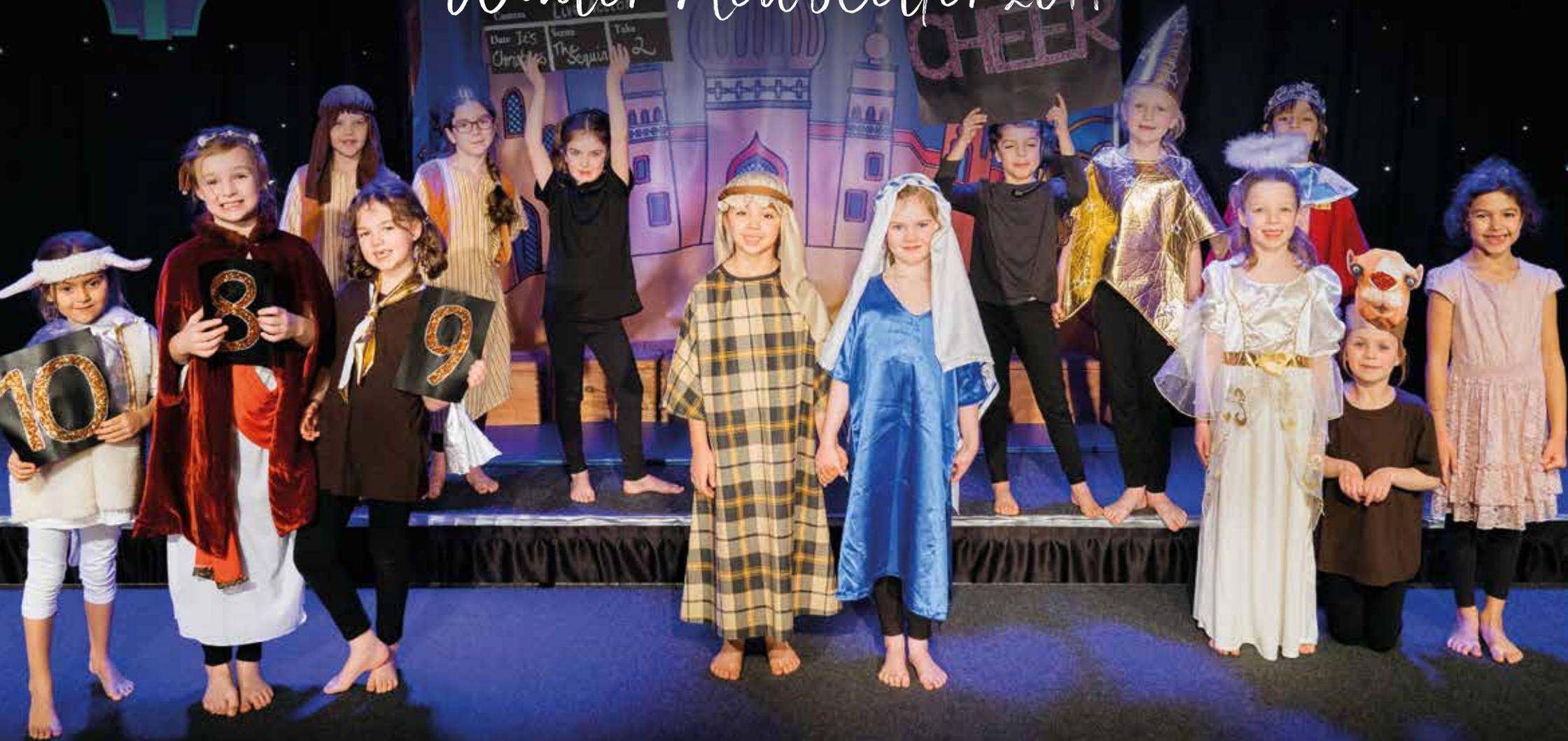




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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



A real sense of joy resonates around the Junior School at Christmas. The happiness of the festive season is evident in every corner of the school – a fabulous way to end an action-packed term. With visits from Openbox for a variety of historical workshops to visiting speakers helping us all understand how we can make a difference by reusing and recycling materials and consuming less energy; with trips to exciting places on our doorstep and further away for Science, PE and

Understanding the World; with our charitable giving through our Harvest celebrations, learning about the importance of the humble potato in Ethiopia to some fantastically energetic fundraising for the NSPCC; our contemplative times of remembering those who have given their lives in wars and re-visiting the ageless story of Christmas; we have had a wonderful term of enriched learning. What a privilege to work with such inspiring girls.

