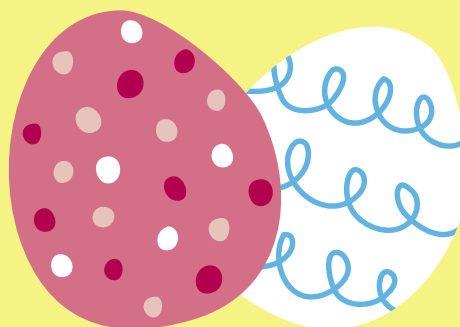
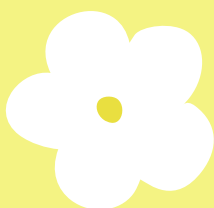


# Warwick Prep

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## Life



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# Welcome from the Head

I am delighted to welcome you to the Spring Term edition of 'Warwick Prep Life.' As we marvel at the signs of Spring and new life all around us in our natural world, there are certainly parallels to be drawn with this fabulous term that is nearing an end. The green shoots of recovery have well and truly blossomed as we have enjoyed a vibrant and inspiring term.

Our Year 6 Editors have undertaken a marvellous job of capturing the essence of our 'Squirrel Spirit' and I hope you enjoy browsing the pages ahead. It is always a particular joy to discover the creative ways our teachers bring the curriculum alive for our children in addition to the many visits and experiences that enrich their learning.

Our Music, Sport and Drama departments have celebrated many really exciting occasions during the term: fabulous concerts, and children gaining places in the National Children's Orchestra and National Youth Choir, great success on the games field, on the courts and on the dance floor, and brilliant LAMDA results and a magical Year 1 performance of The Seven Little Penguins to round the term off in true Warwick Prep style!

Our community has continued to reach out further afield and our charity fundraising endeavours continue to make a meaningful difference to those in need. Moved by the desperate plight of children suffering due to war, we have raised nearly £3500 to support the work of UNICEF and WPSA have been recognised by Macmillan for raising over £23,000 to support their work since 1995.

I would like to thank all our readers of 'Warwick Prep Life' for your incredible support of our school and wish you all a happy and joyous Easter!

Mrs Hellen Dodsworth



# Welcome from the Principal

As I sit writing this message, I have on my desk a range of programmes from events this term, which exemplify the wonderful opportunities for our pupils of working together across our schools on this site.

The first is the Dance Evening, *Change*, held in Bridge House Theatre, which featured Warwick Prep and King's High ballet, contemporary and hip-hop troupes performing together.

In a tantalising glimpse of life in the senior schools, the next programme is from the production of *The Musicians*, the Middle School production, which saw a tremendous cast and crew from King's High and Warwick bring to life a really innovative play under the direction of Mr Perry. Finally, from a virtual orchestra, we move to the real thing, as the third programme marks the Foundation Symphony Orchestra's concert last week. Here, a full orchestra of some eighty players performed exceptionally demanding repertoire - including Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances* From "West Side Story" to a most appreciative audience. Our musicians certainly deserved their standing ovation.

Remaining for a moment with Music, this term has also seen the consolidation of the Foundation's relationship with *The Orchestra of the Swan*. The music mentoring scheme between our pupils and the Swan players has commenced, and it has been a great pleasure to welcome so many who had previously not had contact with the Foundation, to the concerts staged this year in Warwick Hall. This is another good example of where our reach in the community can bring such tangible benefits to many - our own pupils and local residents.

There are many other areas of school life where collaboration is paying dividends. For pupils, this has included assemblies at

Warwick Prep being led by pupils from Warwick School. Parents too have benefitted from shared approaches, in the form of an online safety evening, hosted jointly between Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School. This online safety programme also includes joint staff training between the schools, with work between our pupil Digital Leaders due to take place in Summer Term.

Finally, something of which I hope we can all be proud is the way in which our schools are constantly seeking to develop the education we provide and, indeed, break new ground. I am therefore delighted that we are hosting a national conference, 'FutureFwd', which brings together educationalists and employers, with the aim of ensuring that our young people are fully equipped for life beyond school. This is a cross-sector event, with our key partners being the University of Warwick and Warwickshire College Group. More details may be found at [futurefwd.org](http://futurefwd.org). If you would like to attend, please do sign-up, and be part of this vital conversation.

Mr Richard Nicholson



# Meet the Editors

We are delighted to introduce our Year 6 Editors for this term's edition of Warwick Prep Life. Let's find out what they thought about their new role.

*"The chance to be an editor was an honour. It was a wonderful experience and I would recommend the position to anyone who has a passion for writing. I thoroughly enjoyed it."*

Paige

*"I love how everyone gets to see my work. I didn't know how hard the team behind the Warwick Prep Life magazine work."*

Lucy

*"Being an editor has made me realise how much work goes into editing; interviewing, writing notes, typing it up. I have loved learning more about the school and working with my partner, Bethany H."*

Sorrel

*"My experience as an editor has been exhilarating. I absolutely loved getting to know all the teachers we interviewed. It has given me an idea of what being an editor really is!"*

Harneet



*"I have thoroughly enjoyed being an editor and it taught me lots about all the behind-the-scenes work to create and publish an interview. It was a great experience and was really fun to work with everyone."*

Isabel

*"My time as an editor has been so much fun because I have learnt a lot about how newspapers are written and I enjoyed interviewing Miss Sarson and finding out more about her role."*

Bethany H

*"I really liked interviewing and learning more about everyone's roles. I enjoy writing so this has been a great way for me to write more. Being an editor means you will be in Warwick Prep Life which is one of my favourite things."*

Bethany D



NURSERY NEWS

# I'll Huff and I'll Puff...

The Nursery children have been developing the key characteristics of learning through traditional stories. They loved 'The Three Little Pigs' and were actively engaged with the story, demonstrating lots of ways they could be critical thinkers. First, they drew a plan of a house and then used Duplo, wooden bricks or foam shapes to build a house that would keep a little piggy safe. Aria commented, "This is the pot and I have put a lid on to trap the wolf. You can't blow my house down, Wolfie!"



