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Welcome

To me, this year has been a phoenix year. By that I mean the school has risen from the ashes of a lost two years, two years where the world has been in chaos. Education was as badly hit as the economic state of the UK with schools being forced to close due to the surge of COVID-19, and the majority of pupils learning through remote lessons and electronic communications. Pupils whose parents were designated 'key workers' were given a hybrid option of coming into the school building but accessing the same curriculum as everyone else via an iPad. For staff it was also a double-edged sword; trying to produce the best lessons possible through an internet connection, whilst seeking to engage key worker pupils in school. The uncertainty of when schools would reopen and when they would reclose led to much disruption. It also manifested in a readjustment of what schools could and could not do. Even when all buildings were reopened, the number of parents allowed to access school events was limited as was the capacity of rooms, halls and dining rooms. Trips remained cancelled and alternative ways of conducting normal school life were sought.

However, this year, 2021-2022, we returned to a familiar path and normal service was resumed! Events, trips, celebrations and relations were all re-established. The lost years are now behind us and we are back to doing what we do well. This Review magazine attempts to show you many of this year's exciting and memorable moments that have been enjoyed. I hope you get as much pleasure out of reading the stories and recollections and looking at the photographs as we did in making the adventures happen.

Robert A Yates
Headmaster

“ What is particularly impressive is the wide range of scholarship awards, demonstrating that we truly provide a breadth of quality of teaching across our curriculum and co-curricular activities. The children deserve all the enjoyment of celebrating their hard work. ”

11+ EXAMINATION RESULTS

ARNOLD LODGE SCHOOL
Flynn Atherton

BABLAKE & KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL

Ela Agarwal (academic scholarship)
Harry Collier
Charlotte Dickson
Remy Monk
Monty Nash
Erin Virdee

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

James Ackerman
Weng Wo Chan
Harry Collier

EDGBASTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Aania Patel
Olivia-Grace Warren

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, LONDON

Aidan Zhao (music scholarship)

KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Vivienne Shi

KING EDWARD VI HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Trisha Deshpande

Lexi Hong (academic scholarship)
Raya Hothi
Vivienne Shi (music scholarship)

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Diyan Sonpal

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL

George Horton (academic scholarship)
Rajan Singh (academic scholarship)
Diyan Sonpal
Aidan Zhao (music scholarship)

KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

Ela Agarwal (academic scholarship)
Remi Atherton
Robyn Coffey
Trisha Deshpande (academic scholarship)
Charlotte Dickson
Lexi Hong (academic, art and music scholarships)
Raya Hothi
Remy Monk
Petra Saggu
Surina Sanghera
Anya Sura
Erin Virdee
Olivia-Grace Warren

KINGSLEY SCHOOL
Remi Atherton
Charlotte Dickson
Remy Monk

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE

Alexander Banga
Harry Collier
William Jarratt (academic scholarship)

ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL, LONDON

Aidan Zhao (academic and music scholarships)

SOLIHULL SCHOOL

James Ackerman
Ela Agarwal (academic scholarship)
Weng Wo Chan
Trisha Deshpande
Yahya Elsharkawy
Lexi Hong
Raya Hothi
Faizan Hussain
Omar Kayani
Petra Saggu
Noah Sales
Surina Sanghera
Stanley Sawle
Vivienne Shi (academic and music scholarships)

Rajan Singh
Luke Sutton
Hiral Vaghela
Erin Virdee
Olivia-Grace Warren

STRATFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Prèma Desai
Raya Hothi

WARWICK SCHOOL

James Ackerman
Flynn Atherton
Harry Collier
Yahya Elsharkawy (academic scholarship)
George Horton
Faizan Hussain
William Jarratt
Monty Nash
Noah Sales
Stanley Sawle
Diyan Sonpal (academic scholarship)
Luke Sutton

WYCOMBE ABBEY

Vivienne Shi (exhibition)

100%

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A RICH VARIETY OF SENIOR SCHOOLS OFFERING PLACES TO JOIN THEM

Wildlife and Habitats

As part of their Minibeasts Topic, Reception headed out to The Parkridge Centre in the heart of Brueton Park, Solihull – an oasis for wildlife.

The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to learn in an entirely different environment and discovering more about the habitats and lifecycle of minibeasts in the woodland area and meadow. There was also time to create homes for hedgehogs under the trees and to learn how we can help them survive in our own gardens at home.

For many of the children the opportunity to merely travel on the School minibus was a real adventure and they enjoyed the simplicity of having their snack at the visitor centre while connecting with the great outside world.



HANDS-ON SCIENCE



To cultivate and nurture the talent of the scientists and engineers of the future, Mrs Sliney has been hosting some hands-on science sessions for some of our youngest children. The children from Reception enjoyed conducting their own experiments and investigating the equipment.



Mastering Shadow Puppetry

Stickman, the much-loved character created by Julia Donaldson, took centre stage in front of Kindergarten and Nursery. They were all gripped by the retelling of the wintry tale by a shadow puppeteer before crafting their own puppets and staging a shadow puppet performance.



Pumps on ✓ Kit on ✓
Reception class enjoyed their first PE lesson with Mrs McGrory at the start of September.

PIGGIES MAKE A MARK

During the summer term Mrs Eades and Miss Shipley introduced a selection of traditional tales to the children in Kindergarten and Nursery starting with The Three Little Pigs.

