

AUTUMN Review

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Perrott Hill

Heads' welcome



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Welcome to the first of our new termly editions of Review – designed to be more interesting and informative than ever before. From our fantastic Mock Trials and the running of the inaugural Haddock Cup to author visits, careers talks and some incredible stage performances from our Pre-Prep and Year 3s, we thought: why wait a whole year to share this with you all?

As we write, we have just had our termly prize giving ceremony, celebrating academic, musical, artistic, dramatic and sporting talent, as well as other qualities we hold in high regard such as courtesy, public speaking and boarding – you can see the full list of winners on pages 14 and 15. We are especially proud of the fact that our school motto 'time and space for a full education' isn't just something we say; it's evident in all that we do. We hope that, as you flick through these pages, you'll see that for yourselves.

As we say farewell to boys' rugby and girls' hockey, we look forward to boys' hockey and football and girls' netball and football. The spring term is short – only 10 weeks – but it is already full to the brim with matches, tournaments, careers talks, Parent-Teacher Consultations and trips. We look forward, too, to many scholarships being attempted to senior schools, as well as our own Perrott Hill Scholarship Day on 2 February.

Here's to a fantastic 2018.

Bryan Kane

Will Silk

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News



Community matters

This year's Community Action and Charity Mufti Day was a huge success, raising a brilliant £560.81 for Cancer Research UK. It was great to see so many Perrott Hill pupils out and about in the community cleaning churches, clearing woods and spreading kindness in care homes and beyond. Well done, everyone!

The Tinker Lab Challenge

Our new Tinker Lab has fast become a popular addition to the school, with waiting lists now in operation for break times – a big thank you to Mr (ITC) Andrews for running it so superbly, and congratulations to the four teams of pupils who successfully completed the inaugural Tinker Lab Challenge. The challenge was to get a bouncy ball from one end of the Tinker Lab to the other without touching it. Griff and Thomas were the first to get across, using a remote controlled car built out of Lego. Ned and Joe and Matias and Javier each constructed zip wires to get the ball from a to b, and Lola and Anouska made a carry system attached to a drone. "All the teams did fantastically and it was great seeing them work so well together, not only in their pairs but also as a whole coming up with different designs and helping each other to solve problems," says Mr Andrews. "I am already thinking of a challenge for this term!"



Words of wisdom

Pupils in Years 3-8 have benefited from a number of inspiring and insightful lectures this term. First up, an informative visit from the Westcountry Rivers Trust in October, where Farm Advisor Yog Watkins talked about the great work they do. As a follow-up to that, the Axe Valley River Association are loaning us a tank of salmon parr to rear for their release programme, which we're hugely excited about. We hear Mr (Science) Andrews has got dibs on them for a tank in his lobby!

We also had a fascinating lecture on the Blundell's School Expedition to Borneo - delivered superbly by Mr Olive and three of the team, who braved tropical humidity and scorpion-infested forests.

Finally, we've had some stimulating careers talks courtesy of parents Andrew Lale – who talked about the life of a surgeon – and ex-parent Keith Brownlie who discussed architecture. Thank you so much for sharing your expertise with us.



Year 7 Speech Competition

Well done to all our Year 7 Speech Competition finalists, but especially to Lucy, Georgie and Stanley who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively with their excellent speeches on WaterAid UK, the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and the World Wildlife Fund. A special thank you to our adjudicator, Mr Scott-Malden from Radley College. Brilliant work all round.

Off the scale

Last term we welcomed Emma Jones from the Somerset Wildlife Trust to Perrott Hill to help judge our Summer Holiday 2017 Nature Photography Competition with the theme of 'scale' - no mean feat, considering the exceptional level of entries which included a chameleon on a toy train and a frog next to a dog! "I was so impressed with the talent on display through these wildlife photographs," said Emma. "I am privileged to be involved – although it's been the hardest competition to judge yet!"

The winning entries will soon be framed and up on the walls of our new Science classroom for all to see. Watch this space.





The Gruesome Grundy Hall

The Grundy Hall was decked out in cobwebs and spiders for the Halloween Disco in October – superbly organised and decorated by the Friends of Perrott Hill. Big thanks to our resident DJ, Mr Bunday – who later transformed into tour guide for the boarders' Halloween Trail around the school. Killer Garden of Roses, anyone? Mwahaha.



“It takes real guts to stand up and speak in front of your peers, and I was really impressed by all of you”

Mr Lindsay Wilson

In the dock

Perrott Hill once again played host for the annual Year 6 Mock Trials in November, where six local primary schools – Perrott Hill, East Coker, Preston, Ash, Hambridge and Chilthorne Domer – battled it out in a 'courtroom' presided over by a team of real-life magistrates from the Yeovil Magistrates' Court. The defendant in the dock was the fictional Terry Shepherd, who was accused of graffitiing the door of a local business, with each school having to present a case for either the prosecution or the defence.

The overall winners were Ash Primary, with Perrott Hill coming second and East Coker third. Adjudicating magistrate Mr Lindsay Wilson commended the level of confidence with which the children spoke, telling them 'it takes real guts to stand up and speak in front of your peers, and I was really impressed by all of you.' A special thank you to our Chair Ms Mary Ellis, and adjudicating magistrates Mrs Susanna Hanson and Mr Wilson.