Aveer in NHT and Chandi in NAL constructing a house for the pigs

The children were able to expand on their construction skills in the builder's yard both indoors and outdoors. They donned their high viz jackets and hard hats and were very busy loading up the wheelbarrows with large bricks. They worked co-operatively together, drilling and hammering as they made walls and buildings.



Arabella in NAL with her mummy and daddy's teddies



Emilia, Aria, Will and Ethan in NHT retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs



By Francesca in NPB



Archie and Idris in NHT busy in the builder's yard

The Nursery children enjoyed learning about the past by looking at old toys. They brought in some of their parents' and grandparents' much loved and very precious toys! We looked at the appearance of old toys and how they worked. We thought about our Nursery toys and how they were different. The children were particularly fascinated by the old toy telephone and did not know what it was!



## RECEPTION NEWS

# Space and Superheroes

Reception enjoyed our 'Space' topic during the first half of the Spring Term. They enjoyed learning about the different planets in our solar system and were keen to share all the facts they already knew about the sun, the moon and astronauts such as Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. Classroom space stations were popular role play areas and each class produced plenty of artwork linked to the topic including spacemen and marbled planets. The highlight of the topic was a visit from the 'Immersive Theatres' planetarium; we all felt as though we were travelling through space!



*RHS being astronauts!*



*Visit from PC Charlie Thompson*

During the second half of term, we have been learning about both real-life and imaginary 'Superheroes'. At the beginning of the topic we enjoyed a visit from Police Officer and Old Warwickian PC Charlie Thompson, who talked to the children about how the police help us. Charlie let us try on some coats and hats and explore his police car, the siren was very loud! The children have also been sharing information about people who help them as part of their show and tell work.



*Sadhana in REK zooming off in her rocket*

*Police officer painting by William in REB*



*Scarlett in RHE trying on a police hat*



*Superhero police painting by Charlie in REB*



*Hans and Tala in REK sat in the police car*



# Exploring the Polar Lands

The Spring Term has been a busy one for Year 1! We have been curious to find out about the Arctic and Antarctic and how people and animals have adapted to living in the frozen lands. At the start of the topic, we studied the Antarctic and were interested to hear the history of the explorers of Antarctica and of the great race to the South Pole between Captain Scott and Roald Amundsen. A real highlight for us all was the visit from Andrew Cooney who has been one of the youngest people to walk to the South Pole. The children were enthralled by his resilience and determination to raise the funding for his trip and they thoroughly enjoyed exploring the expedition equipment.

For the second part of our topic, we 'flew' to the Arctic with Brotherhood Airlines, flying past many familiar landmarks of various countries en route! The children made passports, were checked in with security and baggage checks and then experienced a bumpy flight to land in the Arctic. Here they put on their warm clothing (it was -28°C that day) and took notes and drew sketches of the animals and landscapes they could see. A postcard to Mrs Dodsworth followed to tell of their adventures! The topic has inspired the children in many ways and the classrooms have shone with amazing artwork, descriptive writing, and fun science experiments.



And they're off!



Annabel and Piers in 1JF with their Aurora Borealis pictures



By Archie in 1AJ



1HC exploring a polar tent



Elliot in 1JB trying on polar clothing



Benjamin in 1AJ testing out the skis

The term ended with a fabulous production of 'The Seven Little Penguins'. Everybody enjoyed working as a team to put on such a fantastic performance! A wonderful end to an excellent term!



By Harriet in 1JB



## YEAR 2 NEWS

# Artists Galore & Super Science

The Year 2 children have been working very hard during the Spring Term and we are pleased to see their progress with Skills for Life. This was especially evident in the fantastic Skills for Life projects undertaken around the half-term break. Well done, everyone – your teachers are so proud of you!

To begin the term, the children explored diary writing and we used a fantastic book called 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' as our inspiration. The children wrote their own diary entries using information gleaned in History lessons and some fabulous empathy for what the experience must have been like. Following this, we enjoyed retelling Cinderella in great depth – using our variety of descriptive language, conjunctions and sentence openers. 'A Squash and a Squeeze' saw us exploring feelings, speech and sentence types within writing. We are currently enjoying investigating and writing fantasy stories.

In Maths, we undertook an extended topic concentrating on building our multiplication and division skills. We had great fun looking at data handling – making human block graphs and using a key to make and interpret pictograms. During our 'Shape' topic, we explored 2D and 3D shape and enjoyed making patterns. Using the iPads, we have sorted shapes into Venn and Carroll diagrams and then gone on an everyday 3D shape hunt which we used to create posters on Piccollage.



2JW Skills For Life projects



Vincent van Gogh 'Sunflowers' by Louie in 2JW



Monet 'Waterlilies' by William in 2AD



Theo, Eishar and Thomas in 2EC with their cress experiment



Leo, Leon and India in 2EC with their seedlings



Monet 'Waterlilies' by Beatrice in 2JA

The children thoroughly enjoyed their 'Electricity' topic and were brilliant at creating and testing circuits using the specialist equipment from the Science Department. Since half term, we have been experiencing awe and wonder as we have dissected seeds and then watched a variety of seeds and beans germinate and grow. We have created our own tests to investigate what plants need to flourish healthily.



YEAR 3 NEWS

# All About the Ages

The Spring Term has been a whirlwind of activity in Year 3, the highlight of which was our trip to Sarehole Mill in February! In History, the girls have been learning about Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and at Sarehole Mill, they took part in a bespoke prehistoric learning day. They handled authentic Stone Age artefacts; tools and weapons, created their own Stone Age inspired art and listened to Ed from Sarehole Mill tell them about his experiences taking part in a dig at Stonehenge. In the afternoon, the girls entered the woods near Moseley Bog and then created their own shelters, played hunter gatherer games and saw a real Stone Age Burnt Mound at the bog. There were muddy boots all round!