The well-known story follows a repetitive pattern where many key phrases appear again and again, which encourages the children to join in, helping to develop their communication and language. They also begin to recognise many printed letters in the story text, which they have been learning through listening and rhyming games, and enjoy replicating and using these in their own drawing and writing.

There are many emotions to discuss when reading versions of this story: the pigs feel excited to build their new houses, the pigs feel worried when they encounter the wolf, the wolf feels angry and frustrated when he can't blow the house

down. Exploring and naming these emotions is a very important part of their personal, social and emotional development, so that they can begin to make sense of and communicate how they feel.

To help the children develop their creative and expressive art skills they were encouraged to look closely at the features of the pigs and to draw and paint what they saw. They also enjoyed using junk modelling materials to create houses and items to help the piggies - or the wolf!

Naturally with this story the children showed a keen interest in building things and were provided with their own construction yards. They tested out the strength of different building materials and enjoyed opportunities to practise decision-making and social skills such as sharing and collaborating.



MOTHER NATURE

Reception class watched with wonder over a six week period as the butterfly caterpillars in their garden nets transformed one by one from chrysalis and emerged as beautiful butterflies. Once their transformation was complete the children carefully released them to nature.



From Our Hearts

Our Kindergarten and Nursery departments are always brimming with love but it was positively overflowing in February with the children enjoying Valentine's Day themed activities. To help develop their creativity and fine motor skills the children in Kindergarten made beautiful cards and enjoyed baking cookies for their loved ones, while Nursery children undertook the tricky task of sorting gems and petals in the Tuff Spot and mixing paint to create heart pictures in shades of red and pink.

My Buddy

The children's family values shone through as Form 6 pupils met their Reception buddies for the first time in September. The buddy programme allows the Reception children to quickly feel part of the Eversfield family and offers strong role models to learn from.



Safari Discovery

The sun shone brightly for Form 3 on their visit to West Midlands Safari Park drawing all of the animals out for their safari drive-through!

It was a wonderful adventure for the children to see rhinos, deer, buffalo, lionesses with their cubs, white tigers, statuesque giraffes, and an impressive white lion who posed for them as they drove past!

They had an exciting Ice and Stone Age tour with a very knowledgeable tour guide which enhanced their class-based learning on the Stone Age.

They watched the penguins being fed and a park keeper took time to introduce all of the penguins to the group and told them about their very different personalities and, in the afternoon, they enjoyed a small animals' show which generated lots of very impressive questions! It was a wonderful wild encounter!



London's Burning

Fire, fire! Fetch the engines! The children in Form 2 were transported back in time to 1666 to learn about the devastation caused by the Great Fire of London.

Taking part in a workshop hosted by expert historians Portals to the Past they investigated different historical sources to interpret the cause of the fire and how the events of the night unfolded as the medieval city was destroyed. Through drama-based activities they learnt how residents tackled the blaze using equipment stored in churches at the time and enthusiastically sang London's Burning as they attempted to put the fire out and save London.



Life in Medieval Times

Following in the footsteps of the Normans, Form 1 enjoyed a fascinating visit to historical Tamworth Castle and were transported back to experience first-hand what life was like in medieval times.

Their journey started in the Grand Dining Room where they helped the Lady's servant prepare the dining table for the Lord and Lady of the castle. Handling replicas of historical items and through role play they explored the differences between rich and poor, then and now, continuity and change.

An interactive workshop taught them how the castle was used as a defensive structure, who had lived at the castle and what it took to be a squire and knight in the medieval times. They participated in a bill drill, marching with a bill hook and enjoyed visiting the tower and the battlements for a birds-eye view across the Staffordshire countryside.



CELEBRATING WORLD RELIGIONS

We aim to support children in deepening their understanding of their own beliefs as well as understanding more about the beliefs of others and to celebrate diversity. During the summer term Form 3 discussed how Muslims celebrate during the month of Ramadan and the importance of The Holy Qur'an as a sacred script. Ranyah expertly applied intricate mehndi designs and Yahya and Yusuf shared artefacts and thoughtfully explained their meaning and significance to everyone.



Model Pupils

Getting to grips with geometric 3D shapes can be really quite tricky but Form 1 worked with their partners to master 3D model making with straws.



Cheers!

The children in Form 2 investigated capacity and enjoyed working out and using measures to make their special Christmas mocktails.



ENGINEERING DESIGN CHALLENGE 2022

As part of their STEM studies, Form 6 participated in an engineering challenge to design and manufacture a battery-operated car. The six-week challenge culminated in a presentation by each group to Mrs Sliney and our guest adjudicator Mrs Mistry, a design engineer and data scientist with Jaguar Land Rover, who decided on a winning model based not only on the final product but also analysis of the design and manufacturing process.

There were hurdles along the way and the teams soon discovered engineers need to be both creative and good problem solvers as they collaborated to improve and refine their prototype designs. Many congratulations to challenge winners HDS Motors (Surina, Diyan and Harry) and runners-up Thunderbirds (Raya, William and Yahya).



LEARNING JOURNEYS

The benefits that residential school trips bring to a child's unique learning journey make them an essential part of any all-round education. The diverse programme which ran during the summer term for Forms 4, 5 and 6 saw the children's independence and confidence increase. The trips to London, Wales and the Isle of Wight took the children out of their comfort zones and saw their perspective and life experience grow, adding vital life skills that will help shape them into successful adults.



