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# Welcome

I love to spend time looking through the Eversfield annual review magazine. It never ceases to amaze me how much is achieved throughout each year. This year has been no exception. As time marches forward so does the school. I pulled out a review magazine from 1989 the other day and it gave me so many pleasant memories. It also reminds me of how long I have been associated with the school. Many things have changed since then of course, but the same Eversfield family atmosphere exists. Who would have believed that we would be celebrating the purchase of our first electric minibus back in those days? That was science fiction material. So many other new features of the school were not even invented back then.

Our new computer suite, the interactive smart boards, schoolwide iPads and the sound and lighting equipment for the drama productions. But there is so much more than physical inventions that have improved since then. The opportunities, the resources, the teaching and learning and the communication. However, the one stable, unchanging dimension of Eversfield is the social, spiritual and moral foundation that is shared amongst all our community. Our pupils are kind, considerate and deeply caring. And they manage that whilst having fun and enjoying themselves, learning something new every day at school.

Please enjoy looking through this year's adventures and remember to keep it somewhere safe, to look back at in another twenty years' time.

**Robert A Yates**  
Headmaster

## Results Reveal Pedigree for Stretching and Supporting Pupils

This year's 11+ examination results underline the School's pedigree for stretching and supporting children whatever their talents and abilities may be. We have a limitless belief in the abilities of our pupils and take pride in our outstanding academic programme that prepares pupils for entry to the leading schools within the region and beyond.



**77**  
OFFERS RECEIVED TO JOIN  
LEADING INDEPENDENT AND  
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.



**23**  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FEATURING  
ACADEMIC, ALL-ROUNDER,  
HEADMASTER AND MUSIC.



**17**  
A RICH VARIETY OF SELECTIVE  
GRAMMAR AND INDEPENDENT  
SENIOR SCHOOLS OFFERING PLACES.

### 11+ EXAMINATION RESULTS 2024

#### BABLAKE SCHOOL

N Rozier  
R Singh (academic and music  
scholarships)

#### BISHOP VESEY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

R Singh

#### BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

M Ahmed  
L Baxter  
L Bird  
J Collier  
R Dahia  
B Hasan  
R Scriven  
R Singh (academic and music  
scholarships)

#### CHELTENHAM LADIES' COLLEGE

S Xia

#### HARROW SCHOOL (13+)

H Shi

#### HEADINGTON SCHOOL

S Xia (academic scholarship)

#### KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

M Bhachu  
A Wojtczak

#### KING EDWARD VI HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

M Bhachu  
A Wojtczak (academic scholarship)  
S Xia

#### KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL FOR BOYS

H Shi  
D Tuan-Mu

#### KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL

A Ashokkumar  
L Grove  
H Shi (music scholarship)  
R Singh (academic scholarship)

#### KING'S HIGH SCHOOL

M Bhachu (academic scholarship)  
C Dempsey  
S Iqbal  
N Rozier  
M Sawle  
C Vara Sanz

J Walia  
A Wojtczak (academic scholarship)  
S Xia (all rounder and music  
scholarships)

#### KINGSLEY SCHOOL

N Rozier  
M Sawle  
R Scriven  
J Walia

#### PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE

J Collier  
B Hasan

#### SOLIHULL SCHOOL

L Baxter  
M Bhachu (academic scholarship)  
N Bhogal  
L Bird  
C Bradshaw (exhibition)  
H Burrows  
Z Dooner  
L Grove (academic scholarship)  
S Iqbal  
J Kim  
S Mantle  
R Scriven  
H Shi (music scholarship)

R Singh (academic scholarship)  
C Vara Sanz  
A Wojtczak (academic scholarship)  
S Xia

#### WARWICK SCHOOL

M Ahmed  
A Ashokkumar  
L Baxter (academic scholarship)  
N Bhogal  
L Bird  
C Bradshaw  
H Burrows  
R Dahia  
Z Dooner  
L Grove (academic scholarship)  
H Moore  
H Shi (headmaster, academic  
and music scholarships)  
R Singh (headmaster scholarship)

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

H Shi

#### WINCHESTER COLLEGE

H Shi



# Nutrition Matters

We foster a culture of health and wellness across the curriculum and in daily activities to empower our pupils to make informed choices from an early age, when the foundations for healthy eating habits are formed.