Heads' Top Table

Well done to all the children who've been invited onto the Top Table for lunch – the ultimate reward for good manners and courteous behaviour. Keep up the good work!



Kids play

Our Perrott Young Farmers' trips are always worthy of mention – not least the recent trip to Forde Grange Farm where our pupils got to see a baby goat being born!

“It was an amazing experience as we got to actually help the goat being born”

Lily in Year 7



Tuneful tots

Our twice-weekly music sessions for 0-3 year olds have gone from strength to strength and it's been a pleasure to see our little ones grow in confidence. "All the children have progressed beautifully and I was especially proud of Inigo, who sang his first solo Bee song towards the end of term," says Miss Greenwood. The classes take place in our Music School on Monday and Tuesday mornings during term time and include a 45 minute music class followed by a 45 minute stay and play. If you're interested in coming along, or know someone who might be, the Front Office can give you the details.



Pumpkin... or Pokemon?

The Front Terrace played host to a great and varied display of pumpkins for our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition in November, which the children had great fun judging (the tin foil braces were a stroke of genius!). Well done to Tommy in Year 5 for his winning pumpkin, Gengar – a Pokemon inspired design.



Lest we forget

Years 3-8 had their Remembrance Service in St Martin's Church in North Perrott, with former parent Commodore Nick Tindal RN, the Commanding Officer at RNAS Yeovilton, giving a thought-provoking address. Thank you Nick, it was a wonderful service. Our Pre-Prep service took place at the same time in the Grundy Hall, to the backdrop of the children's fantastic poppy artwork.



The Haddock Cup

We were delighted to welcome Feltonfleet School to Perrott Hill in November for a fantastic two days of rugby, hockey and the inaugural running of The Haddock Cup to celebrate the strong bond between our two schools. In 1940, during the Second World War, Feltonfleet School was evacuated to North Perrott Manor, where they stayed for the duration of the war – returning from Somerset to Surrey in early 1945 (with one of the Feltonfleet staff members, Bill Grundy, staying at the manor and forming Perrott Hill School).

One of the Feltonfleet pupils was John Haddock, a distinguished cross country runner who remains very much part of the Perrott Hill family (you might remember him from Sports Day), and we are delighted that he has given his name to the Cup which will be contested by the two schools each year. It seemed very fitting that we stood in silence alongside our friends at Feltonfleet on Remembrance Day to honour those who gave their lives in the First World War. A big thank you to our Director of Sport, Simon Sheldon, for organising – and we look forward to visiting Feltonfleet next year.



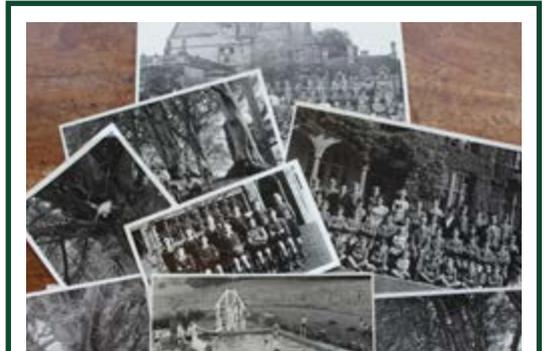
Word millionaires

We are proud of our track record with the Accelerated Reader scheme, which helps teachers manage and monitor independent reading practice. This term, we have not one, but THREE pupils who have successfully read and quizzed on a whopping four millions words. Well done Ellie, Chester and Luke – this is an incredible achievement.



Harvest Festival

Pupils had a wonderful harvest service in October, led by Rev. Jonathan Morris. We had readings from our Head Boy and Head Girl and prayers by the Prefects - all topped off with a Harvest Loaf baked by our Head Chef, Ray.



OPH News

We had a wonderful visit from OPH John Oddy this term, who arrived at Perrott Hill in 1946 and this time came armed with old photographs and reports from his time with us. The teachers certainly didn't mince their words in his day! He very much enjoyed his trip and loved seeing the Music School and new boarding areas. He commented that so little has changed, which is testament to how well the new additions have blended into the school. We also enjoyed a visit from OPH David Russell, who was here from 1985 – 1990 and was full of stories from his time with us. We are hoping to host an OPH Summer Party this year, to which all OPHs are invited. If you'd like to put your name down please email Lizzi Gardner on lgardner@perrotthill.com.



Eco Club

What a term it was for our Eco clubbers! As well as planting evergreen shrubs for winter, our team were busy planting 450 trees, given to the school by The Woodland Trust. We look forward to watching them grow over the coming years.



Ho ho ho!

We can't do an Autumn news round up without some pictures of Christmas Jumper Day, this year raising £152.45 for Save the Children. Well done to everyone who performed in the Christmas Show, too. Unfortunately we are without photographic evidence of Mr Kane and Mr Silk's rendition of You Raise Me Up (or has it been destroyed?!) - but suffice to say it was a show stopper. Strong work from the top.

Character building

Congratulations to Year 5 on their performance assessments – there were some very creative stories focusing on character stereotypes. A big well done to Lucy and Otis who were awarded a commendation for their efforts!



This House believes...

