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Welcome

It could be said that the year 2020-2021 has been an unusual one; perhaps a year that many of us will remember for the disruption caused by the global pandemic. At Eversfield it will be remembered for the innovative adaptations that teachers, pupils and parents made in order that our school continued to thrive and not only teach our pupils but to offer them the traditional range of opportunities that we always do. Online learning is no longer an approach of the future but a reality that has developed new skills and supported enhanced teaching and learning. Our parents too, have been able to become uniquely involved in lessons and see the extent of the activities, relationships and learning that takes place at School.

Of course, with the adaptations came some alternative approaches to everyday experiences and the usual timetable of events. Many activities took place without an audience and some took on different formats. There were no residential trips to UK or foreign destinations and many day visits could not go ahead. Form 6 pupils took entrance exams at home supervised over video links and prospective pupils had little chance to visit or experience a day in the life at Eversfield. However, you will see from this magazine that so much was preserved and pupils were not denied a range of exciting events and adventures. Every year is unique and this was no exception. I am sure it will be talked about for many years to come.

Robert A Yates
Headmaster

“ Having been individually guided through the process of selecting the senior school that is right for them, the children in Form 6 were excited to receive offers from a rich variety of different, highly selective grammar and senior independent schools. ”

100%

11+ EXAMINATION STUDENTS OFFERED PLACES AT LEADING INDEPENDENT AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

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A RICH VARIETY OF SENIOR SCHOOLS OFFERING PLACES TO JOIN THEM

11+ EXAMINATION RESULTS

ARNOLD LODGE SCHOOL

- Phoebe Blackburn (all-rounder scholarship)
- George Collier
- Henry Cosgrove
- Chloe Grove

BABLAKE SCHOOL

- Lucy Garland
- Noah Roberts

BISHOP VESEY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

- Christos Hannon

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

- Suleiman Abuelmaatti (academic scholarship)
- Erran Buller
- George Collier
- Maximillian Harrison
- Charlotte Plowman

EDGBASTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

- Zayna Ashraf
- Aliya Soonsara
- Alice Wilkins (academic scholarship)

KING EDWARD VI HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

- Zayna Ashraf

- Lily Farazmand
- Alice Wilkins

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL

- Suleiman Abuelmaatti
- Noah Gambroudes
- Qihao Gao (academic and music scholarships)
- Karan Kher (academic scholarship)
- Tomás Lequeux Sainz
- Henry Templar-Coates

KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

- Karan Kher

KING EDWARD VI STRATFORD SCHOOL

- Suleiman Abuelmaatti

KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

- Shyla Arri
- Kitty Carter
- Maryam Elsharkawy
- Lily Farazmand (academic scholarship)
- Lucy Garland
- Chloe Grove
- Charlotta Nankivell
- Charlotte Plowman
- Aliya Soonsara
- Tayla Spooner

- Eva Vara Sanz
- Alice Wilkins (academic and art scholarships)

KINGSLEY SCHOOL

- Kitty Carter
- Lucy Garland
- Chloe Grove
- India Parmar

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE

- Kitty Carter
- George Collier
- Lucy Garland

SOLIHULL SCHOOL

- Suleiman Abuelmaatti
- Shyla Arri
- Zayna Ashraf
- Phoebe Blackburn
- Finlay Brazil
- Henry Cosgrove
- Maryam Elsharkawy
- Lily Farazmand
- Noah Gambroudes (sports scholarship)
- Qihao Gao (academic and music scholarships)
- Christos Hannon
- Freddie Hass
- Karan Kher
- Tomás Lequeux Sainz
- Charlotta Nankivell

- Oliver Norrington
- Rafael Oberheim
- Daniel Page
- India Parmar
- Nihaal Patara
- Martin Payne
- William Russell
- Tayla Spooner
- Henry Templar-Coates
- Eva Vara Sanz
- Dongrun Yang

WARWICK SCHOOL

- Suleiman Abuelmaatti (academic scholarship)
- Finlay Brazil
- Erran Buller
- Roman Cook
- Henry Cosgrove
- Daniel Elebe de la Vega
- Noah Gambroudes
- Tomás Lequeux Sainz
- Oliver Norrington
- Daniel Page
- Nihaal Patara
- Martin Payne
- Noah Roberts
- William Russell

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (13+)

- Qihao Gao

All About Me

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting adventure for children and a great deal of care is taken to ensure they settle in when they start at Eversfield and to foster a sense of belonging.

Since home visits were not possible this year, Mrs Eades provided the children with extra opportunities during Michaelmas term to bring their home life into school and to share their special possessions with their classmates. At the heart of the classroom the All About Me display was crafted and featured a self-portrait of each child, details about them such as their favourite food and photographs of the special items they had brought to school. Mrs Eades found time each day to talk to everyone about the display and look at the Kindergarten friendship book to help the children recognise each other, reinforcing the feeling of belonging to their new school and friends.

PARACHUTE PLAY



Always popular with the children in Nursery, parachute play helps develop their teamwork skills and knowledge of how to listen carefully to instructions. Playing Parachute Popcorn and Shoot are great for their physical skills and growth motor movement – as well as teaching them the importance of cooperation.



Lifecycles

Helping Reception children understand the world is a key part of the curriculum and in Lent term, while studying lifecycles of plants they were fascinated to see the beans they had planted germinate and sprout. Keeping a watchful eye on their individual plants as they matured, they observed the flowers emerging and pods developing before picking their crop to enjoy.



Butterfly Metamorphosis

Nature plays a vital role in the lives of children. Over five weeks during Lent term, Reception class watched with wonder and excitement as they cared for their little caterpillars which grew to ten times their original size, changed into jewel-like chrysalides and, finally, emerged as gorgeous Painted Lady Butterflies.



Reception class loved their visit from our school nurse Mrs English at the beginning of the year who showed them how she could help if they are ever hurt.



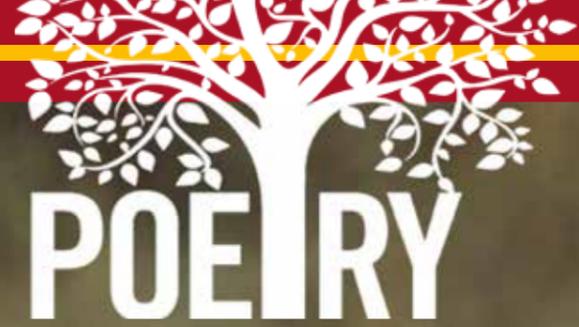
Our Kindergarten and Nursery staff were all ready to meet their new classes at the start of September. The children made a fantastic start and enjoyed a great year together.

Whatever the weather

For the children in Lower School the outdoor curriculum is a regular feature of their learning experience. This year there have been some new and exciting developments in the Early Years' playground, including the acquisition of new bikes and climbing equipment.

The logs and tyres are perfect for developing balancing skills and confidence, and the children spend time in the mud kitchen preparing pretend meals using natural ingredients, such as pine cones and bark pieces, and exploring the properties and textures of the different materials. The sheltered table offers drawing and writing equipment and a range of books to read; the children can also choose to play with small world equipment or to work at the chalk table.

The new climbing wall has a range of different options for reaching the top, challenging the children by forcing them to make choices, to persevere and to take risks in a controlled and safe environment.



