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Reacting to the complimentary findings of the OFSTED Inspectors, Head **Margie Burnet Ward** said: "We are absolutely thrilled that the inspectors have recognised the outstanding quality of boarding and pastoral care at Wycliffe. I am particularly pleased that the hard work and good

attitude of pupils, together with the excellent teamwork of staff, has been acknowledged. I would like to thank the staff and students who gave up their time to talk to Inspectors about their positive experiences at the School. We are all very excited about the future and look forward to the continued development of our boarding programme with the completion of the Lampeter boarding house extension this September, which will offer a further 26 beds and a spacious common room."

'In summary, the report states that boarding is valued for the contribution it makes to the school and is extremely well organised. Staff are trained for

the role they perform and are clear about their responsibilities. Excellent provision is made for attending to the health and dietary needs of boarders. A well co-ordinated activity programme in the evenings offers boarders a range of interesting things to do.

Requests from pupils for more organised activities at week-ends are being considered. There is an emphasis on safeguarding the welfare of boarders and robust practices help to keep children safe. The view of boarders and parents are considered important and their access to key personnel in the school facilitates two-way communication.' **OFSTED, 2010.**



Funky Food Day

On 14th February, thanks to our new catering company Chartwells, the Prep School held a 'Funky Food Day'!

The pupils had a hands-on chance to experience new and different tastes of fruit and vegetables from the UK and around the world through a Funky Food workshop for each age group. The taste-testing session was led by executive chef, Andrew Walker, who encouraged everyone to try something new and exciting.

Chef asked the children to describe the flavours and colours of the foods as they tried them. His sense of humour led to the enjoyment of the whole experience and for everyone to feel brave enough to taste a small amount of an unusual juice which looked just like blackcurrant but was in fact beetroot!

They started with large radish, okra and 30cm snake beans, describing them as spicy or slimy. With plantain next on the menu, a child from each group was challenged to open the giant banana-like tough skin and children were able to taste the potato-like insides. Chef told us that this was a staple part of West Indian diet and at some schools in London it is on the daily menu.

In each group, he invited a girl/boy to taste a granadilla. He had one of these fruits cut open to reveal the contrast between the shiny hard outside and the wet seeds in the centre. However, after showing everyone the inside of this fruit and firing up the crowd to cheer on their friends, he just mentioned that an alternative name for this fruit is the bogey-fruit and suddenly the girls seemed to lose their appetite! Luckily, the seeds tasted very sweet and juicy and all the pupils (and teachers) who took part in the challenge ate some if not all the contents!

Next came Medjool dates, which are sweet and chewy like toffees, followed by honey pineapple which is sweeter and tastier than the pineapples we usually eat.

Another fruit to cause the pupils to say, "Eeuw!" was the Rambutin. It has a red, spikey conker-shell-like outer case which, when broken is similar to a Satsuma and looks just like an eyeball! If squeezed hard, the eyeball middle popped out – and this caused more squeals of horror! The fruit inside is similar to a lychee and when the pupils were asked to describe them, even the smaller pupils observed that they were juicy, like grapes, spectacularly sweet and scrumdiddlyumptious!

There was Dragon Fruit with its horns on the outside and tiny little poppy seeds in the centre followed by wild strawberry sorbet or apple sorbet made by pureeing every part of the





My Day at Blists Hill

Lucy Grindrod Year 9

On the 26th of January, Year 9 went on a History trip to Blists Hill in Shropshire.

This outing lasted the whole day. There were many activities that we did including brick and candle making. This trip gave us an idea of what life was like in the Victorian era and what jobs were around at the time. The jobs would have included printing, bottling food, candle making and many more. We learnt that children a year younger than us would have already started to work and their education would have ended when they were twelve.

We received a card from Blists Hill about contacting them if we ever needed a job. The campus was laid out



in a Victorian style and the building and shops were built like the ones you would find in Victorian Britain. The shops that were in the Victorian town



were: chemist, fish and chip shop, bike repair shop, printing shop and bank. Amy and I went to the fish and chip shop for lunch then went to see the small cottage far away at the edge of the campus.