Our new website was launched earlier this year, which reflects the essence of what GHS is. Part of the website covers the 'GHS 8' listing the aims and ethos of the whole school. Over this term, we have looked at each aim with the girls because it is important for them to know what we are all striving to achieve. We feel passionately that providing the 'GHS 8' framework will enable the girls to flourish and be ready to face the challenges they will meet in the future.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a restful holiday. See you all in 2020!

Mr Mike Gibb



'The GHS 8'

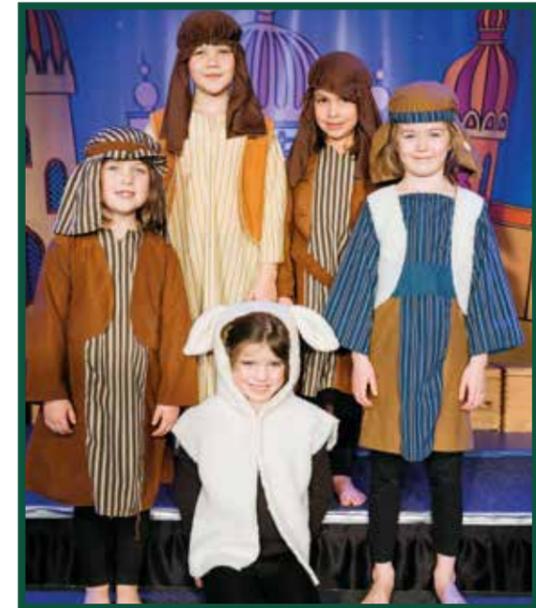
Our purpose at GHS is to provide an atmosphere and surroundings in which you can:

1. Be happy
2. Be positive about your own gifts and abilities
3. Maximise your potential
4. Think and learn creatively and collaboratively
5. Develop intellectual curiosity and a love of learning
6. Develop the confidence to take appropriate risks
7. Develop the resilience to cope with adversity
8. Become a responsible citizen

PRE-PREP NATIVITY: LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!

How fabulous to be able to head to the dance studio again for this long-awaited sequel! With the traditional nativity characters, toe-tapping songs, fabulous dances and a whole host of cheering and booing, this was a performance and a half by the Pre-Prep girls. With the Funky Camel, Smallest Sheep and, of course, Caesar as this year's judges, we were treated to a baa-riiliant, cel-es-ti-al time. Congratulations to everyone involved who sang and danced their hearts out and looked fab-u-lous in their amazing costumes. What a show!

Mrs Rachel Wardell



KS2 CAROL SERVICE: 'AND ON EARTH, PEACE'

Costumes ironed, lines learned and banners made: the KS2 Carol Service was underway. In the vestry, we were buzzing with excitement as we prepared to process with candles flickering. The richness of the variety of carols from all the year groups left the congregation in awe of the re-telling of the Christmas story. There was poetry, prose and carols galore with a beautiful newly composed carol written for Upper Choir. It made us all stop and reflect as we finished the service with poise and grace. There was a real sense of Peace on Earth.

