



The Wycliffe Times

Bringing the world into the classroom



Last year, Wycliffe College was delighted to be accepted as a global member of Round Square, an international network of over 230 like-minded schools in 50 countries.

Round Square schools collaborate on teaching and learning programmes, courses and initiatives, connecting pupils with their peers in other countries through collaboration; sharing learning resources; and participating in joint activities such as conferences, exchanges and academic projects.

One such example is the collaborative work that pupils have undertaken with Trivandrum School in Kerala, India. This has included the planting of trees at both schools in a project associated with the Environmental Ideal.

Fundraising is also an important part of Round Square. Recently, pupils held a cake and Turkish tea sale, raising nearly £400 for the Disaster Emergency Committee undertaking rescue efforts in Syria and Turkey.

The 54th Round Square Global International Conference will take place in Kenya in October 2023. Brookhouse School in Nairobi are hosting the conference, providing a platform for schools globally to explore the ways in which Africa is defining its position in the 21st Century. Older pupils will have the opportunity to attend the conference, staying with Brookhouse families and experiencing African hospitality first-hand.

The Round Square flag flies proudly here on campus: we are thrilled to be a member school and incredibly excited by the future opportunities Round Square has to offer our pupils. Watch this space!

'Our differences are our strength'

Wycliffe is a global community which includes pupils from over 30 countries, and so International Week is a pivotal celebration here.

The week began with a visit from Reitaku High School in Chiba, Tokyo, Japan. The pupils gave presentations to Year 9-13 pupils studying Japanese about their school and its culture. They also sang, performed a play about the Japanese zodiac, and demonstrated Japanese games. We are very proud to teach Japanese at the College and to be able to welcome the pupils from Japan.

In the middle of the week, the International Fair provided a superb showcase of different cultures. Pupils dressed in traditional clothes, made food that is popular in their own countries, and proudly did a range of activities and demonstrations.

Throughout the week, pupils also shared recipes from their home nations and themed food was served in each house and the main dining hall.

Pupils in Haywardsend sampled Swedish *fika* (afternoon tea) with *jordgubbstårta* (strawberry cake), while those in Haywardsfield enjoyed food from the USA, Mexico, Spain, China, France and Wales.

Robinson House enjoyed a karaoke evening fuelled by French, Italian and South Asian-inspired cuisine, while those in Loosley Halls were treated to Japanese food.

And pupils from Lampeter House educated one another in 'pancake cultures'!

Once again, International Week was a huge success and a true celebration of diversity.



DofE training weekend

In February, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants enjoyed a training weekend, honing their expedition skills in preparation for their first camping trip straight after Easter.

On the Saturday, they practised camp craft, first aid and completed an emergency scenario. On the Sunday, in beautiful weather conditions, they split into teams for a final navigation exercise with staff support.

The four groups climbed Cam Peak, before dividing to hike either clockwise or anti-clockwise on a scenic circular route which encompassed Uley Bury. All had great fun meeting passers-by and local animals and acquitted themselves impressively.

Well done to those involved, and a big thank you to the staff that supported.



DofE pupils clean up!

The weekly DofE litter picking volunteering group have been hard at work recently. They have unearthed a whole range of things – from an old camera to a Coke can dated 1993! They are doing a fantastic job and are always thanked by locals for their efforts.



Ten Tors Challenge training

On Sunday 5th February, Year 10 Combined Cadet Force (CCF) cadets took part in training for the 35-mile route they will be undertaking as part of the Ten Tors Challenge at the end of April.

They walked from Swinyard Car Park to Worcestershire Beacon and back, a journey of approximately 10 miles.

On the outward journey, going up over all of the Malvern hills, the weather was a little chilly, but this helped to achieve the aim of improving hill fitness and endurance for the event.

This year, the cadets partaking in the Ten Tors Challenge are fundraising for the Downs Syndrome Association.



Annual Combined Cadet Force dinner



On 10th February, Wycliffe College Combined Cadet Force (CCF) enjoyed the annual CCF dinner at Stonehouse Court Hotel. The four-course dinner was attended by all the current Sixth Form cadets, current staff and **Major Ian Rae** (OW).

Major Archer started the evening with an etiquette lecture: wait for the guest of honour to start eating first!