At Moseley Bog

In English, our book study of "Fantastic Mr Fox" created some wonderful creative writing, play reading and hot seating. After half term, the girls studied the book, "Stone Age Boy", linking their English to History with some wonderful creative writing which included historical detail about the Stone Age.



Sienna, Bella and Chloe in 3LG navigating with compasses



Nehna, Tuppence, Karen, Alishia and Olivia in 3VS with their shelter



Sophie in 3LG and her Stone Age artwork



By Karen in 3VS



By Emily in 3LG

Geography skills have been refined during the term and the girls have enjoyed using compasses in the playground to find their way around. Whilst using Digimap on the iPads, the girls located Warwick Castle, school and other features of the school locality. After that, the girls found their own homes and used the scaling in tools to get as close as they could!

In PSHEE, the girls worked in groups to design their own garden which had to be accessible to someone with a disability. They showed true Skills for Life, working in teams to create their beautiful gardens.

It has been so rewarding to see the amazing progress the girls have made during the last two terms. We are looking forward to a fun packed Summer Term!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

# Skills for Life and Ancient Romans

Year 4 have enjoyed another busy term and the girls continue to enjoy the welcome return to 'normal' Warwick Prep life, and all of the enrichment activities on offer. Highlights this term have included celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week together; Skills for Life afternoon; preparing for our LAMDA examinations; and preparing talks for Project Fortnight. All the Year 4 classes also enjoyed our 'Star in the Jar' treats as a reward for our hard work.



Martha and Sienna in 4AM enjoying their Star In The Jar reward



Khadeejah in 4AM with her Project Fortnight painting



Arabella and Molly in 4MM creating Roman numerals



Visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

In History, the girls have been learning about the Ancient Romans; a highlight was dramatising Boudica's rebellion against the Romans. The girls were inspired by this fierce female warrior and feel we too could lead a rebellion, if needed. To compliment our History lessons, the girls considered whether the life of a Roman soldier was enviable. They wrote balanced arguments showing both benefits and drawbacks of life for Roman troops.

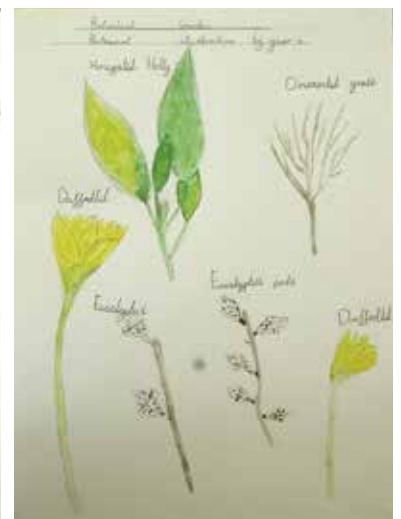


Eloise and Ayah-Sofia in 4AM and Sophia, Elena and Beatrice in 4JB at Chedworth Roman Villa

Our class representatives have been very busy leading Class Council, Food Council and Eco Council meetings. They are working hard to help us learn our role within society and how we can be vehicles for change and action. Well done, Year 4.



By Amelia in 4JB



By Imogen 4MM



YEAR 5 NEWS

# Exploring the Tudors and Helping our Community

In Year 5, we have been busy learning about Tudor Explorers and enjoyed a virtual workshop with the Mary Rose Museum. The girls were able to see artefacts recovered from the seabed and learn about what life was like onboard the ship. In our lessons, we have been piecing together the evidence to solve the mystery of how the Mary Rose sank.



For World Book Day®, the girls joined the audience of the Cambridge Theatre, London home of Matilda The Musical. They were inspired by listening to a range of authors talk about their creations; they particularly enjoyed watching the story about the invisible lemon-scented badger! MC Grammar's rap was a hit – how many books did he include in his rap?



5WS enjoying World Book Day®

Following our PSHEE lessons, focused on Dreams and Goals, we considered different ways of supporting our local community. We were delighted with the enthusiasm the girls showed in collecting items for 'The Warwickshire Trust's Refuge' which helps women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. Many of the girls undertook small jobs at home to 'earn' money towards buying essential items. We collected over 1000 nappies, countless toiletries and enough pasta to feed many families. Thank you to the Year 5 families for your support.



Sharing assembly



Mary Rose video link-up



Abstract landscape inspired by Kadinsky by Theodorah in 5KC



Abstract landscape inspired by Kadinsky by Rosie in 5LW

Project Fortnight this term focused on Skills for Life and the girls were tasked with germinating and growing a range of seeds. The Year 5 girls tenderly tended to their seedlings, resulting in a lovely array of herbs fit to eat. The girls showed responsibility through caring for their seeds and communication skills were developed through presenting the project to the form.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

# Entrepreneurs of the Future

This term, Year 6 have made a great start to their Skills for Life Portfolio. They have completed a variety of different modules. One of the favourites was becoming interior designers and, with a budget of £650, the girls had to design their dream bedroom. We had a variety of different themes and the girls measured their walls and windows carefully to allow them to work out costs for paint or wall paper. They became very good at finding the 'best' prices and choosing some luxury accessories, if there was any budget left!



Over the second half of the term, the girls have been putting their teamwork skills into practice with our 'Make Your Money Grow' project. Each team has had to set up a small business and develop a product which they will bring to market at the end of term, hoping to make a profit and proving themselves to be the entrepreneurs of the future – move over Lord Alan Sugar!

The Year 6 art project was linked to their Shang Dynasty work in History. The girls learnt about traditional Chinese pottery and glazing techniques and patterns, before designing and creating their own ceramic tile based on the story of the Willow Pattern.

Playmania reached fever pitch with auditions and casting for the Year 6 summer production of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' being a highlight of the term, and rehearsals are now 'Truly' underway.

The girls have also enjoyed representing the school at many sporting fixtures and taking part in a range of music concerts, showing yet again what a talented bunch they are!



