

Dear Parents,

We have been busy preparing for our inspection all week and we are looking forward to the end of next week!

In my experience inspection is a very positive experience for a school. It gives all of us an opportunity to reflect on our practice and what makes our school special.

We have had two school council meetings now and they have been very positive. The children have discussed the playground, their school uniform and a worry box in the Foyer. The older children are also going to consider ways of making our school more environmentally friendly.

I do hope that many of you can come to watch the Year 6 production of 'Harold' which will take place at 5.00pm on Tuesday next week. My thanks to Mr Temple and Miss Bray for what I am sure will be a very exciting performance.

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Best wishes



Congratulations to:

Year 8 children are to be congratulated on their brilliant and moving art work which is currently on display in the

corridor outside the dining room and in the entrance to the Foyer. Please take the opportunity to look at it if you have a spare moment.

The following children have been awarded:-

Certificates of Commendation

Ben Blundell (7)

Ellie Brown (6)

Lizzie Freeman (7)

Imogen Seear (7)

Deanna Greenhalgh (8)

Helena Leeper (6)

Warwick Meyler (for doubling his commendations)

Giles Orchard (for huge

improvements in his commendations)

Digby Tattersall (for improving his commendations)

Ken Tsang (6)

Great Grade Certificates

4N: Ella Bacon (Attainment)

Will Hunt (Best Grade Point Average and Most Improved GPA)

Sam Manly (Attainment and Best Grade Point Average)

Jack Troak (Best Grade Point Average)

5W: Alistair Crunden (most improved GPA)

Rob Cope (best GPA)

6M: Charlie Piper (Most Improved GPA)

Activities

There will be no chapel choir next week due to Harold rehearsals.

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers and changing weather conditions the junior golf starting after half-term has been cancelled. It will resume in the summer term. Please see Miss Watkins if you had chosen golf and need an activity on a Monday.

We are trying to get a squash activity going after half term. If your child is interested in taking part in this activity, possibly on a Thursday, please contact Miss Watkins.

Girls Hockey v Ardingly

U9: The U9 girls played their first hockey match of the season (for some the first ever) in the sports hall on Wednesday. After a shaky start, with an early goal by Ardingly the girls came back to win the game 3-2. **Becky Grubb** and **Hannah Biddle** attacked with ferocity and both scored superb goals. **Ailsa Green, Ella Bacon** and **Sarah Forster** defended with determination. **Eloise Wilson, Elysia Filmer-Cox** and **Elsa Powell** all played with great enthusiasm. An impressive start to young hockey careers! Well done to all the girls, Girl of the Game was **Hannah Biddle**.

Rugby v St. Aubyn's

Ist XI: On Saturday a combined Ist/2nd XV took the field against St. Aubyn's. We

structured rugby which led to some impressive forwards tries. With tries coming readily, we became a bit selfish and forgot to pass the ball. Final score was 53-7. Man of the Match was **Connor Valentine** who distributed the ball well and made some physical tackles.

U9A: We eventually started our season after unfortunate cancellations against Dorset House, Ardingly and

Brambletye with game against St. Aubyn's It was 6-a-side game, at their request, but in an effort to try and include as many pupils as possible we had three substitutes. Some free-flowing rugby was played by both sides. Having been 4 tries to 2 up at half-time we conceded a try almost straight away in the second half and it looked like it could be a nail-biter, but the lads came thorough strongly to win 40-20. Try scorers were **Jack Troak 3, Captain Matt Jenkins 2, Edward Firth, Dylan Broe and Wade Stephens**. All of the other players played well and so the **Man of the Match** award goes to **Graham Webb** who tackled ferociously, but was also wonderfully hospitable to the opposition after the game.

U8: This was our first match of the season. We got off to a flying start with some brilliant passes coming from **Theo White** and **Myles Burrows**. **Thomas Law** scored an awesome try after some exciting dodging. **Toby Lewis** put in some great touches and never gave up!

Despite a fantastic effort from all the players we came out second best. Man of the Match: **Toby Barker**.

Rugby v Great Walstead

1st XV played in a triangular against Great Walstead and Cumnor House. With an unbeaten season in official games in the balance a very committed team took the field. We played Cumnor House first and insisted on playing a very physical game, particularly in the forwards. It is rugby after all! Tremendous bruising tackles were made by **Matthew Flett, Ben Flett** and **Tim Moses**. This created pressure and panic amongst the opposition. Despite both teams having opportunities to score, desperate defence kept both teams out and the game ended in a 0 – 0 draw.