Class 6H



HARVEST FESTIVAL & CONCERT - IN AID OF THE CHARITY 'ALL WE CAN'

A glorious celebration of Harvest was led by Year 3 and the Pre-Prep. Reception and Year 1 sang about everything from growing vegetables down at the allotment, to singing vegetables of every possible variety. In Year 2, their enchanting singing reminded us what a beautiful world we live in, whilst a collection of catchy and thoughtful songs were sung powerfully by Year 3 (not forgetting their favourite – *the Potato Song!*). The warm and appreciative audience in the Senior School Hall were moved by the contributions of all of the girls. The powerful message of helping others by giving seed potatoes, vegetable seeds, tools and training to families, was told clearly.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



SERENE STRINGS

The 2016 Hall once again created the perfect backdrop in which to listen to the polished performances of some of our string players. With violins, violas, 'celli and guitar being played with confidence and enjoyment, each girl shared her love of learning her instrument. Each piece was applauded warmly by the appreciative audience who recognised the efforts of all the girls and their teachers. The varied range of pieces made us smile, made us dream, had our toes tapping, and showed the enthralled audience that our girls are making outstanding progress.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



MICHAELMAS ART ROUND UP

It has been a pleasure to join the Art Department in the Junior School. After almost 20 years of travelling, I am delighted to be here to teach so many highly motivated and talented girls. The energy that comes out of the Art room is buzzing and we have covered many different mediums ranging from recycled paper coiled pots in Reception, Van Gogh and Matisse inspired containers in Year 1, savannah landscapes in Year 2, polystyrene prints in Year 3, meadows in mixed media in Year 4, Harvest paintings in Year 5 and Guildford building inspired architectural mixed media ink drawings in Year 6. I am sure you will agree this work is really outstanding.

Ms Pia Kanaan



Arabella, 6S



Poppy, 5J



Year 3



Amyra, 2A



Emily, RD

Aimee, 2L



Year 3



Lauren, 6H



Charlotte, RD



Emily, 4M

Year 1



Year 5

RECEPTION'S AUTUMN WALK TO STOKE PARK

We went on a walk to Stoke Park and saw lots of funny worms! We found a tree and named her Winter. Winter will be green in summer but in Autumn she has orange and yellow leaves. We went on a squirrel hunt, but we did not see any squirrels because it was too cold. We had so much fun at Stoke Park and cannot wait to visit Winter again in the Spring!

Class RB



YEAR 1 VISIT THE NOVIUM MUSEUM

Year 1 went on an exciting trip to the Novium Museum to learn all about life in space for astronauts such as Tim Peake! Our mission began and getting to our workshop was all part of the fun. We counted down from 10 and launched ourselves to the third floor. When the doors opened, we found ourselves inside the International Space Station. We were particularly surprised to learn how astronauts use the toilet and where their water supply comes from!

Class 1C



YEAR 1 VISIT FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM

Year 1 visited The Florence Nightingale Museum at St Thomas' Hospital in London. We were excited to be greeted by Florence Nightingale herself when we arrived! Florence spoke about her time treating the soldiers of the Crimean War. We explored different areas of the museum and were kept busy drawing what we saw and trying on different costumes. We had a fantastic time learning about Florence Nightingale and her powerful influence.

Class 1C



YEAR 2 VISIT THE TOWER OF LONDON

Year 2 experienced a historical day at the Tower of London. We discovered how kings lived and how scary they could be. We found out that the lion is the animal of the King because it is very fierce, strong and brave. We also learnt about the Great Fire of London. We pretended to be different characters and were quizzed about our knowledge. In the afternoon we saw soldiers marching and even a dragon made from armour. Finally, we saw the glittery crown jewels. We all wished we had sparkly crowns of our own!

Class 2L



YEAR 3 VISIT RHS WISLEY

Year 3 went on a Science trip to RHS Wisley to investigate plants and soil. We discovered all the different soil types by carrying out experiments. We took cuttings from a Plectranthus from South Africa, whose leaves smelt like lemon pie, and planted them in our own pots so we can grow them at home. In the afternoon we set off around the Glasshouse with our workbooks to explore. We also loved meeting Andy Maitland who was displaying his impressive digital art collection and he showed us how to create our own iPad art which we hope to recreate soon!

Class 3P



YEAR 3 VISIT FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE

At the beginning of the trip, we watched a film about Fishbourne and learnt that the person who lived there was called Togidubnus. We saw mosaics and learnt that there was a fire at the palace when the Romans were there. Some people who live close to Fishbourne find artefacts in their gardens. Sophie dressed up as a Roman prince and Isabella was a Roman princess. It was an incredible trip!