6CM playing Lucy's Skills for Life Eco game



Ayva in 6SW presenting her Amazing North American Geographical Feature on Niagara Falls



By Harriet in 6JJ



By Paige in 6SW



By Michelle in 6CM



Skills for Life Project Fortnight by Holly in 6JJ



Dream bedroom moodboard by Lottie in 6JJ



Ammani in 6SW with her Mouse rocket in STEAM

# Sports Round-up

This term, the children from Nursery through to Year 6 have thrived in sport. They have participated in an array of activities in their lessons and extracurricular clubs, benefiting from the incredible facilities we share as a Foundation. The abundance of extracurricular clubs on offer has given the children an opportunity to try various sports from Irish dancing to gymnastics, to hockey to swimming, and many more.



*Nursery enjoying Games in the gymnasium*

Nursery have enjoyed spending time in the new gymnasium, taking part in themed lessons that engage the imagination, as well as yoga and soft play. The Pre-Prep children have been developing their fundamental movement skills and games sense using the sports hall, astro turfs and netball courts. The Prep girls have had the opportunity to use the state-of-the-art fitness suite and gain a more in-depth understanding of the importance of physical activity.



*U11 Hockey A team*

As a Foundation, we value competition and the opportunities it provides pupils, such as the chance to interact with others. Competition challenges children to push themselves to be the best they can be and encourages good sportsmanship.



*U11 Netball team*

This has been the first full netball term in two years. It has been amazing to see so many girls thriving in the sport, with over 200 girls competing in fixtures from Years 3-6. We have hosted outreach tournaments for other local state schools and fun netball festivals for the younger age groups.

In addition to this, the children at Warwick Prep have competed in cross country. They have not only been successful in their fixtures, but have also given their all in their year group competitions in games.



*Cross country champions*



*Thursday Hip Hop Troupe 'Everything Changes'*

We had over 50 Year 5 and Year 6 children performing in the dance show, 'Change', a collaboration with King's High, in front of a full audience. This demonstrated the confidence and passion our pupils have here at Warwick Prep.

In Games lessons across the school, children have flourished, showing creativity in dance, control and resilience in gymnastics, and brilliant progression in fundamental skills. The younger children have enjoyed cross-curricular learning, with themes on World Book Day® and learning about space in their Games lessons.



*Friday Hip Hop Troupe 'Love Changes'*

Our biggest drive in sport is 'enjoyment for all' and to instill a passion for physical activity at an early age. With hundreds of children participating in extra-curricular activities each week and playing in whole year group fixtures, it is clear to see the pupils are flourishing. They are gaining a true understanding of the benefits of sport and exercise.

All children have demonstrated passion, resilience, kindness, determination, and teamwork this term. We know that, with our wonderful and committed pupils, this will continue to be a successful and exciting year at Warwick Prep.



# Musical Matters

It has been another wonderful term of musical concerts and events.

The informal concerts continue to give opportunities for our budding musicians, and it is always a delight to hear their performances. The Year 2 and Year 3 Tea Time concert was a particular highlight before half term; 30 young performers all smiling nervously, waiting patiently for their turn, before introducing themselves and their pieces with such confidence. The joy afterwards, as the applause resounded around the Auditorium, made for some very special memories, ones never to be forgotten as the children continue on their musical journeys.



The Harpeteers were thrilled when Caitlin in Lower Sixth brought her pedal harp into their rehearsal. She showed them how it worked and gave them a little taster of what she would be playing at the concert the following week. Thanks to the parents who allowed their children to have a late night mid-week so that they could go and hear the Harp Concerto at the Warwick School Chamber Concert; it was a great evening.



The children in Year 2 have continued to enjoy playing the stringed instruments in their class music lessons, and we were very pleased that parents could come and watch them perform at the showcase mornings. It was fabulous to see them playing with such confidence and enjoyment - and the audience participation only added to the fun!



Huge congratulations to Lucy and Charlotte, both in 6CM, Anna, in 5KC, and Jessica, in 5WS, who were all awarded a place in the National Children's Orchestral Projects 2022. They enjoyed a fantastic weekend with lots of other young musicians at the start of March. We also had other girls enjoying a musical half term with the English Symphony Orchestra at Bromsgrove School. They have really been inspired and these courses have fired them up even more! We are so very proud of all our musicians, and the progress they are making after a tough couple of years is outstanding.

As I write, many of our musicians are preparing for their ABRSM & Trinity Music exams, and we wish them all the best. Our end of term concert was a chance for the ensembles and Senior Choir to shine and show just how wonderful they all are.



# Behind the Scenes – Head of PSHEE, Skills for Life & Year 3 Form Teacher



By Sorrel and Bethany H

Sorrel and Bethany H went behind the scenes with Miss Sarson, to find out more about her role as Head of PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education).

**Q** Why do you think PSHEE is so important?

**A** I think PSHEE is important because it helps pupils for life, at school and in the future.

**Q** What fun activities can we do to help with our PSHEE?

**A** You could try something new like art and sport. Your pets are a big part of your mental wellbeing so stroking and playing with them will help you relax.

**Q** If you could use five words to explain what PSHEE means to you, what would they be?

**A** Important, helpful, supportive, interesting and invaluable.

**Q** If a child at Warwick Prep feels upset, what should they do?

**A** Always talk to someone on your network hand as they will be able to listen and help you.



**Q** How do you encourage your Year 3 form to learn more about their mental health?

**A** We do calm sessions to focus on breathing and relaxing, we talk about the importance of sleep and a good diet, as well as having flexible mind and the ability to have fun.

**Q** Do you have any hobbies?

**A** I've always been interested in sports, relaxing activities, netball, running, going on walks with Stanley, my golden retriever, and reading.