CAPITAL LONDON CITY

From interactive media exhibits and West End musicals, to outdoor activities and sightseeing, Form 4 enjoyed many of London's top attractions and cultural heritage in their fun-filled three day curriculum-based city break.

NATURAL WORLD DISCOVERY

Form 5 were immersed in the natural world, taking in its sights, sounds and smells, and building their confidence, communication and team-working skills on their residential trip to Margam Discovery Centre and the coastal plain and southern slopes of Mynydd Margam.

LAND, SEA AND AIR ADVENTURE

At the PGL Little Canada Activity Centre on the Isle of Wight, Form 6 enjoyed the excitement and freedom of the outdoors and faced the physical and mental challenges of a whole range of adventure activities to build their resilience, encourage co-operation and develop independent thinking.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Born at a time when technological devices are getting smarter and everything is connected, it can be hard for Generation Alpha children to appreciate what life was like with no cars, no TV and no phone. At Blist's Hill Victorian Town, Form 5 experienced the sights, sounds and smells of a working Victorian Shropshire town and enjoyed the highlights and curiosities they discovered of living in the Victorian period.



Blast-off to Space Camp

Space Camp is always exciting and this year's expedition to the depths of outer space did not disappoint. The jewels of an autumn night sky eluded the astronomers with Solihull's night skies shrouded by cloud cover but the power of technology prevailed. Using SkyView, an augmented reality app, the stargazers discovered the different constellations, planets and stars in the night sky. The international space station even made a guest appearance.

To help make the children more aware of the physical demands of space travel they undertook different exercises that are part of NASA's training programme for astronauts. Finally, it was time to bed down on planet earth and watch the space-themed movie WALL-E. Eventually all fell soundly asleep for an unexpectedly peaceful night.



MATHS MASTERS $xy=ab^2$

Huge congratulations to our team of Year 5 mathematicians who came third overall in the King Edward's School, Birmingham Year 5 Maths Challenge. Rayaan, Yuqing, Lksh and Aryan worked together fantastically well and Rayaan was even invited to show all the participants how to solve one of the challenging problems.



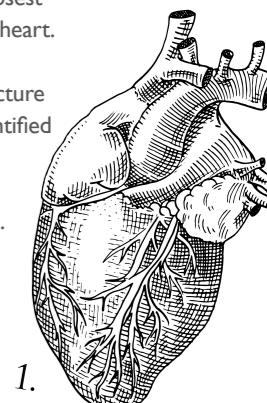
Encounters with King John

At Worcester Cathedral, Form 4 encountered King John and enjoyed exploring its ancient crypt, medieval cloisters and royal tombs. The 1000-year-old cathedral is a stunning setting to consolidate the pupil's medieval knowledge learned this term and build their cultural capital.

INVESTIGATING THE HEART

In a memorable and immersive science lesson Form 6 dissected a sheep's heart which is the closest example to a human heart.

They studied its structure and function and identified the organ's main vessels and valves and how blood flows.



Skyscraper City

During British Science Week, Mrs Slincy set the whole school the challenge to see 'Who can build the tallest tower?'

Kicking off the week-long programme Reception called on the aid of their Year 6 buddies, and Kindergarten and Nursery drafted in assistance from Form 5. Using Kapla construction sets to construct their towers, the results from Kindergarten, Nursery, Reception, Forms 1, 2 and 3 were impressive both visually and structurally.

The challenge stepped up for Upper School as they set to work designing and building their skyscrapers out of paper. They tested different theories on which shapes were strongest and, with mixed results, endeavoured to incorporate their findings into their designs.

With skyscraper cities completed in record times the overall winners were the Form 6 trio Lexi, David and William whose construction soared to 2 metres 9 cm.



JUBILANT CELEBRATIONS

Seventy years is an incredible stretch of time to have been in a role and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June brought people together across the country to enjoy fun and festivity as well as celebrate an achievement never seen before. For us at school we celebrated with a fun-filled afternoon of excitement for our children and an opportunity for us all to develop our 'party skills'!

National Science Quiz Championships



Congratulations to our team Sania, Benjamin, Viran, Enzo, Vivienne, Rajan, Aidan and George, who were selected to represent Eversfield in the National Science Quiz Championships. The national inter-school competition is fantastic fun for our pupils and covers everything from the solar system to the smallest creatures on earth, from inventions that transform our world to science in our everyday lives.

CULTURAL CURIOSITY

The week's programme to mark European Day of Languages ignited the children's intercultural curiosity and extended their language knowledge.

A special assembly shared with Upper School celebrated the rich variety of languages spoken by pupils at Eversfield. Between them the children can speak 17 different languages with a proportion of the children being bilingual or multilingual. During the assembly children showcased their linguistic talents with language recitals.

Mrs Baldwin took the children in Upper School and Middle School on a virtual whistle-stop tour to Europe revealing the finest French attractions through digital technology. Nursery and Kindergarten children enjoyed listening to a French story and Reception children enjoyed watching a sightseeing video of Paris before drawing their favourite monument.



Eversfield Judged Excellent

We continue to strive to make Eversfield a school that offers many opportunities and an excellent all-round education for every one of our pupils. We were delighted to be able to share the findings of our ISI inspection with everyone in February.

The inspection involved a thorough analysis of the school, its policies, procedures, education and care of the pupils. All school practices were scrutinised and pupils were observed within lessons and activities. The quality of education section of the report is a delight to read and made us all feel exceptionally proud. It certainly verified that Eversfield is one of the best prep schools in the country and all our pupils are receiving an excellent educational experience, second to none.