Class 3V



YEAR 5 VISIT THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

When we went to the National Army Museum, we took part in two workshops. The first was about parachutes, where we learnt about their history and how the army uses them. We made parachutes and tested them by launching them from a third-floor balcony! The second workshop was about London during the Blitz in World War II. We learnt about different jobs such as an Air Raid Warden who had to make sure everyone had their gas masks! It was a great trip.

Bethany, 5C



YEAR 5 ACTIVITIES DAY AT HOBLEDOWN & ADUR

Fourteen Year 5 girls visited the Adur Outdoor Activity Centre and Hobbledown Adventure Farm in two fun-filled adventure trips. On the first day at the Adur Centre we completed an obstacle course, went mountain biking and attempted rock climbing. Some of us climbed to the top of the wall! The next day at Hobbledown Farm we visited all the animals. We laughed at the meercats and we all had a turn at feeding the goats. We then took on the exciting challenge of the high ropes and we all went round twice. We had a fantastic couple of days.

Year 5



YEAR 5 NETBALL TOUR

We packed a lot into our four day netball tour to Jersey. We had several training sessions where we refined our ball skills ready for our matches against St George's Prep School and the Accies Club. We discovered the joys of the Aquadrome where there were amazing slides into the pool. The weather was good, although a little windy, but we managed to have lunch on the beach one day and built some incredible sandcastles. We visited the Jersey Zoo, where we saw lots of different animals, and the War Tunnels, which showed us the hardships and heroism of the Jersey people during World War II. We finished the tour with the 'Dodo' Awards where a whole range of achievements was celebrated. We had a fantastic time!

Year 5



RECEPTION'S ENCHANTED TOY BOX WORKSHOP

We loved our Openbox workshop with Kenn and Iain. We listened to a story and pretended to be the toys. We had lots of fun sprinkling magical sparkles on the toys which made them come alive. We enjoyed being teddy bears and trains. We danced like real ballerinas and had a BIG party. It was funny when Kenn woke up; he made us jump! We had so much fun.

Classes RB & RD



'LONDON'S BURNING, LONDON'S BURNING'

Wow! The Year 1 girls not only survived the Plague but also the Great Fire of London this term! Openbox Theatre taught them all about the events of 1665 and 1666. They kneaded the bread for the ovens, clambered across roof tops when the fire was discovered and became the flames, strengthening in the wind. What an exciting morning!

Class 1S



YEAR 1 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP

Year 1 were transported back 200 years to the time of Florence Nightingale. We learnt about her early life when she rescued a dog and a small owl called Athena. We also understood what it was like to be a servant in Florence's home and later discovered how the doctors, nurses and soldiers were treated in Scutari Hospital in Turkey.

Class 1S



YEAR 2 ADVENTURE THROUGH TIME

Openbox Theatre spent the day with us, taking us to different places throughout History. We travelled back in time, starting with the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament, but he did not manage to succeed. We then moved forward to the Great Fire of London in 1666 before jumping several hundreds of years to the Titanic in 1911. Finally, we moved forward to World War I in 1914. We worked in factories and stood up for women and our rights! It was a great day.

Year 2



PRE-PREP ARE VISITED BY AUTHOR KAREN LITTLEWOOD

The author and illustrator Karin Littlewood came to visit the Pre-Prep girls. It was interesting seeing pictures of her studio. We listened to her read her story 'Immi' which was about a girl who lived in the ice and kept finding interesting objects. In the workshops Karin told us she started her stories with pictures called story seeds. We then made a necklace using our own story seeds which was great fun.

Class 2A



YEAR 3 ROMANS WORKSHOP

We were transported back 2000 years by Openbox Theatre to discover what it was like in Roman times. One of our teachers was dressed up in Roman armour and she looked like a real Roman soldier! Our favourite part was when we started marching. We had a ferocious leader who held the standard at the front of the column. We learnt so much, it was a brilliant day.

