

SIR ROGER MANWOOD'S SCHOOL

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016



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Let the Children Come to Me

The Headteacher's Message Spring 2016

Dear Parents,

I write this on a gloriously sunny morning on Thursday 17 March, very much looking forward to Founders' Day tomorrow. As I was saying to Years 7 and 8 in assembly yesterday, we are all so privileged to be in a school that can trace its origins back over 450 years and are the latest in a long line of students and teachers who have passed through the doors of the school.

I hope you will forgive the brevity of my letter as I am leaving on the annual school trip to India tomorrow afternoon (immediately after the Founders' Day Service) with 12 students and Miss Lupton.

The plethora of international opportunities at the school was what drew me to the school in the first place as opening young people's minds and hearts to other cultures and the wonders of the world around them are very important to me. Since arriving at the school I have been lucky enough to accompany our students to Montreuil (Choir exchange trip), Paris (Y10 French trip) and Florence (Sixth Form Art trip), and hope to slowly work my way around the others we offer in the coming years – starting with two Duke of Edinburgh weekends this spring/summer!

Easter is very early this year which always makes for a very short February half term to Easter holiday, but one advantage is that students in examination year groups will have five weeks after the holiday in which to make the most of their time with their teachers.

Hopefully you will have had an opportunity to visit our new school website by now. Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to send in comments.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Year 11 Public Speaking Team won the East Kent Final and have made it through to the South East Regional Final on Tuesday 22 March at the headquarters of the English Speaking Union in Mayfair. The team consist of three Year 11 students - Yusha Sheikh (Chairperson), Phoebe Underwood (Questioner) and Katie Heppell (Speaker).



For the past six months students from Sir Roger Manwood's School have been working with Dr Stuart Gibson from the University of Kent to develop and build a single pixel camera capable of viewing the world as it is seen by insects. Mrs Warren and the 9 members of the research group working on the project were invited to attend the Partnership Grants Conference at the Royal Society on Tuesday 2 February 2016 in order to present their findings to Fellows of the Royal Society and other invited guests, which included our local MP, Craig Mackinlay. Each year, as part of its education outreach programme with schools, the Royal Society awards around 40 schools grants of up to £3,000 to enable students to carry out science, technology, engineering and mathematics projects in collaboration with practising scientists. Our research group were one of just 14 schools who were asked to present their findings at the Conference.



On Friday 18th March, forty Year 8 students attended The Big Bang Science Fair at Discovery Park in Sandwich. The students enjoyed an array of exciting and interesting events including Prof. Hal's The Bigger Bang! Show which really did get their ears ringing! The students also took part in some hands on workshops including cool physics, designing a paper roller coaster and experimenting with maggots. Between the workshops there were plenty of hands on exhibits where the students were able to quiz scientists about their work. It was a fun and inspiring event. Thank you to Kent and Medway STEM who organised the event.

Our Junior UK Mathematics Trust team won the regional round and will be appearing in the highly prestigious national final in London in June. Well done and good luck to Claire Carlotti, Arran Gallagher, Divij Gupta and William Ainsworth.



Maisie Macartney (Y10) has been selected for the Olympic Swimming Trials in April.

Matt Carney (Y8), Harriet Williams (Y10) and Lauren Martin (Y10) have all been selected to play for Kent hockey.

Our Under 13 boys' hockey team were runners up at the recent County tournament. An excellent achievement and one of which Mr Pearce is very proud!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Hunter".

Lee Hunter
Headteacher

CHARITY REPORT

There have been many varied fundraising activities and events over the term. Isabella Bottle and Ella Craig, 9Tu held a cake sale and raised £50 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. 7A raised £85 for Demelza House Children's Hospice. They held a speaking competition in their English lessons, and Louis Smith of the form was voted the most persuasive speaker with his talk on the Children's hospice. The form had pledged to donate money to the winning speaker's charity.