## Children's Mental Health Week

We supported Children's Mental Health Week through lots of different activities. Year 2 enjoyed some relaxing yoga to support their physical health during PE. Nursery and Reception children used 'sitting spots' in Forest School to pause, close their eyes and draw attention to what they could see, hear, feel and smell. And, Year 1 and Year 3 enjoyed some mindfulness colouring and music during their weekly clubs.





# Project Fortnight

Project Fortnight focused on our Skills for Life Programme, which fosters the important dispositions such as independence, resilience, empathy and responsibility to name a few. The projects encouraged the practice of these skills and the children were encouraged to share their experiences through a presentation which could be anything they liked such as a diary, scrap book or poster. It was wonderful to hear about all the valuable skills the children had developed during the two weeks.





## Question Time

Miss Yearby, Charity Co-ordinator  
and Year 2 Teaching Assistant



By Harneet and Paige

Harneet and Paige were delighted to interview Miss Yearby, our Charity Co-ordinator and Year 2 Teaching Assistant, to learn more about the importance of charity within our school.

**Q** Why were you chosen as Charity Co-ordinator?

**A** I think I was chosen because I wanted to show pupils at Warwick Prep just how much one penny can change someone's life. Currently, we have raised nearly £3,500 for Ukraine!

**Q** Were you inspired by a particular person to become Charity Co-ordinator?

**A** I wasn't inspired by a specific person. I have always had a passion for charity work and giving to others who are not as fortunate as me.

**Q** Do you have a charity-based goal for next term?

**A** We have a goal to spread awareness that charity work is not just about donating money to people in need but also taking the time to help those less fortunate than us.

**Q** What upcoming charity events have you planned?

**A** We have an event later in the year with Kissing it Better. We're planning a tea party to raise money for the elderly, people in care homes and the vulnerable. They can come and visit our lovely school and get to meet some pupils.



**Q** What charities do you support out of school?

**A** I spent 9 years helping my local Beaver Scouts, and I donate to a school in Uganda I visited when I was a teenager. Last year, I sent over a suitcase of toothpaste and toothbrushes!

**Q** Do you have any specific interests out of school?

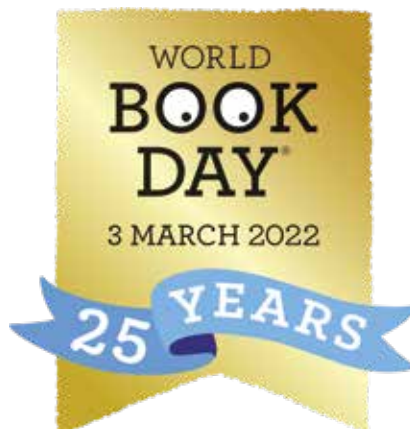
**A** I have three passions in particular; skiing, travelling and cooking. I'm surprisingly good at skiing, considering how clumsy I am!

**Q** Do you have any hidden talents?

**A** I have quite a peculiar talent. I have extraordinarily good hearing which is very useful for a school teacher so I suppose that is a positive hidden talent!

## World Book Day®

On Thursday 3 March, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of World Book Day®. Our theme was 'Travel the World on World Book Day®' and it was fantastic to see so many original homemade, recycled and creative costumes being worn. The day kicked off with a special whole school assembly and throughout the day, the children enjoyed sharing the books they had chosen and recounting the stories they loved. We encouraged each pupil to bring in a book to give to a child in our local community, so they could experience the enjoyment of reading.





# Charity News

Charity is imperative to life at Warwick Prep and this term has been busy, with the children supporting a range of worthy causes.

We ended the Autumn Term with a successful £2,341.62 raised for local charities. Christmas Jumper Day was a success and it was lovely to see the children looking so festive whilst raising money for Save The Children. We raised £797.89 for the charity and the children brought in crackers to donate to local care homes and hospitals as part of our ongoing work with the Kissing it Better charity. The children performed beautifully at their Christmas performances and £1326.98 was raised through collections for the Myton Hospice.

As a Foundation, we fundraised for Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation by wearing our sports clothes, competing in a colouring competition and eating doughnuts! We raised an impressive total of £8,965.34. The children wowed us in sportswear including homemade skis, riding helmets and rugby shirts.

This term, the Year 5 children have learnt about refugees and collected supplies for babies which were then donated to refugee charities. We are very proud of the work that the children have done and hope to continue this as an ongoing project. Furthermore, we have raised £3,322.53 fundraising for UNICEF's Protect Children campaign, supporting families where conflict is escalating in Ukraine.



WPSA helping collect books on World Book Day®



Esme in RHE supporting Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation



Christmas Jumper Day

As part of our World Book Day® celebrations, the children donated used, high-quality children's books to children in need, within the local area.

Comic Relief was fantastic! We celebrated in true Warwick Prep style with outfits in every colour and style. The children took part in various games and fundraising activities raising valuable funds to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. We raised a total of £566.81.

It has been wonderful to see all the charity fundraising the children have been doing at home including cake sales, Santa Runs, sponsoring animals and garage sales. At Warwick Prep, we focus on preparing the children through our Skills for Life and look to instil a sense of social responsibility.



Hilarious hair for Comic Relief



Kissing it Better crackers



# Cyril Investigates...

**Mrs Griggs, Eco Council Leader,  
Head of Humanities and  
Middle School Co-ordinator**

By Lucy, Bethany D and Isabel



Cyril helped Lucy, Bethany D and Isabel interview Mrs Griggs about Eco Council and how we must protect our planet.

**Q** Why was Eco Council set-up?

**A** Mrs Wilkinson originally set up Eco Council and passed the role of leader onto me when I became Head of Humanities. I love Eco Club which is available to a different year each term. Next term, Year 4 will be able to attend.

**Q** What do you enjoy most about Eco Club?

**A** I love the infectious energy and passion of the children.

**Q** Why do you think it's so important to protect the environment?

**A** It's really important we have a future for the younger generation. We must look after our planet now as otherwise, we will be faced with big problems in the years to come.