Public speaking is a big part of what we prepare children for at Perrott Hill and nowhere can this be seen more than through our debates. Last term, the motion for Year 7 was "This House believes that fast food does more harm than good". It was hotly contested with great contributions from the floor, and the motion was defeated by 62 votes to 20. The Year 8 debate was: "This House believes that we learn more from winning than losing." The motion was defeated by 51 votes to 18. Well done to this terms' speakers and Chairs.

staff corner

A very warm welcome to our new members of staff:



Kate Aggett

Miss Aggett joins Perrott Hill from St Andrew's Prep School in Turi, Kenya, where she was Assistant Head Academic. Kate teaches English and Geography to our Year 5s, and Science to our Years 3 and 4 - and has settled into the school with passion and aplomb. Welcome, Kate.



Céleste Robillard

Mademoiselle Robillard joins us as the new Junior French Teacher, having just completed her degree at the University of Reims. She has extensive experience as a pupil support assistant, has a diploma in Youth Work and much experience as a holiday camp leader. Bienvenu.



George Agius

Mr Agius joins the Graduate Assistant team, having spent a year at Rokeby Prep School in Kingston-upon-Thames, where he was highly thought of. George has a BSc in cricket coaching and management, and spent a week this term representing Malta at the T20 International cricket tournament.



Edward Patrick

Okay, he's not technically a staff member – yet! But congratulations to Head of Classics, Oliver Patrick, and his wife Lucy on the safe arrival of baby Edward in October. What do you mean he's not a brunette?

...and a sad goodbye to those who have left us.



Tim and Bethan Butcher

Our Headmaster Tim, along with his wife Bethan and their children Sam, Amelie and Aria, left in September to be closer to family following the long-term implications of Bethan's ill-health. We know it was a very difficult decision for Tim, and we wish him and his family all the best for their new start in Shropshire. Stay in touch!



Sara Best

The amazing and much-loved Mrs Best retires after a whopping 21 years at Perrott Hill – first as the Head of Art & DT and, most recently, as our Head of EAL. Among her many contributions over the years, it was Sara who designed the school's gryphon logo. Needless to say, she will be sorely missed.



Louise Thompson

Heads' PA Louise Thompson is relocating to Poole to be closer to her family. We wish you all the best, Louise.



Abigail Hopson

Pre-Prep Teaching Assistant Mrs Hopson leaves after two years, for a new role with even younger children in an EYFS setting. Good luck Abi, and thank you for your contribution to Perrott Hill.



Obituary

The sad news reached up this term that Mike Ost, who taught Classics at Perrott Hill from Autumn 1969 – 1986, passed away shortly after his 80th birthday. Mike also coached the

senior Football and Cricket teams and played a full part across the various school activities, including running a Subbuteo Club. We would like to extend our sympathy to his wife Anne and the family.

Off with a bang!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Perrott Hill for organising yet another spectacular bonfire and fireworks event, and to the Downside pipe band who were exceptional. Special mention must go to Angus and his team, who have been orchestrating the incredible fireworks display at Perrott Hill for the past 12 years. It's been a blast, Angus!

Boarding

It was a great term for the boarders, with two jam-packed activity weekends, regular Wednesday talent nights, a Halloween trail through the school and lots of Christmas fun including parties and carols. We welcomed 13 new full-time boarders who have settled in brilliantly, making such a positive contribution to our Perrott Hill family. Here's to even more good times in 2018!

Miss White
Head of Boarding



Alexander, Eddie and Tintin



Pjama party!



Ottilie flying high



Halloween disco



Lucy, Flora and Lucy



Atiya and Katya give boarding the thumbs up



Fun and games at the Christmas party



Tree climbing activity weekend



Decorating the tree



George and Issy with Miss White



Talent night



Getting ready for some carols



Nelson on the climbing wall

Prize Giving

PRE-PREP

YEAR 1

HEADMASTERS' PRIZE

Hermione Knight

ATTAINMENT

Daisie Frost

EFFORT

Jesse Titcombe-Chidgey

HANDWRITING

James Coverdale

HOUSE POINTS

Mathilda Hodgkin

YEAR 2

HEADMASTERS' PRIZE

Max Bell

ATTAINMENT

Horatio Lawrence

EFFORT

Acer Kawar

HOUSE POINTS

Stanley Siebert

FORMS

| | ATTAINMENT | EFFORT | HEADMASTERS' |
|----|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 3S | Evie Hassan | Henry Cook | Charlie Millar |
| 4C | Katya Hanbury | Lily Cooper | Brodin Schmor |
| 5G | Erica Wettren | Ben Cross | George Nichols |
| 5Y | Issy Robinson | Beau Wareham | Nelson Gurung |
| 6G | Jack Fisher | Sam Gordon Rose Bradley | Alistair Shirley |
| 6Y | Nia McConnell | Lucy Duval | Ronnie Frost |
| 7G | Lucy Speke | Alexander Lloyd-Elliott | Ellie Duval |
| 7Y | Eddie Robinson | Henry Sclater | Inés Palacios |
| 8G | Catherine Hayton | Ruben Dicker | Thomas Windsor |
| 8R | Cat Robinson | Bonnie Kawar | Alexander Dobson |
| 8Y | Will Owen | Lila Paterson | Matias Derteano |