In our second match, against Gt. Walstead, we seemed to lack the physical influence that we had had in the first game. Our backs this time displayed some good running and passing and scored two excellent tries, one from our own try line. The final score was 14 – 0 to Hurst. Man of the Match went to **Harry Jones** for his excellent all round rugby and **Charlie Atkinson** for his great awareness on the field. Well done to all the boys who represented the school at 1st XV level and also for an unbeaten season! Special congratulations to **Ben Blundell** who captained the team!

2nd XV v Brighton College.

Unfortunately the seconds lost their only game of the season in their final match. The team played very well against a large opposition that contained 2 or 3 club players. Having conceded a try in the first 90 seconds Hurst battled well to lose only 27-7 **Jacob Orgill** scored the Hurst try and **Ken Tsang** was again **Man of the Match**.

Colts A: Hurst Colts continued their unbeaten record but the rugby played in the first half was far from what they are capable of playing. The forwards did not play as a unit, but on the few occasions when they did give the backs good ball, the backs certainly made the most of it. **Laurie Thorn-Dalton** scored all 3 tries in the first half and they were all converted by **Rob Cope**.

The second half was a very different story. The tone was set soon after the whistle had gone for the start of the second half with a bone crunching tackle by **Charlie Piper** on his opposite number and that seemed to inspire the rest of the forwards. They started to play as a unit by winning good ball and supporting each other in loose play which meant the backs then had plenty of good ball to run with. The backs started running in tries from all over the park and **Laurie** added another 2 to his collection but it was also great to see **Ali Crunden, Alex Cooke** and **Kieran**

Morris get on the score sheet. **Rob Cope** added another 4 conversions to his 3 from the 1st half. The final score was 54 – 0 to Hurst. Well done in the second half and my Man of Match was **Kieran Morris**.

U11 v Gt Walstead

Hurst Colts took to the Rugby pitch for the last time this season with plenty at stake but without 4 of their Under 10 players and their main try scorer **Laurie Thorn-Dalton**. **Oliver Brown**, **Michael Jefferies**, **Jack Rothwell** and **Alex Austin** all had to play out of position but nothing was going to deter the team from keeping their unbeaten record. Hurst got off to a very positive start with **Devan Clarke-Sheward** making some good breaks around the base of the scrum, one of which resulted in a try. Great Walstead responded by scoring 2 tries, as a result of some weak defence by Hurst, both of which were converted to put them in front.

Second half turned out to be a true test of character as Hurst absorbed every thing that Great Walstead threw at them. The forwards played well as a unit and kept Hurst in the game and the backs did everything that was asked of them by driving the opposition up field into their own half. With 5 minutes to go **Henry Seear** sneaked over for a well deserved try and **Chris Wyles** added the conversion to level the scores.

Man of Match was **Alex Austin** who, was playing out of position, put in some big tackles to keep Hurst in the game.

The final score was Hurst 14 – Great Walstead 14

U10 v Gt Walstead

On Wednesday 31st January the under 10's played Great Walstead. The boys captained by **Rob Cope** were not used to playing under 10 rules but soon adjusted. Every individual had a stormer of a game contributing to a comfortable 75 - 0 win. There were numerous tries with some terrific runs from the backs, and in the forwards some great powering over the line by **James Henriett** and **Morgan Griffin**. Well done boys for an unbeaten season with some great rugby, a few knocks along the way but nothing that would stop the mighty Colts.

U9A v Brighton College

The **U9A** had our first away fixture of the season on Wednesday against a physical Brighton College side. Although we lost our tackling was superb again; we were rather in awe of our opposition and instead of getting the ball and running at them tended to let them run at us. Positives to take out of the match are the fact that the lads didn't give up and kept battling to the end of this bruising encounter. Special mentions go to **Matt Jenkins** and **Angus Graham** for staying on despite taking nasty knocks, as our substitute had to play for the B team who

were two short.. Man of the Match goes to the whole team.

U9B started their season with a wonderful away win at Brighton. It was an 8 a-side game as two players were away, but bolstered by the inclusion of the sub from the A team and under the leadership of the captain **Robert Holdsworth**, the team pulled off a fine 15-5 victory. The try scorers were **Rex Cleaver**, **Jordan Mayes** and **Jacques Swan**. Well done to the whole team and especially to **Sam Manly** who was **Man of the Match**.

U8 v Brighton College

Our second match of the week showed a huge improvement from Saturday's game. Despite a 5 try to 2 loss, we saw **Theo White** making some immense runs alongside **Toby Lewis**. **Josh Carlton-Smith** ran through, what seemed the whole of Brighton's team, to score a truly wonderful try. **Jake Liebers** showed great skill in defence and special mention goes to **Toby Barker** who also scored a terrific try and never gave up. Well done boys!