Power of POETRY

“That was so much fun!” are some of the most gratifying words a teacher can hope to hear and, happily, they rang out frequently in Middle School as the children enjoyed a week-long festival of poetry.

The festival of poetry event raises the profile of poetry and helps teach many new skills which are transferrable to other aspects of English, and provides performance opportunities to develop the children’s confidence.

At the start of the week, each class began working on a poem to learn and recite. The children dreamed up actions and found props to enhance their performance. 2HM pupils worked on Spike Milligan’s utterly wacky ‘On The Ning Nang Nong’, which they succeeded in making even more anarchic with a rousing percussion accompaniment, whilst 2TS offered us Roger McGough’s intriguing poem ‘The Sound Collector’.

In IRG, the focus was on onomatopoeia with a range of scary dinosaur sounds in a poem called ‘Roar!’ Mrs Burnett (IRB) came up with the rousing ‘Alien! Alien!’ full of repetition and with lots of scope for accompanying actions.

Over in the Denney classroom, Mrs Hynes (3AH) settled on Brian Patten’s poem ‘The Trouble with My Brother’, all about a sibling with very peculiar eating habits which proved an excellent choice because the children loved the poem’s ‘nibble nibble, munch munch’ refrain at the end of every verse. In 3PF, three groups were needed to perform ‘The Three Headed Dog’ by Clare Bevan,

all about a rather fearsome creature by the name of Cerberus, which reminded everyone of the Greek myths they studied in the Michaelmas term.

The second task for each class was to compose a poem of their own based on the week’s theme ‘Poetry is Fun’. This offered an opportunity for the children to visualise images, make word associations, practise forming alliterations, count syllables and develop the rhyme and rhythm needed for their verse.

At the end of the week the children performed brilliantly for the grand poetry recital which was recorded and streamed via Seesaw so that parents and family could watch from home.

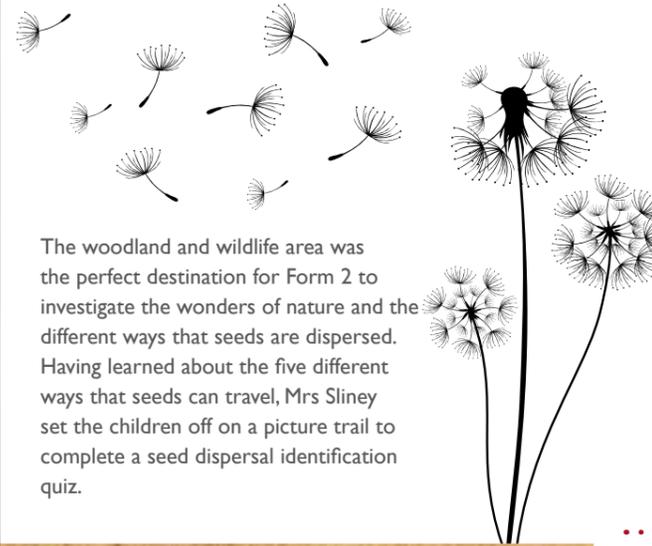


FORCES AT WORK

Culminating their work in science studying forces during the summer term, Form 1 held a paper aeroplane competition, joining in the national day to commemorate the simple but treasured toy. To ensure a fair competition they followed instructions to make the same design before practising their technique and lining up for the competition throw. Congratulations Milo (IRG) whose aeroplane travelled the furthest!



EXPLORING SCIENCE



The woodland and wildlife area was the perfect destination for Form 2 to investigate the wonders of nature and the different ways that seeds are dispersed. Having learned about the five different ways that seeds can travel, Mrs Sliney set the children off on a picture trail to complete a seed dispersal identification quiz.



Norman Conquests

Stepping back to the eleventh century and the arrival of the Normans, Form 1 constructed motte and bailey castles in their History topic. Having looked at their features, researched Tamworth Castle and found out about the different roles people had within castles, they enjoyed working in groups to make replicas using recycled materials.



Bon Voyage!

In Geography the children in Form 2 jetted off to Australia and had great fun enquiring about what the flight would be like and researching things that they might see and experience once they arrived there.



To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen’s momentous 95th birthday Form 3 created portraits in the instantly recognisable style of Andy Warhol.

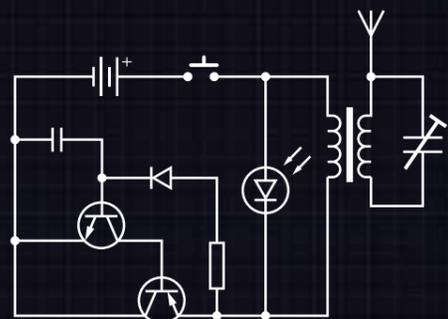


With much excitement Form 1 had their first foray into the food technology room. Treat at home time sorted!



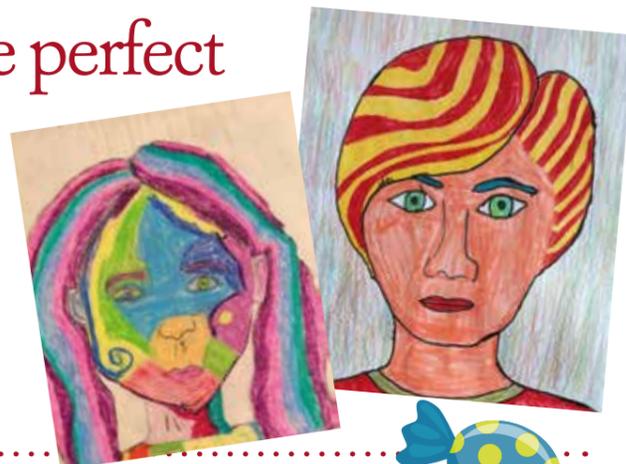
WIRED FOR SOUND

Where you have fun, you have noise, and that was certainly true when Form 6 explored components of electrical circuits with bulbs and buzzers! The children were quick to connect series circuits filling the lab with sound and light, and went on to discover the effect of resistance, the cause of short circuits and how to configure parallel circuits. Poor Mrs Sliney needed her ear defenders by the end!



Picture perfect

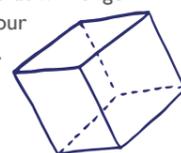
Form 5 explored the realms of self-expression through the art of self-portraiture with fabulous expressive results.



Sweet learning



A finger of fudge was just enough to help Form 4 get to grips with decimals. By splitting one whole up into smaller parts the children could easily visualise the concepts of whole numbers, place value, tenths and hundredths. With the prospect of a chocolate treat, Mrs Buxton certainly knows how to craft a lesson that will lodge itself securely in our pupils' memories.



AZTEC ADVENTURES

After months of restrictions, isolations and cancellations, the guidelines eased, and Mr Robbins seized the opportunity to organise a special day of outdoor activities for Form 6 at Aztec Activity Park. It was an amazing day of kayaking, canoeing, archery and climbing and, as

it was to be their last Eversfield trip, Form 6 certainly made the most of it.

Read more of their adventures from one of our young reporters, Karan, on the school website.



BUSINESS ACUMEN DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Form 6 have been getting to grips with the nuts and bolts needed to turn their business ideas into a reality. Collaboration was key for the young entrepreneurs as they worked apprentice-style on their café business ventures as part of a Maths multi-skills challenge.

