

Arts Evening was a wonderful occasion



Arts Evening was a wonderful showcase for the musical and creative talent of our boys. The concert audience enjoyed listening to a variety of musical performances and inspiring poetry recitations from our Hunter Jones winners. Before the concert, there was a chance to visit our “Under the Sea” themed display to enjoy some of the stunning Art, and Design Technology & Engineering work that the boys have been creating.

Boys of all ages enjoyed the Astronomy Evening on Wednesday; Year 6 have been inspired by outdoor team building exercises despite the cold snap; older children have been learning about and reflecting on the challenges and benefits of AI; and rugby season has begun. There is so much for the boys to get excited about. Talking of excitement, our Christmas tree is up, and the countdown has begun for the Pre-Prep boys, who excitedly walked down to the local post box to post their letters to Father Christmas. They are looking forward to performing their Christmas plays for you next week.

Finally, we wish all Year 6 boys the very best of luck at this busy time of external assessments. They are well-prepared, confident, and will shine!

From the
Headmaster





The boys all enjoyed Arts Evening

There was a real buzz of excitement on Thursday afternoon as all our boys looked forward to sharing their musical achievements with family and friends. The concert was a showcase for our new chamber ensembles. It was amazing to hear what the boys have achieved in just one term. We heard the first performance from our Big Band, Wind Quintet, String Trio, and Flute Trio as well as Tabla Tappers, Guitar Ensemble and many soloists who were performing on stage for the first time. Our choirs raised the roof with their medleys from Oliver and Wicked.



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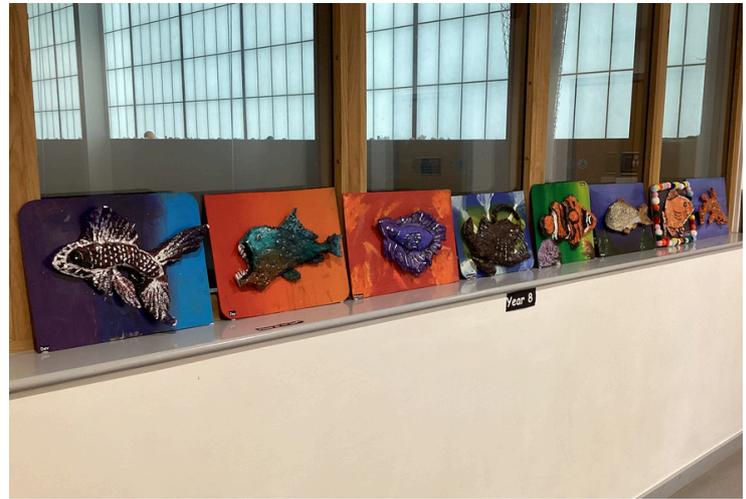
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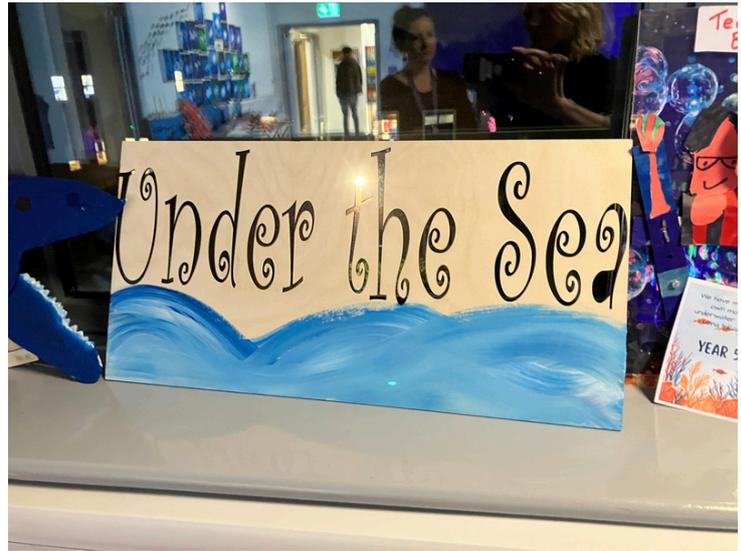
Showcasing our Art

If you were lucky enough to come to the Arts Evening this week, you would have needed your snorkel and fins because the theme this year was 'Under the Sea'. Dazzled by glow in the dark coral and luminated by lighthouses, bemused by bottle boats and fascinated by papier mache fish, we were able to share the joy of creation and innovation with just some of our impressive work from the term.