To extend the children's understanding in this vital area we welcomed nutritionist Georgia Ridgeway to school, to share her enthusiasm and expert knowledge about why it's important to eat a colourful diet to improve our health. The children learned why and which foods help with everything from brain function and energy levels, to night vision and bone strength.



## Rural Rendezvous

We offered a very warm welcome to Warwickshire farmers Duncan and Nicola Hawley as they joined Lower School for an adorable close-up springtime rendezvous with some of the youngest members of their flock. The children learned about the diet and behaviour of the lambs and the vital role farmers play in raising livestock.



## CYCLE SAFETY SKILLS

The team from Bikeability joined Reception children to help them gain practical cycling skills, develop their understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads, and have fun by adopting an active lifestyle.



## Theatre of the Shadows

The enchanting Theatre of the Shadows shared the magic of puppet theatre with Kindergarten and Nursery who were captivated by the retelling of the story of Cinders and her horrid sisters Mona and Meana.



## Festival of Lights

We aim to support children in deepening their understanding of their own beliefs as well as understanding more about the beliefs of others. Mrs Kaur shared the stories, traditions and celebrations that are part of Diwali with Nursery and Kindergarten children. They heard the story of Rama and Sita and how good ultimately triumphs over evil, and learned why it is called the festival of lights. Everyone discussed how they had been celebrating and enjoyed the opportunity to dress-up in special clothes and jewellery.



Nursery and Kindergarten enjoyed the perfect morning for learning about the seasonal changes, counting conkers and leaf printing.



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Mother's Day to enjoy the children's confident and memorable performance.

## PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Lower School were excited to welcome FastAid at the start of Michaelmas term and hear from dedicated first responder volunteers, Terry and Jo, about how the charity provides vital and lifesaving work alongside the West Midlands Ambulance Service across the Solihull area.



## Life on the Farm

The animals at Ash End House Children's Farm were very curious to get close and make friends with the Kindergarten and Nursery children when they visited. The children had an exciting day learning about farm life, feeding animals and discovering new experiences outdoors.



Scan to read our Nursery and Kindergarten reviews



# To the Battlements

A trip to Tamworth Castle immersed Form 1 in epic tales of knights, royalty, castles and battles as they experienced firsthand what life was like in medieval times. They helped prepare the dining table for the Lord and Lady of the castle, learned who lived at the castle and how it was used as a defensive structure, and what it took to be a squire and knight in medieval times.

With remarkable detail, Form 1 constructed motte-and-bailey castles using recycled materials.



## Pawsitively Inspiring!

Mojo, the 2-year-old loyal guide dog companion for Dee, joined us at school and shared the story of the journey that brought them together. Dee explained to Middle School what life was like for a visually impaired person and how the charitable work of Guide Dogs UK, and their working dogs, support people with sight loss live an active and independent life.



## MECHANICS OF PAST PLAYTIMES

A time-travelling specialist toy collector ran a history workshop with Form 1 who enjoyed getting hands on with some outstanding replica toys and artefacts. They investigated how the wooden and tin toys differ from modern toys and worked out the mechanics of past playtimes.

## A Feathered Encounter

Form 1 enjoyed a thrilling encounter with the avian world. Enthusiastic falconers Fiona and Andy based at The Falconry Centre, Hagley, joined them with an array of majestic birds of prey including awe inspiring owls, hawks and kestrels. They shared their knowledge about the physical adaptations, habitat, habits and diet of the birds and delivered a spectacular flying display.



# Oracy in Action

Our 'History Detectives' in Form 2 honed their oracy and collaboration skills through investigating who the mystery suitcases belonged to. Through their questioning and investigative skills they interpreted the clues packed inside from a variety of different sources. Each group member was assigned a role of Magnificent Manager, Remarkable Resourcer, Intelligent Investigator or Wonderful Writer and, once investigations were completed, they were all Perfect Presenters to explain who they thought the suitcase belonged to and why.