In Blists Hill there was a contrast between what type of house the rich and poor people lived in. The rich people had nicer, bigger, warmer houses whilst the poorer people had cramp, one-floor houses that only had two or three rooms.

We went to this small house after we had split up from our main group and saw the living conditions that the poorer people would live in.

There were also the blast furnaces situated in the town. This is the place where the hot iron would come out of the furnace and into a pot that would be used to pour the iron into a shape and then left it to set.



Wycliffe heads to Westminster

Sixth Form Politics students were lucky enough to obtain tickets to see Prime Minister's Question Time in the House of Commons.

Perched high up in Stranger's Gallery, they had a grandstand seat whilst the Leader of the Opposition, **Ed Miliband**, attempted to trip **David Cameron** up on a series of questions about the situation in Libya.

The atmosphere was electric and it was good to witness parliamentary democracy in action; whether the process actually makes any difference is something the students had to consider on their return to the classroom.

Professor William Doyle visits Wycliffe College



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recently "A Very Short History of the French Revolution", all published by Oxford University Press.

Following his lecture Professor Doyle joined Sixth Form pupils who are currently studying the French Revolution and led a seminar on the influence of popular action on the course of the Revolution.

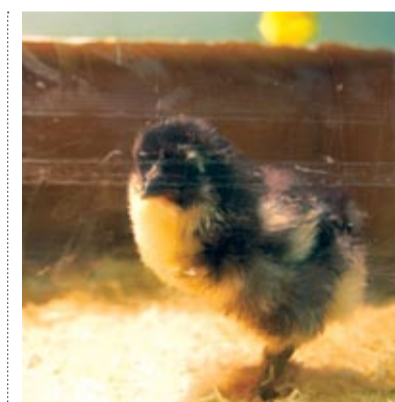
History teacher **Kevin Patrick** thanked Professor Doyle for giving his time so generously and helping Wycliffe pupils in their understanding of the subject and also for providing them with a foretaste of what studying at university would be like.



The chick was the only one of three to hatch on Thursday 10th March in the Biology Department.

We don't know the sex yet but if it lays an egg in the future we will know it is a female!

It is a Copper Black Maran chicken and will grow up to be a splendid red and black cockerel or a large dark hen that lays chocolate brown coloured eggs. Once it is old enough it will live in the Robinson garden.



Wycliffe Nursery also has some chicks and the boys in Robinson are going to give three of these a home in their allotment garden. The three chicks from the nursery are slightly older and will be introduced to the youngest once they are similar in size.

The boys in Robinson are looking forward to looking after the hens and eating the eggs with their toast at break times.



Wycliffe Students join US Ambassador to see Democracy in Action

The chance to take part in a debate in the famous Senedd in Cardiff was eagerly seized upon by Wycliffe students on a recent visit to the Welsh Assembly, on the same day that the US Ambassador rolled into town. The 18 politics students sat in chairs famously occupied by giants of Welsh politics over the past decade, using the latest conference communications systems to make their points on a motion concerning organ donation.

The Wycliffe contingency impressed with their subject knowledge and articulate delivery to try to sway opinion in the high-tech chamber. They then voted using the electronic

polling system, seeing the proposal for assumed consent to organ donation passed by a slim majority.

Afterwards the students went on to watch the professionals in session in the Siamb, who were debating the same topic bilingually. This was a particular challenge to Wycliffe's three international students who attended. Joining the 15 UK students were one from each of Ireland, Russia and Estonia on their first visits to the Welsh capital. There was then a chance to take in other sights around the regenerated Cardiff Bay before returning to Stonehouse.

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Gwilym awarded Royal Marines 6th Form Scholarship



Captain Chris Moore with Gwilym Wyn-Jones

Year 12 pupil, *Gwilym Wyn-Jones*, has been presented with a Royal Marines recruit beret and belt by *Captain Moore of the Royal Marines*.

Gwilym was awarded a prestigious Royal Marines 6th Form Scholarship in January this year following a year long process, beginning with medical and fitness tests and culminating in his passing the Potential Officers Course at Lymstone in October and his success at the Admiralty Interview Board in November. Please see www.wycliffe.co.uk for full story.