After the meal, CSM **Rosie Palk** gave a short talk on her time in the CCF, followed by Major Rae talking about the Army today and what he got up to as a cadet. Major Archer then presented awards to the departing cadets and announced the new Senior Cadet, CSM **Jonty Jones**.

Aiming high on CCAT mountaineering course



by Naomi Arthurton (Year 13)

Last July, I headed to Lancaster for another Cadet Centre for Adventurous Training (CCAT) course at Halton Training Camp.

My course this time was 'Basic Mountaineering'; on the first day we talked about our abilities and went over how to read a map. We then put our skills to use and created a route to follow, using pacing and compasses to help us get to the right place.

Throughout the week, we did more and more walking. We would plan the route the evening before then walk it the next day with our big bags and waterproofs on as it wouldn't stop raining! We often stopped at shops and cafes to restock or enjoy a tasty treat!

I created a really good bond with my group members - we all had a good laugh and got on really well. The instructor was so friendly and had interesting stories to tell. We had great fun singing in the rain and putting up a tent in the minibus as our instructor didn't want it to get wet!

After completing my second CCAT course, I feel they are such a great way to get out and about to meet new people while doing activities you enjoy. Courses only last five days, but it's enough time to make friends with people who have similar interests. They help with confidence and getting yourself out there instead of staying home. I loved both of my adventurous training exercises and I hope it is something many other cadets will take advantage of.

EYFS Activity Morning

The recent EYFS Activity Morning saw parents invited to come and spend time completing a range of literacy and mathematics activities with their children.

The activities on offer incorporated the prime areas of learning: Communication and Language; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; and Physical Development.

Activities in the Nursery classroom included: making letters and shapes out of Play-Doh, developing pre-writing skills using the sand tray, and using an egg box game to recognise and name numerals.

In the Reception classroom, children and parents participated in word bingo, played games using number bonds to five, and explored the idea of capacity in the water tray using different containers.

The children had a wonderful time sharing their learning - thank you to all those who came along!



Cardiff calling!

On St David's Day, Year 10 Business pupils headed to Wales for a visit to Cardiff Castle and The Principality Stadium.

At Cardiff Castle, the group enjoyed a talk and tour from the Education Officer, learning about the castle as a business, their marketing mix, the impact of being based in the centre of a capital city, and the strategies they have used to adapt to the changes and challenges of recent years. They then enjoyed exploring the grounds, tunnels and the keep.

At the Principality Stadium, pupils toured hospitality boxes, the President's lounge, changing rooms, press room and pitch. They learnt about the use of technology for the pitch and the multi-purpose roof; the stadium as a centre for international sport, concerts, WWE and Monster Truck events; and the pricing strategies for these events.

A great day was had by all!



Making a splash!



by Izzy Oytaben (Year 8)

On Sunday 5th February, all boarders from Years 3 to 8 went to Coral Reef Water Park in Bracknell.

Once we were in, the younger ones were with a teacher, whilst Year 7 and 8 pupils had more responsibility and freedom. All the slides were crazy fun and everyone had a blast. Year 8 thought some of the slides were scary but Year 3 said otherwise! We all wanted to stay longer and begged to do this trip again.

we wanted, but most of us stuck with our names. We were taught the basics of Street Art then we went off to use different spray cans and many variations of stencils to use. We got the opportunity to make a group art piece which is now displayed in the games room.



Street art



by Izzy Oytaben (Year 8)

On Sunday 22nd January, Year 7 and 8 pupils participated in a Street Art activity.

We all got our own boards to customise with whatever

A day of exploration for Years 3, 4 and 5

On Friday 7th February, Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed their spring term Exploration Day. The focus of the day was to prepare for our Round Square collaboration, based on traditional playground games.

In the morning, the pupils worked in teams to research different playground games, writing instructions for one.

In the afternoon, pupils had the chance to play their games and to try out some of the other groups' games too. They finished the day with giant games of 'Granny's Footsteps' and 'Duck, Duck, Goose' which involved the whole of Middle Prep!

Following on from this, pupils will work with other Round Square schools to find out what playground games are played around the world.



Amazing Animal Day

To kick start their learning about animals around the world, children in Pre-Prep enjoyed an Amazing Animals Day at the start of the spring term. Pupils baked, crafted and shared stories about their favourite animals as well as welcoming Big Jeff, a giant tortoise, to school. Big Jeff loved exploring the Pre-Prep library and inspired children to draw and write creatively in class later that week.