ARTS

| ART | ATTAINMENT | EFFORT |
|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SENIOR | Bonnie Kawar India Finch Hatton | Lily Innes Sophie Handford |
| MIDDLE | Sophie Coverdale | Otilie Brazier-Pethick |
| JUNIOR | Lily Cooper | Ollie Frost |

| MUSIC | ATTAINMENT | EFFORT |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| SENIOR | Georgie Neville-Rolfe | Jenna Coverdale |
| MIDDLE | Rose Bradley | Darcy Lale |
| JUNIOR | Katya Hanbury | Atiya Stout |

| DRAMA | TINKER ROOM |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| SENIOR Alexander Lloyd-Elliott | SENIOR Jack Binns |
| MIDDLE Lucy de Vere Hunt | MIDDLE Iñigo Garcia |
| JUNIOR Ellie Raymond | JUNIOR Atiya Stout |

MR RINGELBERG'S CLASSCRAFT PRIZE

Oliver Copeman

MOST IMPROVED ACCELERATED READER

Meadow Hendrickson

YEAR SEVEN PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

| | |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1st | Lucy Speke |
| 2nd | Georgie Neville-Rolfe |
| 3rd | Stanley Cooper |

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

| | |
|--------|---|
| GOLD | Jack Fisher, Luke Merrifield, Otilie Brazier-Pethick |
| SILVER | Sam Gordon, Alistair Shirley, Luke Edwards, Ben Cross, Rose Bradley, Oliver Copeman, Jemima Owen, Amelia Pearson, Erica Wettren |

SPORT

| RUGBY | ATTAINMENT | EFFORT |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SENIOR | Nikolai Hanbury | Ed Shirley |
| MIDDLE | Sam Gordon | Jack Fisher |
| JUNIOR | Ollie Frost | Freddie Raymond |

FULL COLOURS RUGBY

Charlie Binns, Alexander Dobson, Nikolai Hanbury, Archie Frost

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

William Owen, Ed Shirley, Tom Nicholson, Thomas Windsor

| HOCKEY | ATTAINMENT | EFFORT |
|--------|------------|--------|
|--------|------------|--------|

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|--------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SENIOR | Catherine Hayton Marcia Kennard | Cat Robinson |
| MIDDLE | Sophie Coverdale | Nia McConnell |
| JUNIOR | Lily Cooper | Atiya Stout Katya Hanbury |

FULL COLOURS HOCKEY

Catherine Hayton, Marcia Kennard, Lila Paterson, Grace Nichols

HALF COLOURS HOCKEY

Cat Robinson, Florence McConnell, Amelia Tolley

GOLF

Luke Merrifield



GENERAL PRIZES

JACKSON PRIZE FOR JUNIOR EFFORT

Rosanna Thomas

LADDS PRIZE FOR SENIOR EFFORT

Thomas Windsor

COURTESY

Tintin Hanbury

TABLE MANNERS

Henry Sclater

GUIDING

Amelie Gowen

BOYS' BOARDING

| | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Eddie Robinson |
| 2nd | Matias Derteano |
| 3rd | Nelson Gurung |

GIRLS' BOARDING

| | |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1st | Issy Robinson |
| 2nd | Georgie Neville-Rolfe |
| 3rd | Emma Sheldon |

HOUSE PRIZES

HOUSE POINTS - JUNIOR

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|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Eleanor Raymond |
| 2nd | Henry Cook |
| 3rd | Katya Hanbury |

HOUSE POINTS - INTERMEDIATE

| | |
|-----|---------------|
| 1st | Nelson Gurung |
| 2nd | Ronnie Frost |
| 3rd | Jemima Owen |

HOUSE POINTS - SENIOR

| | |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1st | Chester Johnson |
| 2nd | Ellie Duval |
| 3rd | Georgie Neville-Rolfe |

HOUSE CUP

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|-----|------------|-------------|
| 1st | Blackdowns | 3854 points |
| 2nd | Mendips | 3549 points |
| 3rd | Quantocks | 3187 points |
| 4th | Brendons | 3102 points |

Pre-Prep



Fire, fire!

Our EYFS children have been on a number of trips this term, including a brilliant and educational trip to Yeovil Fire Station, where they learned about fire safety. As well as sitting in a fire engine, watching the firemen come down the pole and trying on the helmets, they even got to see the firemen in action – as a call came in while we were there! Thanks to all the staff for making our trip so enjoyable. The children also went down to St Martin's Church in North Perrott as part of their festivals and celebrations topic. The children learned about weddings and enacted wedding ceremonies.



Year 1 poppy artwork

Pre-Prep worked hard on their poppy artwork in time for Remembrance Day. We think you'll agree they've done pretty well!



2W have been busy...

What a term it was for our Year 2s. They played their first hockey match against Sherborne Prep, with some promising skills and excellent teamwork displayed by all.



They also went on a trip to the Bristol Science museum and were so well-mannered and polite that a member of public commended Ms Williams on their behaviour! Back at school, every pupil in Year 2 is now the proud 'keeper' of their own violin, thanks to our brilliant Year 2 Strings Programme. "I have been so impressed with the energy and enthusiasm each and every pupil in Year 2 has shown to learning the violin," says Miss Greenwood. "I'm looking forward to next term already."



Where the wind blows

Our Reception class had a great term, learning the names of 3D shapes and making them out of playdough, as well as learning how to add groups of objects in order to find a total. They also made the most of the windy weather by constructing and then flying their own kites on the Front Terrace.



Tree planting

Thanks to The Woodland Trust's donation of 450 trees to Perrott Hill, our Pre-Prep children had a great time digging and planting – and learning all about sustainability as they go. Great work, everyone.

