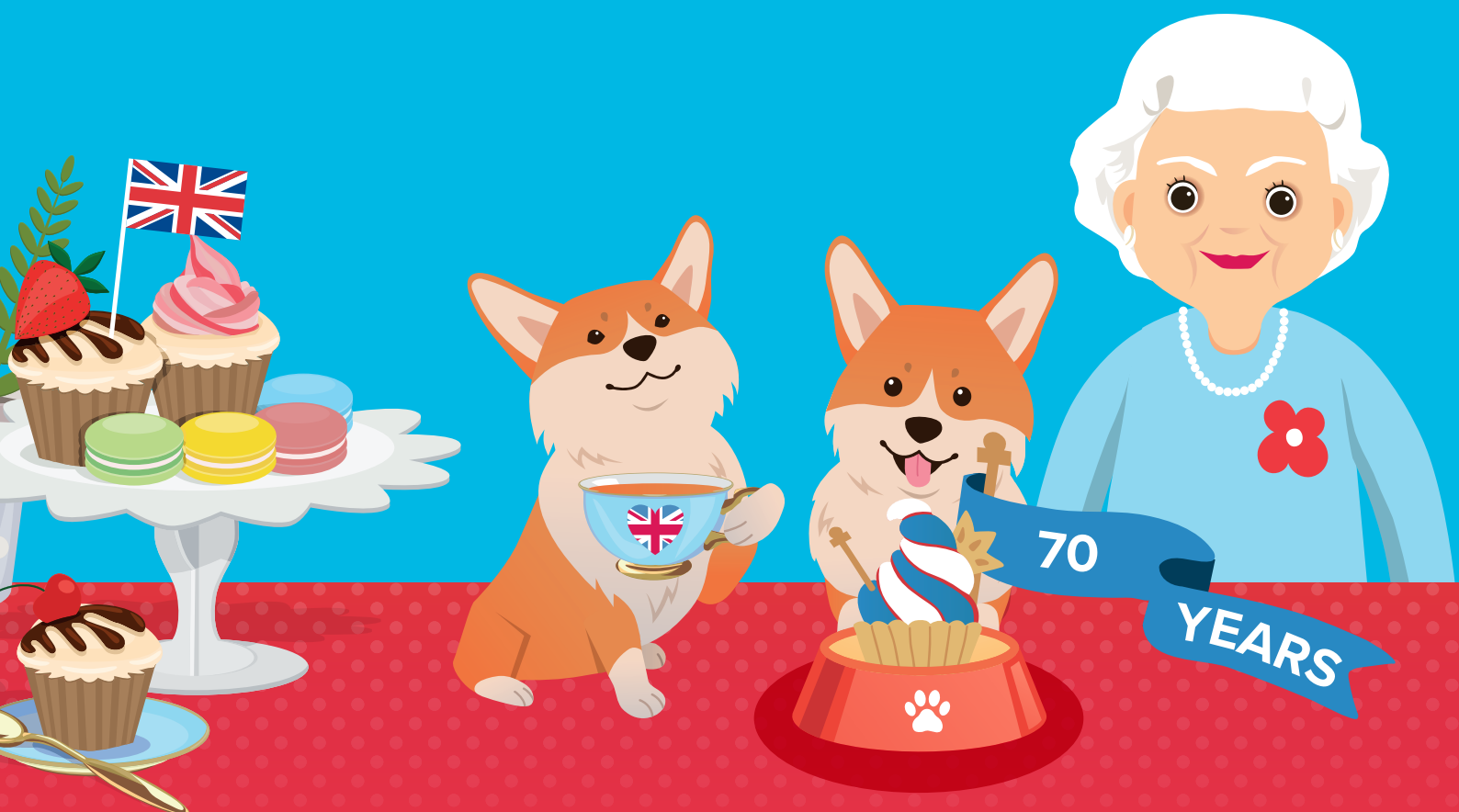




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Welcome from the Head

A very warm welcome to the final edition of 'Warwick Prep Life' for this academic year. The term has been extraordinary for many reasons and I hope reading the pages ahead gives you a taste of what has been enjoyed, celebrated and achieved during the final weeks of the school year.

Our student editors have risen admirably to the challenge of how to possibly capture the essence of a summer term at Warwick Prep into one publication and I know you will join me in thanking them for all they have achieved.

It is hard to pin-point just a few highlights of the term, as we have enjoyed multiple success on the sports fields, on the stages, in the swimming pool and beyond – this term really has felt incredibly special as we have returned to 'norms' not fully experienced for three years.

One celebration deserves particular mention, that of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. None of us are likely to see the like of this achievement again and I hope we created lifelong memories for all the children just before half term. The Queen's

loyal commitment to service is an example to us all and we were delighted to reinstate our flagpole to mark this historic occasion. The flagpole was a gift from one of my predecessors, Mrs Prichard, whose service to the school we remember with deep appreciation. I am also very grateful to WPSA who marked the occasion by presenting our school community with commemorative bookmarks.

As the final days of term draw this year to a close, I would like to thank our children and staff for their continued and enthusiastic commitment to enjoyment and excellence. They embody the Squirrel Spirit on a daily basis and I wish them, and all our readers, a most enjoyable and well-deserved summer break.

Mrs Hellen Dodsworth



Welcome from the Principal

It feels very strange to think that a year ago, we were working through Covid-mitigation processes for end of year events. How good it has been to welcome everyone to the full spectrum of summer term events: concerts, plays, prize giving – so many of which are rites of passage for our pupils and indeed their families.

The great richness of the opportunities for our pupils on this site has been highlighted over recent weeks, not only because it is now far easier to run activities once more (and we are loving doing so), but also because of the greater collaboration across the schools.

Collaboration across our senior schools often receives more coverage than that between the junior years. It is, therefore, a real pleasure to write about the 'best of both worlds' opportunities as lived through the lives of pupils at Warwick Preparatory School and Warwick Junior School.

Both schools have recently staged musicals for Year 6 in the glorious surroundings of The Bridge House Theatre – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang for Prep and Matilda for the Juniors. These productions saw over 130 pupils having active roles - every pupil in each year group - and of course girls and boys playing every role respectively, and singing and dancing and clearly having great fun! This is a great example of the very special opportunities our schools offer - opportunities which are enhanced by specialist staff and facilities, and which I doubt can be equalled elsewhere.

This term has also seen the pupils staging the first mixed cricket teams – a new opportunity for pupils from both schools to work together. In putting together a number of teams to play against other schools (and doing spectacularly well), working together has paid great dividends.