At the beginning of term Louise Scott, area fundraiser, came to talk to the whole school about this year's school charity, The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Also in January Julie Gayler from The Martha Trust, Deal came into school to thank students for the fundraising they had completed for the local charity. Julie expressed her surprise and gratitude about how much had been raised and explained how the money would be spent on specialist equipment for disabled young people.

Once the mock examinations were over, the Junior and Sixth Form Charity Committees ran a Valentine's stall. Over £150 was raised for The Teenage Cancer Trust.

The first week of March was Charity week. Over £2000 was raised for The Teenage Cancer Trust. Full details of Charity week will appear in next term's newsletter.

Before the Easter holiday the Sixth Form Charity Committee held their third Easter tea for local retired citizens. Over 50 guests were entertained and were fed a delicious selection of sandwiches and cakes made by Mr Waldron and his staff in the school canteen. Thank you to the canteen staff, the musicians, Ted, our sixth form magician and the members of the Sixth Form Charity Committee who helped so much to make this event a success. Also, thank you to those parents and pupils who donated prizes for our raffle.

Again, I would like to thank everyone at school and at home for their help with the different fundraising activities and charitable events.

Best wishes for a relaxing holiday time.

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

India

Our Sixth Form students, led by Mr Hunter and Miss Lupton, are presently working at our partner school, the Rosarium Academy in Rimbick, situated in the Himalayas near to the town of Darjeeling. They raised funds for the school and have supplied them with a printer, new blackboards and play equipment for their younger pupils. After spending this week

teaching, the group will embark on their trek to the peak of Sandakphu. We wish them a safe return and we are sure that they have had an experience to remember.

Gambia

This year's group of students, led by Mr Outen and Miss Nelson, have completed their fundraising and collection of resources to take to our partner school in Farato, Gambia. The group also recently visited Sandwich Primary School to tell them about our relationship with our African partner school and gain some experience in a primary classroom. They will be going during the Easter holidays and we wish them a safe journey, and hope they have a fantastic experience.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

The inter-house University Challenge competition has been fiercely contended this year. In Year 7, Trappes won a very close final against Knolles. Dorman won their final convincingly in Year 8 against a very strong Trappes team. And in Year 10, Knolles won their match in the very last round of questions in their final against Dorman. For the first time ever, we entered two Year 8 teams into the national University Challenge competition. In the first round Grace Riley, Lucy Stefanuik, Arran Gallagher and Matt Cockfield-Hall won all 3 of their matches and progressed through to the next round to play Bickley Park. Our other team, consisting of Kipp Shanks, Millie Fisher, Maya Stedman & Theo Garner beat their opponents from Chatham & Clarendon and Wellesley House (although they lost to the other Manwoods team) and go through to the next round to play Bromley High in the second round. Both matches will take place early on in the Summer Term.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The main focus this term has been preparing for the wide range of expeditions which take place in the Summer Term. Sessions have focused mainly on completing routes and route cards for the expeditions. In addition, training sessions have covered the following areas: equipment, rucksack packing, map reading, camp craft, food and cooking

The annual award ceremony took place at Duke of York's Royal Military School on Friday 4th March 2016. 57 students received their Bronze Award, 42 their Silver Award and 11 their Gold Award.

The dates of the expeditions for the 2016 season are as follows:

Expedition	Dates	Area
Thursday 12 th – Friday 13 th May	Bronze Practice	Sutton Downs
Saturday 21 st to Sunday 22 nd May	Bronze Practice	Sutton Downs
Saturday 11 th to Sunday 12 th June	Bronze Qualifying	North Downs nr Dover
Thursday 7 th to Friday 8 th July	Bronze Qualifying	North Downs nr Dover
Saturday 7 th to Monday 9 th May	Silver Practice	Wye Downs
Saturday 18 th to Monday 20 th June	Silver Qualifying	Stelling Minnis, Elham and Alkham Valley
Saturday 25 th to Thursday 30 th June	Gold Practice	Eastern Brecon Beacons
Saturday 16 th to Wednesday 20 th July	Gold Qualifying	Western Brecon Beacons