# Plants and Ecosystems

Form 3 have been investigating plants and the critical role they play in the Earth's ecosystem. An explorer's workshop at Birmingham's Botanical Gardens introduced them to plant parts and the purpose of flowers.

Investigating the tropical surroundings, they embarked on a scavenger hunt around the gardens and glasshouses, discovering interesting facts about plants and their unique growing habitats.



## Environmental Activism

Incorporating sustainability into the curriculum is an important part of our environmental impact plan so Form 3 headed out to Bickenhill recycling site to meet with ecological transformation experts Veolia UK to talk to them about how we can all contribute to making a cleaner and healthier planet. They covered everything from littering and recycling at home, to considering how we can reduce our pattern of consumption. They also shared the fascinating journey of waste items that cannot be recycled and instead head to energy recovery facilities to be used as fuel for making electricity.



## Financial Literacy

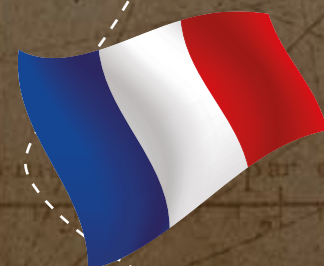
In a world of contactless and card payments it is important for children to develop the skills of handling hard currency and building their financial literacy. Form 2 enjoyed a fun morning learning about monetary value and created their own market stalls with a 'real money' till point to buy, sell and give change.





# Travel Logs

The benefits that school trips bring to a child's unique learning journey make them an essential part of any all-round education. During this year's diverse residential programme Form 6 experienced a truly immersive and authentic French language trip based at the fairytale Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, Form 5 embarked on an exciting school trip to Snowdonia which immersed them in nature, and Form 4 unlocked York's rich history and experienced the city's cultural scene.



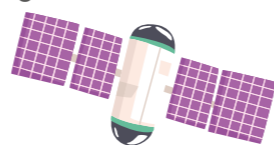
## BAXTER'S BURGERS Business Award

In true apprentice-style, Form 6 worked on a multi-skills Maths challenge to develop and launch their own cafés. Congratulations to team Baxter's Burgers (Logan, Henry, Lincoln and Henry) for demonstrating their savvy business skills with their astute pricing to maximise profits and a restaurant designed to capitalise on its seating layout.



## A STELLAR CAMP

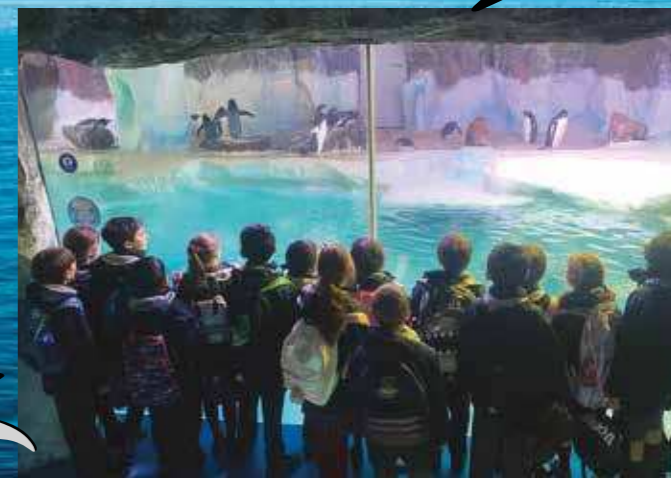
Shrouded by cloud, the jewels of the autumn night sky eluded our budding astronomers taking part in Space Camp however, the power of technology prevailed. Using SkyView, the virtual observatory app, the star gazers discovered the constellations, planets and stars in the night sky. The Hubble Space Telescope even made a guest appearance passing overhead!



# Ocean Conservation



Diving into the pressing issue of ocean conservation, Form 4 visited the National SEA LIFE Centre Birmingham. Offering a firsthand glimpse into the world below the waves, they delved into the wonders of marine life and the problem of plastic pollution in our oceans.



