butler – Sports Graduate

Danni graduated from the University of Birmingham in 2021, having completed a degree in Sports, PE & Coaching Sciences. The last two years have seen her work as a Graduate Sports Coach at Seaford College.

ECO-WARRIORS

IT'S GOOD TO BE GREEN

Eco-Warriors has grown this year, with Mrs Bland and Mr Swarbrick helping to lead the keen green group of pupils alongside Miss Laflin.

Max TJ in Year 5 suggested writing to the water company about the problem with sewage contaminating our oceans and waterways. Within a couple of weeks Southern Water had visited our school to present a talk to the group about what the company is doing to protect our seas and wildlife from sewage. We also have an exciting visit in the pipeline (sic) to the new Peacehaven Water site in the autumn term to look forward to.

Some of the things the Eco-Warriors achieved this year include:

- raising awareness of what can go in our recycling bins
- reducing single use plastic for snacks (e.g. large block of cheese sliced rather than individual packets)
- signs around the school to encourage lights being switched off
- movement-sensor lights in some areas
- regular litter picking by children
- Climate Challenges shared with all staff and children weekly.

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