"Pupils are inspired and motivated to learn."

Independent Schools Inspectorate



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ILLUSTRATORS

This year marked a whopping 25 years since the UK's first World Book Day! We celebrated with activities across the school that immersed staff and pupils enthusiastically into the wonderful world of book illustration.

Kindergarten children were immersed in the world of David McKee, writer and illustrator of the Elmer books, creating their own animals with vibrant patchwork mosaics. The magnificently colourful world of Eric Carle proved a popular choice with Nursery who experimented with paint textures to create their Blue Horses, and with Form 1 who created an imaginative array of Very Hungry Monsters.

Reception children stepped into the world of E H Shepherd with Winnie-the-Pooh, Christopher Robin and their friends in the Hundred Acre Wood, while the cartoon world of Quentin Blake and his work with Roald Dahl was explored by Form 2 and Form 5.

The instantly recognisable work of Alex Scheffler provided an array of characters for Form 3 to practise their freehand drawing skills, while the characters of the talented writer and illustrator Beatrix Potter captured the imagination of Form 4 who enjoyed painting with watercolours.





Angel Express

Starring Lower School



“What an amazing, confident and polished performance they delivered.”

“Extra! Extra! – Read all about it!” So read the front page of Angel Express which followed the excitement of a choir of heaven’s angels as they hastily practised a new song for the birth of baby Jesus. Children and parents alike enjoyed the jubilant nativity production which featured the whole of Lower School as its cast.

Christmas Around the World

Starring Form 2



“A superb lively and colourful globetrotting tour.”

Through a showcase of songs and narrated scenes Form 2 shared Christmas traditions enjoyed by children around the world as they transported the audience to Australia, Ghana, Hawaii, Spain and France. The children performed superbly and enjoyed sharing the cultural characteristics of each land.



MEMORY MAKERS

After two years of restricted activities due to the pandemic, the Eversfield School Association (ESA) was delighted to be able to provide a full calendar of events this academic year.

During the Michaelmas term the ESA team worked their magic organising the much-loved Christmas Fayre and festive activities. The children enjoyed visiting the family gift stall to buy Christmas gifts for loved ones, trips to Santa’s Grotto, as well as visiting Santa’s reindeer who took a break from their busy seasonal schedule to make a special stop at Eversfield. In addition, support for the ESA Christmas Raffle was amazing and the whole school was filled with festively decorated boxes for the Lucky Dip Stall.

Lent and summer terms provided the children with three sensational events for them to enjoy, creating lasting memories with school friends and family. The ESA disco provided glitter and glamour with tattoos, glow sticks, popsicles, drinks and neon decoration, and The Great Baldini dazzled Lower School with his wonderfully silly romp of stunning illusions and hilarious audience interaction that had the children screaming with laughter. The cooperation and commitment of members of our community who came together voluntarily to stage the Summer Fayre for everyone to share and enjoy was phenomenal. There was fun and activities for the children, the fabulous D-Day Darlings entertaining the crowd and a sensational array of prizes on offer for lucky raffle winners. Zoom meetings were held regularly throughout the year and were well attended, and the new drop-off bin for collection of second-hand uniform massively increased uniform contributions made available for sale.

Over £9,000 profitable contribution was deposited into the savings pot, part of which will be used to replace a number of benches, topped with classic board games, across the School’s playgrounds and recreational areas which always draw a crowd and are popular spots for the children to gather and socialise.





RUGBY FESTIVAL TOUCHES DOWN



After missing a year due to COVID, the Eversfield U11 Rugby Festival was back on the calendar and provided valuable playing time and opportunity to hone skills ready for the busy match season. Playing alongside Eversfield we welcomed King Henry VIII Prep School, Bablake and The Croft.

Under blue skies Eversfield began their campaign against The Croft, current holders of the cup. Early attrition with good defending by both sides gave way as The Croft began to find the space down Eversfield's wings. Eversfield was resolute in their defence but The Croft kept their shape a little better and were able to exploit the space to secure a win.

Game two was against Bablake and Eversfield worked hard to keep their shape, learning from the first match, but as the half wore on and legs got tired, this became harder to do. It was a tough game but our players found a break to score the inaugural try of the season for Eversfield.

Going into the final game against King Henry VIII Prep spirits were a little low, but the team kept battling. The match was evenly balanced between the two teams who tied at 4-4, which is how the game finished; a fair result on balance.

Bablake took the overall title, as they were victorious over The Croft in their final game, but our players had plenty to be proud of!

Football Escapes

Our squad of 10 footballers were excited to join 12 other teams to compete in the Football Escapes ISFA U11 Midland Regionals at Repton School. The top two teams from each group would go on to the semi-finals and knockout stage of the competition.

In truth it was a tough day of play with Eversfield placed in the group with Fairfield, Leicester Grammar, Derby High, The Elms and Warwick School. The quality and speed of the football being played was at a very high level. The team took a bit of time to get into their stride, with our best result coming in the fourth game against Leicester Grammar where we lost 2-1. Great pride can be taken in the fact that all the players worked hard during every minute of every game and never gave up. Once play had finished we enjoyed lunch whilst watching the semi-final and final, noting that both finalists were from our group earlier in the day. All the players enjoyed their day out and it was nice to be able to take part in such a competition again.