Pre-Prep



Hey Ewe!

The Pre-Prep children starred in a brilliant Christmas production of Hey Ewe! before Christmas – with some hilarious performances (we’re looking at you, sheep! Well done to you all, and well done to all staff involved. We promise not to have leaves on stage next time...!



Cast list:

CURIOUS SHEEP: Stanley Siebert

EMPEROR: Horatio Lawrence

WISE MEN:

Caspar: Acer Kavar

Balthasar: Samuel Pemberton

Melchior: Charlie Gardner

NARRATORS

Max Bell

Charlotte Gower

James Coverdale

Mathilda Hodgkin

Hermione Knight

Arabella Newton

Jesse Titcombe-Chidgey

Piper Gardner

MARY: Eliza Dharamshi

JOSEPH: Alvin Winter

DONKEY: George Keeping

LEAD ANGEL: Daisie Frost

SHEPHERDS: Luca Cooper
Hugo Mills

SHEEP: Sabien Davies
Willoughby Cunningham

HOST OF ANGELS:

Penelope Gower

Rosalie Bell

Jessica Holt

Renée Mills

Ila Boundy

Cecilia Conaghan

Zara-Lilly Derwin

Clemmie Law

FLOCK OF SHEEP:

Brody Stout

Rory Millar

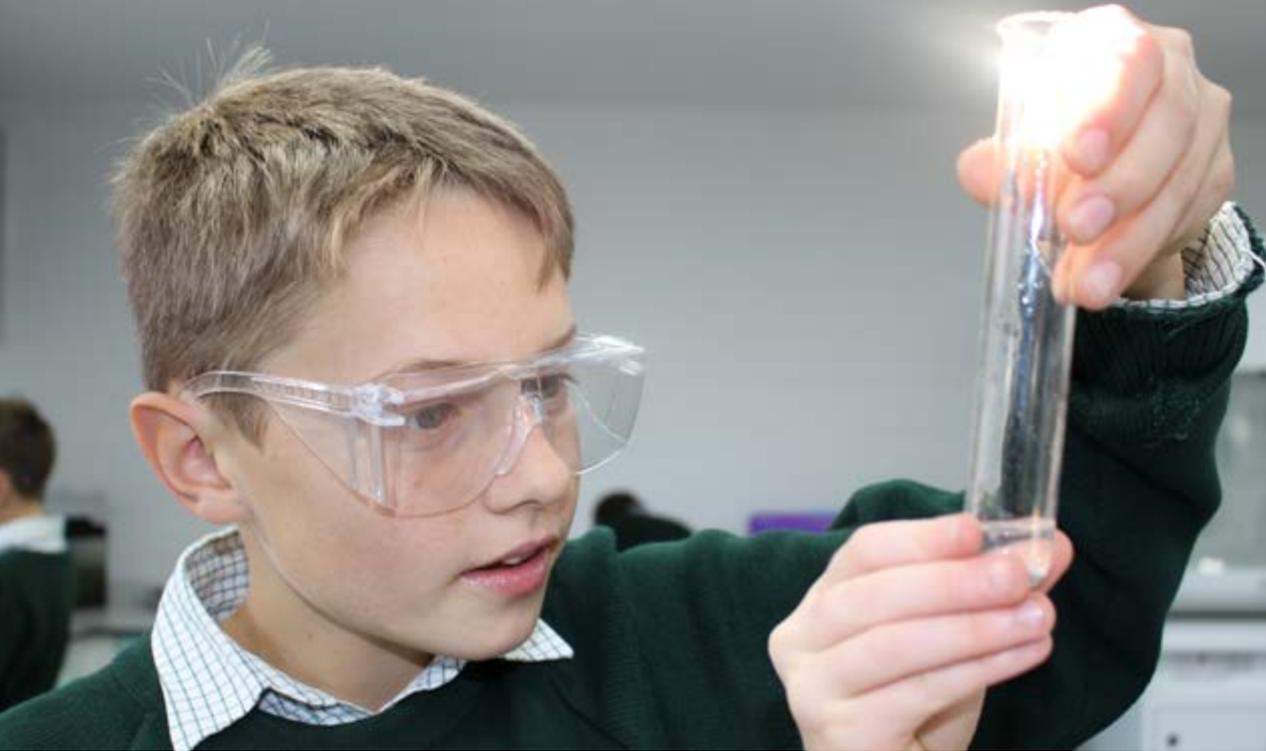
Rohan Hodgkin

Eugene Hullett

Frederick Vickery

Wilfred Ginn

William England



Rock cakes

Year 3 have been busy making 'sedimentary rock cakes' in Science: different layers of biscuit to represent the layers in sedimentary rock and sultana 'fossils' hidden in between.

Chemical reaction

Our new Science classroom has fast become a hive of activity for our senior pupils. Here, our Year 8s were busy testing the reactions of different metals with hydrochloric acid.

Numeracy ninjas

We celebrated our first Numeracy Ninjas in Maths, with a number of brown belts across Years 7 and 8 and our first black belt – Toby Johnson. Well done to everyone who has taken part in the programme, designed to empower pupils and promote a positive mental attitude towards maths.

Crossing the curriculum

Mr Andrews has been working hard on creating cross-curricular links with other subjects this term. A great example of this is his recent Science/Art project, getting pupils to paint abstract art on canvases using acids and alkalis with a natural pH indicator found in purple carrot juice.