Year 9 Enterprise & Options day

To enable our Year 9 pupils to make informed decisions regarding their GCSE choices whilst at the same time reflecting on business, enterprise and career pathways, we organised an Enterprise and Options day on Friday 18th March.

The morning session ran in partnership with colleagues from the Education Business Partnership and enabled pupils to gain an insight into these areas through working as small business teams on a 'Dragons Den' style activity. Pupils were encouraged to work collaboratively and develop solutions to a business-based problem prior to presenting their final ideas to the rest of their peer group.

In the afternoon a GCSE Options Fair was attended by both our Year 9

pupils and their parents. During the session teaching staff from both Core and Optional GCSE subjects were available to offer advice concerning course content to ensure option choices are informed and considered carefully. During this session *Mr Dunne*, Director of Studies, *Mr Knighton-Callister*, Head of Lower School and *Mrs Rhymes* our Careers Manager were also available to offer additional guidance.

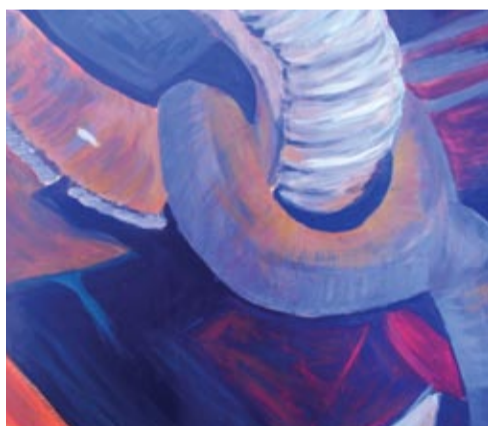


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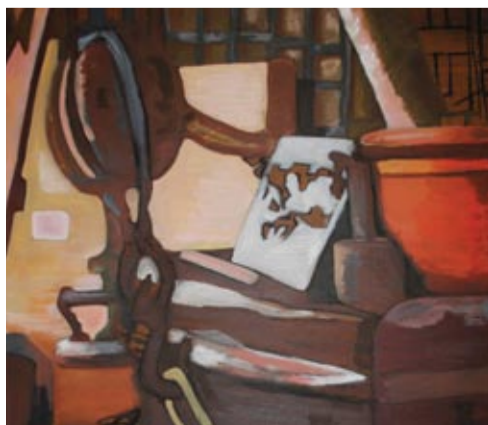
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The Nursery took part in an exciting initiative called 'Living Eggs'. A clutch of eggs were delivered to the Upper Nursery in their incubator on Monday 28th February and, much to the children's delight, the first of the eleven eggs started to hatch the very next morning. The children



and their parents were able to watch the chicks hatch over the next couple of days, with the last egg hatching on Thursday 3rd March. We ended up with a total of five hens and six cockerels.

The whole Nursery was involved in the project, taking it in turns

to care and feed the chicks. They grew to nearly twice their original size, with feathers appearing on their wings in just 10 days.

The project enabled the children to experience the life cycle of a chicken, with activities planned to support their learning. It also involved the children's parents who were encouraged to visit and see the chicks develop at firsthand. Three of the chicks have been re-homed at Robinson boarding house at the Senior School, five chicks were re-homed by the Nursery parents and three of the cockerels went back to the 'Living Eggs' project, where they will continue to prosper.



Cadbury World visit

The boarders had a fantastic day out at Cadbury's World on Sunday 13th March. They embarked on a tour of the factory and processing plant. The children learnt how cocoa beans are processed and turned into our favourite chocolate treats. The experience, needless to say, was delicious!



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fruit in a very expensive machine called a PacoJet. The fruit and vegetables were washed down with carrot and beetroot juice and the session closed with Chef telling us to stop eating the same things over and over again but rather be more adventurous.

After forty-five minutes, we had all experienced tastes of new and interesting fruit and vegetables and it felt as if we had toured the world!

Well done and many thanks to Chartwells Chef for such a wonderful experience.