Our junior years pupils have also been working with other pupils across the county in their musical pursuits. As part of our partnership with the Orchestra of the Swan, Foundation pupils joined children from local schools in an afternoon of music and fun. Activities such as this help demonstrate how we can support educational initiatives which promote engagement and participation more widely, bringing together children with common interests, providing new opportunities for our Foundation pupils and those in the local area.

As I write this, the finishing touches are being put to our Future Fwd conference. This sees the Foundation partner with other educational bodies, including the University of Warwick. The conference has two parts: one, an exploration of the skills which need to be nurtured to ensure that current and future generations thrive in the communities in which they live and work; the other, for pupils in Lower Sixth. In recognition of the 70 years that Her Majesty The Queen has been on the throne, participants will imagine what the world will be like over the next 70 years, and what our priorities will – or should – be.

For both elements, we will be welcoming large and diverse cohorts of participants from across the country, drawing on experts from the worlds of business and industry, tech, arts, and culture.

A major outcome of the conference will be a 'white paper', sharing experiences, good practice, and future educational pathways. Whilst conceived here in the Midlands, our hope is that it should radiate out, and help influence the future development of education.

Closer to home, I should also like to pay tribute to our Professional Services teams, under the leadership of Victoria Espley, our Foundation Bursar. So much of their work is often out of the public gaze, yet essential to the effective operation of our schools. However, our grounds are very much on display and are looking magnificent, in particular, the new fencing and netting for cricket. Thank you to these large and dedicated teams who support our pupils' education in so many different ways.

Finally, thank you to you, our families, who entrust your children to our care. It is a privilege to work with them and you.

Mr Richard Nicholson



Meet the Editors

Welcoming our six new editors for this term's edition of Warwick Prep Life. Helena, Harriet, Sophie, Amber, Isla S and Isla H, all in 6JJ, have had a very busy term conducting interviews and writing up articles. Let's find out what they enjoyed about the role of editor.

"I have really enjoyed being an editor as it gave me a chance to explore a new writing style (which I have discovered is a very informative and interesting one) and learn more about the member of staff we interviewed."

Helena

"The chance of being an editor has been so interesting. It has made me improve my writing skills and finding out about Mrs Crafts' role has been so much fun."

Harriet

"I have loved being an editor as it has given me a chance to learn more about the school and the teachers around us."

Sophie



"I have highly enjoyed being an editor as you see just a glimpse of Warwick Prep behind the scenes. I have learnt a lot about different subjects and jobs around the school and have had so much fun putting this magazine together."

Amber

"I have thoroughly enjoyed being an editor because it has taught me about interviewing and working together as a partner with Helena. I have learnt a lot and it has given me a small peek into what it takes to be an editor."

Isla S

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be an editor and would highly recommend it. It is an opportunity I won't forget. It has been an honour to do this role and I am grateful to have had this experience."

Isla H

NURSERY NEWS

Time for Tea?

Some very eager Nursery children enjoyed their first outing on a coach to the Play Village in Warwick. As they gathered on the 'Village Green', the children were introduced to the different role play areas and they jumped up and down with excitement before rushing off to explore. There was so much for the children to be kept happy and entertained, with a Fire Engine, Ice-cream Van, Post Office, Vets, Supermarket and Lottie's Tearoom to name just a few. The most popular areas to spark their imagination were the Emergency Room filled with props such as x-rays, doctor's bag and crutches and Orly's Hair and Beauty salon. The Nursery staff enjoyed having their hair and nails done by the children! The Play Makers engaged the children with songs and storytelling, taking the children on imaginary adventures. A wonderful morning of creative play.

The Nursery children have been delighted with their new book corner and the comfy sofa to sit on! The home corner has also had a makeover and the children have loved cooking up a tasty meal in the brand-new kitchen, well equipped with useful utensils. A home corner allows children to make sense of their world, recreating experiences they have at home and they have risen to our challenges such as setting the table for four friends.

Block play encourages independent choices and imaginative thinking. It allows children to learn problem solving skills as well as explore key mathematical concepts. The children love our natural wooden shapes and tagua beads that they can combine in different ways to make their carefully planned designs. Thea and Capucine worked collaboratively to construct this magnificent castle.



Syon and George in NPB in the home corner enjoying a cup of tea



Annabel in NHT being a vet



Capucine and Thea in NAL enjoying block play



Anika and Aria in NHT in the doctor's surgery



Hunter and Henry in NPB creating their snails



Bee friendly garden by NPB



Buzzy beehive by NHT



Henri Matisse snail by Emily in NPB

As part of our Minibeast topic, we have been learning about modern art. Using Henri Matisse for inspiration, the Nursery children made fantastic spiral snails by tearing small pieces of paper. They also drew some wonderful pictures of snails.

RECEPTION NEWS

It's Been a Wild One!

In the first half of the summer term, Reception enjoyed learning about farms. They compared towns and countryside and painted pictures of animals from the story, 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks. As part of the topic, they visited 'All Things Wild' where they learned that goats really will eat anything when one tried to eat Miss Keen's timetable for the day!

Reception were delighted to receive some new wheeled toys for the playground. They have been busy whizzing around the track on the bikes and trikes, developing their balance and steering skills.



Tala in REK taking the new balance bike for a spin



Zach, Dayaal, Hamish, Elliot and Ellie in RHE with Jam



REB making a dinosaur film



Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Nimi in REK



Ladybird by Charlie in REB



Hen by Oscar in RHS



The Queen by Diana in RHE



Mrs Clutton, Morgan in REB, Annabelle in RHE and Freddie in REK being eaten by Jam!



RHS enjoying All Things Wild

A visit from Teach Rex is always good fun and Reception were delighted to meet Sam and Joe, along with Jam the dinosaur and some baby dinosaurs. They learned about the diet and bite power of some of their favourite dinosaurs and were excited to take part in some green screen filming being chased by a Tyrannosaurus Rex!

YEAR 1 NEWS

Fantastic Forests

The summer term has been an exciting and busy one for Year 1! Children returned to school after Easter to find classes transformed into rainforests! The children have enjoyed finding out all about life in the Amazon rainforest and were especially interested to compare the tribal life of a little girl called Taina, to their own. Everybody has been curious and enthusiastic to complete many wonderful activities to explore all the features of rainforests, from fun science experiments, to finding out about the animals that habit the layers of the rainforest to creating wonderful art, we have had lots of fun!

Highlights of the term must be our trips: Forest School, strings project and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. First, we went to explore Warwick Castle which linked with our local history topic. This was our first trip in 2 years! We were very excited. Everybody loved hearing about its history and especially meeting Zog and the birds of prey. Our Jubilee tea party was so much fun and congratulations to Sophie, in 1JB, for winning the best crown competition and Felicity, in 1JB, for best cake! We have also visited Brandon Marsh to hunt for minibeasts and take part in pond dipping. Much fun was had by all. We all loved Forest School and making mud cakes, climbing trees, making dens, and sipping hot chocolate made on the campfire. The children also were able to try playing many string instruments which has created lots of budding musicians!