Members of our new Fencing Club have enjoyed learning the challenging combination of mental and physical skills required for the sport. They have to think fast and strategically while perfecting their timing and coordination.



Chess has continued to be one of our most popular lunchtime clubs with many skilful players enjoying learning new strategies from Mr James on how to outmanoeuvre their opposition.

SWIMMING SQUAD MAKE A WAVE

A brilliant swim by the U10 boys medley relay team at the IAPS National Swimming Finals held at the London Aquatics Centre in June resulted in them finishing 4th in their heat and 12th overall in the country! More than 400 schools entered the competition so it is a terrific achievement. We are very proud of the team and all the work they have put in.



Engaging Opponents

A game-based workshop hosted by Nigel Scarfe, a seasoned gamer with Imagination Gaming, unearthed strengths and talents for decision making, strategic thinking, and problem solving the Form 6 pupils didn't know they possessed.

In a time when it is increasingly difficult to engage children who are fixated on electronic stimulus, games are more important than ever in breaking down barriers and helping reach inside a person's mind, unleashing their creativity, inspiring them to think tactically and to enjoy interacting with others.

With dozens of games on offer, from shape-based challenges to reflex and reaction games, there was something to appeal to everyone - helping the children discover new talents and have fun engaging with their opponents.



HOWZAT!

Girls cricket is continuing to soar in popularity at Eversfield and our girls have enjoyed playing matches against other girls-only school teams. They have enjoyed some very good victories and strengthened and built upon their skills and knowledge of the game.

GROWTH OF HOCKEY

With the children choosing which sport they would like to take part in, hockey is now the most popular sport on offer at Eversfield with the school putting out co-ed teams to take part in festivals and matches against other schools in the surrounding area.



NETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Our U10 and U11 netball teams grasped the opportunity to compete in the South Solihull School Sports U11 Netball League. There are five leagues altogether made up of local state and independent schools placed in a league according to the number of children on their school's roll. The U11 team had a tremendous season winning all of their matches and were declared the league champions for the third year in a row!



ANGLES V SAXONS

The Eversfield house system fosters a strong sense of belonging, team spirit, healthy competition and pride. For the first time in three years we were able to run all 16 of the house events featuring over 44 rugby, hockey, football, netball and cricket matches! It was a closely battled competition with Angles winning the Middle School Shield and Saxons lifting the Upper School Shield.



SPORTS DAY

As far as the sporting calendar goes, it does not get much bigger than Sports Day! All the children in Middle and Upper School compete in track and field events and, for the first time in three years, we were able to invite spectators to join us to watch and support the children. Heading into the Middle School track events, and with the field events already completed, Angles had built up a healthy lead over the Saxons. Spurred on by the crowd they kept the momentum never relinquishing the lead.

In Upper School a similar pattern evolved at the Norman Green Athletics Track with one house taking an early lead in the field events, and never relinquishing it. This time it was the Saxons who triumphed. However, with three house trophies up for contention there was still the Tug-o-War and House Relay to compete for. It was winner takes all as the teams commenced the third and final pull and Saxons won. Despite the Angles handsomely winning the practice relay race just two days earlier, the Saxons proved that on the day they had what it takes, pulling away early on and keeping their lead.

In Lower School the children race purely for the pleasure of competing. With lots of stickers and certificates, a few inevitable mishaps, there was lots of smiles and enjoyment had.

House Swimming Heats Up

Middle School and Upper School held their house swimming galas over the final few weeks of summer term. Hotly contested, these galas not only have the coveted house cup up for grabs, but there are also individual cups for boys and girls. Both galas were very evenly contested adding to the excitement with the scores going back and forth between Angles and Saxons. In Middle School it all came down to the last race of the day, with Saxons claiming the decisive points to win by a single point! For Middle School it was very close heading into the final stages, but Angles began to pull ahead, eventually winning. One win and a coveted cup for each house!

DAZZLING MUSICAL WORLD TOUR

This year's house music competition took us on a dazzling tour of the world. From music hall songs to 1970's chart toppers and a tour across Europe to the desert regions of southwest United States, all styles of musical genres and instruments were showcased including vocals, piano, wind, brass, string and drums.

Almost 80 children auditioned and 24 finalists from Forms 3 to 6 took to the stage in a bid to secure the prestigious cup. While the emphasis was very much on enjoyment and participation, the difficult task of deciding who the winning house would be sat with adjudicator Mrs Alexandra Wynne, a graduate in Vocal and Operatic Studies from Birmingham Conservatoire, a choral director and singing teacher at Birmingham Junior Conservatoire, and co-founder of the St Chad's Choral Outreach Programme. Announcing Angles as the winner, Mrs Wynne praised all of the soloists and house choirs on their performances. Congratulations to Angles!



The house quiz underway at the end of Michaelmas term.

FORESTS OF LAND AND SEA

Hearing of Global Canvas, the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation annual children's art competition, a talented group of Form 6 art pupils worked energetically during their lunchtimes, at home and in Art Club to create a collaborative entry.

With an exciting theme inspired by "Forests of Land and Sea" the group created a striking three-dimensional tree that represents the damaging impact of pollution on our planet. Constructed from papier mâché, one side of the central tree construction displays models of vibrant wildlife, insects, birds and flora, while the other side in contrast exhibits pollution, decay and dying sea life. The thought provoking display is exhibited in the art studio for everyone to enjoy.