Florence Nightingale visits Year Two

Year Two welcomed Florence Nightingale to Lower Prep. Florence taught them about her life and work and they participated in activities relating to Florence's work at Scutari Hospital, including rolling bandages and sweeping away the rats! The children enjoyed acting out some of Florence's chores in

their own classroom Scutari role-play area. By way of a contrast, **Ms Zaheer**, Jasmine's (Year Two pupil) mummy visited to tell the children all about her role as a nurse. This complimented the children's work about Florence Nightingale and they were able to compare how nursing has changed over the years.



Wycliffe Nursery

On Friday 18th February the Studio Theatre was filled with families and friends of the Nursery children.

The two to four year old children performed ballet, recited a rhyme in French and sang topic related songs to the delight of the audience.



The new Nursery and Lower Prep website is now live, visit: www.wycliffenursery.co.uk



Expedition Day

On 15th March, Wycliffe pupils had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. Whilst some pupils went off-site, paint-balling or rock-climbing, others stayed at Wycliffe and had a fantastic day, making balloon rockets, competing in paper-aeroplane races and a Mini-Olympics.

In particular, pupils in Year 6 had the inspiring experience of learning circus-skills. Here are a few extracts from pupils' own recounts of this event:

On 15th March, Year 6 had an expedition day that they would never forget. It was a fantastic, unforgettable day of circus-skills! The day began with a brief demonstration by an enthusiastic instructor, Lisa. She wowed us with great juggling and enthralled us with her daring Diabolo...

Naomi Richards

First of all, we were taught how to juggle, (this was very tricky!) We used

scarves to juggle with, starting with one and then building up to three... After that, we were taught how to feather balance – we had to balance a peacock feather on our hand first, then we moved on to harder places like our shoulders or chin...

Erin Lavender

As the morning progressed, we learnt how to do proper juggling with three balls. But that is really hard so to make it easier, we did it with silk cloths. For many this helped but not at all for me! I just could not get the knack of it. Lisa also showed us many other skills like plate spinning (my favourite!) and balancing a feather on your nose (I admit I was pretty good at that!) .

By the end of the day, we had learnt so much that we were ready to put on a show. Nearly everybody showed off their balancing, juggling or Diabolo skills.

Isabella Menendez

My favourite part of the day was when Harriet and I were passing the feather but it was all great fun. I wish I could do the day again or one day, become a circus act!!!

Kelly Fletcher



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Making wooden shelters using fallen branches

Hooke Court

Year 4 went on a food and farming residential visit to Hooke Court in Dorset accompanied by Mrs Fynn, Mr Stotesbury and Mr Gaunt.

For many of the pupils it was their first overnight stay away from home and therefore a few nervous pupils mounted the coach. However, they need not have worried as a brilliant time was had by all. When they arrived in Dorset they went up to the local wood and were taught how to build shelters by using fallen branches and trees. In the evening, after a hearty tea, they completed a code breaking session. This started easily and became much harder e.g. 2,9,9,5,25 | 23,9,15,12,14 | 3,13 | 1,12,25,21,14.

On Tuesday morning the children cooked their own lunch. Between them they managed to rustle up trout, baps, mini quiches, fruit salad and Dorset apple cake and this was eagerly devoured at lunchtime. In the afternoon there followed a trip to two local farms. Firstly the children walked

to the local trout farm and saw where their earlier lunch had come from. They also glimpsed all the different ponds where trout are raised before being sent off to fishing lakes around the area. Afterwards they continued up the hill to a local dairy farm where they had the chance to see newborn calves as well as Billy the Bull.

They had a grandstand view of the cows being milked. The farmers told us all about their daily lives and the lives of their cows. It was very interesting and for many of the children it was the first time they had been on a farm.

Other activities that the group participated in were rural crafts such as decoupage, quilling and making corn dollies. When the children had free time they were also able to play their own games like forty- forty, bulldog, hide and seek, 'teacher hunt' and black magic. The next morning the children completed lots of team building exercises and then it was time to get back on the coach.

All in all, it had been a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

OW Day – Saturday 7th May 2011

The College will be open from 10am to all OWs, their families and friends.