Lily, Annabelle, Winnie and Imogen in 1JF enjoying afternoon tea



Jeeva in 1JB exploring Forest School



Rainforest heliconia flowers by Seb in 1HC



Visit to Warwick Castle



Henry Rousseau inspired tigers by 1AJ



Tiger by Otis in 1JB

We've come to the end of a fabulous summer term and fantastic year in Year 1. We have watched each child grow in independence, resilience, perseverance, and confidence, ready to move on to the new challenges of Year 2. They are more than ready! Happy holidays and best wishes to all!

YEAR 2 NEWS

Sensationally Super!

As this busy summer term commenced, our attention turned to our Year 2 Production, 'What's the Crime, Mr Wolf?' We were immensely proud of the children's speaking, acting, singing and dancing – we even had to learn two different endings as we just didn't know which way the jury (a.k.a. the audience) would vote. Interestingly, at one performance the vote went in favour of Mr Wolf, but it went against him in the second performance. What a brilliant show! Well done everyone and thank you for working so hard!

In the classrooms, the Year 2 children have been enjoying learning about seaside holidays from Victorian and Edwardian times. Life has changed so much since these times and the children are really beginning to appreciate that! This topic has also inspired some lovely artwork and beautifully written postcards that highlighted and described geographical seaside features.

In science, we explored materials in the world around us, using the iPads to photograph everyday objects around school, turning them into an annotated collage. Recently, our studies have seen us finding out about animal classification. At the time of writing, we are excitedly looking forward to our trip to the Cotswold Farm Park, where we will investigate this further.

Poetry has been a big focus for us this term and we were treated to some super performances of the children's favourite poems. They enjoyed writing poems of their own, inspired by A.A. Milne, and explored imagery. Time and measures have been our key areas of work in maths, as well as applying all our number and problem-solving skills from throughout the year.

As the children have aimed to prepare for their move into Year 3, Skills for Life have also been a large focus for the last few weeks of term – especially encouraging our independence, responsibility and self-organisation. Keep it up everyone, ready to show your Year 3 teachers!

As the children's time in Pre-Prep comes to an end, the staff would like to say...

"You have been super to work with this year and we all send our very best wishes with you as you move into Year 3 – we'll miss you!"



Production of What's The Crime, Mr Wolf



Production poster by Avery in 2JA



Sea creature tile by Louis M-K in 2AD



Seaside postcard by Kabir in 2JW

YEAR 3 NEWS

Trip to Conkers! and Ancient Mayan Day

What a fun packed and hardworking term in Year 3 it has been! Whilst learning about symbols in RE, the pupils visited St Nicholas' Church in Warwick where Rev. Hale and Rev. Duckers asked them to complete a scavenger hunt of the symbols they could find around the church. They also took part in a mock christening (the pretend baby was very well behaved!) playing the parts of Reverend, godparents and parents.

A highlight of the term was the visit to Conkers! in Leicestershire. The children had a wonderful time in the fairy labyrinth looking for their birthday fairies, being resilient whilst completing the activity trail and braving the 500-metre barefoot walk! They returned to school slightly grubby and tired but exhilarated after a day of team building and fun.

On a Tuesday in June, the Year 3 classrooms were overrun by Ancient Mayans. The children have been learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation during this term, the food, gods, clothing, jobs and customs. During the Mayan Day, everyone came into school in plain clothing and then gradually transformed into glamorous Mayans with headdresses, jewellery and tattoos (don't panic, they were not real!). Mayan food was sampled, with the spicy hot chocolate being the most popular item.

In English, they have enjoyed focusing on the rainforest, writing persuasive letters and detailed rainforest adventure stories. After half term, the LAMDA exams were a focus for several weeks. Mrs Annette was so impressed with the quality of the children's poetry reading. They projected their voices and added wonderful expression when reciting their poetry choices.



Ancient Mayan Day



Woven fish by Libby in 3LG



Woven fish by Tuppence in 3VS



3VS at Conkers!



3LG at Conkers!



Bani in 3LG braving the barefoot walk



Mayan mask created by Ava in 3VS



Amelie in 3LG and Felicity in 3VS in their Mayan masks

As we head towards the long summer break, it is so lovely to think back to the beginning of the year when the children began their journey in the Prep department. They have grown up so much since then, learning much about themselves and each other and are ready for the move to Year 4!

YEAR 4 NEWS

Riotous Royals and a Residential

What a term for Year 4! The summer term has been filled with fun and excitement.

The children thoroughly enjoy English lessons incorporating Hughes' classic 'The Iron Man' and a short film called 'Treasure'.



In History this term, the pupils have enjoyed learning about 'Riotous Royals', which was the perfect topic to coincide with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Our pupils most certainly feel the current monarch is better behaved than many they've studied this term! To help celebrate the Jubilee, Year 4 enjoyed solving a dinner table maths mystery; learning key facts about Queen Elizabeth and her family; and, best of all, celebrating with friends during our whole-school picnic.

The highlight this term was most definitely Year 4's trip to Wales. The Naturesbase residential trip gave the pupils so many wonderful opportunities. They met Gyles and the animals on the farm; considered how to be more sustainable by reducing food waste; built fairground rides for the crabs at the beach; took turns serving meals and completing chores; and more! Most importantly, the children demonstrated our Skills for Life in abundance and created memories with their friends that will last a lifetime.

We also loved linking Science and Geography topics during our adventure to Ryton Pools. Who knew so many creatures could be found when pond dipping?! A fantastic term to round off a fantastic year. Well done, Year 4!



Magna Carta signed by Molly, Scarlett, Amelie and Imogen in 4MM



Botanical Garden bird sculptures by Beatrice in 4JB, Olivia in 4MM and Sienna in 4AM



Fun feeding the lambs at Naturesbase residential



Taking chicken care to new heights!



Den building



Creating carousel rides for crabs



Visit to Ryton Pools



A dip in the pond



Scarlett in 4MM with her pond creatures

YEAR 5 NEWS

Scaling the Dizzy Heights

What an active and cultural summer term for Year 5. They set off with a mix of excited and nervous anticipation to their first ever residential trip to PGL outdoor adventure centre in Liddington. The children had a fabulous experience spending time with each other out of school and they all tried their hand at a range of skills including archery, fencing, crate stacking, sensory walk and zip wire to name but a few. A firm favourite was the giant swing which both challenged and delighted them. A chance to experience 'fun to feel scared' in a safe, controlled way. The trip culminated with a traditional campfire, singing songs and celebrating two 'trip' birthdays with cupcakes.