**Q** What can we do to help reduce global warming?

**A** Plants more trees and plants. I would love Warwick Prep to have a kitchen garden.



**Q** Have you made any changes in your lifestyle to help the environment?

**A** I try to drive less and recycle more. I've planted lots of lavender for the bees and onions, beans and broccoli.

**Q** Where's your favourite place to be in nature?

**A** My favourite place is in the lovely, warm sea in Jersey which is where I was born.

## Forest School

Forest School takes place all year and generally in all weathers, so the children can appreciate the change in seasons and weather. In January, armed with clipboards, we went on a winter scavenger hunt and in the later part of the term, we watched as the daffodils and spring flowers appeared.

Nursery children made bird food and feeders to hang in Forest School and the Nursery garden. We enjoyed watching a variety of birds come and feed each day. One of Nursery's topics this term has been traditional tales so we went on a bear hunt, made houses for The Three Little Pigs, and planted beans. It is without a doubt that experiencing an open fire is an awe and wonder activity this term. We used our Kelly Kettle to make hot chocolate and toasted hot cross buns.



Thea and Mahi in NAL with their birdfeeder



William and Henry in REB with their Superworms

Reception children have really benefitted from exploring maths concepts outside. We made weighing scales from wood planks and log rolls, coat hangers and buckets, compared capacity using buckets of various sizes, and learnt how to estimate numbers of objects. Much fun was had as we made Superworm come to life, having adventures around Forest School. Each class built a wormery to study how worms adapt to their environment.



Hans in REK building weighing scales



# News from our Digital Leaders

We are proud to have a growing number of Digital Leaders at Warwick Prep, who have been busy learning how to be digital learning mentors to children across the school. Girls from our Year 5 and Year 6 classes have the opportunity to take part in our Digital Leader program, developed by Childnet International.

Over the term, they have been busy taking part in modules covering topics such as 'Cyberbullying', 'Reporting', 'Digital Wellbeing' and 'Being a Good Friend Online.' Each module sparks a discussion about where they might experience a situation similar to those on the platform and how we can help our peers in resolving the issues faced. Many of our Digital Leaders have amazing ideas on how they can support each other and all agree that seeking help from friends and parents are the best ways to resolve difficult online situations.

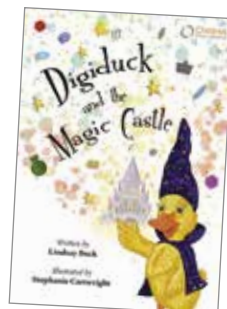


Our Digital Leaders



Year 4 and Year 5 Digital Fortune Tellers on Safer Internet Day

The Digital Leaders also had fun putting together and recording our Safer Internet Day assembly for the Pre-Prep children. The assembly was all about Digiduck and the Magic Castle, which dealt with themes such as in-app purchases, chat in games and how to block and report safely. Years 1-6 focused on a range of different activities in their Computing lessons.



The girls know that they have a very important role and take their responsibilities very seriously. They are always happy to talk to help solve any problems our pupils have in school, with support from Mrs Drury in our Computing department. They are also responsible for coming up with our School Smart Rules:

- W** – Watch out for fake emails and sites
- A** – Always Ask an Adult
- R** – Check information is Reliable by checking at least 2 sites
- W** – Wait for permission before accepting
- I** – Inspire others to be supportive online
- C** – Consider your digital footprint
- K** – Be Kind in everything you post



4MM on Safer Internet Day

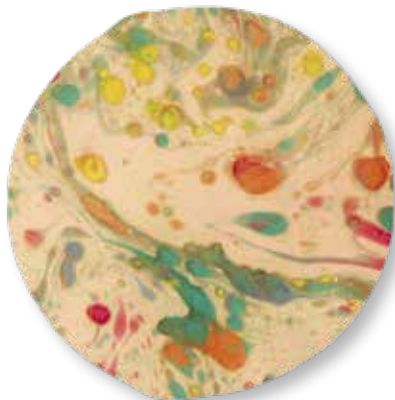
Back in November, Year 6 took part in the Bebras Challenge. The top 10% of scores nationally were invited to take part in the first round of the Oxford University Computing Challenge, which focused on programming in Blockly. The top scorers nationally have been invited to take part in a final round which takes place later in the year. 16 of our Year 6 girls took part in the challenge, making it the most successful year for the challenge ever!



Bebras Challenge



# Art Gallery



Annabelle in RHE - Marbled Planet



Harrison in REK - Rocket



William in REB - Astronaut



Joshua in 2EC - Monet 'Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies'



Meera in 2JW - Vincent van Gogh 'Sunflowers'



Hema in 2AD - Monet 'Waterlilies'



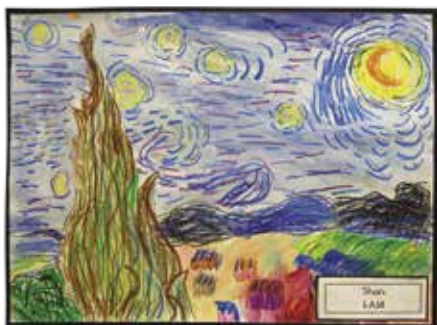
Olivia B in 3VS - Fantastic Fish



Libby in 3LG - Fantastic Fish



Annabel in 3VS - Fantastic Fish



Shan in 4AM - Impressionism



Kylie in 4JB - Impressionism



May in 4MM - Impressionism



# Awe & Wonder Photography Competition

Mrs Ward and Mrs Smeeton were completely amazed by all the entries into their Awe & Wonder Photography Competition which encouraged all pupils to capture a magical glimpse of the natural world.

Photographer, Mrs Vicky Ketell, judged the competition and was she was incredibly impressed with the high standard of photography.

It is with huge pleasure that we announce the winners and those highly commended.