Faye, Hannah, Jiyaa, & Eshanee, 3P



£3,633 RAISED FOR THE NSPCC IN OUR BIG BUDDY WORKOUT

The NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme visited GHS to take two interactive assemblies. The girls learnt about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. We decided to support them by running two 'Big Buddy sponsored Workouts' where the girls partnered up in a circuit challenge. They worked intensely for an hour and had great fun!

Miss Georgie Dustin & Mr Toby Day



YEAR 3 TEAM BUILDING DAY

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term Year 3 spent the day building a great big team. We were superheroes and took part in lots of wonderful activities. We made sparkly capes and masks but for the rest of the week, the 3P classroom looked like a glitterball! The communication workshop was a lot of fun and we sang some funny songs. Luckily, all the Year 3 girls were superheroes and saved the day.

Class 3P



YEAR 3 AND 4 TALK ALL THINGS ROCKS AND ROBOTS

We were very lucky to be joined by the wonderful Liz Tinlin for a workshop on space, robots and volcanoes. We learnt all about the robots that are exploring Mars as we speak. We found out that Curiosity (a robot) has batteries that allow him to work for a thousand years. One of the robots even took a selfie of itself – it was the first selfie in space! The air is so thick on Venus that it could squash you as flat as a pancake. It was fascinating..

Class 3V



YEAR 4 VIKING WORKSHOP

Our Openbox workshop amazed us with interesting facts about Viking life. We learnt a few Viking words such as 'hudfat' which was their word for sleeping bags and 'Thing' which was the word for government. We all worked hard to build a longship together and completed all the jobs the Vikings had to do, such as cutting down trees for wood and preserving and sewing animal skins for warmth. We then set out in our longship to discover new lands. We all loved the Viking workshop.

Sophia, Evelyn & Prisha, 4M



YEAR 5 ARE WWII EVACUEES FOR THE DAY

We were taught in our workshop what it would be like to be an evacuee in World War II. We were taken on a train and had to pretend to be evacuees. When we arrived in the countryside, we were told who we would go and live with. With Farmer Brown (Kenn) you lived and worked on a farm. Reverend Jones (Iain) let us choose what chores we wanted to do. Mrs Smith (Mrs Cartwright) was very kind but Lady Fortescue (Mrs Jones) was very strict and we were not allowed to smile.

Emily & Ella, 5C



YEAR 5 AND 6 LEAP TO THE MOON IN TINLIN TALK

Years 5 and 6 were lucky to attend a workshop on space. We learnt about the Apollo 11 mission and Apollo 13. We saw videos of people walking on the moon and heard Neil Armstrong say "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." We saw some pictures of Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin (nicknamed 'Buzz') and Michael Collins in quarantine after they had come back from visiting the moon. We saw the different parts of the rocket and how only one part would return to Earth.

Clara & Amelia, 5J



PARLIAMENT WEEK AT GHS

Parliament Week saw the Year 6 girls having talks from local representatives of political parties. Anne Milton (Independent) spoke about what it was like to be a female MP and how General Elections work. Zöe Franklin (Liberal Democrat) shared her experiences as a Guildford Borough Councillor and a Guildford candidate. Brian Creese (Labour) described how people enter politics and how hustings work. All three speakers answered the girls' tricky questions and helped them understand why every vote truly matters. (Other parties were asked, but were unable to attend).

Mr Toby Day



ECO WORKSHOPS

The Junior School became eco-warriors for two days of workshops. Each class met with 'Green Up Your Act' ambassador Philip Hunton to make a range of items out of recycled material. Reception and Year 2 learnt all about how insects thrive in bug hotels whilst Year 1 made eco-friendly fish out of recycled plastic and cork. Further up the school in Key Stage 2, Years 3 and 4 made starter seed pots out of scrap paper and rich compost, whilst Years 5 and 6 up-cycled maps to make notebooks for their work. Everyone had a brilliant time.