Exhibition of Young Local Artists

Allowing visitors to swap crowds for the comfort of home, the 'Exhibition of Young Local Artists', hosted by Warwick School, embraced the power of digital technology and launched its first virtual gallery.

The creative oversized 3D papier-mâché beetles crafted by Year 6 pupils Raya, Yahya and Monty featured in the exhibition which celebrated the work of some of the most talented young artists from primary schools across the region



The Art of Weaving

In art Form 3 have been learning to weave. They have created natural weaves using materials from the nature area, learnt how to make South American God's Eyes using lolly stick looms and wool, and how to paper weave to create striking optical effects.



Van Gogh

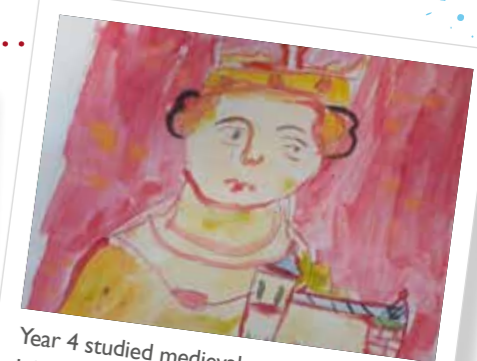
Van Gogh was amongst the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western Art and his work has been the focus for Year 1. They studied Van Gogh's series of sunflowers and produced some lovely oil pastel work along with a textile piece which offered them the opportunity to learn how to sew using appliqué.



Judith Kerr's illustrations for her novel *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* inspired Form 6 to decorate tins of delicious tiger treats.



Learning skills in printing and sewing Form 5 created mixed media pieces based on dragon eyes.



Year 4 studied medieval portraits of King John in Lent term and created their own interpretations with some very successful and striking results.



Joseph and the amazing technicolor dreamcoat



This year, Form 6 treated us to Eversfield's first musical production in three years and what a spectacle it proved to be!

The choice of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, was ambitious to say the least; with over twenty musical numbers, all of which required line learning, part singing, harmonies and choreography, this production is an exacting undertaking even for a professional cast. The children committed themselves wholeheartedly to the task and rehearsed extensively for several months to produce the final, polished performances that delighted packed auditoriums each night.

The vast range of musical genres gave many pupils the chance to demonstrate their versatility and flair as they stepped up to the challenge with energy and enthusiasm. The seamless deliveries, beautiful voices and slick moves made this one of the most memorable performances we have seen at Eversfield.



RHYTHM OF BROADWAY

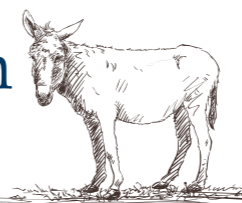
The curtains rose as Broadway and the sounds of sensational musical theatre arrived at Eversfield.

With over one hundred children, staff and members of the school community, eleven of our vocal and instrumental groups delighted an enthusiastic audience with their polished performances. Events such as these are a vital part of our school community, coming together to share and celebrate the achievements and talents of our children.

Mary Poppins, Titanic, My Fair Lady, Six the Musical, Frozen, We Will Rock You, Annie, The Lion King, Les Misérables, Mamma Mia! and The Sound of Music were all among the many musicals featured along with choreographed singing and audience participation. The children rose superbly to the occasion, delighting the audience time and again with the professional quality of their performances.



Jerusalem Joy



We journeyed with Form 3 and Moss the donkey as they took us on a musical retelling of the Easter story from Palm Sunday to the resurrection on Easter Sunday. The children all performed superbly and rose wonderfully to the challenge of remembering all their lines, songs and choreography.



Bard's Great tragedy

To mark National Shakespeare Week, Form 5 observed a long-established Eversfield tradition and staged a Shakespeare play in just one week!

This year's performance of Macbeth came as the culmination of just one week's preparation packed with line-learning, blocking and intense rehearsal as the children learnt what it takes to get a play from script to stage. The final result showcased the wealth of acting talent we have in Form 5.

Well done to all the pupils involved and a huge thank you to the parents for all their support with learning lines at home.



Eversfield Voices

Having made the decision to withdraw from the national Young Voices concert series due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, Eversfield's Director of Music, Mr Biggs, in a bid not to disappoint, staged our own Eversfield Voices 2022 concert for pupils in Form 6.

Stepping into the spotlight, Form 6 pupils collectively performed a programme of traditional and contemporary music from stage and screen, with specially choreographed moves. The concert

also featured six crowd-pleasing 'celebrity guest performers' from Form 6 who confidently hit the stage to perform solo. An enthusiastic audience were soon up on their feet clapping and moving to the beat.

To perform collectively with school friends helped boost all the children's confidence and ability to communicate as part of a team; it certainly made for an exciting and memorable musical experience.

A Special Place

At the start of the academic year Zoë's Place Baby Hospice Coventry was unveiled as our beneficiary school charity for the year.

The long-established children's charity provides palliative, respite and end of life care to babies and infants suffering from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. Over £14,000 has been raised to support the work of the charity which is a tremendous accomplishment during such a challenging year.

HUGE thanks to everyone for your generous support.



RECORD-BREAKING FAMOUS FIVE

Entrepreneurial Form 5 pupils got creative and took on the school's annual Fantastic Fiver Charity Challenge raising a record-breaking amount of over £5,400 for this year's school's beneficiary charity Zoë's Place Coventry Baby Hospice.