Author visit

Earlier in the term, we had a visit from children's fiction writer Steve Voake – author of *The Dreamwalker's Child*, *The Web of Fire* and *Dark Woods* - which culminated in some lively writing workshops for Years 7 and 8. Thanks, Steve!



Academic

Attack!

Our Year 4s had a brilliant day at Maiden Castle as part of their learning in History. They had great fun re-enacting attacking and defending the hill fort.



Les nouvelles technologies!

Year 7 worked on a 'new technologies' project in French - where they were set the task of inventing a new smartphone or tablet and presenting it to the class... in French! Congratulations to Inés whose phone was voted the winner. Excellent work all round.



Ma Nouvelle Tablette



Voici une nouvelle tablette, elle est légère mais grande. Vous pouvez écouter de la musique en ligne et regarder des émissions en streaming. Vous pouvez jouer à des jeux en ligne et surfer et trouver des sites intéressants. Vous pouvez aller sur les réseaux sociaux et passer des appels vidéo. Vous pouvez télécharger des applis et prendre des photos. Sur la tablette il y a un bon appareil photo et la wifi est gratuite.



Dr Marc Morris visit

Big thanks to author, broadcaster and historian extraordinaire Dr Marc Morris for his excellent talk on The Norman Conquest for Years 7 and 8.



Year 8 team building

Our Year 8s had a great time on their teambuilding and Geography trip to South Wales. Thanks to Chris from Hooke Court for setting some challenging team building exercises - and finding us a jellyfish!

Academic

Poetry in motion

We have been extremely impressed with the descriptive language used by our Year 5s in their poetry writing. Here are some extracts taken from their poetry about fireworks:

First there's only a semi-circle of fire,

*Then bang, fire, whoosh all you can hear
and see are millions of fire ants carving
up the black paper.*

*Next, travelling at the speed of light
they rise like balloons, pop like popcorn.*

*Like snakes curling up and then bang! they
fade away...*

By George Nichols

*A big blue stream being created
across the sky,*

fiery flowers starting to fade away.

*Orange marigolds and dark red roses,
a firefly across a black piece of paper,*

a planet exploding

blue,

yellow,

orange,

red

And a crimson inside.

By Ben Cross

Goodnight Mister Tom

Year 6 have been writing – and then performing - their own Goodnight Mister Tom playscripts in English.



Saturnalia

To finish their learning about Roman food in Latin, Year 7 took part in a bit of living history and celebrated a Roman festival called Saturnalia. The ancient festival used to take place around our time of Christmas, and involved slaves and masters swapping their roles. Mr Patrick assumed the role of master baker, providing four authentic Roman loaves for the feast. Stanley also slaved over the oven – baking an authentic Roman cheesecake for the feast. We hear the eggs in fish sauce went down a treat...

THE MENU

MENSA PRIMA

Roman bread (original recipe),
olive oil, anchovies

MENSA SECUNDA

Eggs in fish sauce, beef sausages, chicken in basil sauce

MENSA TERTIA

Apples, honey, grapes, goat's cheese, Roman
cheesecake (original recipe)



Hot chocolate

Our Years 8s have been doing a project on Fairtrade in Philosophy and Religious Studies, which included a huge delivery of lots of different fair trade projects from the Kingdon Coffee Company. As you can imagine, the hot chocolate got the thumbs up!

Creative arts

ART



Picasso

Year 4 have been studying Picasso, creating pieces in his style and drawing portraits of him from old photographs. These portraits by Lily and Ollie are incredible!



Into the Wild

Following on from Perrott Hill's success at the 2017 David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Global Canvas competition where we were finalists, pupils have once again been working hard on their 2018 entries, this time on the theme of 'Into the Wild'. Our Year 7s have been producing art work inspired by and promoting the plight of endangered marine life – using recycled resources where possible.



Art competition success

Congratulations to Otilie in Year 6 for being awarded Highly Commended in the Badminton School Mary Fedden Art Competition. Pupils from all across the South West were invited to create and submit a piece of artwork on the topic of 'By the Seaside' and there were over 180 entries. Well done, Otilie.



Team building

As part of our Year 5 team building exercises, pupils worked in groups to create geodesic domes from marshmallows and cocktail sticks. We love Ben, Nelson and Caleb's structure.



Spread happiness

Year 8 pupil Bonnie made these colourful wings this term, then worked from a photograph of her and her friends around the school to create a beautiful canvas.

Creative arts

DRAMA



Year 3 play

Year 3 impressed us all with a brilliant retelling of Roald Dahl's 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf', with some great performances. Bravo to our Head of Drama and Year 3 teacher Mrs Shaun for such superb direction - and thanks to all the staff who were involved in the set design, costumes and lighting, too. The hard work definitely paid off!



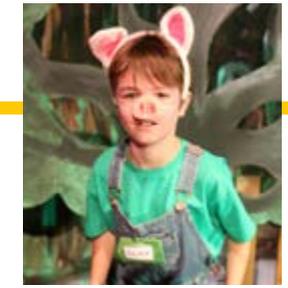
Alice Bacon
Ladybird



Harry Boulter
Wolf



Chloe Brooks
Squirrel



Henry Cook
Private Snort



Enna Davies
Private Squealer



Rose German-Ribon
Rabbit



Lily Gibbens
Sergeant Sue



Alfie Hambleton
Fox

THE CAST



Evie Hassan
Spider



Freddie Kitson
Owl



Florence Knight
Snake



Tilly McConnell
Sniffy / Grandma



Charlie Millar
Beetle



Eleanor Raymond
Little Red Riding Hood



Creative arts

MUSIC

Ding, dong merrily on high!