## A ROYAL AUDIENCE

Form 4 embarked on a journey through time as they visited Worcester Cathedral to delve into the rich tapestry of its medieval past. Their adventures began with an encounter with King John himself, brought to life by a costumed member of the Cathedral's education team. Through lively storytelling the children learned about the reign of this controversial monarch and the pivotal role he played in English history with the signing of the Magna Carta.



## COOL CLASSICS

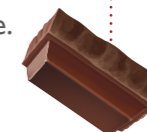
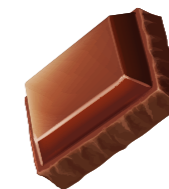
Supporting their Latin and Classical studies, Form 5 enjoyed getting hands-on with the rare Roman archaeological finds at the Roman Alcester Heritage Centre and discovering what life was like there in Roman times.



## Sweet Story of Chocolate

Our Form 6 children experienced an amazing journey with Accent Catering exploring the sweet story of chocolate, from the lush Amazon rainforest to the vibrant high streets of cities worldwide.

As part of their project covering world food production they explored chocolate cultivation, craftsmanship and commerce. They unravelled the sweet secrets behind chocolate treats and tried their hand at tempering chocolate, crafting indulgent truffles and dipping delicious biscuits.





# National Award Recognition

Our school community was thrilled when news reached us that Mr Yates had been selected as a finalist for the prestigious Tes Schools Awards 2024 in the category of Headteacher of the Year Independent School.

Since taking on the Headmaster role in 2006, Mr Yates has steered the school through a period of recovery to the flourishing and joyful community that Eversfield is today.

He has set a powerful example by pursuing an EdD, fostering a research culture amongst staff and supporting the school's work towards earning a Research Mark Plus accreditation from the College of Chartered Teaching, recognising the vibrant research community he has successfully integrated within the school.



## The Ultimate Guide



## Protecting Children Online



Eversfield has received National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation which is an important milestone in our whole school approach to safeguarding pupils online and developing a culture of online safety throughout our community.

"We are proud to have our commitment to helping pupils stay safe online recognised nationally. It is essential in the rapidly changing digital landscape that we all develop the expertise to keep children safe online and help them navigate the online risks." Hannah Phillips, Deputy Head.

The Good Schools Guide is famous for its fiercely frank reviews and is the UK's number one trusted guide to schools in the UK. We are proud to have been invited to feature in the guide alongside the great names and local treasures serving the UK state and independent education sector.

Scan to read the full report



# ENVIRONMENTAL MILESTONE

We are dedicated to not only providing an excellent education, but also fostering a sense of responsibility towards our planet. The investment in our new electric e-transit minibus marks a significant milestone in the school's environmental impact plan which includes reducing our carbon footprint, implementing green initiatives and educating our students about sustainable practices.



# INVENTIONS THROUGH THE AGES

To celebrate British Science Week Mrs Sliney launched a pop-up museum so that the children could investigate how inventions have changed over time. Packed full of scientific artefacts loaned from Worcester City Museum, dating from Neolithic and Roman periods to 1980s, the children had great fun trying to identify objects and guessing what they were used for.



Empowering children to share their views and feelings can have a very positive impact on their health and wellbeing. In a Children's Mental Health Week classroom-takeover, our Peer Mentors shared a collection of inspirational true stories of tremendous young trailblazers who have shaped the world we live in with their passion, courage and determination.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

It was an honour for our pupils and staff to receive the Community Initiative and Partnership Award from Anthony Marsh, Chief Executive Officer, West Midlands Ambulance Service Trust, for their remarkable work raising charitable funds and awareness to support the vital work of FastAid.



# Fostering a Love of Diversity

We are so proud of our Peer Mentors who this year have been championing diversity across the school. Working towards their Diana Award Inclusion Badge they organised a week-long celebration of the remarkable cultural and religious backgrounds that make our school community so special and unique. By sharing stories, flavours, games, dance, music, language, artefacts and cherished family heirlooms we deepened our understanding, love and appreciation of each other.