Join the Head, Margie Burnet Ward for a drink followed by a Buffet lunch in Wycliffe Hall, or if you can come earlier we welcome you to the OWS Annual Meeting and your attendance at the special OW Chapel service.

Don't forget Saturday 7th May is OW day.

This year the reunion groups will be 1966-70 and 1986-90.

There will a display of photographs and archives from these years available to view in Wycliffe Hall.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact the OW Office either by email or phone.

Tel:01453 820439 or
Email: ow@wycliffe.co.uk

Programme For The Day

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10.15	Registration and Coffee	Wycliffe Hall
10.45	OW Society Annual Meeting	Council Chambers
11.30	Cricket Match 1st XI v OW XI	1st XI Pitch
11.30	OW Chapel Service	Wycliffe Chapel
12.15	Drinks with the Head	Atrium in School House
13.00	Buffet Lunch	Wycliffe Hall
14.00 -16.00	Boathouse at Saul open	Saul
14.00	Netball v OW VII	Sports Centre
14.00	Croquet – have a go!	Ivy Grove Lawn
14.15	Guided tours of Senior School (& Prep School if wished)	From Wycliffe Hall
14.30	Tennis Matches	Lower Tennis Courts
15.30	Tea	Marquee in front of Chapel
16.00	Tea for Cricketers	Pavillion
17.00 -18.00	Hog Roast	Sports Centre

OW Calendar 2011

APRIL

- Fri 8 **OW Event New Zealand House London 18:00hrs**
- Wed 27 Summer Term Begins
- Fri 29 OW Lodge Installation Meeting, Stroud 17:00hrs
John Hutchen
01453 883384,
john.hutchen@virgin.net

MAY

- Sat 7 **OW Day 2011 Reunion Years 1966-70 and 1986-90**
01453 820439,
ow@wycliffe.co.uk
- Thur 19 OW Golf Society Spring Meeting, Cottrell Park Golf Club St Nicholas, Near Cardiff
Peter Beynon,
01873 854725,
Peter.beynon@kolvox.net

JUNE

- Sat 25 Prep School OW Day, Ryeford 14:00hrs
01453 820439,
ow@wycliffe.co.uk

JULY

- Sat 9 Summer Term Ends

Old Wycliffian Events

An OW lunch was held in Bristol at the Bordeaux Quay on Thursday 31st March, following on from the success of the Wycliffe one in January.

During the Summer Term there will be a lunch in Cardiff at the Millennium Centre. Also planned is a drinks reception in London at New Zealand House on April 8th. If any OWs living in or close to these areas would like to attend please contact the OW Office.



Italian Success!



Congratulations to Josh, Jeremy, James, Guy and Simon on the success of their mammoth Charity Bike Ride. If the plan to complete 850km wasn't enough of a challenge, the final distance covered was over 1000km! They have done brilliantly in regards to raising funds also:

Target: £1,000.01
Raised so far: £1,116.44

They have reached their goal however all donations are still greatly appreciated. Please carry on giving generously.

www.justgiving.com/Joshua-Maddison

Old Wycliffian Hockey & Football Matches

The Wycliffe OW Hockey team was able to field the largest number of players ever when they played against Wycliffe's XI on Saturday 12th March. With a full set of eleven players and three substitutes, the OW team were able to play in their correct positions and take control of the match very early on.

The final score was 4-3 to the OWs.

Please visit the OW Website via <http://community.wycliffe.co.uk/NetCommunity/>

We are also pleased to announce the OW Football team once again beat the school with a final score of:

Old Wycliffians 2 - 1 Wycliffe XI



Wycliffe Hall Lunch Event



On 25th January 2011 the Old Wycliffian Society held a Lunch at Wycliffe Hall for OWs in the local area.

There was a great turn out and an excellent time was had by all. During the lunch, Head Margie Burnet Ward updated the OWs on the latest developments, and forthcoming plans for the School.

Lunch was followed by a tour of the campus. It was lovely to see so many OWs catching up.

There are two further events over the next couple of months. Please contact the OW Office for more details.