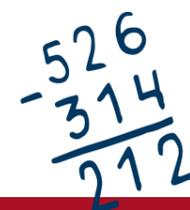
Working in teams they drew on creativity to develop marketing materials, designed scale drawings of their café layouts - paying careful attention to maximise the seating capacity, - and worked through their costings and pricing policy to boost profitability on their menu. The children had fun learning about complex topics such as calculating profits whilst developing very practical life skills such as organisation, money management, problem solving and communication.



HOARD OF MATHS AWARDS



Congratulations to Form 6 pupils Henry, Karan, Suleiman and Qihao who achieved an exceptional hoard of bronze, silver and gold achievement awards in this year's Junior Maths Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust.



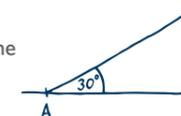
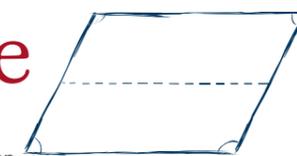
SAVVY CYCLISTS

Helping Form 6 become cycle savvy was the focus of the Road Safety and Cycle Fun Day. They mastered manoeuvring, practised emergency stops and hand signals, and enjoyed taking on a timed challenge to complete the assault course designed to help increase their pedal confidence.



The right angle

Form 4 have been exploring all the different types of quadrilaterals and their properties. Each group were given different length of rods and challenged to make as many quadrilaterals as they could. Mr Robbins was impressed with the wide variety of shapes and sizes in their designs.

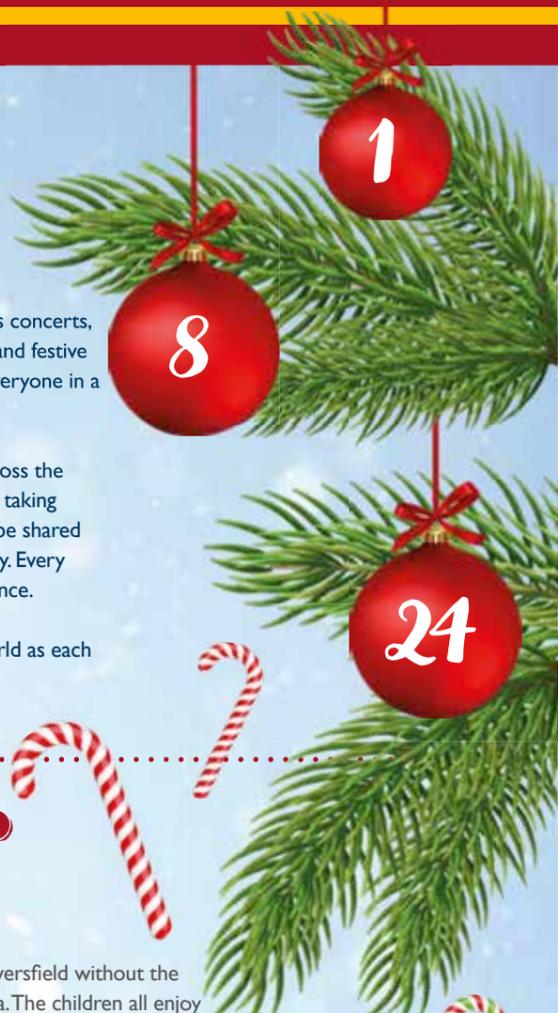


Christmas Countdown Advent Calendar

Throughout December we would normally welcome families into school to share in Christmas concerts, nativity plays and performances, and step out into the community to take part in carol singing and festive events. We were unable to do that this year so Mr Biggs was resolved to bring Christmas to everyone in a more creative way.

Throughout November the sounds of Christmas rang out in every classroom and corridor across the school. The children were busy in their forms, ensembles, orchestras and extra-curricular clubs taking part in special Christmas activities that were pre-recorded so that the joy of Christmas could be shared virtually through our Christmas Countdown Advent Calendar across the Eversfield Community. Every day throughout December an advent calendar door was unlocked to reveal a special performance.

It was an innovation that allowed us to share the joy of Christmas at Eversfield around the world as each day, the calendar was shared with distant friends and relatives from America to Australia.



Unexpected Guest

Despite his busy schedule Father Christmas and his reindeer made time for a special visit. The children joined him in his grotto for story time and received a special gift from his toy workshop. Outside Santa's reindeers were excited to meet everyone and brought the magic of Christmas alive for all the children. Thank you ESA for arranging this magical visit!



LUCKY DIP TOMBOLA

It just wouldn't be Christmas at Eversfield without the Lucky Dip Christmas Box Tombola. The children all enjoy decorating and receiving the unique festive gift boxes, all lovingly decorated with care and imagination and encasing a stocking filler gift.

The pandemic prevented us from holding the traditional ESA Christmas Fayre so instead each year group visited the lucky dip stall in their pods, providing a real sense of fun, creativity, and excitement to gift-giving and receiving across the school.

SHOWING COMPASSION AT CHRISTMAS

Ordinarily at Christmas time our school choirs would enjoy visiting care homes and singing for their residents. As this wasn't possible this year Ms Leonard-Cross spoke with the children about ways they could still show compassion to others at Christmas, and the idea of crafting a personal good wish message to send in Christmas cards to elderly residents in the community was born.

The children wrote beautiful messages inside their handcrafted cards which were hand delivered to Longmore Nursing Home, St Bernard's Residential Care Home and The Royal Star and Garter in Monkspath.

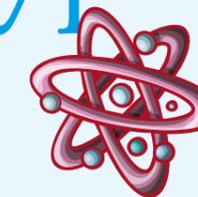
Reception class posted their handcrafted letters to Father Christmas.



Putting the finishing touches on the showstopping tree in the school entrance foyer.



Smashing Stereotypes in Science



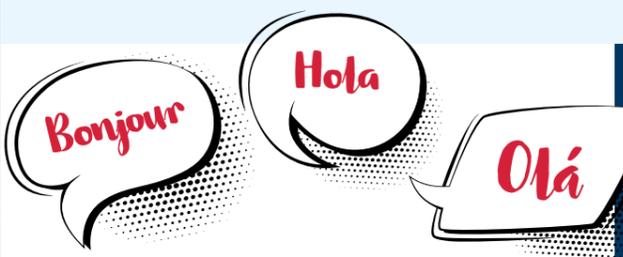
During British Science Week we celebrated the diverse careers and people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). It seemed fitting as this year's event coincided with International Women's Day that we also smashed the myth that a career in science is traditionally thought of as a male discipline.

Mrs Sliney kicked off the week by inviting six special female guests to take part in a British Science Week Assembly to help the children relate to the diverse and exciting job opportunities available. Huge thanks to Dr May (Henry and Ted's mum), Dr Hussein (Ayyoub and Suleiman's mum), Mrs Bernard (Sophie and Enzo's mum), Mrs Mistry (Darshan and Aryan's mum), Dr Gopallan (Shriyaas's mum), Dr Desai (Lksh and Prema's mum) and Professor Pikramenou (Christos's mum)

for sharing their journey and inspiring the children to follow their pathways into STEM careers.

Form 1 learned about the work of four pioneering women scientists and made posters to display in their classroom. In a hands-on practical lesson, Form 6 investigated the anatomy of the eye, carefully dissecting sheep eyes to examine how light travels through the eye to be processed by the brain.

In Early Years the children in Nursery and Kindergarten re-enacted the moment the fireball meteor crash landed in Gloucestershire at the beginning of March, and investigated how the height from which an object is dropped affects the moment of impact and size of crater created.