Showcasing our "Underwater" DT&E



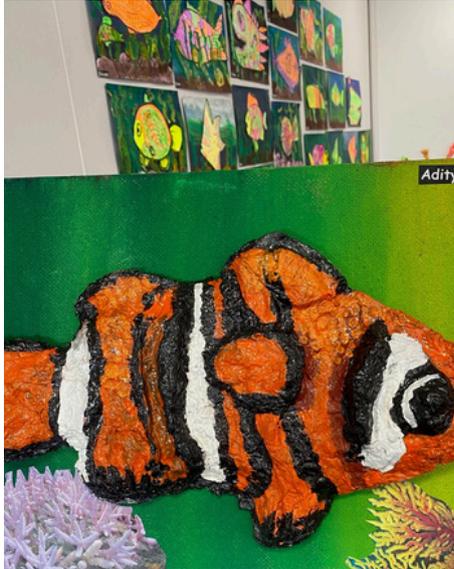


Deputy Head's commendations

This week, while we have been preparing for Arts Evening, Mr Russo visited the Art and DT&E departments. He enjoyed hearing Ms Gillen and Mrs McSween talking about pieces of work that they have been particularly impressed with recently. Here they are for you to enjoy ...



Well done Nihal for painting this wintery patterned piece in the style of Alma Thomas. I can see that you have used gentle brushstrokes to create a cold, blizzard-like effect.



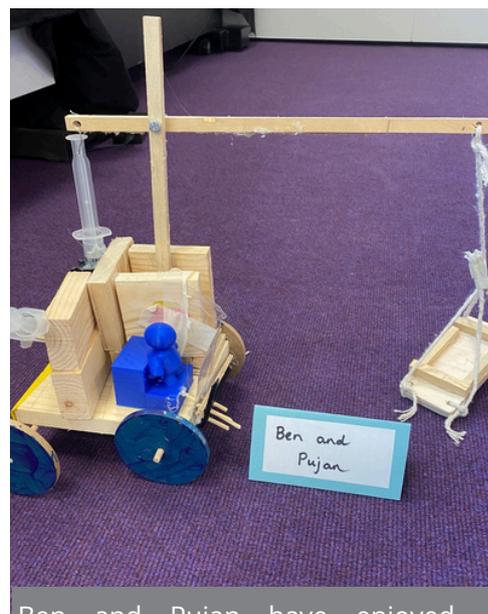
This clownfish by Aditya has been finished to perfection. I like the texture he has created on the fish's body and I love how he has chosen colourful coral to complete the piece.



Any has framed his patterned fish beautifully with a white outline. It almost looks like it is jumping off your canvas of detailed pattern.



Kaiyan and Jay worked hard to develop multiple iterations of their coin sorting device.



Ben and Pujan have enjoyed making their hydraulic lifting machine work - complete with 3D printed driver.



Aarav, Bilal and Any have shown great resilience devising this idea, which they have modelled round an Oreo biscuit!



Astronomy Evening

Astronomy Evening was a great success despite cloudy skies. We had some wonderful talks from the boys. Shayan, Rian and Shrihaan in Year 5 presented a very informative talk on the solar system while Aaran and Riyan from Year 6 blew our minds with their talk on Black Holes! We had a great turn out and lovely hot chocolate and cakes. I hope to see some of you at Ruislip Lido at the weekend, where there is a greater promise of clear skies!



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Great teamwork in Year 6

As part of their Outdoor Learning Programme, Year 6 were set the task of rolling a ball as far as they could along lengths of guttering. The boys really enjoyed working as a team and seemed completely oblivious to the freezing weather!





Lambs posting their letters to Father Christmas



Very excited to win his tennis competition - well done



An excellent presentation on AI in assembly



Creative commendations in assembly



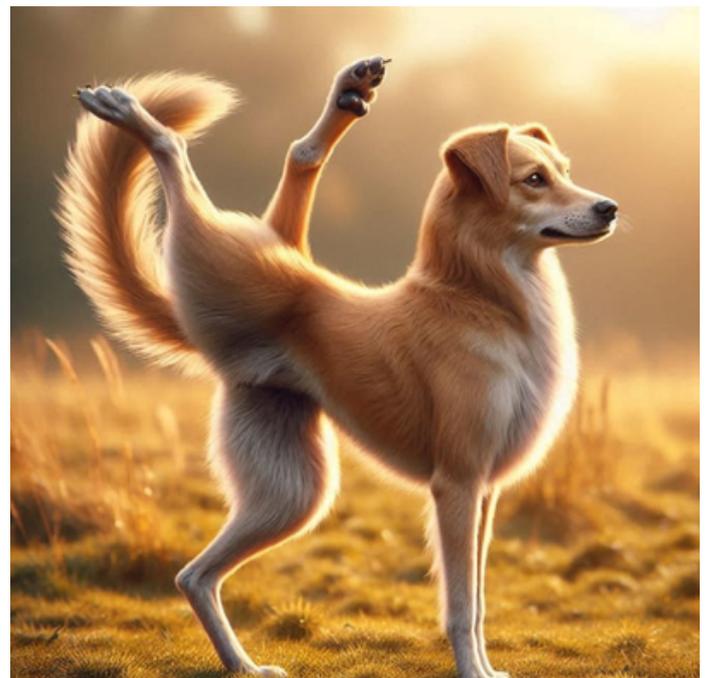
Excellent brush control



Working with increased "bouncebackability" and smiles!