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PRIZE WINNERS - SPRING 2011

OW 200 Club

1st	2	Frank Smith	HOW	£290.00	
2nd	33	Mr and Mrs H Everett	FOW	£108.75	
3rd	35	Richard Hughes	W	1956 – 1958	£72.50
4th	57	Ronald Prankerd	H	1934 – 1938	£36.25
5th	85	Phil Clements	PW	1978 – 1988	£18.12
6th	124	Phil Pritchard	H	1970 – 1976	£18.12
7th	130	Barrie Humphreys	J SH	1942 – 1949	£18.12
8th	133	Keith Plested	P DB	1934 – 1938	£18.12

Charity Walks

As you may be aware the Cotswold Care Hospice are organising another Cotswold Midnight Walk on 17th June 2011. For information please email: ow@wycliffe.co.uk

And Finally...

Prep School OW Day – 25th June 2011

OWs, their family and friends are welcome to visit the Prep School commencing at 2.00pm and finishing at 4.00pm with a barbecue. If you would like to attend please contact the OW Office.

Wycliffe College Foundation

Head of School Honour Boards

In February with the help of Ollie Capehorn, Head of School 2009/10, we launched a fund raising campaign asking former Heads of School to donate towards the creation of Honour Boards. So far we have received donations of over £1,600 and have almost reached our target figure. Our thanks to all who have donated. We are confident we will reach the total needed as there are still a number of former pupils yet to donate.

If you were a Head of School and have not received information regarding this campaign and would like to donate, please contact us. It is proposed to hold an unveiling dinner to which we hope as many of the former Heads of School as possible will attend.

Bursaries

Paul Etheridge, President of the College, has over the last few weeks personally signed and sent out letters to over 800 OWs asking them to consider donating to our *Enhancing Opportunities for All* – Bursary Fund. The OWs are able to allocate their donation or leave it to the discretion of the College.

The specific bursaries available are:

Prep School Academic Award	Prep School Rugby Bursary	Prep School Hockey Bursary
Prep School Cricket Bursary	Prep School Netball Bursary	Senior School Academic Award
Senior School Rugby Bursary	Senior School Rowing Bursary	Senior School Netball Bursary

We have already received several donations so would like to thank those OWs who have supported us. We anticipate receiving additional donations over the coming weeks.

200 Club

As you may be aware 2010/11 is the final year for the 200 Club and we would very much like to thank all those who over the years have supported this fund raising effort.

Since its beginning the 200 Club has raised substantial funds to assist the pupils and help with various educational projects in the school. It is one of the aims of the Foundation to continue to provide this additional support.

Recently the Chairman of the Old Wycliffian Society sent a letter to all share holders asking them to consider continuing to contribute by giving an annual donation of £25 (the previous cost of a share in the 200 Club) to the Regular Giving Fund for Educational Projects.

Donations have started to come in and we would like to thank those of you who have responded to this request for your generosity. We anticipate that more will be received in due course.

If you would like to make a donation to any of the Bursary Funds or to Educational Projects please contact the Foundation Office.

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Legacies

We have been advised of a number of OWs who have decided to make a donation to the school through a legacy and wish to thank them for doing so.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy or wish to discuss any aspect of giving a donation please contact the Foundation Office.

For further information please contact Catherine Roberts at: Foundation Office, Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, Glos GL10 2JQ Email: foundation.office@wycliffe.co.uk Tel: +44 (0)1453 822432

Rugby Tour to Heidelberg

Wycliffe's U16 tour to Heidelberg, Germany, in October 2009 has reaped rich rewards. Following Germany U18 winger **Luca Hoffmann's** decision to further his Rugby and academic careers by moving to Wycliffe, he has been joined by fellow German internationals **Robin Plümpe** and **Leo Becker**.

All three boys, who began their careers with clubs in Heidelberg, are now benefiting from exposure to a higher level of competition than they could regularly expect at home and from the coaching of former Gloucester Rugby professionals **Martyn Kimber** and **Mark Nicholls**. Wycliffe U18 7s team has now reached the last four of the expanded 12 team Wycliffe competition and the County U18 tournament.

On the way, the Wycliffe 7, captained by International swimmer **Tomos Wyn-Jones**, has recorded notable victories against strong local rivals Kingswood, St Brendans, St Peter's Gloucester, QEH Bristol and King Edward's Bath.