Kon'nichiwa

Hola

Multilingual Me

Ciao

To mark European Day of Languages, Mrs Baldwin dived deep into learning languages and discovering with the children how we are all multilingual to some degree. Middle School mastered a few words in languages new to them and sang 'Hello to All the Children of the World' in nine languages. Upper School shared their diverse range of language skills in assembly with an impressive 27 different languages showcased including Norwegian, Maori and Igbo. There were songs shared in Farsi, Polish and Konkani, number counting in Japanese and even a weather forecast in Russian which introduced everyone to the Cyrillic alphabet.



# Angles Saxons

The Eversfield house system fosters a strong sense of belonging, team spirit, healthy competition and pride. This year we ran 13 different house events from music, spelling and writing competitions to quizzes and sports events including over 40 sports fixtures. It was a closely battled competition with Saxons winning the Middle School Shield and Angles lifting the Upper School Shield.



## Sports Day

Sports Day brings together the whole school community. All the children in Middle and Upper School compete in track and field events and, in Lower School, the children race for the pleasure of competing. They were glorious events enjoyed by many parents who enthusiastically added to the competitive spirit. Congratulations to Angles who emerged victorious lifting both Middle School and Upper School Cups as well as delivering convincing wins for the house relay shield and tug of war trophies.

## Saxons Seize the Music Spotlight

Breaking a seven-year run for Angles, it was Saxons House that seized this year's House Music Competition Cup. There was just one house point separating the two houses as the performance day approached. In the weeks prior to the competition 67 soloists from Form 3, 4, 5 and 6 had already secured a bounty of points through the audition process. With a real mix of ability levels we had vocal, piano, drum kit and flute solos, solos played on clarinet, saxophone and guitar, as well as cello, trumpet and violin along with House choirs which, for the first time this year, included Form 1.



The unenviable task of deciding the winning house sat with our guest adjudicator Wesley Biggs. There was no denying the pride of Saxons in their competition winning comeback performance.

## Wordsmiths Shine in Creative Writing Competition

During Lent Term we were on the hunt for Eversfield's best storytellers! Our House Creative Writing Competition encouraged the children to have fun with writing, to be as imaginative as they could and to make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by their creativity. The stories, contributed by over 200 children from Forms 1-6, were whittled down to just ten finalists from Middle School and ten from Upper School. Huge congratulations to this year's winners *Catch a Lot* by R Singh (Upper School) and *Something Fishy* by En Hui (Middle School).

## Houses Vie for Victory

House matches kicked off in Michaelmas term with children in Forms 2 to 6 battling it out in rugby and hockey. During Lent term the sporting focus moved to netball and football, and in summer term to cricket and swimming, with Junior and Senior cups in each sport up for grabs. There were some tremendous matches with some of the hockey matches being played in difficult conditions, and a thrilling 15-15 draw in one of the rugby matches. There was plenty to be enjoyed by those spectating across all the matches.

## Footballers Compete for Top Spot

Our U11 footballers thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity to play in the Midlands' qualifying round of the prestigious Football Escapes ISFA U11 Seven Tournament held at Repton School.

The quality and speed of the football played was at a very high level and the team played with boundless energy and commitment right from the whistle. At the end of play the team had won two and lost three very tight games finishing in a very respectable mid-table position.



## Tactical Moves

Congratulations to our two teams who took part in the Warwickshire Primary Schools' Team Championship Chess Final and Plate competitions earlier this year. It was an inspiring display of skill, strategy and sportsmanship as the finalists from nine schools across the county engaged in intense battles over the chessboard.



## SHOOT FOR SILVER

Congratulations to our amazing Year 5 and Year 6 netball team for clinching second place in the South Solihull Sports Partnership Netball Skills Competition.

Competing against 16 teams and 144 players they battled against the clock to complete a series of technical playing skills in the quickest time. Their determination and teamwork shone through!



## FESTIVAL TOUCH DOWN

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the inaugural Eversfield U11 Michaelmas Rugby Festival and it was fitting that teams from The Croft, Bablake School and King Henry VIII School should take part, as they did in that first year. A small four team format, it allowed all the teams to play several matches at the start of the season, to practice skills and techniques worked on in training and highlight areas to focus improvements.

