

## YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR AND PREP VOCAL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Mrs Jennings, Head of Prep Music



**The Prep School was delighted to welcome parents and families to our annual Young Musician of the Year and Prep Vocal Championships on Monday 27th February.**

We had 51 brave performances spanning students who have only had a few lessons on their instruments, through to those who demonstrate amazing mastery of their instruments. We had everything from Euphonium to Drum Kit, from Piano to Guitar – not forgetting, of course, our

wonderful singers. Each of our students gained house points for their respective House, and the House Music Cup will be announced soon.

We are grateful to our adjudicator, Mr Mike Tatt, who had the unenviable task of choosing place winners. He commented on the standard of the children's musicality, as well as the confidence that each of them showed, being willing to perform in front of a large audience of parents, friends and staff.



### Prep Young Musician

#### Novice

#### Judge's Commendations

Stanley Johnson piano  
Annabel Bryce piano  
Joseph Xavier trumpet  
Max Whitney piano

#### Runner-Up

Mathea Landig piano

#### Winner

Emily Borrett piano

#### Grades 1 and 2

#### Judge's Commendations

Freya Welham violin  
Charlotte Darby piano

#### Runner-Up

Cecilia Noel piano

#### Winner

Lily-May Ruffell piano

#### Grades 3 and above

#### Winner

Eleanor Brennan Piano

### Prep Young Musician of the Year

Eleanor Brennan

### Prep Vocal Championships

#### Judge's Commendations:

Willow Feeley-Headley  
Emilia Brennan  
Autumn Feeley-Headley  
Ivy Sermons

#### Runner-Up:

Beatrix Coates

#### Winner:

Eleanor Brennan

# Prep School News



## Pond Dipping in Forest School

Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon in Forest School. They were the first children to try pond dipping in the school pond and found lots of pond life.



## Year 7 'Taster' day

Mrs Gwynne, Deputy Head of Prep School spent a morning at the Senior School experiencing school as a Year 7. This was so Mrs Gwynne can prepare her Year 6 class for a smooth transition from Prep to Senior School.



## St David's Day

Nursery and Reception celebrated St David's day. Carmen came to school dressed in her traditional Welsh outfit. The whole class learned about the celebration and made daffodils using paper, card and paint.



## Hockey Challenge

One afternoon, Year 4 were set lots of Hockey challenges this week before playing a small game of hockey. They all worked extremely hard!





# School News



## Ski Trip Hemel Hempstead

Recently, 46 pupils from the Prep School and the Senior School travelled to The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead to ski on snow. The group consisted of pupils that wanted to try skiing for the first time to experienced skiers. It is now less than a month before the school ski trip departs to Italy and this was a great way to get the ski legs back into action!



## U13 ISA Netball Competition Success

On Monday 27th February we hosted the East Region round of the U13 ISA Netball competition. We welcomed nine schools from around the region to play in a round robin tournament where they all battled it out to gain a place in the National Finals. We played some great netball throughout the day, working hard in order to get the ball to goal and apply pressure to get turnovers. We finished 4th in the competition, meaning our team will be attending the National Finals on March 15th. A huge well done to the whole squad on their success!



# School News



## Head of Physics Becomes an 'On Call' Firefighter

In February Miss Pettit, our Head of Physics, completed her firefighter training at the Suffolk Fire and Rescue training centre at Wattisham Station. As part of her course, she learnt how to use a climbing harness correctly for working at height, how to safely pitch and work from ladders, use the centrifugal water pump on a fire engine and how to lift water from an open water source using a lightweight portable pump.

The course concluded with a pass out parade, which included a display of the skills learnt on the course, at Bury St Edmunds fire station attended by Mr Browning. Miss Pettit is now an 'on call' firefighter and responds to fire calls in her spare time from her home station.



## Easyfundraising for Tanzania World Challenge

We have a group of 14 pupils that will be travelling to Southern Tanzania in Summer 2024 with World Challenge. Each pupil needs to raise nearly £4000 to fund the trip, an easy way you can support our students is to sign up to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/), which offers donations when you make online purchases with participating companies.