Well done for learning all the Young Voices song words and for singing with confidence and enjoyment

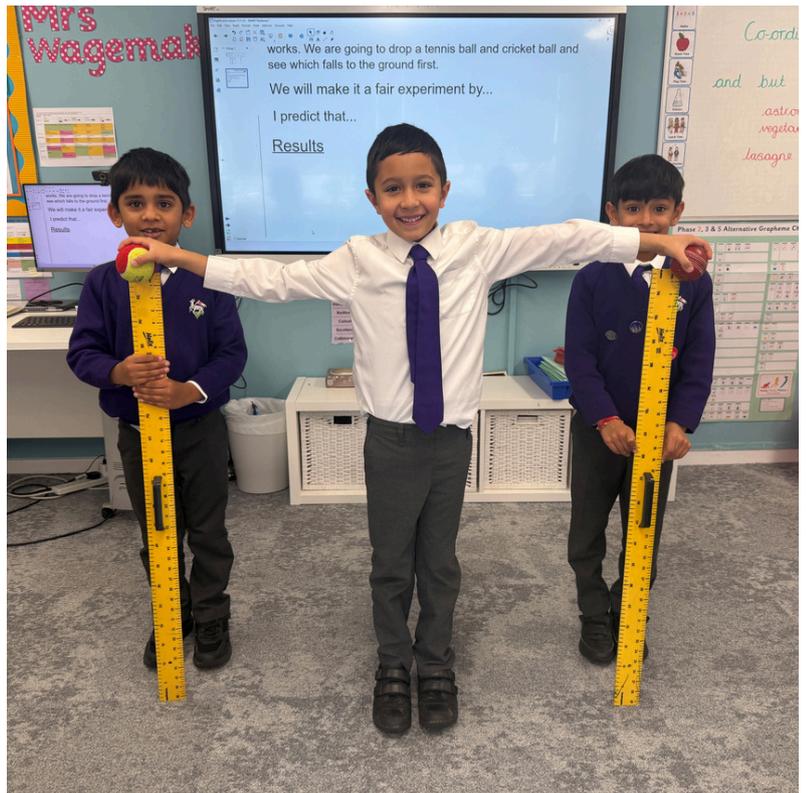


A1 can get things wrong...



Year 2 Science

Year 2 have been having lots of fun learning about gravity. We carried out different experiments to test our predictions!





Dear Father Christmas ...

He's making a list, he's checking it twice....! The Pre-Prep have posted their wish lists off to Father Christmas. Now we are all on our best behaviour in the hope that he will bring us what we wish for.



Robins



Squirrels



Badgers



Eagles



Otters and Owls



Ladybirds



Non-Fiction November in the Juniors

This Non-Fiction November, our boys are judges for the Information Book Award's Children's Choice category. They're carefully voting for their favourites based on reliability, design, topic interest, language use and ease of navigation. This activity not only encouraged critical thinking, but all inspired them to write their own non-fiction books! Here are some of the entries. We will announce the winners in next week's Junior assembly.







"Underwater" DT&E in progress





Splendid work boys!







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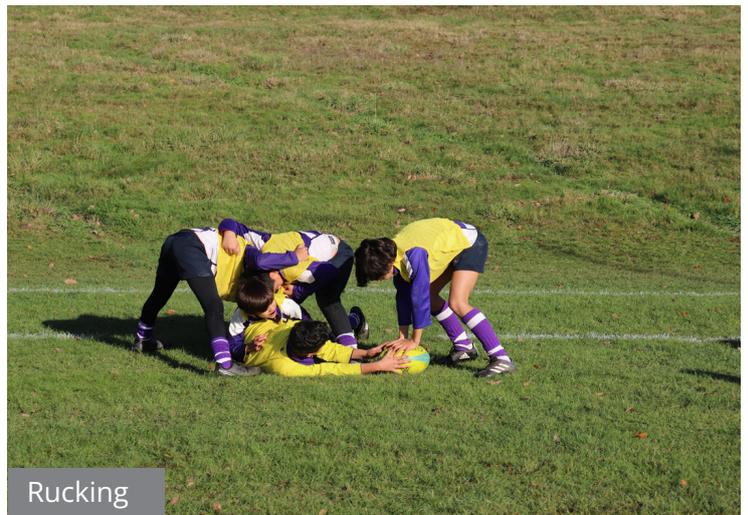
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Tackle practice



Year 3 House matches



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