After an exhausting three days, the pupils returned tired and happy, and fully immersed themselves into the hugely successful French-themed days. After a delicious petit-déjeuner of freshly baked croissant et jus d'orange, the pupils constructed model Eiffel Towers. They then took part in fun French games, enjoyed Ratatouille in French and tasted a range of French delicacies including escargots! Magnifique.

Over this term, we have been learning about World War One and have thoroughly enjoyed the evocative depiction of the events through the eyes of Joey in 'War Horse' written by Michael Morpurgo. To extend our knowledge of World War One further, we visited Warwick School Chapel. The pupils were fascinated by the story told by Mr Frykman, the Warwick School archivist, of how the Warwickian soldiers lost their lives on the battlefields in France and how we remember their sacrifice today.

During our PSHEE lessons, we have focused on the importance of good relationships and reinforced the importance of staying safe online. In support of their science lessons, Mrs Payton, the school nurse, gave a talk covering the changes that occur during puberty. We have also discussed and promoted the importance of a positive body image and developing self-esteem.

Year 5 have been a delight and are now ready for their final year at Prep!



"PGL was amazing. Exciting, nerve wracking, exhilarating! It was a great adventure I will never forget."

Sophia in 5WS



"When we got to the highest we could go (on the giant swing), I pulled the rope and we dropped and screamed really loudly!"

Elektra in 5LW



French Day



Noémie and Sophia in 5WS trying snails!



Enjoying a French breakfast



The Eiffel Tower by Jessica and Ruby in 5WS



YEAR 6 NEWS

Cranedale and Chitty, Chitty

The final term for Year 6 has been busy but lots of fun. It started with each class going to King's High School for lunch and a chance to see more of the school through a scavenger hunt.

At the start of May, Year 5 and Year 6 had a fantastic time at Young Voices. We spent the afternoon rehearsing with the other 5,000 people in the choir and then performed to a packed audience in the evening. Apart from performing, the children loved watching 'Urban Strides' and listening to 'The Beat Box Collective' who were amazing!

The absolute highlight was the pupils' first, and last, school residential trip to Cranedale Field Study Centre in North Yorkshire for a science study week. They had an 'ecotastic' time enjoying a wide range of outdoor activities, such as exploring the rocky shore at Flamborough Head, pond dipping and river sampling for freshwater beasts, attempting to stay alive in the survival game and making fire with steel and flint. The children loved having a weeklong sleepover with their friends. It was a fabulous experience and the food was amazing!

The pupils have taken part in many sporting fixtures, including tennis and cricket. The highlight was the footballers playing at St. George's Park!

The two weeks after half term were spent in rehearsals followed by two performances of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', in The Bridge House Theatre. The pupils worked super hard and showed what a talented bunch of performers they are through their fantastic acting, singing and dancing. Well done, Year 6!



Young Voices



Cranedale residential



year 6 production

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

By Isla H and Harriet

The Year 6 production for 2022 was 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', based on the original 1968 classic film. A thoroughly enjoyable performance showcased musical, dancing and acting talent across the year group, ably supported by Tech Crew.

The story centres around the Potts family and their inventor father, who lovingly restores a dilapidated classic car 'Chitty'. While truant from school, Jeremy and Jemima Potts meet the caring Truly Scrumptious, who befriends their widowed father, Caractacus Potts. 'Chitty' turns out to be much more than just a Grand Prix champion and the Potts family and Truly set off on a number of exciting adventures!



Year 6 excelled in rehearsals and collaborated well with each other, especially when the tricky dance numbers were involved. Tech Crew discovered new skills in stage craft, sound and lighting which made the show more finessed.

We would like to thank all the many people who helped us behind the scenes to put on this amazing performance. We couldn't have done it without you!



Sports Round-up

What a term of sport it has been here at Warwick Prep. From every child in Years 3 to 6 having the opportunity to play in fixtures, to placing in the top three in multiple sports in national competitions. As summer brought in a new range of sporting endeavours, switching from netball and hockey to cricket, tennis and football as our major games-based activities, we have gained success once again.

Cricket is still relatively new for us, but the pupils have made some monumental steps. We have had full year group fixtures across the age groups, as well as traveling to Millfield Prep School for our first IAPS competition in the sport. Most notably was the joint fixture with Warwick Junior School – a big step forward for the Foundation, with 12 Warwick Prep pupils participating in hard ball fixtures. I have no doubt that there is an exciting journey ahead of us with this sport.



At the IAPS cricket final



U11 football team at St. George's Park

Another activity we have made big strides in this term is tennis, with over 50 children attending each recreational club and our squad pupils gaining success at fixtures and our very own tournament. It's great to see so many children enthusiastic about participating.

Our footballers have gone from strength to strength this year. Through hard work and passion, our U11 team have been unbeaten in the local league, as well as becoming number 3 in the country after playing in the national finals at St. George's Park.



U10 and U11 tennis team

Football is not the only sport the children have had national success in at an awe-inspiring venue. The U11 swim team travelled to the London Aquatics Centre to compete in the IAPS national finals. The children put in a sterling performance and came away with Silver in the freestyle relay. With over 140 schools there on the day, this truly is an incredible achievement.



Reception children racing to the finish line in their Games lesson

We like to offer a range of opportunities and it has been wonderful to see so many of our children enjoying dancing. We were so proud of all who took their dance exams and passed with flying colours. In addition to this, the pupils have continued to thrive in gymnastics with Year 3 coming out victorious in the CSW county school games competition.



Year 3 gymnasts at the CSW county school games competition

We are so proud of all the successes over the term, but there is nothing quite like seeing so many children enjoying their sport. This has been particularly prevalent at the linked events with Warwick Junior School; Year 3 and Year 6 took to the cricket field in mixed fixtures, Year 5 had fun participating in a Jubilee-themed orienteering course and Year 4 tried a variety of indoor sports.

With all the hard work, determination, and passion that the children give to sport, there is nothing more enjoyable than sharing this with their loved ones. For the first time in three years, we have welcomed spectators back to Sports Days. These have all been phenomenal occasions where all the children have shown not only their physical skills but demonstrated a range of Skills for Life. It has been a brilliant way to bring the year to a close.

I have no doubt that all the children at Warwick Prep will continue to flourish in sport. Through enjoyment, you develop passion and enthusiasm. We wish all the children a fun summer full of activity.