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 support the vital work of the charity's clinical team with families across the region.

Many used Easter escapes as an opportunity to raise funds by crafting greeting cards with seashells, turning a profit buying and selling lip sun balm, holding virtual international musical concerts and one pupil undertook a sponsored climb of Table Mountain, South Africa. Paintings were commissioned, handmade chocolates crafted, cookies and cakes

baked, instruments played, and cars washed, with one enterprising pupil approaching NatWest and receiving a community funding award. There were sponsored events with pupils jumping on their bikes, kicking and saving footballs and donning their ice skating boots. A charity bingo event attracted a crowd for one pupil and another created and sold first-aid kits generating a profit for the charity with each sale.

Bethany Abbotts, Community and Events Fundraiser with Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, congratulated the children on their fundraising saying, "I would like to extend a huge thank you. An incredible amount was raised! We have and continue to be blown away by the efforts of all the staff and children involved at Eversfield, their creativity, willingness to support, and innovative ideas. This support will go such a long way here at Zoë's Place."

Fun, Fitness and Fundraising

The final fundraising event of the year in aid of Zoë's Place Baby Hospice Coventry was our Sponsored Fun and Fitness Fundraiser. The annual doughnut sale was a hit at break time and during the afternoon the whole school took part in our sponsored charity fitness activities.



CHAMPION SPELLING BEE CROWNED

Our competition to crown Eversfield's top speller culminated in a grand finale spelling shoot-out. Over 75% of children from Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6 enthusiastically signed-up to compete and raise funds for Zoë's Place. Many congratulations to Lksh (Form 5) who claimed the crown as Eversfield's Champion Spelling Bee.



A Cracking Competition

There were some egg-cellent entries to the egg decorating competition. Congratulations to all the children who so imaginatively decorated their eggs and raised over £100 in support of Zoë's Place Baby Hospice Coventry.



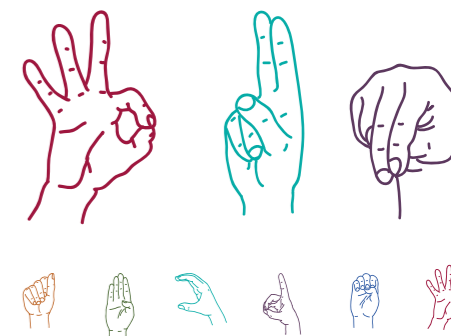
UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

The situation in Ukraine has left many Ukrainian families homeless, without essential needs and their former lives in the distance. We were glad to have been able to support some of the families caught up in the horrific disaster by helping facilitate a humanitarian appeal. Thanks to the family links of parents within the Eversfield community everyone's generous donations were collected and distributed through a group based in Birmingham to refugees from Ukraine.

GROWING TOGETHER

Children's Mental Health Week provided an opportunity for us to shine a spotlight on the importance of children's mental health. The theme of the week was 'Growing Together' and we started by sharing a virtual assembly and resources which led to lots of discussion about how we have grown as people, how we can support others and what our future ambitions are.

Our youngest children in Kindergarten talked about their feelings, read stories and joined HRH The Duchess of Cambridge for a special CBeebies story and, as part of our growth story as a school, our peer mentors started to learn British Sign Language which they shared with the rest of the school during summer term.



Spooktacular

In a spooktacular non-uniform day filled with fun spooky-themed learning activities over £850 was raised in support of Zoë's Place Baby Hospice Coventry. There was a fantastic array of imaginative outfits and the children really enjoyed taking part in pumpkin carving, skeleton building, spooky music making, 3D pumpkin modelling and our very own Strictly Fright Night dancing.

Class of 2007

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. Chris Beaumont-Dark

Attended University College London and then read Politics and Economics at Leeds University where he also studied for his MA in Politics. Chris is now living in London and working in equity sales for Stifel.

2. Ryan Dhadwal

After Eversfield Ryan attended Warwick School and then moved on to Bath University where he studied Business Management. He is now working in recruitment for Michael Page.

3. Christian Engsted

Christian moved to Surrey at the end of Form 6 where he attended Gordon's School. He read Economics and Business at Nottingham Trent University and is now a Sustainable Finance Advisor.

4. Ben Elkin

Ben moved on to Princethorpe College after which he joined the marketing department at Jaguar Land Rover. He now runs his own property development company.

5. Alastair Harryman

Alastair moved to Warwick School after Eversfield and then on to Newcastle University where he read Politics. He then joined the UK police force and is currently a Response Officer with Durham Constabulary.

6. Sophie Hill (former Head Girl)

Sophie was one of the first girls to attend Eversfield from Nursery through to Form 6. She moved to Edgbaston High School and then progressed to read Music at Royal Holloway, University of London, and then studied for her masters in Marketing at Durham University. She now works as a media consultant in the international team of a global media consultancy firm.

7. Jessica McCormack

Jessica attended Solihull School when she left Eversfield and now works in Human Resources.

8. Jacob Small

Following his time at Eversfield Jacob attended Solihull School. Having completed a degree in Chemical Engineering at Newcastle University, Jacob is now a Management of Change Engineer with Calor Gas.

9. James Stansfield

James left Eversfield to attend Princethorpe College. He studied music at BIMM Institute Birmingham and is now a music producer and events manager.

10. Keelan Fadden-Hopper

After leaving Eversfield Keelan attended King Edward's School and went on to study Arts and Sciences at University College London. He now works as a Digital Product Manager at Essex County Council.