You can support the whole group here: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ihsgroup24/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ihsgroup24/)



## Alumni Joan celebrates her 108th year and returns to school!

Joan turned 108 on Tuesday 28th March, as a young girl she attended Ipswich High School. To celebrate Joan's momentous 108th birthday, she was personally invited to revisit her old school community and reminisce about her experience at the school. Joan arrived for a special luncheon of her favourite meal Fish and Chips, with members of Senior Leadership Team, Head Students from both Prep and Senior school in attendance. After the lunch, Joan was interviewed by students from the History Society.

Joan also met with our youngest member of our school community and they had great fun getting to know one another!

Read the full story [here](#).





## MFL Week



Last week was Modern Foreign Language Week and we celebrated as a school with lots of activities. Our Catering Team organised fabulous lunches with an international theme so that students could taste dishes from France, Spain, Germany, Italy and China.

Year 7 students had lots of fun on a Scavenger Hunt around the school. They had to work in teams, reading the clues in Spanish and French, and then fetch the object back to the classroom. Year 8

enjoyed running around the school grounds taking photos in teams. They worked on collaborating with each other in French and Spanish to solve the clues allowing them to take pictures of their teams completing the different challenges.

Our French students were also excited to receive their very first letters from pen pals in a French school and are now busy planning their replies. Spanish students have been creative, designing and decorating CDs to represent things which are typically Spanish. Henry won first prize for his imaginative reproduction of Gaudi's light house in Parc Guell, Barcelona.

In Wednesday's enrichment we celebrated the many bilingual students we have in our school community. Carina, Ahmed, Julia, Sofia, Husty, Lavinia very kindly agreed to teach the language they speak at home to some of our students in a languages carousel. Not only did the students learn some interesting phrases in Danish, Urdu, Spanish, Italian, Kurdish and Twi, they also had the opportunity to ask questions about being bilingual – or trilingual!

The most popular event was The Masked Linguist, which was based on the popular TV show, The Masked Singer. The students had to listen to the recordings and guess which teacher was hiding behind the mask and which language they were speaking. It was amazing how many of our teachers embraced having a go at a new language and it was surprisingly difficult to guess all of their identities. Many thanks to Carina in Year 13 for her amazing powerpoint!



# LRC News

## Overdue Library Books

A reminder to return all overdue Library books, If they are not returned to the LRC or placed into one of our 'Book Return Boxes' before the holiday, you will be charged for the book via ParentPay at the end of each Term.

## Eating Disorders Awareness Week

This week highlights one of the most serious and complex mental health issues for any individual or family to overcome an eating disorder. Below are some links for families to find eating disorder information and support:

[Eat Well, Feel Well](#)

[Emotional Wellbeing Gateway](#)

[Eating Disorders Page](#)

[The Source Eating Disorders Advice Page for Young People](#)

['Men Get Eating Disorders Too'](#)

[ChatHealth Service](#)

## In Need of Support?

During school hours, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms Extance or, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Finch (Prep School), Mrs Offord (Senior School), Mrs Vickers (Sixth Form) - on 01473 780201.

## With out of school hours support below:

YoungMinds: 24/7 - Text YM to 85258

Samaritans: 24/7 - 116123

Kooth: kooth.com

Sexual assault: NSPCC - 0800 136 663 / help@nspcc.org.uk

Sexual assault local contact: The Ferns - 0300 123 5058

Childline: Call 0800 1111 or 1-2-1 chat online

NHS Mental Health Support: 111, option 2

Online bullying: thinkUknow.co.uk



## Careers Week Speaker Series

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Assembly into ER1 at 8.40 - 9.30am in the Hayworth Theatre

*Veterinarian, Solicitor, Psychologist, Surgeon*

These informative talks are for all Senior School pupils and students in years 7-13 to celebrate Careers Week:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Ryder Davies Veterinary Practice

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Prettys Solicitors

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Dr Beth Mosely MBE, NHS Clinical Psychologist

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Mr Steven Pryke, NHS Orthopedic Surgeon



## Work Experience Deadlines

**Year 9** will take part in a Take Your Child to Work Day. The deadline for paperwork is 20th March 2023.

**Year 10** deadline for Work Experience paperwork from their employer/s is Friday 19th May 2023.

We have resources to aid parents to support their child's wellbeing, on [our Firefly page](#).