CELEBRATION OF EUROPEAN LANGUAGES

To help instil a lifelong love of language learning in our children, Madame Baldwin ran a special week-long programme of activities to ignite their intercultural curiosity and extend their knowledge of the rich diversity of languages spoken throughout Europe.

Talking Greek was the focus of lessons for Form 4 as they role-played ordering their favourite dishes in tavernas and learned the traditional Greek dance Hasapiko. Form 6 took a virtual tour across Europe to get everyone thinking about languages and opportunities to visit, work and live abroad.

To develop listening skills, and expand their vocabulary, Middle and Lower School enjoyed listening to a traditional French children's story – and learned all about the different names for animals in French.

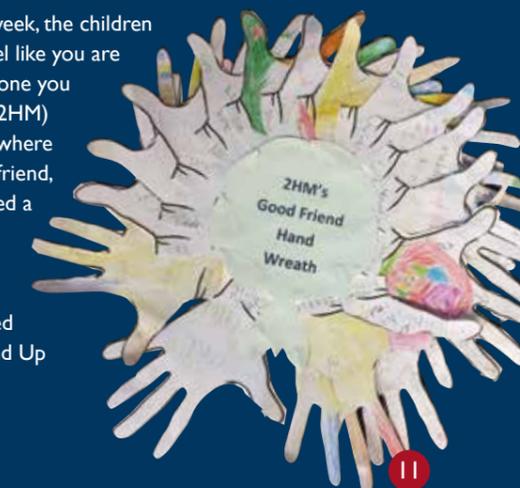
Stand Up and Speak Out



Our lovely peer mentors kicked National Anti-Bullying Week off by delivering a virtual assembly to the whole school, explaining the different types of bullying and what to do about it. The whole school wore odd socks of course, like thousands of other school children across the country who were supporting Odd Socks Day and celebrating what makes us all unique.

During form time throughout the week, the children discussed what to do if you ever feel like you are being bullied, or want to help someone you thought was being bullied. Form 2 (2HM) made a hands of friendship wreath where they considered how to be a good friend, and Form 1 (1RB) read and discussed a poem called Unique.

Form 5 (5GH) came up with an anti-bullying pledge and even decided to have their own class slogan "Stand Up and Speak Out".



EVERSFIELD AT HOME

In many ways this year has been a new, exciting phase of education. Innovations being forced into everyday life enhanced the opportunities our pupils experienced and developed their skills in the use of technology.

January saw us plunged back into the world of online learning and, once again, using Seesaw: our interactive platform for delivering the curriculum. We expanded our delivery of lessons over Zoom to all year groups and enhanced our pastoral support by providing small group

Zoom meetings twice a week for all pupils with their Class Teacher or Form Tutor; allowing children to see and hear from each other and their teacher, and give them opportunities to ask questions. To help address any questions and concerns, Mr Yates also hosted a series of Zoom Forum Meetings specifically for parents.

In line with the Department for Education's directive, the school remained open for vulnerable children, children of critical workers and for Kindergarten and Nursery children to attend their booked sessions.



EXPLORING OUR COSMIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

Discovery and exploration of our solar system was the focus for Form 5 in science lessons during the closure period. In a special video report researched and created by Surina (Form 5GH) she shared news and interesting facts about Earth's "cosmic neighbourhood" in the very convincing style of a television broadcaster.



For their computing lessons Form 1 were tasked with producing their very own TV cookery programme. Ruby (1RG) shared a delicious recipe to try at home.

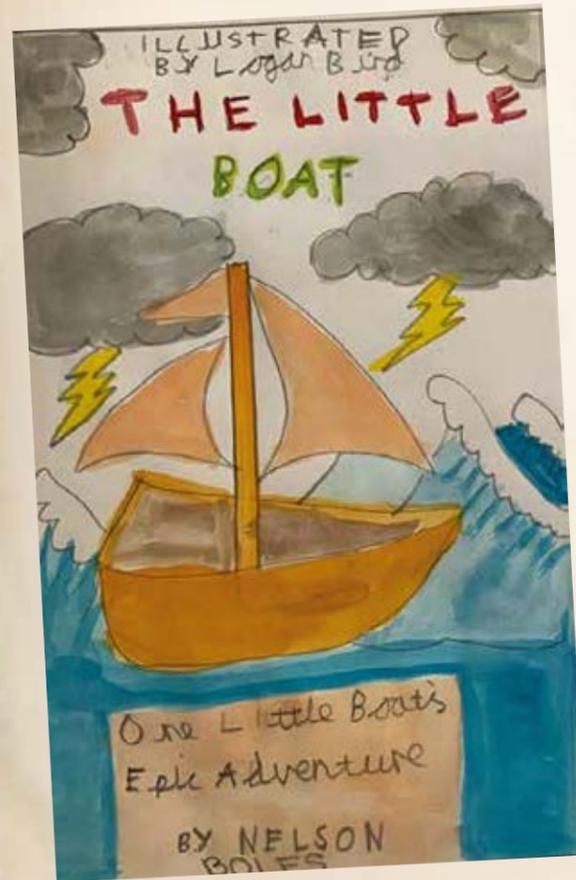


Festival of Literature

The whole school celebrated literature in exciting and ingenious ways both at home and in school. Reception reunited virtually via Zoom for a 'Share a Story Live' and enjoyed their 'Share a Snap' activity swapping photos of themselves dressed up as their favourite fictional characters, while staff and children in Kindergarten and Nursery were all dressed to impress and enjoyed sharing their favourite books with each other.

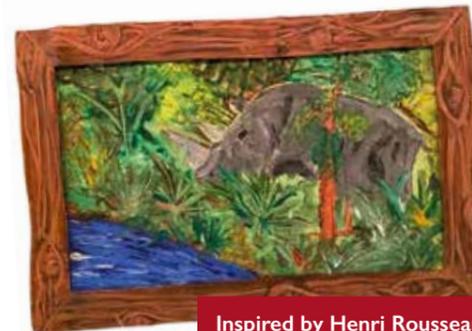
In Middle School, working remotely, Form 1 looked at character profiles and discussed how to identify traits of 'goodies and baddies' in literature, writing a character profile for a new 'goodie' to feature in their favourite book. Form 2 enjoyed a live virtual visit from Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola, author and illustrator of 'LOOK UP!' Form 3 considered 'What sort of information goes on the front and back covers of a book?' and took on the challenge to design their own book jacket for 'Little Boat'.

In Upper School, Forms 4, 5 and 6 heard from Michael Rosen and Benjamin Zephaniah sharing their poems and talking about poetry, and then chose a poem of their own to recite, delivering some dramatic and very interesting performances from home.

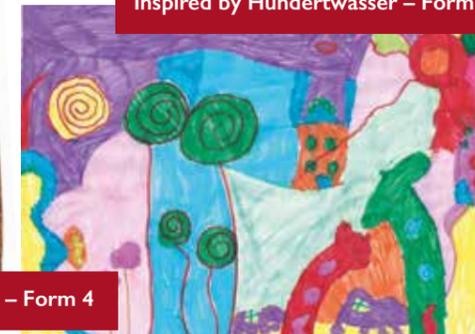


APPRECIATION OF ARTISTIC STYLES

Throughout the first half of Lent term the children were introduced to a wide range of artistic style.