Student Investor Challenge

The Student Investor Challenge is a termly challenge open to pupils in all years. Using the London Stock Exchange's trading simulator, it offers the opportunity to buy and sell shares (virtually).

Each pupil begins with £10,000 and must try to grow this as much as possible. There is no limit on the number of trades that can be made, but the challenge is to know what to buy, and when, and what to sell, and when.

Pupils keep up to date with company news and changes in the wider economy, with some opting to take a longer-term approach and some favouring short-term trades.

Anakin Lam (Year 12) won the autumn term competition, achieving almost 20% growth in very challenging trading conditions. This term's event is proving a much closer contest and, with two weeks remaining, **Jason Mok** (Year 12) and **Anakin Lam** are leading. **Karl Hefer** (Year 10) has grown his portfolio by over 20% to date and is at the forefront of the chasing pack.



Game on!

by Jason Cai (Year 10)



On Monday 27th February, pupils across Years 9 -13 who study Japanese were invited to take part in an activity

organised by the Reitaku Junior High School from Chiba near Tokyo. These students were 14-15 years old and taught us traditional Japanese games in English.

The games were *ohajiki* - played like a backward version of bingo; *kamizumou* - this consisted of two paper origami and the aim is to push the opponent out of the circle through tapping the surface with two fingers; *fukuwarai* - this game sees one player blind-folded while their partner tells them where to place facial features on a plain face; *hagoita* - this game is a mini-version of badminton played without a net and with small wooden bats; and *chanbara* - a game in which two players each have a paper balloon stuck on their dominant shoulder and have to try and hit their opponent's balloon with a foam baton.

The games we played allowed us to understand more about complex Japanese culture which is a very beneficial experience as well as a lot of fun!



EAL pupils enjoy fun night out

On Friday 10th February, Lower School English as an Additional Language (EAL) pupils had a great time with friends trying out their bowling skills at Stroud Bowl. Afterwards, they enjoyed pizza and pasta at La Campagna restaurant.



Esports League of Legends

by Mr Russell

For our first match in the 'National Division', Wycliffe's Isaac Li, Yang Nie, Zachary Wan, Yitong Hao and Rhynell Rusere faced a team called 'Soup Mentality' from Thomas Telford School in Shropshire.

Despite a high CS lead for portions of the game, at the 15-minute mark we found ourselves 6-12 down, with Soup Mentality taking the only two dragons so far.

Thomas Telford often seemed unstoppable, whilst our team were playing as if for different objectives.

At around 30 minutes they broke through with a few more, and that momentum was enough to let them take over our base and the game.

Our first loss since last year. Welcome to the National Division!

Overwatch 2

On Wednesday 8th February, we welcomed Dean Close for their first match in South Division 2.



Coach Rhynell was thrilled that some of the practised strategies and communication methods came to fruition straight away. Whilst some of this professionalism waned as things got more complicated, having these basics in place paid dividends.

We played the first 'push' map in New Queen Street, and quickly won a team fight at the objective.

Playing next as a 'hybrid' in Blizzard World, Dean Close started on attack but could not dislodge us from our position as defender. Our DPS players were particularly impressive, earning some of their best streaks of the year.

The third map was a 'control' game in Nepal. This was a best-of-three scrap to

hold onto a location. Dean Close had no methods to knock us out of the control zone and, despite them earning more in this game, we won the map in the first two points. The result was a 3-0 victory for Wycliffe - our first win since September!



What a Wonderful (Wildlife) World!

by Abigail Casey (Year 8)



Last summer, some Year 8s entered a Design Technology (DT) competition set by Mrs Cleere. We designed a house for a garden creature, and the best ones would visit Wildlife World - a company that makes eco products for wildlife.

On 1st February, George Blenkinsop, Ava Lai and I visited Wildlife World's shop in Chavenage. We met Norman Sellers, the founder and Director of Wildlife World. He started the company 22 years ago when he was inspired by similar competition. He told us about the designs and the materials they use. He also spoke about the cost of making products and how they make a profit. After that he showed us around the workshop and we



helped him evaluate a new product. Then, he announced the winner of the competition. It was...me!