LIBRARY NEWS

This has been a hectic term in the Library with World Book Day at the centre of our activities. A fun book-related quiz was held on the day for Year 7 teams. It was a close-run contest but 7A emerged triumphant! Their team 'The Blurbs' comprised Cara Braun, Jack Calvert, Ciara Campbell and Blaine Miller. A World Book Day competition to design a poster with a positive message about books and reading was also won by students from 7A: Cerys Kennett, Otilie Stirrup and Melissa Sykes. Josie Luckhurst 7C and Joanna Saldonido 8E were runners-up. All won tokens to The Vue.

We also held a Book and Cake Sale in the Library to raise money for Book Aid International. Students, parents and staff donated their unwanted books and these were sold at bargain prices! Thank you very much to everyone who supported this – we had a fantastic array of books. Cakes were provided by wonderful Sixth Form Library prefects who also helped with the Sale. A special mention must also go to Claire Carlotti 9D who made lots of cakes as well as helping. The end result was £260 which has now been sent off. Some left-over children's books were given to local schools and other books taken to charity shops.

Year 7 and 8 have enjoyed a brilliant author visit this week. Ali Sparkes was both funny and inspiring as she described how she went from struggling to read to becoming a successful writer. With Year 8s, she focussed on her recent book 'Car-jacked' which features a child genius. When his parents' car is stolen with Jack lying hidden on the back seat, he needs to use all his intelligence to get out of the situation. This session involved lots of quizzing of students and staff to see if any of us were undiscovered geniuses. I don't think we were! Many students stayed behind at the end to talk to Ali and have a book signed by her.

Our Junior Reading Group has also been busy this term. We have read 'Ghost Hawk' by Susan Cooper, 'Shine' by Candy Gourlay and are currently enjoying 'Triskellion' by Will Peterson. We meet every Tuesday lunchtime in the Library. New members always welcome.

The shortlist for the Carnegie Medal (awarded each year to an outstanding book for young people) has just been announced and we are pleased to see that an Old Manwoodian Marcus Sedgwick has been nominated. His book is 'The Ghosts of Heaven'.

SPORTS

Senior Hockey Report 2016

This year's Senior Hockey preparations began in November, with pre-season training meaning things looked positive for the new season for both the 1st and 2nd teams.

The 1st team began their season up against Chatham & Clarendon in the Kent Cup, with the team winning 4-0 against a strong side. Goals came from Rory Smith who scored a fine first half hat trick, and Dave Linton adding another with a back post tap-in after half-time from a Josh Chana pass.

The fixture against Norton Knatchbull was a very even game, but ended up with the team coming out on top. After being 2-0 down after 10 minutes, the team rallied and won 4-2, with centre-back Michael Rowarth getting man of the match after a superb performance and Laurie Marshall scoring a great goal, deceiving the keeper after dribbling from his own half.

The 1sts put in strong performance at the Annual Frank Mason tournament, which showcases the best school hockey teams in Kent. Despite coming very close to qualifying for the main Cup competition, we ended up qualifying for the Plate competition in the afternoon. We were up against a tough Rochester Maths side. As the game wore on, many of our players begun getting cramp and incredibly tired after playing 5 games already and Rochester ended up winning and thus knocking the team out at the Quarter-final stage.

In the Kent Cup Quarter Finals we were drawn against Skinners, who had beaten us previously 1-0 in a very tight game in the Frank Mason Tournament. We started the game brilliantly, with Rory Smith scoring in the first minute, composedly finishing from a terrific run and pass by Alex Waldron, but still found ourselves 2-1 down at half time. We started the second half as we started the first, Rory scoring another from a well threaded through ball from Josh Chana and we were back in the game. Unfortunately, two late goals from Skinners meant that we were knocked out at the Quarter final stage again.