Eversfield struggled with the speed initially with the defensive line being stretched and broken on several occasions. The team worked hard, the tackling improved, rucking was a particular strength throughout the games, and they made good improvements over their three matches. It was a tough but enjoyable afternoon with The Croft winning all of their matches to take the cup.



## Ella Makes Waves

Congratulations to Ella for securing 8th place in the national IAPS U10 Girls 50m Breaststroke at the championship competition held at the fabulous London Aquatics Centre in June. Thousands of competitors took part, so it is a terrific achievement for Ella to make it to the final.





## Supporting the Gift of Life

At the start of the academic year FastAid, Solihull's life-saving emergency community responder scheme, was unveiled as this year's beneficiary school charity.

A strong bond has developed between our whole school community and the charity whose volunteer CFRs attend over 2,000 local 999 calls and are first on scene to start lifesaving treatment and begin clinical care in 90% of incidents.

Over £11,500 has been raised this year which is a tremendous accomplishment and will help the charity continue to fund two response cars across Solihull, maintain lifesaving equipment and recruit more volunteers.



## Fantastic Fiver Charity Challenge

The business world beckoned Form 5 with the launch of the annual Fantastic Fivers Challenge. Each of the 39 pupils was given a £5 note and over the course of the six-week challenge used their own business enterprise and creativity to raise as much money as they could. The initiative not only raised over £4,400 for FastAid but also provided valuable learning opportunities in project management, marketing skills and, crucially, developed the children's sense of social responsibility and the value of community engagement.



## Star Bakers for FastAid



Everyone got busy baking for our charity fundraising event The Great Eversfield Bake Off. With almost 140 entries the judges enjoyed the taste-testing opportunities but had a difficult task in deciding the winners. Congratulations to all of our Star Bakers, our six finalists and Matilda who triumphed in the final with her competition-winning citrus cake.



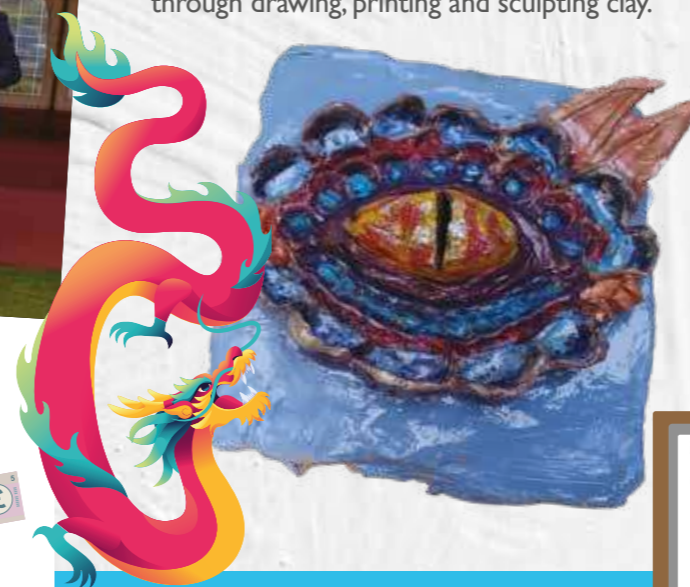
## Restart a Heart with FastAid

It was time to get hands-on during Michaelmas term in support of the national Restart A Heart programme. We welcomed a team of volunteer first responders from FastAid to teach over 100 of our Upper School pupils the key role they can play in improving survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Practising on mannequins the children learned the fundamental steps to take when someone suffers cardiac arrest, leaving them empowered to act confidently in an emergency.



## MYTHICAL GAZE

Taking on the challenge of a mixed-media project Form 5 immersed themselves in the mystical world of dragons. They brought to life the mesmerising allure of dragons' eyes through drawing, printing and sculpting clay.



## Modelling Fish

By studying the formal elements of a fish, Form 5 developed their skills in accurate observational drawing and painting. They then went onto create three-dimensional fish from cardboard and papier-mâché.



## RA Young Artists' Summer Show

In a vibrant showcase of creativity, pupils from across the school embraced the opportunity to share their artistic visions with the world through the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show. Each of the 18 submissions to the show offered a glimpse into the unique perspective of our young artists.