Inspired by Henri Rousseau – Form 4



Inspired by Hundertwasser – Form 3



Inspired by Salvador Dali – Form 6

Visual Storytelling

Unleashing their creative potential, Form 3 blended knowledge learned in their English and Computing lessons to create instructional videos. Mastering the capabilities of Adobe Spark they combined motion graphics, audio recording, music, text and photos to produce short animated, narrated explainer videos with stunning effect and Sienna's use of props was ingenious in her instructional video 'How to Clean Your Teeth'.

Pastoral Care in our Changed Environment

While we endured the restrictions the coronavirus emergency thrust upon us, making time for pastoral care within the remote learning curriculum remained a priority. The programme of activities was specifically aimed at supporting mental health and wellbeing and featured competitions to enter, activities to take part in, videos to watch and challenges to complete. We also introduced the weekly and extremely popular Pastoral Zoom Meetings to provide opportunity for the children to chat and communicate face-to-face with their classmates and Form Tutors.

HOW DO VACCINES WORK?

With the launch of the UK-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme, discussing how vaccines work was a hot topic in Lent term. As part of their science distance learning curriculum Mrs Sliney set Form 6 the task of demonstrating their understanding of the process in an imaginative way and asked the children to give the white blood cells and microbes characters. Using Lego characters a short animation created by Daniel portrayed the process brilliantly helping everyone to understand the procedure.



Lockdown at home meant that everyone was out at playtime enjoying the snow!

TALKING TROPICAL

Reception escaped to far flung places and learned about the climate and the unique features of tropical islands and tropical climate zones. Motivated by their new understanding of the world around us they created their own individual tropical islands using recycled materials.



EVERYONE ACTIVE

The sporting calendar may have been suspended but our co-curricular programme of activities exploded back into action at the start of term in September. The clubs play a vital role in the holistic education of our pupils and we encourage everyone to participate. Over 75% of the pupils attend one or more of the 50+ sessions that run each week.

We are fortunate to have a talented and dedicated team that deliver a rich variety of clubs to develop every child's interest - whether that be intellectual, creative or physical. All the staff were excited to welcome back the children after the long enforced break during the early part of 2020 and the children threw themselves enthusiastically back into the sessions.



On the rugby pitch under the expert tuition of Mr Johns from Bournville RFC.



Checkmate! Mr James introduced the children to strategies for manoeuvring the opponent's king into a check and so the battle for victory began.



Master Drayton helps instil patience, respect, discipline and ethics in her class.



GIRLS BOWLED OVER BY CRICKET

The thwack of leather on willow has been the sound of summer for generations of boys. At Eversfield we work hard to eliminate gender stereotypes and the sport has soared in popularity with girls, seeing us field our first all-girls team this year. We are looking forward to charting their progress next season!

Hallfield School, Edgbaston, welcomed Soharven, Yuqing, Iman, Harriet, Emily, Anusha, Luna, Sania, Katie, and Aisha (Form 4).



GAME ON

We gave a big Eversfield welcome to Andy Turnbull, Cricket Development Coach from Warwickshire Cricket Board. Andy ran sessions with Forms 1 and 2 to introduce the All Stars Cricket Programme which runs at over 100 clubs across Warwickshire. The children learned some of the basic skills of the game with a focus on having fun, fundamental movements and teamwork.



Reception class enjoyed their first swimming lesson.

Blue Panthers Prevail

Our inaugural Seniors' Hockey Tournament was hotly contested between Forms 5 and 6. Team names, captains and playing positions were agreed by each team and the excitement built as they practised in their teams during the warm up. The children enjoyed a full afternoon of hockey with matches taking place both outside on the Astro pitches and inside in the JSB, testing the players' ability to adapt to the different pitch surfaces. It was a very close tournament with some wonderful play from many children but it was Blue Panthers (Form 6) who claimed 1st place victory.



We all missed our friendly and competitive matches this year but games afternoons were a chance to practise old and new skills ready for the return of the packed fixture calendar.



ANGLES V SAXONS

Eversfield has a long-held school tradition of competing for the coveted house cups. It was a closely battled competition but it was Angles who took the double again, winning both the coveted Lower School and Upper School Shields.



FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS

With the fixture list being wiped out, there was far greater anticipation than normal for the annual house matches. All the teams displayed great passion and determination for their house, the only missing ingredient being the cheers of the crowd to spur each team on further.

During Michaelmas term all the children in Form 2 took part in a hockey match, while in Forms 3 to 6, the children either played hockey or rugby. The results across year groups were combined to decide the winner of the cup.

The Junior House Netball Cup was contested solely on one match in Form 3. Both teams played with great determination but the Angles dominated possession and were able to convert more of their shooting chances.

Form 2 and Form 3 jointly stepped up to the ball to compete for the Junior House Football Cup and Angles were able to reverse their fortunes by securing their position as Junior House Football Cup champions.

Each year group united to compete for the Senior House Netball Cup and Angles were crowned the champions. In football, five matches were played across the year groups and the overall result was in the balance as the last match kicked-off. Some tactical changes saw Saxons securing the Senior House Football Cup with the final goal.



Musical Showcase



House Music was an afternoon of mixed emotions. We were glad we could stage the competition, but sad that our whole community could not come together to experience the showcase of exceptional talent.

Eversfield is a musically talented school and the difficult task of deciding the winner of the competition sat with our adjudicator, Mr Christian Dawson, a professional concert pianist and accompanist based in London.

Almost 80 children auditioned for the event with six soloists from each year group - three Angles and three Saxons - qualifying to represent their house. Announcing Angles as the winner of House Music Competition 2020, Mr Dawson praised all of the soloists on their performances.

ON YOUR MARKS

Sports Days bring together the whole school community and there was much excitement for this year's events - the first we have been able to hold since summer 2019!

The old favourites such as the shuttle race, tug-o-war, relays and egg and spoon race all made a much-lauded appearance as Angles v Saxons battled to be crowned champions.

In Lower School the children race purely for the pleasure of competing against each other. Plenty of stickers and certificates were given out, lots of smiles and fun was had! With the Middle School races completed, and the totals added up, it was the Angles who were victorious. However, the story did not end there.

In Upper School three different trophies are battled for: the athletics cup, tug-o-war and house relay. The Angles won the athletics cup and the Saxons were galvanised by this defeat as they convincingly took the tug-o-war trophy making one trophy each.

The Saxons experienced a few mishaps with the baton in the relay and the race shifted into the Angles favour, a lead that they never relinquished, cruising over the line to take the house relay shield. Two trophies to the Angles, one to Saxons.



DREAM TEAM

Activities may have been somewhat curtailed this year due to the pandemic but, during the Michaelmas term, the Eversfield School Association (ESA) were able to keep many of the Christmas traditions going for the children. Christmas cards were designed, the present stall provided opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for loved ones, support for the ESA Christmas Raffle masterminded by Mrs Farazmand was amazing, trips to Santa's Grotto were enjoyed while gifts from Santa were delivered by his elves, and the whole school filled and festively decorated boxes for the Lucky Dip stall.

New innovations were made with the sale of sought-after personalised eco-friendly water bottles, Zoom meetings were held and the popular second-hand uniform store went online. Orders were emailed to Eversfield mums, Adila and Amanda, who individually sorted and packaged the uniforms ready for collection; a service that will continue to be offered to parents.