Wycliffe will compete in the Cokethorpe School 7s in Oxford and the National 7s at Rosslyn Park before the end of term. Luca, Robin and Leo fly back to Berlin on a free weekend to take on Ireland U18s with the German National side before flying to the South of France for the European U18 championships during the Easter Holidays. All three boys will be available for what promises to be an exceptional Wycliffe 1st XV next September.



U11 Netball

The U11 team went to Badminton School in Bristol to compete in a netball tournament.

The U11 team are champions of the Badminton School Tournament 2011, The U11 team also won their section at the IAPS South West Region Netball Competition and therefore qualified for the National Championships in Brighton. They finished 9th in their section. The girls showed a great team effort and gave their best in every match. Well done to all girls who took part. After their hard work in Brighton, the girls returned to take part in the Severnside Netball tournament, where they played 5 games, winning all games, making them Severnside champions for the second year in a row.

Prep Rugby

Our journey to Plymouth was to defend our title in this competition.

Initially the team were slow. We lost the first match but won the second. From then on we won all our matches. Some fantastic rugby skills by all members of the team meant that we were the well-deserved winner of The Plate Competition 2011.

Alex Seymour ably captained Wycliffe and it was a proud moment when he went up to receive the trophy.

Squad: **Alex Seymour** (Capt), **James Gristock**, **Jake Mann**, **Freddie Lister**, **Suagat Rai**, **Jake Overton**, **Wilfrid Hunt** and **Charles Pritchard**.



On Sunday 6th March Wycliffe's Senior Girls squad, consisting of Emma Boers, Alicia Wyer and Rachel Lade played in the Roxtons National Arena Girls Tournament, held at Rugby Polo Club.

Having had some great practice in regular matches, this year Wycliffe were entered in the top Division 1 for the first time. Their first match was against Rugby School B team and Wycliffe beat them convincingly 7-0. The next game was against Cheltenham College B team who put up a tougher challenge, but Wycliffe came away with a 5-2 victory. Wycliffe played the reigning champions Cheltenham College A team in the final. This was a

really tough match and everyone played a hard, fast and skilful game. Unfortunately, Wycliffe just missed out on the top spot by 5 goals to 2. Wycliffe ended up coming 2nd overall making us the 2nd best girls' school polo team in the country.

Wycliffe players that are new to the sport have also had some success. Our novice team consisted of **Georgina Chillingworth**, **Ben Capethorn** and a player from Cheltenham College.

The first match was against Rugby School and we won 5-2. There followed a convincing 5-0 win against Shrewsbury School with the team playing some imaginative polo.

This meant that Wycliffe went into the final against Wellington College. We put up a great fight but eventually lost 3-0. This was a great first tournament for our novice team.

Wycliffe Squash are simply the best

Wycliffe Squash players made history in the National School's Competition by winning both the boys under 15 and boys under 19 titles, a feat which no other school has ever done in the 70 year history of the competition.

The finals were played at the National Squash Centre in Manchester, right next door to the Man City Football Stadium. The under 15 side was one of the strongest Wycliffe has ever had. Leading the way was **Lyell Fuller**, a triple European title winner, and double England international.

In the semi finals we drew with Gosforth School from Newcastle. **Krys Fishwick** lost at number 5 but **Dvario Thompson**, **Harry Heathcock**, **Kyran Young** and **Lyell Fuller** all won 3-0 to secure a 4-1 victory and a place in the final.

Waiting for us in the final were a very young team from Heathside School in Surrey. **Alex Schranz** came in at 5 for the final and won 3-0. **Dvario Thompson** won 3-1 at number 4 and **Harry Heathcock**, **Kyran Young** and **Lyell Fuller** all won 3-0 to complete a 5-0 victory.

This was the 7th year in a row that Wycliffe has won the national under 15 title – a record that will be very hard to beat!

The following day, it was the turn of the under 19 boys to try and wrestle back the

under 19 title that they last won in 2002. It was always going to be tough but on paper we knew we had the talent to do it.