## Features and Finishes

Form 6 embarked on an exciting hands-on art project to create oversized 3D papier-mâché models of insects. They studied the anatomical form and shape before crafting their delicate creatures with intricate features and finishes.



## ALTERNATIVE ARTISTS

Form 6 studied a diverse range of artists including the work of Yayoi Kusama, George Pemba and Jean-Michel Basquiat. They learned about the barriers and societal challenges that some artists face before creating their own visual responses using a variety of media.



## Charity Art and Craft Fair

Art Club poured their passion into creating a beautiful range of handmade decorative items to sell at our Charity Art and Craft Fair. They raised a tremendous £340 for this year's nominated school charity, FastAid.



Scan to view the gallery





# Quacking Good Time

Winner of multiple awards, Honk Jr!, a heart-warming adaptation of one of the world's most beloved fables, was chosen as this year's Form 6 production.

The play celebrates what makes us all special and Form 6 pupils rose to the challenge, rehearsing hard for many weeks and, as a result, the audiences were captivated by the showcase of acting talent and bouncing score. Very well done to the children and many thanks to the staff whose help and support with costume, make-up and staging were invaluable in making this another memorable Eversfield performance.



## Unforgettable Young Voices

Wow! What a night Form 6 had singing and dancing the night away with 1000s of other pupils taking part in Young Voices, the largest children's choir concerts in the world. A truly unforgettable evening for them performing alongside a host of celebrities on stage at Birmingham's Resorts World Arena.



## An Easter Miracle

We journeyed with Forms 2 and 3 as they took us on a musical retelling of the Easter story. The children all performed superbly and rose wonderfully to the challenge of remembering all their lines, songs and choreography. Congratulations to everyone involved.



## Shine Star, Shine

Lower School entertained the whole school, friends and family with their sparkling retelling of the nativity story Shine Star, Shine.

The choreography and singing had everyone bopping along and the audience was blown away by the confident polished performances they all delivered. There were certainly some stars of the future on stage!



## The Tradition of the Jesse Tree

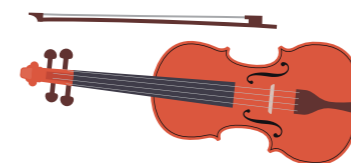
In a heartwarming display of creativity Form 1 took centre stage to bring the tradition of the Jesse Tree to life. Deeply rooted in Christian tradition, the Jesse Tree recounts the story of the Bible from the creation of Earth to the birth of Jesus.

Congratulations to all the children for showcasing their musical and artistic talents and performing so confidently.



## CLASSICAL COMPOSITIONS WITH CBSO

At a special concert for schools at Symphony Hall, Form 4 enjoyed a magical morning of music and a bird's eye view over the stage and incredible musicians of City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at a special concert for schools. It was an inspiration and uplifting insight into the world of the CBSO.



## The Tragedy of Macbeth

To mark Shakespeare Week, Form 5 observed a long-established Eversfield tradition – the staging of a Shakespeare play in a week! This year's choice of play was Macbeth and in just one week the children learned what it takes to get a play from script to stage. Lines were learned, stage directions blocked and refined, and the final performance showcased the wealth of acting talent in Form 5.





# Where in the World?

There are former Eversfield pupils living all over the world and working in just about every industry you can imagine. It is always a pleasure to hear their news and discover where life has taken them.



## 1. Malcolm Edwards (Co-elected Headboy) Attended 1959 - 1964

Malcolm has enjoyed a distinguished career in the publishing industry. He served as CEO of Hachette Book Publishers in Australia and New Zealand and was Executive Chairman of WH Smith Asia Pacific. Prior to that Malcolm lived in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he held CEO positions at HarperCollins and MacDonald Purnell.



## 2. David Gray Attended 1970 - 1971

David holds an LL.M. in International Trade Law from the University of Leicester. Between 1984 and 1990 he was a law enforcement officer with the London Metropolitan Police Force before moving to Canada. In 2004 he completed his articles of clerkship with a top-tier general practice law firm in Ottawa where he now runs his own legal practice.