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



Student Stars in Commonwealth Games

A former pupil of Eversfield, Angel Garvey-Hendrickson, embarked on a remarkable journey that saw her shining on stage in the spotlight at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. A performing arts student at Solihull College and University Centre, Angel became part of Birmingham's history performing alongside some of the West Midlands' finest talent at The Commonwealth Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

FORM PRIZES

Form 1

Maya Bhogal
Sohan Dave
Matilda Fowler
Daniel McDonald

Form 4

Nico Bhogal
Jack Collier
Zakariya Dooner
Claudia Vara Sanz

Form 2

Florence Allen
Milo Dacre
Isabella Grove
Ferielle Souissi

Form 5

Benjamin Cresswell
Mariam Dhansay
Lama Elgali
Henry May

Form 3

Xavier Boparan
Mollie Gosling
Harriet Hawley
Vira Kotecha

Form 6

Remi Atherton
Emma Cekrezi
Trisha Deshpande
Noah Sales

11+ SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Ela Agarwal	Academic
Trisha Deshpande	Academic
Yahya Elsharkawy	Academic
Lexi Hong	Academic, art and music
George Horton	Academic
William Jarratt	Academic
Vivienne Shi	Academic and music
Rajan Singh	Academic
Diyan Sonpal	Academic
Aidan Zhao	Academic and music

MIDDLE SCHOOL CUPS AND AWARDS

Endeavour Cup	Amelia Oates Joshua Sales
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FORM 6 CUPS AND AWARDS

Donald Smith Cup for consistent high academic standards	George Horton
Lattey Cup for all round contribution	Ela Agarwal
Carol Burke Science and Engineering Award	Yahya Elsharkawy
Starbuck Cup for Arts	Lexi Hong
Beatrice Humphris Cup for Music	Aidan Zhao
Drama Cup (Including LAMDA)	Raya Hothi
Headmaster's Cup for contribution to Team Sports (Boys)	Harry Collier
Headmaster's Cup for contribution to Team Sports (Girls)	Remy Monk
Madden Cup for good citizenship	Rajan Singh
Information Technology Cup	Olivia-Grace Warren

SPORTS AWARDS

U6 Boys Sports Cup	Henry Sutherland
U6 Girls Sports Cup	Tilly-Rose Cope
U7 Boys Sports Cup	Abdur-Rahman Moazzum
U7 Girls Sports Cup	Amelia Deeny
U8 Boys Sports Cup	Louis Monk
U8 Girls Sports Cup	Isobel Friend
U9 Boys Sports Cup	Leo Grove
U9 Girls Sports Cup	Claudia Vara Sanz
U10 Boys Sports Cup	Henry Nankivell
U10 Girls Sports Cup	Harriet Dickson
U11 Boys Sports Cup	David Ogueo
U11 Girls Sports Cup	Olivia-Grace Warren

SWIMMING AWARDS

U6 Boys Swimming Cup	Ayyoub Abuelmaatti Charlie Gilbert-Smith
U6 Girls Swimming Cup	Matilda Fowler
U7 Boys Swimming Cup	Edward May
U7 Girls Swimming Cup	Amelia Deeny
U8 Boys Swimming Shield	Rohan Agarwal
U8 Girls Swimming Shield	Isobel Friend
U9 Boys Swimming Shield	Lincoln Baxter
U9 Girls Swimming Shield	Claudia Vara Sanz
U10 Boys Swimming Salver	Enzo Bernard Vidal
U10 Girls Swimming Salver	Harriet Dickson
	Yuqing Gao
U11 Boys Swimming Cup	Aidan Zhao
U11 Girls Swimming Cup	Remy Monk

Valete et Salvete

At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed a number of new members of staff to Eversfield. Mrs Victoria Elwell joined as Subject Leader of Art and Design, Mrs Helen Dean and Mrs Sally Olsen joined as Teaching and Learning Support Assistants, Mr Marcus Draper joined as Lunchtime Supervisor and Games Coach, and we welcomed Mrs Deborah Mian into the post of School Nurse.

In October 2021, Miss Jo Kentish joined the administrative team and Mrs Nicolette Lutz became a permanent member of the teaching staff in November 2021. In January 2022, Mrs Samantha Hall joined the Lunchtime Supervisor team.

At the end of Michaelmas 2021 term, we said goodbye to Mrs Alison Hynes, Class Teacher, who took early retirement after 14 years' service to Eversfield.

We welcomed Mr Anthony Perry to our Board of Governors in March 2022. Mr Perry is a Consultant General Surgeon in Worcestershire and

was Clinical Director for the service for 7 years. He is the father of two recent Eversfield pupils and brings a contemporary parent perspective to the Governing body.

At the end of the academic year we said farewell to Mrs Louise O'Connor, Finance Assistant, who is moving to another post, and three members of our Teaching and Learning Support Assistant team: Miss Annabelle Price is commencing teacher training, Mrs Sonia White retired after 21 years' service and Mrs Carly Woodward who is moving to another school closer to home.

Mrs Sally Brown, Form 1 Class Teacher, also departed to enjoy early retirement after 15 years' service, and Mrs Rhian Gilmartin, Reception Class Teacher, departed after 10 years' service to join another school closer to home. Both teachers, along with Mrs White received a gift of crystal from the Governors to mark their long and valued service.



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