Our choir were out in force last term, carol singing for shoppers in Crewkerne and Sherborne and showing off their fine voices at a super evening of carols and readings at Forde Abbey. As well as excellent solos by Lily I, Octavia, Lucy S, Ellie D, Amelia P and Otilie, Georgie and Liberty performed an outstanding rendition of Walking in the Air. Thank you to the Kennard family for hosting us so spectacularly over the past eight years.

ABRSM RESULTS - AUTUMN 2017

| NAME | SUBJECT | GRADE | MARK | RESULT |
|----------------------|------------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Chester Johnson | Grade 4 Clarinet | 4 | 130 | Distinction |
| Rosanna Thomas | Grade 3 Oboe | 3 | 115 | Pass |
| Darcy Lale | Grade 1 Harp | 1 | 131 | Distinction |
| Ashtyn Taylor | Grade 2 Singing | 2 | 125 | Merit |
| Lucy Speke | Grade 4 Singing | 4 | 134 | Distinction |
| Octavia Chaffey | Grade 2 Singing | 2 | 122 | Merit |
| Amy-Charlotte Brooks | Grade 2 Singing | 2 | 113 | Pass |
| Liberty Pope | Grade 4 Singing | 4 | 121 | Merit |
| Sebastian Young | Grade 3 Violin | 3 | 127 | Merit |
| Rose Bradley | Grade 4 Violin | 4 | 126 | Merit |
| Lucy Speke | Grade 3 Flute | 3 | 117 | Pass |
| Rose Bradley | Grade 5 Piano | 5 | 123 | Merit |
| Mrs McKenzie | Grade 2 Violin | 2 | 134 | Distinction |



Our first harpist

Among those sitting music exams this term were Darcy Lane on the harp (Grade 1) – her first harp and our first harp examinee! – and our Head of EYFS, Mrs McKenzie who sat her violin Grade 2 exam just a year after initially taking it up to raise funds for the Music School. Says Mrs McKenzie: "It was terrifying, and I am full of respect for our children who sit these exams on a regular basis. I have to pay tribute to our amazing music department and in particular, Miss Greenwood. Her belief and unfailing encouragement kept me going!" We are pleased to say that both passed with distinction.



Milton Abbey Singing Day

Perrott Hill joined five other schools at the Milton Abbey Singing Day in September, led by Oliver Vincent, former tenor in world-renowned a capella vocal ensemble VOCES8. The day involved a morning workshop session followed by a picnic lunch on the Abbey Lawn and culminating in an afternoon concert for parents in the Abbey. Our thanks to everyone involved for making it such a brilliant day.

Sport

RUGBY



Canford training

Our boys were over the moon to have Peter 'Junior' Paramore from Canford lead a training session. Junior coaches rugby and basketball at the senior school following a successful career playing for Bedford Blues, Gloucester and the Castleford Tigers. He also played for Samoa at two Rugby World Cups. Needless to say, our pupils were all ears and keen to benefit from Junior's expertise.



Matt Jess coaches our U13s

Our U13s were extremely lucky to benefit from some excellent pre-season training this year; including a session with former Exeter Chiefs winger and part of the Premiership winning squad, Matt Jess from MSJ Coaching. Matt spent time working on sprinting techniques and core control before moving on to passing skills and spatial awareness – and we could really see these skills coming through as the season played out. Thanks, Matt.



Special thanks to...
 Stuart Hamilton from King's Bruton and Tim Bennett from Sherborne for running excellent training sessions with us.

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Team review

The rugby season was a huge success for all teams. The seniors played some great rugby throughout, trying to run the ball with purpose and energy. This helped them to secure some good wins and run other good teams very close. The U12 and U11 teams showed a huge amount of improvement from all pupils. At the end of the season, the rugby that was being played was vastly different to the start. The standout year group must, however, be the U10s – who played expansive but controlled rugby that allowed them to beat nearly all their opposition whilst playing a squad game and all showing great skill and desire. The U8 and U9 teams both played well above the level that was expected of them, tackling and tagging well with a great resolve to succeed more and more with each game.

A good term down to the hard work of pupils and coaches and a true desire to improve.

Mr Sheldon



Charlie Binns
 Captain of Rugby



Alex Dobson
 Vice Captain of Rugby



Nikolai Hanbury
 Vice Captain of Rugby

Sport

HOCKEY



King's Bruton Hockey Tournament

Our U11 and U13 girls had a great time competing in the King's Bruton U11 and U13 Hockey Tournament in September. The U13As had a slow start against Hazlegrove, who played very well from the whistle and took an early goal to gain control. We then played Castle Court and found ourselves in control of the game but we just couldn't find the back of the net and it ended in a draw. We played the next three games against Wellington, Sandroyd and Salisbury Cathedral extremely well, gained good goals in each of the games and won all three of the matches, which left us joint second in the group with Castle Court. Unfortunately we didn't get through on goal difference but we were proud of the Perrott girls' performances throughout the afternoon. The U11 team drew most of their games in the tournament and showed good promise for the season.