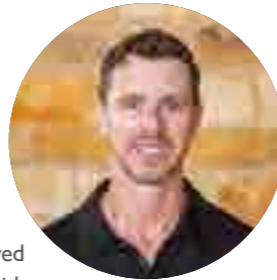
## 3. John Grimme Attended 2004 - 2006

On leaving Eversfield John's family spent 8 years living in Asia. He returned to Virginia to attend university, studying Geography with a concentration in Environmental Conservation. He currently works for an environmental consulting company and specialises in identifying and advising on environmental liabilities on sites.



## 4. Matt Hanlin Attended 1982 - 1992

Leaving Eversfield age 13, Matt headed to Florida to the IMG Tennis Academy – internationally renowned training home of countless pros and youth champions. After graduating from University of Washington, Matt played on the pro tennis circuit then began coaching in San Diego. In 2012 he moved to McKinney where he started his journey with Impact Activities which has grown to become the largest public tennis and pickleball facilities management company in Texas.



## 5. Nicholas Seabrook Attended 1987 - 1994

Dr Seabrook is Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Florida. He studied American Studies at the University of Nottingham before moving to the University at Buffalo to study an MA and PhD in Political Science.



## 6. James Thomas (Headboy) Attended 1982 - 1992

Graduating in 2000 from Durham University with a degree in Computer Science, James joined IBM as a management consultant before moving to Deloitte advising clients in the oil and gas industry. In 2007 he joined Booz, Allen, Hamilton's energy practice. The company is known today as Strategy& and Matt leads their Oil and Gas Strategy Consulting practice for the Middle East.



# Magical Memories

The Eversfield School Association (ESA) and its newly elected trustee group began with a flurry of fundraising excitement as they brought the Yuletide spirit to the Christmas Fayre. The sale of bespoke Christmas baubles added a sparkle and, engaging the children in a little creativity, the personalised tea towels and crafting of traditional Christmas cards boosted profits.

During Lent term the Quiz Night was filled with friendly competition and brain-teasing questions from Mr Robbins as teams vied for the top spot, and the dynamic duo of Mrs Cope and Mrs Cadena Anda kept everyone on track for the tropical-themed summer fayre extravaganza. Eco-friendly textile recycling and preloved uniform sales throughout the year helped raise funds, and the introduction of a new Metro bank account streamlined the financial engine room of the ESA.

An exciting range of fun and capital expenditure projects, totalling almost £10,000, were approved, including the acquisition of a new piano dedicated to Mr Biggs, development of a new cricket pavilion - perfect for serving cream teas and hosting visiting schools, a generous allocation of funds was granted to purchase new books to enrich the children's reading for pleasure experience, and a visit from The Great Baldini dazzled Lower School with his stunning illusions and hilarious audience participation.



Thank you  
ESA



*The ESA always welcomes new parents to join the team to help enrich the school life of all our pupils.*

## Valete et Salvete

At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed a number of new members of staff to Eversfield. Mrs Joanna Smith joined as Teaching and Learning Support Assistant and Mrs Lisa Williams and Miss Laura Hartley joined as Lunchtime Supervisors. In March Mr Muhammad Shalakh joined us as Sports Centre Supervisor and we welcomed Mrs Carmel Brown, Mrs Rashpal Kaur Bansal and Mr Sam Moore to our Board of Governors.

Mr Ben Hounsom, Sports Centre Manager, departed in February and we said farewell to two long-standing members of staff. In December, Mrs Ann Hemming, Lunchtime Supervisor left after 14 years' service

and at the end of the academic year Mrs Elizabeth Beattie, Teaching and Learning Support Assistant, left after almost 27 years' service. Both received a gift of Dartington Crystal from the Governors to mark their long and valued service.

At the end of the academic year we also said goodbye to Mr Andrew Biggs, Director of Music, who departed after 7 years' service to enjoy early retirement, and to two members of our Teaching and Learning Support Assistant team, Mr Marcus Draper and Mrs Sally Olsen who are both commencing teacher training.





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