Despite the limitations, almost £4,000 was raised. Poolside benches were bought and, at the end of academic year, £10,000 was donated to school to support the purchase of 30 iPads, cases and a charging station to add to the classroom IT resources.



ARTISTIC INSPIRATION AND OBSERVATION

Our attic studio is a nurturing ground for artistic talent and bringing creative ideas to fruition. This was evident in the work created by Form 6 who took part in an art enrichment day with Mrs Beech during summer term. Their task was to make a composition inspired by either their hobby or the work of an acclaimed artist.

The workshop started with an observational exercise to draw an orange or lemon which would later be incorporated as 'an element of surprise' into their finished compositions. Having researched their subject or favoured artists via books and the internet, they used their knowledge to inspire and plan their canvas backgrounds. As the day progressed their work developed in many different, interesting and creative ways.



You can explore the gallery of work by pupils on the school website.

MASTERING VAN GOGH

Van Gogh was amongst the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western Art and his work was the focus for Form 5 during Lent term.

Studies of Van Gogh's Sunflowers were tried out in sketch books first before attempting a drawing using a 2B pencil and then moving on to their coloured pieces of work. Having traced their drawings they used oil pastels to add colour and texture to turn it into their own sunflower masterpiece!



Form 4 learning the art of needlecraft and developing their confidence, patience, and creativity.



PORTRAIT OF AN ART SCHOLAR

At Eversfield we are proud of what everyone achieves. What is particularly impressive is the wide range of academic, music, art and sport scholarships awarded to our Year 6 pupils.

Achieving a scholarship is the beginning of a stimulating journey. We asked Alice, one of this year's art scholars who will be joining King's High School, to share how being at Eversfield has helped her develop her passion and talent for art?

"Being at Eversfield has helped me try lots of different media and styles of work which has really inspired me and developed my skills. I have been fortunate to have my work featured in two Young Artist Exhibitions, and my teachers encouraged me to apply for an art scholarship for senior school which I have been successful in being awarded".

Carrie's War

This year, Form 6 transported us back to World War 2 in their end of year production of *Carrie's War* which depicts the experiences of an evacuee sent to live in the countryside to avoid the bombs of London.

This has been a highly unusual year and, initially, we missed months of rehearsals because of lockdown. We then had to deal with restrictions on public singing and the need to keep to ever-changing guidelines on public performances. Despite all of this, the pupils threw themselves wholeheartedly into the experience and the show was a wonderful success. Each of the main characters were portrayed by multiple actors and actresses, and all these principals did a wonderful job. We even had members of Form 6 working as an incredibly professional technical crew, providing us with lighting, sound effects and projections. All of the pupils took part in the chorus, singing a rousing range of World War 2 classics and the audience enthusiastically waved their flags for the closing number of 'We'll Meet Again'.



Opening the Door to Shakespeare

Shakespeare Week has become a March tradition for Form 5 at Eversfield and this year was no exception. The nationwide event opens the door to Shakespeare and ensures that children are given a chance to have a great first experience with one of the world's most famous playwright's scripts.

The Tempest, the choice for 2021, is unlike any other play in Shakespeare's body of work. It takes place over one day and is filled with magic and spirits. It is a demanding script and many of the lead characters have a significant number of tricky lines to learn.

The pupils produced the whole play in a week from learning their lines, blocking the scenes and delivering the performance. As many of the characters in the play were performed by several different pupils, the children had to be extremely organised and professional in their approach to the performance. The teachers were extremely impressed with the final result – the performance was spell-binding and captivating, conveying the magic of the story and showing off what a wealth of acting talent we have in Form 5.



Confident Communicators

Given the challenges faced this year a real highlight for the children was the opportunity to take face-to-face LAMDA examinations. Sessions had to be suspended between January and March, and LAMDA only recommenced face-to-face exams from March so, with huge support from parents, the children worked exceptionally hard to prepare and gained tremendous results. Almost 40 exams were taken by children throughout the school from Year 2 to Year 6 and a staggering 83% passed with Distinction and 17% with Merit.



Mastering Monologues

- Based on the character of Michael, the hero in *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo, Form 5 wrote and performed a series of monologues during Michaelmas term.
- Despite being little more than a minute of performance, the monologues represented the culmination of an enormous amount of work for the children, to say nothing of the courage required to speak in front of their classmates and allow themselves to be filmed.
- Writing the monologues wasn't as straightforward as writing pure narrative because stage directions were required throughout, noting down movements. For some children the most daunting aspect of the entire project was the performance, which led to more editing as they grappled with ensuring that the spoken language sounded authentic when performed, and the use of actions flowed and appeared natural.

Aidan Joins UK's Musical Elite

Aged just 9 years old, Aidan Zhao joined the UK's musical elite by becoming one of the youngest musicians in the country to achieve an overall result of Distinction for both his Piano and Violin ABRSM Grade 8 examinations. It is an astonishing achievement which attracted the interest of the UK's favourite morning news programme *BBC Breakfast* who invited him on to the show to play live to the nation.

Musical Accolades

Music plays an important role in school life at Eversfield and the children's enjoyment of playing, and dedication to practising, is evident by the fantastic set of music exam results achieved this year with over 60% of the children gaining Distinction or Merit. Many congratulations to all the children - Mr Biggs and all the visiting music staff are very proud of them.



TRUST IN US

The start of the academic year saw the unveiling of the members for the School Council and the announcement that this year's beneficiary charity would be Carers Trust Solihull. Despite fundraising being hampered by COVID-19 and school closure, pupils still managed to raise over £18,000 to support the work of the charity.

A BIG thank you to everyone for your generous support.



VIRTUAL PET SHOW

There were handsome hamsters, devoted dogs, cute cats, plucky ponies and an imaginative array of fabulous fantasy pets in the spotlight. With social distancing restrictions in place due to the pandemic, the School Council's idea of Eversfield's inaugural Virtual Pet Show was met with wholehearted support from pet owners and lovers across the school and over 80 pets were entered. The event raised £228 for Carers Trust Solihull and the children enjoyed watching a special virtual pet parade of all the entries providing opportunity to applaud the winners during form time.

FREDDIE JOINS CAPTAIN TOM'S FUNDRAISING ARMY

Inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore, Freddie P (age 8), joined the nation's army of fundraisers and took on the #CaptainTom100 challenge. Baking and selling cupcakes he raised an incredible £600 which he decided to split equally between The Captain Tom Foundation and the School's nominated charity Carers Trust Solihull.



CARING AND SHARING OUR HARVEST

Harvest season was celebrated in some very special ways with the children. With Upper School pupils, Mr Biggs portrayed through role play the story of how we can all sometimes wrongly judge people, while he shared with children in Lower School an important lesson on how, by helping each other, you can overcome a problem together.

Positive Policing

Positive encounters with the police can help to challenge misconceptions or alter views that young people may have about the police, so we were delighted to welcome Police Community Support Officer Rob Morton to school. PCSO Morton chatted with Form 6 about his work to reduce crime, fear and antisocial behaviour in the community. There were lots of questions from the children covering everything from helping criminals reform, to knife and gun culture in the USA.

Form 5 Turn £5 into Thousands

With lockdown restrictions affecting the nation, together with social distancing and self-isolation putting a stop to some traditional methods of fundraising, Form 5 pupils got creative and took on the Fantastic Fiver Charity Challenge raising over £5,000 for the school's nominated charity Carers Trust Solihull.