Lower School Winner – Shiloh (1JB)



Lower School Highly  
Commended – Ben (2JW)



Upper School Winner –  
Tess (6SW)



Upper School Highly  
Commended – Nefeli (5KC)



EYFS Winner – Sadhana (REK)



EYFS Highly Commended –  
Max (REK)



Middle School Winner –  
Olivia B (3VS)



Middle School Highly  
Commended – May (4MM)



Parents Winner – Mrs Potgieter



Parents Highly Commended –  
Mr Earl



Staff Winner – Mrs Dodsworth



Staff Highly Commended –  
Mrs Payton



**WPSA**

Warwick Preparatory School  
Association

## WPSA News

by Linsey McGarvey, WPSA Communications Officer

### WPSA Committee

Did you know that if you are a parent, guardian or member of Warwick Prep staff then you are automatically a member of WPSA? We organise a number of social and fundraising events throughout the academic year with the aim of bringing the school community together and having fun.

WPSA is run by a committee of volunteer parents and staff. Our current committee members are:

Hellen Dodsworth	President
Helen Owen	Chair
Julie Moon	Secretary
Hodge Hundal	Treasurer
Clare Harding	Class Rep Officer
Ruth Harrison & Naomi Courtenay	Uniform Shop
Linsey McGarvey	Communications Officer
Plus 11 parent and 3 SLT committee members	

You can contact the committee at any time via [WPSA@WPSAssociation.org](mailto:WPSA@WPSAssociation.org) or the Uniform Shop team via [WPSAuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:WPSAuniformshop@gmail.com)

We are always looking for new members of the committee and there are other ways you can be involved too, either as a Rep or a Parent Helper.



A magical visit from Kevin and Kristoff the reindeer



Cheque for Myton Hospice

### WPSA Events

Our events this term included the Year 1 and Year 2 film night, where children came into school during the evening, dressed in their onesies or pyjamas, to enjoy a movie and a snack together.

The postponed Christmas Disco for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took place on Friday 18 March. The 'Girl Power' themed disco gave the girls the chance to get together and enjoy some fun and dancing.

We were thrilled to announce that our Easter Egg Hunt would return this year, after being cancelled in 2020/21. This year's hunt took place around the school grounds on Saturday 2 April, guided by the ActionBound app which we used as part of the Foundation Welcome Back Weekend.

Thank you to everyone who donated or bought cakes at last term's scaled-down Christmas fun afternoon. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make a donation to the Myton Hospices. WPSA Chair, Helen Owen, and Comms Officer, Linsey McGarvey, presented the cheque to the fundraising team at Myton Road earlier this month.

The Christmas fun afternoon was a great success, and events like that enable us to support local charities like Myton Hospice, as well as funding items for the children which would fall outside of the normal curriculum. Through our bids process, Warwick Prep teachers, staff, and pupils have the opportunity to request funding for exceptional projects. Recently the WPSA team unanimously voted to fund the upcoming Brass Project for the music department. Similar to the Strings project for Year 2, WPSA will match funds from the school to make brass instruments available to year group sets and the music department.

We are pleased that we have been able to hold some events, albeit scaled down and remote. As well as the Christmas fun afternoon, we recently held a virtual quiz for parents and some children also joined in. In particular, the children had fun with the Scavenger Hunt section of the quiz!

To find out more about WPSA and what we do, visit [www.warwickprep.com/WPSA](http://www.warwickprep.com/WPSA)

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# Foundation Community

## Warwick Foundation Connect: Spring Mentoring Programme

Many of us will know the importance of having mentors and champions, who support us as we develop in our careers and personal lives. Our Spring Mentoring Programme aims to unlock the power of our Foundation community and foster meaningful mentoring and networking connections. King's High and Warwick School are especially focused on supporting our recent leavers as they embark on further study and new careers. We are looking for parents and friends to help offer support and guidance.

Can you help mentor someone? Would you like to network with other members of the community?

Warwick Foundation Connect is a global community of almost 1,400 members. Please register on [warwickfoundationconnect.com](http://warwickfoundationconnect.com) to explore the platform and be connected to someone with a similar interest.



## Landor Association Lecture: Catherine Bott

It was a joy to welcome Catherine Bott - singer, broadcaster, Classic FM presenter, and former pupil – back to King's High to deliver the Landor Association Lecture. Funny and wise, Catherine gave a wonderful speech. When our pupils interviewed Catherine a while ago, they asked her what she would tell her younger self. She replied: 'Be braver. You are stronger than you know.'

## Old Girls' Association: Lunch

Thank you to all who attended a magnificent Old Girls' Association Lunch and AGM. It was a special occasion for all, with an inspiring talk from Sue Moore, Artistic Director of Leamington's Loft Theatre.



## Former Staff Lunch

We welcomed sixteen former Warwick Prep staff as guests of Mrs Dodsworth and the Landor Association. Memories were rekindled and everyone had great fun catching up with each other's news over a sumptuous lunch, prepared by Head Chef, Matt Parsons. A highlight of the event was a wonderful music programme from Prep School pupils, supervised by Director of Music Miss Alison Griggs. Miss Griggs gave the guests a tour of the wonderful new Music School, including the Lady Susi Jeans organ, a gift from two of the Landor Association fellows.

If you know of any former Prep staff who are no longer in touch with the school and would like to be invited to our next former staff event, please get in touch with the Landor Association at [khs-landorassociation@kingshighwarwick.co.uk](mailto:khs-landorassociation@kingshighwarwick.co.uk).



## Plaque for Miss Doorly

A Reception was held at Leamington Town Hall, following the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Miss Doorly, Head Mistress of King's High (1922-1944), at 23 St Mary's Crescent in Leamington. OGA Secretary, Polly Beidas was invited to speak about Miss Doorly. She recounts: 'Miss Doorly started making waves in King's High. Bucking the trend of the time, she re-employed teaching staff who had been expected to leave the profession upon marriage. She was an innovator, bringing in two institutions commonplace in all schools today, but not so in the 1920s: the Association of Parents and Staff, and School and Form.' Always keen to educate, Miss Doorly took her pupils to the General Election count, read to them from enlightened works of fact and fiction, provided 'Punch' and 'The New Statesman' for the girls to read, and invited her many friends from the world of art, music and literature to give talks and recitals to the girls. A respected author, her life of Marie Curie, *The Radium Woman*, won the Library Association's Carnegie medal in 1939.'