The next team we faced was Duke of York's. This game was particularly frustrating; with the team having the better chances to win the game, but yet again having a similar outcome. After conceding to a scrappy goal we equalised through a swift counter with Katie Williams forwarding the ball onto Rory Smith who tucked it away. However, two late counter-attacking goals by Dukies as we piled on the pressure meant that we came out of the game with nothing, losing 3-1.

St Edmund's Canterbury was one of the last fixtures in the 1st team's season. Again we started brightly, scoring 3 within the first 10 minutes, playing some strong counter attacking hockey. Dave Linton scored a brace, the first coming after Laurie Marshall had burst down the right wing and the second after excellent play by Will Donaldson in the Dee. St Ed's then scored two quick goals and hit the post before half-time to put us under pressure, with the

same theme continuing in the second half. After wasting some decent chances to finish the game off, we managed to hold on to win 3-2 after outstanding defensive work from the team, especially from Ed Harlow, Alex Waldron, Matt Green and Michael Rowarth.

This capped off a solid but frustrating season for the 1st team, putting in some great team performances but ultimately not taking the chances we had to win games that we should have.

The 2nd team had a disrupted season, with 3 out of their 7 games being cancelled. Despite this they still won 2 of their games against high standard hockey playing schools. The first came against King's School Canterbury, winning 5-0, with 1st team member Dave Linton scoring two great goals and 2nd team player Steven Bettles scoring an easy hat trick.

Their second win was up against St Edmund's Canterbury, convincingly beating them 4-2 thanks to a high quality Harry Peirce hat trick, and another good finish by Max Taylor-Nobbs after a good piece of play by Brad Roy.

However a close game against Rochester Maths and another against Simon Langton resulted in losses which tarnished the team's great performances this season. Special mention must go to 2nd team Goalkeeper Jubril Hassan, who before this season had never played hockey but finished the season as one of the team's outstanding players, conceding only 3 goals in his first 3 games.

Overall it has been another successful season for Manwood's Senior Hockey, with both the 1st and 2nd teams enjoying strong seasons. However a big thank you must go to both Mr Pearce and Mr Riordan as none of this would have been possible without the tireless and selfless work by them for the 1st and 2nd team respectively. Thanks must also to Mr Rivers who took Year 9 hockey, and the work that they all put into Boy's hockey means that the future looks bright for Senior Hockey at Manwood's.

Josh Chana (Captain)

U12

Our season started off with a friendly game against St Lawrence who had been playing together since around Year 3. We were a new team who had been playing together for about 2 weeks so we had never played as a team in a match. Because of this we got a heavy beating losing 6-0.

The next game was against Borden Grammar who we quite easily beat 4-0. The team played well passing the ball about and dribbling skilfully past the opposition. Our next two league games were against Harvey Grammar and Norton Knatchbull, we beat Harvey Grammar 1-0. It was a close game but we probably just about deserved to win. Norton Knatchbull were a strong team but we still managed to beat them 2-0.

The following week we played Rochester Math in a friendly who were a good physical side. The game ended up goalless with neither team deserving to win. Our last 2 league games were against Simon Langton and Chatham. We quite comfortably beat Langton 3-0 and then beat Chatham 2-0.

Throughout the term our team improved massively. By the end we were defending very well and also scoring lots of goals. We had won every game apart from our friendlies which meant we won the East Kent Schools Hockey League.

Alex Laslett

U13

This season we have played Rochester Maths, Harvey Grammar School, Norton Natchbull, St Lawrence College, Chatham House and Borden Grammar. We unfortunately lost every game except for a 6-2 victory against Borden Grammar. However, in spite of the losses, the majority of the matches were very close with us only losing by a single goal. The team always had a positive attitude and never gave up! In the John Maylam Cup – a 7-a-side competition held at Polo Farm in Canterbury where 22 teams were involved – we played Sutton Valence 3s, Kent College 2s, The Ashford School and St Lawrence 1s in the group stage. We finished in second place having W2, D1 and L1. The winners and runners-up from each of the 4 groups were then put through to the main Cup's knock-out stage. We won our first game against St Lawrence 2s. In the semi-finals we beat Kent College 1s 1-0 and in the final we were beaten by St Lawrence 1s 3-0 who were worthy winners.