Each pupil was given a £5 note and over the course of the six-week challenge used their own business ideas to raise as much money as they could to help the charity fund its programme to support young carers in Solihull.

Many decided to go virtual by holding concerts, running reading clubs and quizzes; one child broadcast an interview and appeal on behalf of the Trust touching the hearts and minds of all those who watched. Paintings were commissioned, plants potted and sold, pre-loved book fairs hosted, cars washed, an odd job service launched, cafes opened, and cottage industries established making soap and selling entertainment packs in a bag for walking treks, movie nights and camping trips. There were sponsored walks and park litter picks, sales of origami crafts, cookie and cake sales, and bespoke gift making in the form of keyrings, jewellery and bookmarks.

Peter Masters, volunteer fundraiser with Carers Trust Solihull, congratulated the children on their fundraising saying, "The children have approached the challenge with so much creativity and energy to overcome the obstacles to their normal fundraising; they should be very proud of their achievement in raising funds to support our young carers."



Developing Skills for Life

We are so proud of our peer mentors who took part in training with The Diana Award to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors during Lent term. We are embracing the programme at Eversfield to help build the skills and confidence in all our pupils to address any situations they may encounter in life.

Anti-bullying Ambassadors Honoured by Diana Award

During summer term Mrs Sliney and the whole school community were proud to hear news from The Diana Award that our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been awarded their Wellbeing Badge.



"It is clear that student wellbeing is at the heart of all of your initiatives, and it is clear that the team are so passionate about spreading their anti-bullying message to the whole school. We are incredibly proud and inspired by the work you are doing."

Anti-bullying Team, The Diana Award

Eversfield's Spooktacular

The School Council organised a spooktacular day of learning and fun activities raising funds in support of Carers Trust Solihull. There was pumpkin carving, cauldron mixing, slime making, role playing, spooky music making and a fantastic array of imaginative outfits. Everyone's support and donations make a real difference to the work of the charity and the families they support.



Class of 2011

Where are they now?

There are former Eversfield pupils living all over the world and working in just about every industry you can imagine, from engineers to entrepreneurs, farmers to financiers, medics to musicians and traders to tailors. Occasionally they pop in to say 'hello' and it is always a pleasure to hear their news and discover where life has taken them once they have left Eversfield behind.



1. Aaila Ashraf

Attended Edgbaston High School for Girls. Now reading Maths and Philosophy at University of Liverpool. Internship at IBM this summer.

2. Alex Bartley

Attended KES and Solihull School Sixth Form. Following a period playing professional rugby for Worcester Warriors he took a year travelling to Southeast Asia and is now reading Economics at Exeter University.

3. Cheyanne Roberts

Following a gap year accepted a soccer scholarship at a college in Kansas, America and is studying Athletic Training (Occupational Therapy).

4. Daniel Buxton

Attended Warwick School and now studying for a degree in saxophone performance at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. Dan also plays the flute and clarinet, he has a passion for musical theatre and is looking to become a professional musician.

5. Drew Hill

Attended Warwick School where he reached the final of the National Schools Rugby Natwest U15 Cup Final in 2015. Currently completing a 4 year degree apprenticeship working for Ofcom in London.

6. Kesar Hunjan

Attended KES. Now studying Business at Bath University and currently on placement for a large data company.

7. Laura Woolley

Attended Edgbaston High School for Girls and has just achieved a First in Business Management from Exeter University. Training to become a chartered accountant whilst working for PKF in Exeter.

8. Myles Simmons

Enjoys playing both rugby and football whilst studying Medicine at Liverpool University. He has also supported the coronavirus vaccine rollout providing lots of jabs in arms.

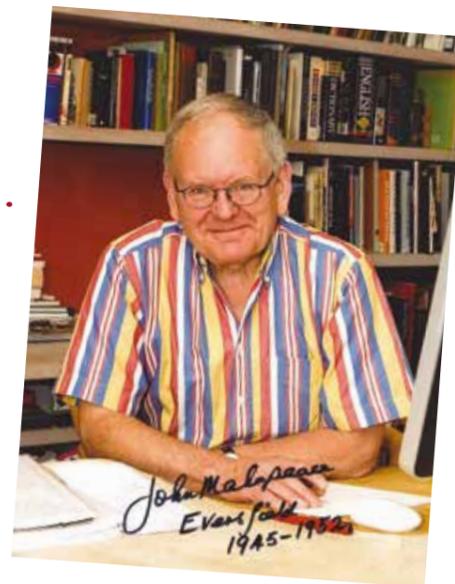
9. Robert Yates

Attended Warwick School and now reading English at the University of Birmingham. Rob also plays in the first team for Warwickshire County Cricket, scoring three centuries in this summer's County Championship. He was also selected for an English Counties XI v India in July 2021.

10. Thomas Curley

Attended Arden School and Solihull Sixth Form. Completed a degree in Physical Science at the University of Birmingham and is now reading Mechanical Engineering.

If you are an old boy or girl please do get in touch as we would love to hear from you too, email us at alumni@eversfield.co.uk



John Makepeace

The BBC's Antiques Roadshow featured work by Mr John Makepeace who attended Eversfield from 1947-1952. Two chairs purchased were identified as part of a commission for the London headquarters of Kodak Europe in 1985. Chris Yeo, the show's furniture expert described John as 'one of the outstanding names in British furniture design of the last 50 years'. John's love of woodwork started in the Saturday morning carpentry classes at Eversfield and he is currently working on commissions in Hong Kong and Nairobi.

FORM PRIZES

Form 1

Aanya Chauhan
Amelia Deeney
Adam Shabir
Adam Shafi

Form 4

Harriet Dickson
Yuqing Gao
Luca Grant
Raina Patel

Form 2

Amelie Cowlshaw
Louis Monk
Yusuf Mirza
Harriet Shipley

Form 5

Alexander Banga
Augustin Dubreux
Laura Hofer
Olivia-Grace Warren

Form 3

Olivia Allsebrook
Ranbir Dahia
Mabel Sawle
Shilan Xia

Form 6

Shyla Arri
George Collier
Maryam Elsharkawy
Tomás Lequeux Sainz

11+ SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Suleiman Abuelmaatti	Academic
Phoebe Blackburn	All rounder
Lily Farazmand	Academic
Qihao Gao	Academic and music
Noah Gambroudes	Sports
Karan Kher	Academic
Alice Wilkins	Academic and art

7+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Rohan Agarwal	Aarian Sonpal
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MIDDLE SCHOOL CUPS AND AWARDS

Endeavour Cup	Ella Sliney
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FORM 6 CUPS AND AWARDS

The Donald Smith Cup for consistent high academic standards	Qihao Gao
The Lattey Cup for all round contribution	Daniel Page
The Carol Burke Science & Engineering Award	Lily Farazmand
The Headmaster's Cup for Contribution to Girls' Team Sports	Aliya Soonsara
The Headmaster's Cup for Contribution to Boys' Team Sports	Noah Roberts
The Madden Cup for good citizenship	Henry Cosgrove
The Starbuck Cup for Art	Alice Wilkins
The Beatrice Humphris Cup for Music	Qihao Gao and Karan Kher
Drama Cup (including LAMDA)	Eva Vara Sanz and Tayla Spooner
Information Technology Cup	Henry Templar-Coates