U11 swim team returning from the IAPS national finals

Musical Matters

What a fabulous year of music-making we have had, and this term has been no exception! A short but fun-filled term in the Music School.

There is no better way than to start the day with music and this term, the pupils have been sharing their musical talents in assemblies each week. We have had solo and group performances, including Theodora on bassoon and the Year 3 String Group, not to mention the wonderful Foundation Chamber Choir and King's High School Wind Quartet and Clarinet Ensemble who also inspired us with their performances.

This year, we decided to continue with the String Project in Year 3 and we were delighted to be able to welcome parents in to showcase what the pupils had achieved in their lessons. The children were excited to show off their string playing and what a lovely way to end the week, sharing in the joy of performing music together.



Year 3 String Showcase



King's High School Clarinet Ensemble



Young Voices

As I write, many pupils are putting in the final preparations for their music examinations, and we wish them all the best. The standard they are achieving is nothing less than amazing after what has been a strange couple of years.

Our musicians have also been busy participating in events outside school. The Leamington & Bristol Music Festivals, National Children's Orchestra and Choir weekends, and the recent Primary Orchestral Day, supported by the Orchestra of the Swan. We are proud of all those children who have won awards in their classes at the festivals.

We celebrated the end of a fabulous year with our Summer Concert. So many performers, so many smiles, so much excellence all in one hall! It was truly a wonderful evening, celebrating the fabulous musicians at Warwick Prep.



Summer Concert



Charity News

Charity continues to underpin the values and ethos of our school. As you are aware, this year we have raised a substantial amount of money for a range of charities locally, nationally, and internationally including Myton Hospice, Comic Relief and Save the Children. Through our Foundation partnerships, we have collaborated in the organisation and participation of larger charity events including raising £11,832.31 for the Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation and £10,030.70 for UNICEF which I am sure you will agree is a magnanimous amount!



Sasha and Sally in 5WS

The focus of this term has been on encouraging the children to continue this charity work and lead their own charity projects. In school, Year 6 organised another of their famous Squirrel's Market to raise money for their chosen charities. Externally, many children across Prep have embarked on their own fundraising events, as part



Martha and Roxana in 6CM

of our Charity Champions scheme. Events such as Sasha and Sally's cake sale, Martha and Roxana's hair donation to the Little Princess Trust and many contenders of sponsored runs are all amazing examples of how dedicated and thoughtful the children are. We are very proud of them all.

We cannot thank the children and parents enough for their generosity.

Classics Club

Salvete omnes! (Greetings everyone!).

What does a hippopotamus, democracy, and a variant of COVID-19 have in common?

Answer: They are all words and concepts derived from Ancient Greek.

The history and languages of the Classical World, a world of incredible cultural diversity, have had an important impact on our own societal development. Classics Club introduces pupils to the languages of Latin and Ancient Greek, as well as discussing aspects of classical civilisation, such as sport, religion, food, art, theatre, literature, politics, and science which are the building blocks of our own culture.

This term, over 20 intrepid children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been getting to grips with Latin, Ancient Greek and classical civilisation in Warwick Prep's new Classics Club, run by Mrs Lewis and Mrs Griggs. We started by discovering how the English language that we speak today has been heavily influenced by Latin and Ancient Greek.

The pupils have learnt how to greet each other in Latin and are making great progress with conjugating verbs and using adverbs so that they can write simple Latin sentences. They have also learned the Ancient Greek alphabet and are now adept at writing secret messages to each other!



Every week, Classics Club has a classical cultural focus, in addition to the language elements. We've created mosaics of our classical names, discussed the Greek gods and goddesses, designed our own vases (flowerpots!), and written curse tablets. We've also recreated and tasted a Roman dish and designed our own elaborate 'convivium' (dinner party) menus.

Anyone for honey-roast dormice stuffed with flamingo tongues?



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

By Isla S and Helena

The Queen was just 10 years old when she became heir presumptive to the throne, and now after 70 years of ongoing reign, the children at Warwick Prep joyfully celebrated Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Pre-Prep opened the festivities with a homemade crown parade - a regal riot of paper, glitter and glue. The playground was soon filled with an array of colour, made up of crowns fit for a queen.



Pre-Prep crown parade

The first day of celebrations also hosted a card competition for Prep (with winning entries to be sent to the Queen herself), as well as a cake competition for children and their parents (which prompted delicacies so beautiful it was a difficult decision whether to eat them or simply preserve all the hard work that had gone into their creation). The lucky winners of both competitions received a lovely book about the Queen.

The following day, all the children adorned themselves with the national colours of red, white and blue. In assembly, we enjoyed interesting, and sometimes unusual, facts about the Queen (and her corgis!). Later in the day, came the Union Jack flag raising, performed by the Head of the CCF, and accompanied by a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. A rose was planted as a lasting reminder of the Jubilee. The festivities drew to a close, with all the children sharing a delicious afternoon tea together in the sunshine.

What a wonderful celebration, that all the children will remember for many years – perhaps 70 and more!



Getting ready for the raising of the flag



Enjoying afternoon tea in the sunshine



Queen collage created by pupils in 3VS, 4MM, 5K and 6SW



Marching band crown parade in Nursery



Lucy in 6CM and Lottie in 6JJ planting a commemorative rose

Cake winners:

Callista – NAL

Margot – RHS

Felicity – 1JB

Flora – 2EC

Suraya – 3LG

Cecilia – 4MM

Eva – 5KC

Lucy – 6SW

Parent cake winner:

Mrs Blackman (Mum of Sophie in 1JB)



Crown winners:

Harry – NPB

Suri – RHS

Sophie – 1JB

Joshua – 2EC



Card winners:

Emily – 3LG

Isla – 4JB

Ella – 5WS

Martha W – 6CM



Raising the Flag

Cadet Sergeant Major (CSM) Rachel,
Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
at King's High School



By Amber and Sophie

Q What is CCF?

A CCF is the Combined Cadet Force which King's High School and Warwick School do on a Friday afternoon. It is the best thing we have to offer at school.

Q Why did you join CCF?

A I joined because every Friday my brother would come home from CCF and say it was really fun so I decided I would try it out, and now I love it!

Q How long have you been involved in CCF?

A I joined in Year 9 so I have been involved for five years which has flown by.

Q Would you encourage pupils at King's High School to join CCF?

A Absolutely, as you make a load of friends and you learn a lot of good life skills.

Q What do you do in your free time?

A I like to write and I also horse ride.

Q What is your favourite chocolate bar?

A I really like Galaxy!



Behind the Scenes – Pupil Activities and After School Care Co-ordinator

By Isla H and Harriet

Isla H and Harriet met with Mrs Crafts, to find out more about After School Care (ASC) and all the fantastic activities and clubs Warwick Prep has to offer.