We played Manchester Grammar School in the semi finals. **Greg Mason** managed to get himself match fit after being out with injury for two months. He was far too strong and won convincingly 3-0.

Kyran Young was at number 4 and won 3-0 as did **Scott Young**, **Kale Wilson** and **Lyell Fuller** at numbers 3, 4 and 5.

The stage was now set for a final showdown versus Millfield, who had held this prestigious title since 2003. We got off to a great start with **Harry Heathcock** winning 3-1 at number 5 and **Scott Young** winning 3-0 at number 3. **Lyell Fuller** then went on against the world number 3 junior from Egypt and gave his opponent a very good run for his money. Despite losing 3-0, he played some



fantastic squash. Wycliffe was 2-1 up in matches and only needed to win one of the matches remaining. Both **Kyran Young** and **Kale Wilson** went on at the same time at numbers 4 and 2 respectively.

Things were not looking good when they both lost the first game. Kyran went on to win the next 2 games whilst Kale lost the next 2 and his match at number 2. It was now all down to **Kyran Young**. He proved last year in a nail biting final of the under 15 boys that he is a big match

player... Could he do it again? He fell behind in the 4th game and it looked like it was going to a deciding game when Kyran found himself game points down. He dug deep, saved 2 game balls and then won on a tiebreaker to give Wycliffe the victory.

It was a fairy tale end for Wycliffe's squash coach **Dave Morrish** who is leaving at the end of the year to take up a coaching position in Canada after 12 wonderful years with us.

Rowing

On Saturday March 5th, the Boat Club competed at the Avon County Head of the River situated on the Avon near Bath. The event was well attended by a number of schools including Bryanston, Pangbourne, RGS Worcester, Canford, Monkton, Oratory, Great Marlow, Monmouth Comprehensive and Wycliffe.

Wycliffe ended the day with 6 golds, 4 silvers and a bronze from the 14 crews entered. The J18 quadruple scull of **Dave Zan-Kreyser**, **Tom James**, **Rob Camm** and **Matt Crouch** clocked up WCBC's fastest time of the day. This placed them 11th overall and in amongst the J18 eights, as well as winning their event by an impressive 16 seconds. **Gwilym Wyn-Jones**,

Carl Straube, **Tom Shephard** and J15 **Ben Hampson** finished a respectable 5th from 6 crews and 12 seconds from 2nd place in the same event. Ben went on to finish 3rd in the J15 single as well as a 2nd place in the



Men's IM3 quad with usual doubles partner Rhys Parker, as well as Tom Shephard and **Ciaran Povey**. Another 2nd place came from **Katherine Shaw**

in the J17 single, beating a member of Welsh Junior Squad. Dave and **Tom James** then won the J17 double by 3 minutes and posted the fastest time of the day for a double, whilst Rob and Carl won the J18 doubles. **Miles**

Littlewood and **Harry Jenkins** won the Novice double by a substantial margin and usual crewmates **Karl Gillings** and **Christian Schmitz**

finished second in the J16 double. These boys also teamed up in the J16 quad, narrowly losing by 0.7 seconds to a good Bryanston quartet. However, they made up for this disappointment by beating Bryanston in the J16 coxed four with **Rohan Easby** by 12 seconds.

The win of the day came from the novice coxed four of Gwilym, Rob, Tom James, Dave and **Emily Walker-Smith** coxing. They won the event by an incredible 43 seconds in their first sweep-oar discipline event beating Bath University, Pangbourne and Bryanston in the process. What is more outstanding is that their time was good enough to win J18 coxed fours, which contained the more traditional rowing schools such as Pangbourne and Monkton.

Success also came in the way of completion of a first race, as was the

case for our J15 double of **Tom Harris** and **James Woodrow**. These two gave a very good account of themselves in a tough event and finished 8th from 9 crews. Avon County was also the first outing for some of our new J14s and they gained some valuable experience about racing despite an injury forcing a crew change the night before. The crew of **Rob Allman-Carter**, **Marcus Morgan**, **Angus Allen**, **Caspian Adib** and **Rohan Easby** finished 16th from 19 crews.

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