Miss Lovegrove & the Eco Captains



AUTHOR KATE WAKELING VISITS KS2

Kate Wakeling visited Key Stage 2 and read some of her poems on a variety of topics, such as facts about hidden superpowers all children have and comets racing through the night sky. She told us about the stories behind each of her poems such as the jungle cat pattering around on her roof in Indonesia. The most wonderful thing, however, was the way she read her poems – she made them come alive! Our favourite poem was about bad moods and she encouraged us to write our own poem, as a class, about moods. It was an inspiring visit.

Julia, 6S



LINK TO HOPE CHRISTMAS BOXES

The Charity Captains would like to say a big thank you to all the girls and parents who were involved in making the Christmas boxes for the charity 'Link to Hope'. We were able to send 92 boxes to the charity, with each box helping a child or elderly person who is less fortunate than ourselves. These boxes will be sent to people in Romania and the Ukraine to give them a special present at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who took part - every little action helps someone else.

The Charity Captains



FESTIVE FOGHS ROUND-UP

The Christmas Fair was again a lovely highlight of the winter term. Whilst the day dawned wet and cold, inside all was festive and bright! Father Christmas's grotto was magical, whilst upstairs some excellent Christmas Shopping opportunities were to be found in the Christmas Market provided by our external stallholders. As ever it is a team effort and our enormous thanks go to all who played a part; all together it creates the magical day it has become. From all of us, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Jenni Hall and the FoGHS team



NETBALL

What a term of netball we have had! We entered several tournaments and won bronze medals at the U10A & B tournaments at Feltonfleet and GHS, as well as the U10A & C tournament at Hawthorns. The U11A & B teams qualified for the Plate Competition at the GHS Invitational Tournament which the A team won. The U9A team made it to the semi-finals of the Hoe Bridge Tournament. The Year 3 girls have started their Netball careers with enthusiasm and played in their first Inter-School Netball festival where they were joined by the whole U8 Netball squad from St Hilary's. What a fantastic set of results!

Mrs Sally Appleton



GHS HOSTS ANNUAL SCHOOLS' AQUATHLON

In September, GHS hosted the Schools' Aquathlon. There were three categories; bronze, silver and gold. The weather may have been wet but we were undeterred! For many it was their first multi-sport event but everyone enjoyed themselves and did well. GHS achieved many podium places and won top scoring school overall. Well done to Isla, Emily and Alice in Year 3, Jessica, Charlotte, Savannah and Jamie in Year 4, Zoë and Daisy in Year 5 and Lucy and Keira in Year 6. At the end, everyone went home with a smile on their face.

Keira, 6S



CROSS COUNTRY

It has been a busy cross country season. At the GHS Invitational Cross Country event, the U8 and U9 teams came first with Isla and Jessica coming first individually. The U10 and U11 girls were all placed in the top 20. At the St Edmund's Inter-Schools Cross Country Race, the U8 team came first with medals for Isla, Alice and Michelle. The U9 team also came first with medals for Jessica, Jamie and Charlotte. In the U11 age group Keira came third. Well done to all of the girls involved in what has been a fantastic term for cross country.

Mrs Tara Oxley



AN EXCELLENT TERM OF GYMNASTICS RESULTS

The U9, U10 and U11 Gymnastics teams have had a busy term with lots of competitions. At the Surrey Tumbling event the U9 Team were crowned Surrey Champions and the U11 team were the runners-up.