Q Why did you apply for this role?

A At my previous school, I worked in the office and thoroughly enjoyed it. I also like the fact that our school has a wide range of activities including sport, music and academic clubs.

Q What happens at After School Care (ASC)?

A The children are looked after by our After School Care team. At long tea, the pupils have hot food and at short tea, they're offered a fruit snack. All children have the opportunity to part in activities either inside or outside.

Q How do you decide which clubs to run?

A We send a communication out to the teachers to ask which clubs they would like to run. We try to ensure there is a fair number of clubs available for each year group. We have around 100 clubs on offer!



Q Is it easy to get in contact with other schools for fixtures?

A It is extremely easy to get into contact as we have great communication links with lots of other schools. This also means we can offer many different fixtures.

Q How do you get all the clubs organised and sent out to the parents?

A We do it as a team and it takes roughly 4 weeks. It takes a lot of organisation and preparation.

Q And finally, what is your favourite flavour of ice cream?

A My current favourite is Ben & Jerry's Caramel Chew Chew.

Cyril Investigates...

Mrs Gardner, Warwick Prep Librarian

By Isla S and Helena

With help from Cyril, Isla S and Helena interviewed our wonderful Librarian, Mrs Gardner, to learn more about the world of books.

Q You obviously love books! Who inspired your love of reading?

A My mum really inspired me to read and she would often take me to our local library.

Q What is your favourite book?

A I have a few! My favourite book growing up was 'Watership Down', and my current favourite book is 'The Pillars of the Earth'. When I was a young child, I enjoyed a picture book about a sunflower seed.

Q Who is your favourite author?

A My personal favourites are Linwood Barclay and Harlan Coben. An author I enjoy including in the library (and, of course, reading myself) is Jasbinder Bilan, one of her books being 'Asha & the Spirit Bird'.

Q What are your favourite aspects of your job?

A I really enjoy my job but some of my favourite aspects have to be running book fairs and planning exciting activities, working with the children and running the junior librarian scheme and going to book shops to choose, and think about, what books we might like to have in the library.



Q Do you have any pets?

A I have two cats named Obie and Yoda, a dog (a black Labrador) named Iris and a tortoise called Tort.

Q What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

A Of course I enjoy reading but I also enjoy walking my dog and cooking, especially for friends.

Q What is your favourite snack?

A If I wish to be healthy, my favourite snack is strawberries and my favourite unhealthy one is sweet and salty popcorn.

Eco News

This has been a busy term for our Warwick Prep eco warriors! The Nursery and Reception children have been busy in Forest School, planting, growing and enjoying the new gazebo which was gifted by WPSA. Children higher up in the school have been enjoying the Headmaster's Garden, visiting for play and story times.

During Eco Week, each child in the school planted a sunflower seed to take home. This meant that over 500 new sunflowers have been planted which will encourage bees to visit! If you have planted a sunflower, remember to keep the head of it when it begins to die, as you can feed the birds with it! Many Warwick Prep families took part in the Greenpeace 'Big Plastic Count', helpfully keeping a log of all of the plastic they threw away in one week. This helped to build a bigger picture of plastic consumption throughout the UK.

The pen recycling box outside the library is nearly full to the brim and it has been pleasing to see it filling it up as the year has progressed. The pen recycling was a WPSA initiative; May, in 4MM, and Flora, in 2EC, whose mother Ruth started the scheme, will return the box to Ryman for recycling in the summer. How rewarding to know that a huge box of pens which would have otherwise been taken to landfill, will be recycled!

The Eco Council have met several times and pledged to work with their classes to make sure that lights are turned off when the classrooms are empty. They also came up with many other super ideas about how we can make Warwick Prep a more sustainable place to be. A special mention must go to Seren, in 3LG, who



Seren in 3LG with her aloe vera plants



May in 4MM and Flora in 2EC with the WPSA pen recycling box

brought in homegrown aloe vera plants for every class in the Prep department. Seren felt very passionate about bringing more greenery into the classrooms and showed super initiative and responsibility.

The Eco Team hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and gets out into their gardens and green spaces as much as possible.

Forest School

We started the term planting a variety of vegetable seeds, carrots, onions, beetroot, tomatoes, squash and potatoes in our raised beds which are now flourishing with lots of sun and diligent watering. The children also planted sunflower seeds and we created a new wildflower patch to help the butterfly and bee population.

Part of the Forest School ethos is taking care of our environment so the Nursery children embraced this while learning about minibeasts. They collected natural materials, pine cones, bark, leaves and pebbles to add to our bug hotel.



NHT investigating pond life



Henry, Theo and Rory in NAL checking in at the bug hotel

We were very excited during our pond dipping sessions at the variety of water creatures we found; newts, pond skaters, water boatmen, fish, snails, and even a frog was spotted.

Reception children have used the natural resources found to create dinosaur habitats around the Forest School, followed by a dinosaur hunt and becoming palaeontologists to build dinosaur skeletons.



Margot and Elodie in RHS with their dinosaur habitat

News from our Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have been hard at work during this term and have been busy on an exciting collaborative project with the Warwick Junior School Digital Leaders. The pupils have worked on shared OneNote pages, and in person, to develop ideas to create a shared Online Safety Website, which can be accessed by any pupils and parents across the Foundation.

Within the website, the Digital Leaders teams have researched six different areas of online safety and focused on Top Tips, Friend or Foe, Online Relationships, Gaming, Positive Parenting, Digital Discussion Page and a Puzzles and Games page. Here, they have included links and tips to help fellow pupils and parents navigate the online jungle, to make their digital experiences better. The most exciting part of the site is the Digital Discussion page. Pupils have created some online forms for both children and parents so if there is a digital query, then these can be submitted through the site and answered on the page as part of the Frequently Asked Questions section.



Digital Leaders' Online Safety Website



Our Digital Leaders

The teams shared the Warwick Online Safety website through assemblies at both Warwick Junior School and Warwick Prep School and received some fantastic feedback from both fellow pupils and staff.

A team of Year 5 students also presented their ideas to the governors in May, who were delighted with the level of knowledge about online safety, as well as the IT skills needed to build a website. The group presented so confidently that they have been awarded Headmistress' Commendations for their hard work and wonderful presentation of their ideas.

The site can be accessed via <https://sites.google.com/view/digital-leaders-wjs-wps/home> or via the link provided in Teams. We hope you enjoy it!

Question Time

Mrs Williamson, Pre-Prep SEN Teacher

By Amber and Sophie

Editors, Amber and Sophie, interviewed Mrs Williamson to understand her important role within our school.