SPORTS AWARDS

Under 6 Boys Sports Cup	Abdur-Rahman Moazzum
Under 6 Girls Sports Cup	Amelia Deeney
Under 6 Boys Swimming Cup	Luca Weimann
Under 6 Girls Swimming Cup	Amelia Deeney and Sophie Bernard-Vidal
Under 7 Boys Sports Cup	Theodore Monk and Aarian Sonpal
Under 7 Girls Sports Cup	Isobel Friend
Under 7 Boys Swimming Cup	Rohan Agarwal
Under 7 Girls Swimming Cup	Roberta Templar-Coates, Isobel Friend and Ella Duncombe
U8 Boys Sports Cup	Lincoln Baxter
U8 Girls Sports Cup	Luella Hutton
U8 Boys Swimming Shield	Lincoln Baxter
U8 Girls Swimming Shield	Sienna Farazmand
U9 Boys Sports Cup (Jr Victor Ludorum Cup)	Henry Nankivell
U9 Girls Sports Cup	Harriet Dickson
U9 Boys Swimming Shield	Enzo Bernard-Vidal
U9 Girls Swimming Shield	Harriet Dickson
U10 Boys Sports Cup	George Horton and David Oguego
U10 Girls Sports Cup	Remy Monk and Olivia-Grace Warren
U10 Boys Swimming Salver	Aidan Zhao
U10 Girls Swimming Salver	Vivienne Shi
U11 Boys Sports Cup	Noah Roberts
U11 Girls Sports Cup	Charlotta Nankivell
U11 Boys Swimming Cup	Noah Gambroudes
U11 Girls Swimming Cup	Charlotta Nankivell

Valete et Salvete

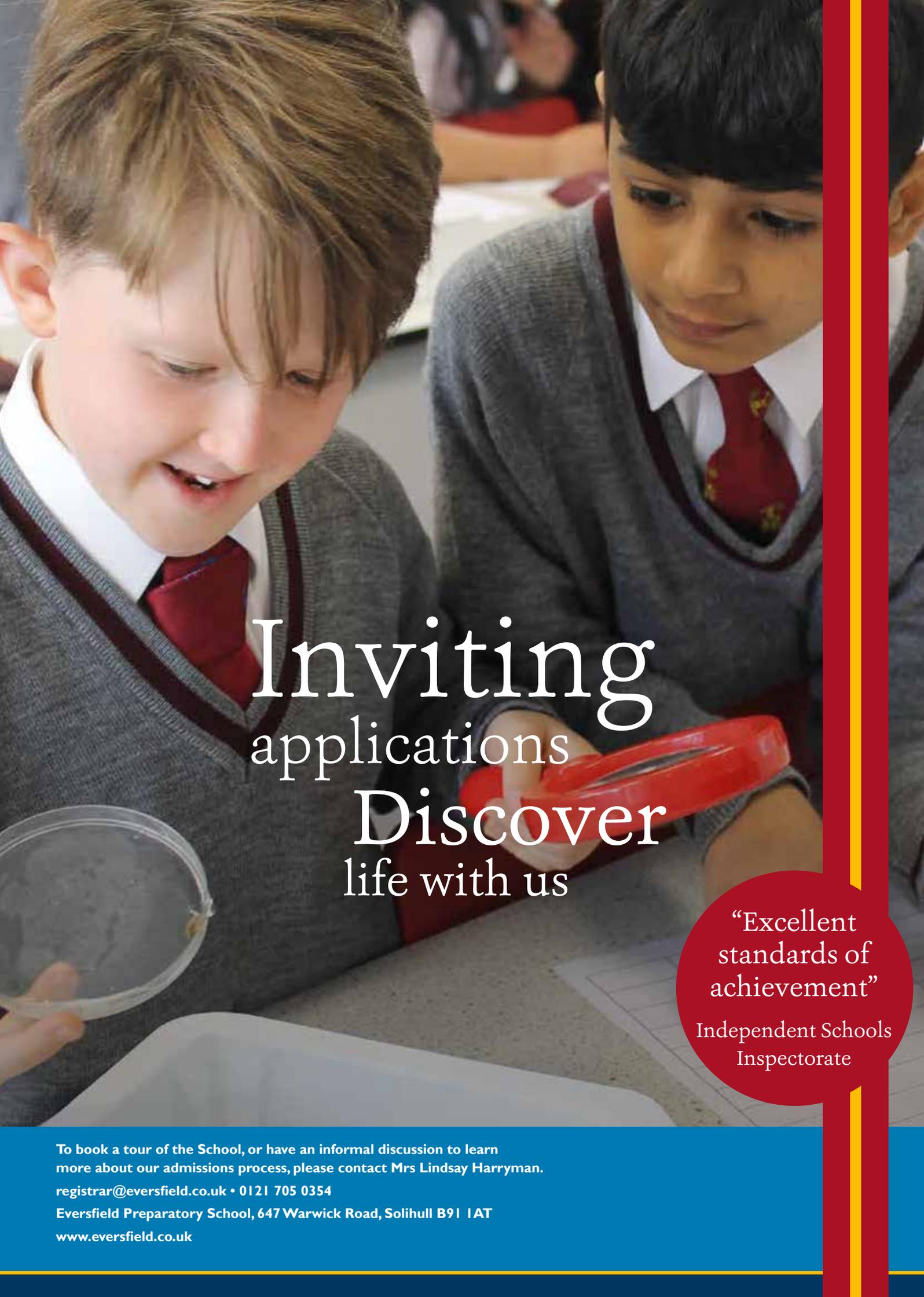
Mrs Narinder Ghattaura joined our administration team, departing at the end of the year to take up a full-time post. We welcomed Mr Richard Thomson to our Board of Governors in January 2021. Richard is Deputy Head Pastoral and the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Warwick School and brings with him a wealth of knowledge to our Education and Personnel Committee. We also welcomed back Mrs Claire Field in January as Learning Support Coordinator and member of the Leadership team, and Miss Shannon Alcock and Mrs Jacqueline Heron joined our team of lunchtime supervisors during Lent term.

It was our pleasure to celebrate Mrs Vicky Gibson's 25 Years' Service Award. Mrs Gibson joined our domestic support team the day her daughter started school 25 years ago and remains a valuable member of staff.

Mrs Amanda Dean, Inclusion Manger since September 2013, departed in Michaelmas term. Mrs Debbie Cannings, who joined in 1998, took early retirement in March. For many years Mrs Cannings was in charge

of first aid for pupils combining this role with her duties as Teaching and Learning Support Assistant. At the end of the academic year we said farewell to Teaching and Learning Support Assistant Miss Fiona Pearce, Miss Alcock who is leaving to complete further education studies and to Mrs Hazel English who joined us in 2013 as Eversfield's school nurse. Mrs Joy Beech, Subject Leader of Art and Design also departed after 18 years' service and along with Mrs Cannings, received a gift of crystal from the Governors to mark their long and valued service.

We also said goodbye to three of our Governors, Mrs Carol Burke CBE, Mr Barry Cross and Mr Derek Adamson. They have all had long associations with Eversfield, initially as parents of pupils and, in Mr Adamson's case, as Chairman of the ESA in its formative years. Mr Adamson joined the Board of Governors in 2004 while Mrs Burke and Mr Cross joined in 2013. Their collective industry expertise has been greatly valued and, in recognition of his long service, Mr Adamson received a gift of crystal from the Board of Governors.



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