Special mentions should go to these players: Sam Wilson (scoring and assisting lots of goals), Finley Beaman (excellent distribution leading to attacking play) and Chris Sharp (for solid goal keeping).

Matt Carney

U14

Year 9 Hockey team started off really well with their first EVER point. With a great draw against Borden Grammar (2-2) they were off to a great start, our next game was Norton Knatchbull where we had an unfortunate loss of 2-1. Against Harvey Grammar our heads dropped and we didn't play to our full potential and so came away with a 4-1 loss. A few games were cancelled but a few more games were still to come, with one point in the league. The last match against St Lawrence was a disaster with a beating of 11-0 but at half time Mr. Rivers with his passionate team talk got us in the mood and so we carried on trying. From the start of the second half we were a totally different team, we were controlling the middle, didn't let them in the D and must have had 10 or more chances. The two times they had a chance they scored but we were winning this half. It wasn't our day and we couldn't get it in the goal so the match ended at 12-0. It really did show us our potential for next year but we ended on such a high thanks to Mr. Rivers.

Noah Upton

U15

The under 15s Hockey team enjoyed a very successful season with a mixture of league games, friendlies and an all-day tournament at Polo farm. The team started the season with a deserved win when they beat Borden Grammar 5-1. With confidence they moved onto their next game against Norton Knatchbull and won again 4-1. In their next fixture they faced a strong Harvey Grammar but managed to come out as victors with a 3-1 win. In a friendly against St Edmund's their unbeaten run was unfortunately ended with a 3-0 loss. The team then bounced back well with a 5-1 win against Rochester Maths before a big rival game against Simon Langton. In the game against Langton the team produced the best performance of their season with a great game but still lost 7-3 but the score definitely didn't reflect how close the game was. The final game was supposed to be against Chatham & Clarendon but they cancelled at the last minute so the under 15s took the points. The team entered in an inter-schools tournament and finished 3rd in a group consisting of St Lawrence, Simon Langton, Norton Knatchbull and Duke of Yorks. But, after a poor performance against Chatham & Clarendon they went out through a 2-1 loss. Thanks to everyone who played and trained this season and thank you to Mr Pearce for giving up his time to help everyone out and arranging the fixtures.

Ollie Nedderman

NETBALL END OF SEASON REPORTS

Senior Squad

1st team

The 1st team had a slow start to the season this year as we faced the challenge of having a very new team. It took us some time to find our feet and perform together rather than as individuals but once we did so we were a very strong side. Unfortunately, some tough early games against the likes of Kings Canterbury and Kent College led us into a streak of losses but a match against a particularly strong Simon Langton side was the turning point of the season. Phoebe Urquhart's phenomenal shooting in that game as well as the support of some sixth form boarders gave the team the drive to beat that side convincingly and we went on to win against similarly good sides such as Duke of Yorks. Sadly we have to say goodbye to some great players this season; Phoebe, Sarah, Sophie and Molly are moving onto pastures new and I hope that they continue to enjoy netball in the future.

We want to say thank you to the girls for making this season so good but also think that Miss Lawrence deserves a huge thank you for organising all our games and taking the time to train us at ungodly hours of the day.

We hope next season is as successful as this one and that netball continues to be played at such a high level.

Senior Squad

2nd team

We had a tricky start to the season as the 2nd team faced Kings Canterbury and suffered a big loss. After working hard in training we then went on to beat Kent College quite convincingly. Overall, we faced some very good opposition this year, but managed to work very hard during the game and produce some excellent results, including a very close game against the Duke of York school. This was arguably our best game, where in the last quarter we managed to pull away from Duke of York narrowly beating them 12-11.