Q What is your role?

A I teach children who need a boost with learning. A large part of my role is to help teachers identify specific needs and develop a learning plan. I also liaise with external agencies and parents.

Q How many children do you look after each year, on average?

A I have around 30 children in Pre-Prep, from Nursery to Year 2.

Q When did you join Warwick Prep?

A I joined in September 2012 so I have been here for 9 years.

Q Why did you decide to apply for this job?

A Before Warwick Prep, I worked for the Warwickshire IDS service supporting children with speech and language needs, and I really enjoyed it. I worked there for many years in different SEN fields, and then applied for this role.

Q Have you seen an impact on children as a result of the lockdowns?

A There has been an impact on some children's attention and listening skills and with their communication.



Q What do you do in your free time?

A For the last 12 years, I have been selected to represent England in the International Cross Country Championships and last year, I broke 3 British records for my category. I also enjoy doing fun activities with my granddaughter.

Q What is your favourite book?

A My favourite book is 'Small Island' by Andrea Levy which is about the Windrush generation.

Art Gallery



Joe in 1AJ - Tessellating butterfly



George in 1JF - Rousseau inspired rainforest



Sophia in 1JB - Rousseau inspired tiger



Cassius in 2JA - What's The Crime, Mr Wolf poster



Louis F in 2AD - Sea creature tile



Gaby in 2EC - 'The Seaside'



Tilly in 5KC - Surrealism



Maggie in 5WS - Surrealism



Michelle in 6CM - 3D sculpture



Isabel in 6SW - 3D sculpture



Connie in 5LW - Surrealism



Eva in 6CM - 3D sculpture



WPSA

Warwick Preparatory School
Association

WPSA News

By Helen Owen, WPSA Chair

Last term was a busy time for the WPSA Team. We are delighted to have been able to run some of our annual events and see the children enjoying the things they have missed in the past few years.

The Year 1 and Year 2 film night returned after two years of restrictions and was a great success. The children loved Disney's Encanto, and singing along to the songs whilst enjoying some cinema-style snacks, all whilst coming to school in their pyjamas!

The Prep Disco for the children in Years 3-6 usually takes place at Christmas, however due to Covid-related precautions, the decision was made to postpone it to the spring term. This did not dampen the festivities as the pupils enjoyed a Girl Power themed evening with music, dancing, glitter tattoos and snacks. Events like these create special memories for the children and it makes all of our fundraising and hard work feel worthwhile. Thank you to all the parents that support our fundraising events through donating or buying items or volunteering your time and resource. We couldn't do it without you!

The younger years (and some of their siblings) had a wonderful time at the Easter Eggstravaganza. The Easter Bunny came to visit, along with his feathered friend. There were games, crafting stations, and a sale of delicious cakes which had been generously donated by Warwick Prep parents and families. This was also the first occasion where we invited the Myton Hospice Drinks Van along to provide refreshments. Takings from the drinks van go directly to Myton Hospice, so while the parents were warming up with a nice, hot coffee on a slightly dull day, they were also supporting a worthwhile charity. We hope to invite the Myton Hospice Drinks Van to future events as we try to support other local and global charities where possible.



This term the Uniform Shop ran another Bags2School collection, where 550kg of bags were collected which raised £220. This donation was sent to provide education and resources to our Global Care sponsor, Samuel Onyango, at the Spurgeons Academy in Kenya. WPSA also made a donation of surplus food stock from the Prep Disco to the Helping Hands food bank in Leamington Spa. The team there were very grateful for our support.

To commemorate Her Majesty's 70 Year Jubilee, WPSA gifted all of the children in the school a commemorative bookmark. We hope this will be a decorative but useful reminder of this happy occasion.

This half term, we held our Summer Fete for the first time since 2019 – a celebration of completing an uninterrupted year of school. Thank you to all the Class Reps and parents for organising and running the stalls. It was a fantastic way to end the school year!

In the new school year, we will hold our AGM on Wednesday 14 September. All parents are invited to attend this meeting, which will be held virtually, and find out more about a year in the life of the association. The first WPSA committee meeting of the 2022/23 academic year will be held on Wednesday 21 September. If you are interested in joining the WPSA team next year, you can contact us at any time via WPSA@WPSAssociation.org, talk to your Class Rep or speak to any of the committee members when you see us at an event, in our purple shirts. There are a variety of roles to be filled within the association, including Parent Helper, Class Rep, Uniform Shop Volunteer, Committee Member, Communications Officer (includes promoting and managing the social media pages) and Association Secretary.

As the Year 2 and Year 6 children start thinking about moving on to other schools in the Foundation and beyond, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the WPSA Family Tree provides a unique opportunity to leave a legacy at Warwick Prep, along with many other families who have attended in recent years. Information on the WPSA Family Tree can be found by scanning this QR Code.



To find out more about WPSA and what we do, you can find us on the school's website www.warwickprep.com/WPSA

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WPSA Telephone Box

In autumn 2021, WPSA adopted the historic K6 phone kiosk on Eastgate, through the BT Adopt a Kiosk scheme.

Records show this iconic British red telephone box was installed in 1935. It stands on Eastgate, adjacent to the site of Landor House, birthplace of writer, poet, and activist Walter Savage Landor, and home to King's High School for Girls from 1879-2019.

The main purpose of the adoption is to ensure preservation of the kiosk so it can be enjoyed by generations to come. We also plan to use it to display information about WPSA and Warwick Prep, and showcase some of the work completed by the children at school. As a prominent location in Warwick, near to Warwick Castle, it is also a focal point for many visitors to the town, so gives both WPSA and Warwick Prep a little visibility amongst the local community, and beyond. You may have noticed over Christmas and during the Jubilee that the kiosk was decorated to show a little seasonal cheer. Under local planning guidelines, the kiosk has Listed status, therefore, must maintain the same external appearance. Due to this, it must always be red, to match the Georgian letterbox which sits beside it.



What can parents do to help?

If you have the knowledge or equipment to assist with the restoration and preservation of the kiosk, please let us know via PhoneBox@WPSAssociation.org. The kiosk is in overall good condition but is in need of sanding down, priming and repainting. If you feel you could assist with this task, please do let us know. We would also like to make a display of the kiosk through the ages so if you have any photos of the kiosk and Eastgate, please forward them to the email above.

You can follow the progress of the WPSA K6 Kiosk on social media

[f @WPSAphonebox](https://www.facebook.com/WPSAphonebox)

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Foundation Community

Ambulances for Ukraine

Pupils at King's High and Warwick School raised over £10,000 to buy two ambulances, that were filled with vital medical supplies, and driven to Ukraine. To help raise funds, pupils set up a JustGiving page, and organised a fund-raising Walk for Ukraine.