## Honour for Former King's High Pupil

We were delighted Dr Mary Cusack (King's High, 1985-1992) was recognised in the New Year's Honours List. Dr Cusack received an OBE, along with her colleague, Dr Catherine Morris, for services to Healthcare and Child Welfare in India. Their charity, 'Love the One', has transformed the lives of thousands of vulnerable children in India.

Mary Cusack worked as a Paediatrician in the NHS, before completing a Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene at the University of Liverpool. She met Cat Morris there, and they decided to travel to India. After five years working with Non-Governmental Organisations, familiarising themselves with Indian culture and tropical medicine on the front line, Dr Cusack and Dr Morris established the 'Love the One' organisation in Berhampur, Odisha. They have created an integrated community ecosystem, comprising a children's centre, clinic, six early paediatric interventional care centres, and a school. Their OBE citation reads: 'Through their work, they have saved and transformed lives and delivered hope through selfless voluntary service, and brought great credit to the UK'.

King's High Head Master, Dr Burley, said, 'I was delighted to share Dr Cusack's story with students, as a wonderful example of working hard to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Dr Cusack is a true inspiration, a King's High Changemaker!'



## Margaret Stone's Xylophone

We welcomed the Squires family, who kindly funded a new xylophone for the King's High and Warwick Prep Music School. There is a lovely story of music and family behind their wonderful gift. Margaret Stone – who the Margaret Stone Practice Room is named after - attended King's High from 1916-1923. Her family reconnected with King's High, when they came to the opening of the new Music School. Margaret's son David and his wife Jo explained what the school had meant to Margaret and how it shaped her life, and also their lives, growing up. They were inspired listening to our Artistic Director, Alex Laing, which led to a family discussion about how they could assist with equipment. They decided upon our magnificent new xylophone. Thank you to David and his family for this support.



## Business Champions

King's High hosted the Coventry and Warwickshire Business Champions Breakfast Networking Event. We welcomed over 150 entrepreneurs and business leaders to our school and listened to a range of talks. King's High Head Master, Dr Burley, was a keynote speaker, along with former King's High pupil, Eleanor Deeley, Joint Managing Director of Deeley Group. Our fabulous Catering teams put on a wonderful spread, and our Young Enterprise Teams showcased their work, and sold their products.

## Lighting Up for the NSPCC

Just after term ended for Christmas, Warwick Hall joined famous landmarks across the country to light up green in support of the NSPCC's Walk for Children. Landmarks across the UK, including Battersea Power Station and Alexandra Palace, supported the NSPCC by lighting up in the charity's trademark green.

Foundation Principal, Richard Nicholson said: 'We were delighted to work with the NSPCC and light Warwick Hall green to support their wonderful initiative. To have landmarks and people from across the country joining in the Walk for Children was hugely inspirational and we were proud to be part of the effort here in Warwick.'



## Jennifer Edwards

School archivist, Jennifer Edwards, will be hanging up her keys to the archive at the end of this term, after 15 years in charge. Jenny is an Old Girl of the school, a former OGA Secretary, parent and governor, and co-author of the school's history, *Of Mulberries, Ilex and Acorns*. We are delighted to know that she will not be leaving us completely and will be continuing her involvement with school through her role as a Landor Association fellow.







We are very proud of the partnership between the Orchestra of the Swan and Warwick Independent Schools Foundation. The magic continued with their concert 'Pastoral' at Warwick Hall with violinist, Thomas Gould - perfect for Spring.

Their very popular family concert is still to come, on Saturday 18 June. Set in the woods, Peter and the Wolf features settings of text by Roald Dahl from his 'Revolting Rhymes' and an original story by Prokofiev, that tells the story of Peter's encounter with a wolf. A great introduction to instruments of the orchestra for children of all ages!



Tickets are £5 each for all members of the Foundation and members of their family (please apply the code FOUND5). Tickets may be booked on the Bridge House Theatre website, [bridgehousetheatre.co.uk](http://bridgehousetheatre.co.uk)

#### Future Fwd: Next Generations

Warwick Independent Schools Foundation is hosting a national educational conference this summer, 4-5 July. Future Fwd Creative Conference will bring educationalists - schools, universities - and business leaders together, in a conference to discuss the future of education.

The traditional 'conference' format is being reimagined as a practical, future-focused, creative event, with young people at its core. Future Fwd will hear directly from young people, and delegates will be a cohort of creative thinkers, with speakers from the Royal Shakespeare Company and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games among others. Partners include the University of Warwick and Warwickshire College University Centre, and a dinner will be held at Warwick Castle.

- **Day 1:** A Next Gen panel interview followed by a program of talks on Curriculum, Tech, Industry & Business, Culture and Entrepreneurship, including speakers from The Royal Shakespeare Company, the University of Warwick and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The evening features a reception at Warwick Castle, with discussions with pupil groups on the themes of the conference.
- **Day 2:** A morning of discussion hubs to develop the ideas from day 1 and incorporate them into the future direction of education. Running parallel on day 2 is a Jubilee Conference specifically for Sixth Formers.

The conference is free to attend. Book your place at [futurefwd.org](http://futurefwd.org)



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# Key Dates Summer 2022

## Term Commences:

Tuesday 26 April

## Bank Holiday:

Monday 2 May

## Half Term:

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

## Term Ends:

Thursday 7 July

## OPEN EVENTS 2022

### Open Classrooms:

Thursday 5 May  
2pm-3pm

### Open Morning:

Saturday 24 September

### Open Classrooms:

Tuesday 15 November

For more information  
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