Excellence in hockey training

A big thank you to our superb visiting hockey coaches this term for their time and excellence.

Clare Hayes, Head of Hockey at King's College Taunton, came in October for a top hockey session with our juniors and seniors, where they worked on keeping possession in conditioned games. And a big thank you to Louis Corbin, Assistant Hockey Pro, and to Kirsty Hoskins, U15 Hockey Coach and Bath Buccs Ladies 1st XI - both Hockey Coaches at King's Bruton - for two great sessions with the U12s and the U11s. Our teams loved it, and learnt a lot! The U13 girls were lucky to be invited for an afternoon of indoor hockey over at King's Bruton with All Hallows and St. Peters, and this has led to the girls wanting an indoor hockey league here at Perrott – watch this space



Saturday sessions

Mr Bunday's Saturday morning hockey training sessions for Year 2 upwards are proving to be a real success, with the children picking up essential stick skills such as two-touch control, developing pressure on opposition and goal scoring all within fun small-sided games. The sessions run from 8.30am – 10am every Saturday during term time and are open to ALL local children so please do spread the word if you know of any families that might like to join. The cost is £2.50 per session.



IAPS National Hockey Finals

Our U12s headed up to Ipswich for the IAPS National Hockey Finals at the end of November. They didn't make it through to the knock outs this time, but played with spirit and determination against much bigger teams which included close games against the eventual winners and runner-up of the entire competition. Perrott Hill thoroughly deserved their place in the finals - well done girls!

Team review

The hockey term was very successful, with emphasis being placed on developing the individual player coupled with their role within the team; many small-sided fun games have been played. Each year group has had some successful wins - in particular, the U13s secured second place at the All Hallows tournament and narrowly missed the cup competition at the IAPS. Nevertheless, winning the plate competition proved how strong a team they were. The U9s had a top season of personal development and improved throughout the season, too. Hockey is a real favourite of the girls, so much so that they are desperate to play as much as they can; break time practices are always popular. With floodlights on the horizon, it will mean that more hockey can be offered in the evenings. The girls have had a fantastic term of quality hockey and it will be great to see the same effort applied in netball.

Miss White



Catherine Hayton
Captain of Girls' Hockey



Lila Paterson
Vice Captain of Girls' Hockey



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Sport



Lacrosse training

During November, our girls had some excellent lacrosse training courtesy of Emily Spivey from Sherborne Girls. The focus was on learning how to scoop, pass, catch and cradle the ball. Thank you, Emily.



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Perrott Hill cricket academy

Our cricket academy sent eight boys to the Somerset County trials during half term – and we are extremely pleased to report that Charlie S and Toby were invited to join Somerset's Winter Training Squads at U13 and U10 respectively, and Archie and Charlie B were invited to train with the District U13 squad. Well done, boys - and a big thank you to our superb coaches, Rich Askew and George Agius.



Equestrian success

Congratulations to the Perrott Hill Equestrian Team, made up of Marcia, Anouska, Lola and Ted, for coming 2nd in the NSEA Championships – a fantastic achievement. Marcia also came 2nd in the 75cm individual class. Well done!

5 Minutes with...



LORD BRADBURY

Lord John Bradbury has been the Chair of Governors at Perrott Hill since 2004. Here, he tells us how Perrott Hill has changed in that time – and reveals what he thinks makes the school so special.

What do you think is so great about Perrott Hill?

"Perrott's mission is the same as that of any prep school; namely, to give our children the best possible start for their educational careers and future lives. We seek uniqueness only in trying to do that *better* than anybody else. We are also lucky to have an exceptionally attractive environment. In achieving our goals, our size is very important. We are large enough to have a good range of facilities, but small enough to have a true family ethos; our children are known by every member of staff from the Joint Acting Heads downwards.

"Of course, it is difficult to achieve exactly the same overall number year after year. We have had the experience of taking on additional numbers at times when other schools have closed down - this happened about five years ago and has resulted in us having a very large year eight who will leave at the end of this year. This means that next September we will start the year with a lower number than we have sometimes had in the past. This is not a major problem though, as we have a robust and flexible infrastructure to deal with variances in numbers."

How has the school changed during your time as Chair?

"When I first became involved, the school already had much of what I thought a prep school should have, but in all sorts of ways I think it has got better. Our facilities have grown substantially: we started with a single general purpose hall and we now have a much larger sports hall and a properly equipped performing arts hall. We have added an all-weather pitch, a library, enlarged boarder accommodation and most recently, a new music school and science facilities.

"But most importantly, I think our staff are the best team they have ever been and recent events have shown just how strong they are. When we had to confront the unfortunate circumstances of Tim Butcher's departure last summer, deputies Bryan Kane and Will Silk took over the running of the school without missing a beat - and they have been wonderfully supported by everybody in the school and perhaps most of all by our parents who have contributed more than they may realise to our momentum."

“Our staff are the best team they have ever been”

What's next for 2018?

"The obvious news is the appointment of our new Head, Alex McCullough, for next September. Alex has vast experience in prep schools, having been the Head of Polwhele House for the past nine years and, prior to that, the Academic Director at Foremarke Hall. I believe that Alex, who thinks the same way as all of us, will add new strengths to what we offer – but at the same time, he is well aware that he is joining a strong team. I am very much looking forward to the next chapter for Perrott Hill."

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