The original aim was to raise £5,000 to buy a second-hand ambulance, that would be delivered to a field hospital in Ukraine. Such was the generosity of our whole Foundation community – pupils, parents, staff, family, and friends – £10,000 was raised, which meant a second ambulance could be provided. The scheme was overseen by Andrew Velhosh, an educational consultant from Ukraine, who stopped his schoolwork when Ukraine was invaded, to concentrate on co-ordinating medical aid for his country.



Pupils took delivery of the two ambulances – that were decommissioned from the NHS – outside Warwick School. After being refitted with blue lights and other necessary equipment, the ambulances were loaded with medical supplies, and set off for Ukraine. With the help of the Embrace Me Foundation, who team with volunteers in Ukraine to co-ordinate urgent humanitarian assistance to orphanages, schools and hospitals, pupils were able to get updates, and track the ambulances' journey across Europe to Ukraine. Our pupils' mission was well supported by local media.

There have been numerous fund-raising events across our schools in the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation in support of the humanitarian effort for Ukraine, and this was the biggest to date. Our pupils say: 'A huge thank you to everyone who donated. We wanted to make this a powerful testimony of solidarity with all those suffering in Ukraine.'



Sing for Ukraine

We were proud to host our partner organisation, Warwick - A Singing Town for their Sing for Ukraine event at Warwick Hall. Over 100 local singers joined in what was a very moving event.

Warwick – A Singing Town

The Foundation celebrated our first year of partnership with Warwick – A Singing Town. This unique singing project is leading the way in raising awareness of the extraordinary benefits of singing on health and wellbeing. A dedicated team of Choral Entrepreneurs sing with over 1,600 children in Warwick primary schools every week. Jeremy Dibb, the Research and Delivery Lead for Warwick – A Singing Town, says: 'It is wonderful to celebrate the achievements of the first year of the project.'

Warwick – A Singing Town is sponsored by Warwick Independent Schools Foundation with funding provided by the King Henry VIII Endowed Trust. Foundation Principal, Richard Nicholson says: 'Coupled with the launch of the first ever Warwick Choral Festival, Warwick – A Singing Town is a wonderful testament to the importance and value of singing in our schools, for our health, and in our community.'



The Foundation's partnership with the Orchestra of the Swan took flight this year. Alongside a dazzling Family Concert, Peter and the Wolf, narrated by Zeb Soanes (the voice of The Shipping Forecast), the Orchestra ran education workshops within the Foundation. Over 40 pupils from King's High joined pupils from secondary schools across Warwickshire for an exciting event the Orchestra of the Swan ran in association with Warwickshire Music Hub. Finlandia in a Day created an orchestra from scratch. After a day of rehearsal and workshops, the young musicians came together for a performance in Warwick Hall.



Foundation links continue through the summer: On 22 July, The Orchestra of the Swan present *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*, a Words and Music event celebrating Laurie Lee at The Amphitheatre, Berrybank Park, performed by Anton Lesser – and Charlie Hamblett (Old Warwickian), with script by Deirdre Shields (King's High Marketing).

Global Universities

King's High and Warwick School hosted their first joint Global Universities Fair. There were talks on Ivy League colleges, sports scholarships, liberal arts courses, and European universities. It was an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to find out more about the breadth of post-A Level options.

Training Teachers

To help counter the national shortage in Maths and Physics teachers, the Foundation has long been involved with the National Mathematics & Physics (NMAP) School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme. King's High and Warwick School, who jointly run the Warwick Regional Hub of this national programme, were delighted the National Mathematics & Physics SCITT was successful in its application for accreditation for the delivery of Initial Teacher Training from September 2024 onwards. We look forward to continuing to work with Wycombe High School on this venture.

Future Fwd: Next Generations

Future Fwd is a practical, future-focused, creative conference, with young people at its core. It was hosted at the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, and included educational practitioners, leaders, and entrepreneurs, in education, business and industry.



Landor Association: Founders and Benefactors

Polly Beidas reports: 'This year, we were lucky enough to hold our annual Service to Commemorate Founders and Benefactors on the exact date of King's High School's 143rd birthday, Friday 29 April 2022. All members of the school were treated to chef Louise's individual birthday cakes, while Landor Fellows and Governors were guests of Dr Burley, at a delicious buffet lunch. The school then processed to the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, and a service led by Rev. Vaughan Roberts. The vocal and musical talents of King's High and Warwick Prep were showcased with a programme of fanfares and hymns. Readings included a 'dialogue' between the Victorian establishment and a progressive female educator about teaching girls in 1879 and beyond, and an appreciation of Old Girl, Dr Jean Constantine, after whom our Biology Lab is to be named. Outgoing Landor Association President Clare Sawdon revealed her successor to be David Stevens, and three new Landor Association Fellows, Soprano, Broadcaster and Old Girl, Catherine Bott; former Prep Headmistress, Elizabeth Prichard, and former Deputy Head, Caroline Renton were announced. Artefacts pertaining to the seventy-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, including a New Testament presented to all pupils in 1953, a Coronation Crown and the *Ilex* magazine from Coronation year, were carried to the altar to be blessed.'



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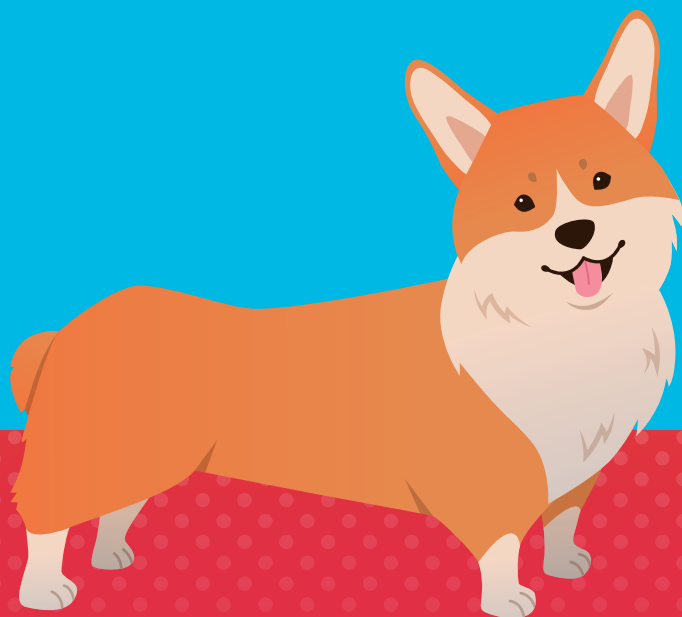
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