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to some of the second team this year, but we wish them the very best of luck in pastures new.

U16

Overall, the U16 had a very successful season winning all except one game. We had successful matches against all of the Dover schools, with our most challenging opposition being Astor, a team which plays in an Adult league out of school.

Our toughest opposition was an extremely strong Simon Langton squad in which we suffered a defeat. Our senior team later went on to play them and came away with a well-deserved victory.

The U16 squad also attended the District Tournament this year, retaining the Trophy they won in 2015.

U15A

A tough start to the season losing to Chatham & Clarendon 8-15. Despite the score line, the girls played extremely well and had the potential to win the match.

The next match saw Sir Roger Manwood's take on Simon Langton in a very fierce game, in which we won 11-6. Congratulations to Georgina Waldron, who was asked to play for the U16 in-between quarters.

A disappointing end to the season for the squad as many fixtures, that we would have won, ended up being cancelled.

U15B

This year saw the introduction of an U15B team, who were very successful in their efforts. Despite having a very short season, the B team won three out of four fixtures.

After a tough start against Sutton Valence, they went on to beat Kent College, Dover Girls and St Lawrence College.

U14A

The under 14s netball season was very successful this year. We won over half our matches and the ones we lost were against some tough schools. Every game was played to the best of our ability, even when losing we fought hard the entire match making it as difficult as possible for the other side to come away with a win.

We came first in the Dover District netball tournament, retaining the title of District champions. It has been a fantastic season.

U14B

The B team had a good season winning the majority of their games. Some new players were welcomed into the team this year enabling us to have two squads for the first time and helped strengthen the entire squad. Special mention to Millie Richards who played her first competitive netball fixtures and scored a number of goals for the team. They were a very enthusiastic squad who never failed to turn up to training or matches, as a result made great improvement throughout the season

U13A

I believe that the U13A team has had a very successful season. Overall we played nine matches, participated in two tournaments (one county and one district). Our first match was against Chatham & Clarendon, that we narrowly won 18-16. We then went on to beat Kings Rochester Prep 12-1. Throughout the season, Miss Lawrence has been running several lunch time and morning practices, helping us work on speed of play, hard and accurate passing and defensive strategies. This was our second year of attending the County Netball tournament. Last year we learnt a lot and managed to finish in a better position this time. This was a good warm-up for the District Tournament, in which retained our title from last year as District Champions.

Our last match was against St Lawrence. We didn't play very well in the first two quarters of the match, but after a pep talk from Miss Lawrence at half time and some positional changes, we managed to close the gap on the score line and play some amazing netball. Despite losing the game, Sir Roger Manwood's were the better team overall.

U13B

A very strong and unified B team started off their season with a narrow defeat against Chatham & Clarendon, losing by only one goal.

Unfortunately, many of the games for the B team this season were cancelled. However, this did not stop them continually coming to training and working hard for a spot in the squad. This year was particularly tough as there were a lot of girls wanting to get into the netball squad. Thank you all for being patient and for continually putting in the hard work.

U12A

This season has had its ups and down, wins and losses, but we all tried our best and played together as a team. Great captaincy by Evie McGuirk lead us to some good victories. Even though we had some tough games we all tried our best and gave them a good battle for the win. Our performance now compared to the beginning of the season is a great accomplishment. Well done girls and thank you Miss Woodgate.

U12B

In this season of netball, the B Team have lost quite a few times but on one occasion we drew against Duke of York. I don't think that we have played badly, we have had some great wins but we could have played a little bit better in some of the matches.

In the season we have played Kent College, Sandwich Tech, Dover Grammar, Duke of York and a few more. We have worked very hard all season and have enjoyed the experience of playing against other schools. We look forward to working hard next year and being a stronger squad.