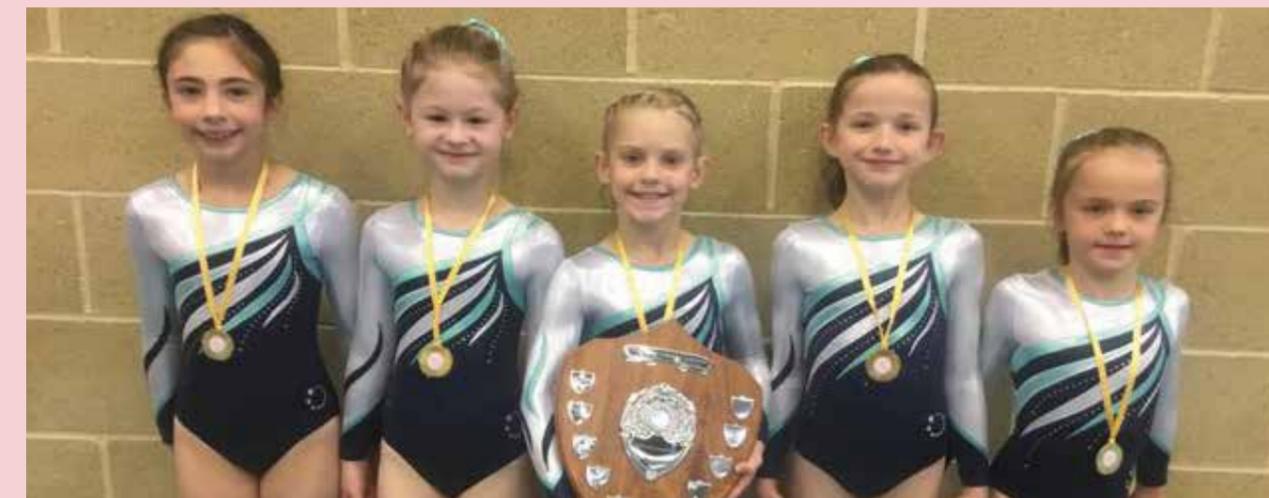
A friendly fixture against Tormead followed where all the teams were placed second in their age groups with Flora winning gold in the U10s, Annabella winning silver and Olivia bronze in the U11 category.

At the U11 Surrey Floor and Vault competition GHS came fourth by the narrowest of margins. There was success for the U9 team at the ISGA Qualifier, coming second overall.

At the IAPS Competition the girls had their best competition ever! The U9 team came fourth in their group sequence and second overall. The U10 team performed their routine beautifully and won the group sequence and were placed fourth overall. Flora also won the bronze medal. The U11 team came third in the group sequence and second overall, with Annabella getting the silver medal.

Overall a great term of Gymnastics!

Fleur, 6S & Annabella, 6H



BRONZE MEDALS AT THE SURREY SCHOOLS' SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS

In September we entered a Junior team into the Surrey Schools' Skiing Championships. The girls were determined as ever and they all skied two clean runs. The team of Imogen, Milly M, Millie P and Millie W came away with bronze medals! The following week our team of Imogen, Molly, Lucy and Millie raced in the BISS Indoor Championships at the Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead. It was good for the skiers to be on snow instead of a dry slope. The standard of skiing was extremely high and all four skiers are congratulated on racing 2 clear runs.

Mrs Tara Oxley



IMPROVING MINDFULNESS AND WELLBEING IN YOGA CLUB

As part of our expanding activities program the Year 6 girls were given the opportunity to take part in Yoga taster sessions. The sessions were a refreshing reminder of the sporting opportunities that do not fall under the traditional "games" category. The girls had a chance to experience the physical and mental benefits of Yoga through guided meditation and had a great deal of fun in the process!

Mrs Amy Turton



OFF TO THE NATIONAL BIATHLON FINAL

Several girls from GHS entered the Schools Biathlon Nationals Qualifying Competition. The U9s competed well with Jamie coming second and the team of Jamie, Savannah and Isla coming first. The U10 team of Jessica, Charlotte and Amelie came second and the U11 team of Alyona, Daisy and Cammie came fourth. I came third individually and Lucy, who was in the U12 team, came fifth. With other Year 7 pupils the U12 team came first. These are great results and it means the top results qualify for the National Finals in March.

Keira, 6S



HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Hockey teams have been refining their skills and getting used to playing together as a team. It has been a joy to see the girls discover and grow to love this sport. They are looking forward to putting what they have learnt into practice next term in matches. We are still a developing school when it comes to hockey but the passion and determination the girls have put into training this term is a credit to them.

Miss Georgie Dustin





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