Overall, this was a wonderful experience that I would love to do again.



Auspicious beginnings

On Saturday 14th January, Year 7 started their new module on the Lunar New Year and Chinese culture. We were fortunate to have one of our parents give a talk on New Year traditions and Chinese medicine. Pupils were able to smell and touch traditional medicine. They also tried their hand at calligraphy with Mr Lester.



Wycliffe Literature Festival and World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March we marked World Book Day and held the Wycliffe Literature Festival.

As well as dressing up as their favourite characters, Prep pupils enjoyed a book tasting event in the library, a used book sale, and a readathon. They also participated in a 'guess the bookcase competition' and the highly contested 'dress the (tutor room) door competition'.

On Friday 3rd March, pupils in Pre-Prep welcomed author **Lindsey Cole** to School. Lindsey shared her fictional tale *The Mermaid and the Whale* with children from Nursery to Year 2. To end the day, children enjoyed listening to stories read to them by families of pupils in the department. This was a lovely end to a brilliant literacy-themed day.

Meanwhile **Spoz**, an acclaimed performance poet, delivered an entertaining assembly to Prep pupils as well as workshops with different year groups.

In the Senior School, there was a fantastic Inter-House cake baking competition. It was a great success with some wonderfully creative entries, particularly from Ivy Grove who stole the show.

And **Lauren E James**, author, script editor, and founder of the Climate Fiction Writers, gave a STEM-based talk to Year 9 pupils and led a workshop on the theme of writing diversely with Year 12 and 13 English pupils.



Moving visit to Imperial War Museum for Year 12



by Isabella Owens (Year 12)

The long-awaited History trip to The Imperial War Museum started with a viewing of the Second World War Galleries.

We then headed to The Holocaust Galleries for the main portion of our trip, unprepared for the upcoming lesson. Initially, we thought we'd be left uncomfortable, but that nothing new would be taught; we were quickly proved wrong.

In the Holocaust Galleries, we were introduced to the norms of a Jewish family at the time. However, we were quickly tapped out of this reality as we progressed to seeing the apparatus used to determine the "right eye colour" according to the Nazis.

We were further impacted by the sight of those left destitute from the war, and as we got further into the exhibition, the room felt heavier, and the troubled looks on everyone's faces were hard to miss. As we progressed, the true horror of the Holocaust was laid bare, leaving many of us feeling emotional.

We were able to follow the stories of certain Holocaust victims throughout the Galleries, allowing us to feel every part of what they went through and emphasising our devastation when we found out what had happened to many of the people. Although most were lost, we were left inspired by those who survived and who gave us hope in humanity.

Year 6 visit SS Great Britain

On a sunny, cold and crisp day on Friday 20th January, Year 6 were able to explore the impact of the Victorians within our local area by analysing crucially important artefacts up close and personal at SS Great Britain.

All pupils were able to use objects to uncover the story and engineering triumphs of some of Brunel's most famous projects, as well as have a guided tour with local enthusiasts on the great ship and its inhabitants.

They were able to uncover the differences in class cabins, food and the difficulty in sharing such small spaces with others. Pupils were able to explore the dry dock, exploring the concerns and challenges of modern conservation but also were able to appreciate the size and magnificence of this important ship. In addition to this, pupils could uncover the story of the ship and the impact of Brunel, his ideas and inventions such as the GWR, using interactive exhibitions and games.



by Sophie Taylor (Year 6)

When we first walked in, we saw a gigantic ship with lots of gold on it. Then we got split into groups. I was in the group which went down to the classroom first. We had tubs with different buildings and structures that Isambard Kingdom Brunel built. After we went into the glorious ship. When we got on to the ship the deck was filled with animals, it was more like a farm. Once we explored the top we went to where the poor people lived on the ship. There were lots of different cabins



crammed into a small, dark and dingy space and we saw what they would eat which was horrible. Then we went to see the rich part of SS Great Britain. We entered a very posh room, with pillars down the middle and cabins on the side. One of the cabins was also the barber's cabin. The barber would usually be in the poor parts of the ship, but he was such a good barber that he was moved to the rich section. Once we got off the ship we went into Brunel's brain, where we went into his mind and saw what his life would have been like from his perspective.

Piano masterclass

We have several pianists working towards top grades. To nurture them specifically, we organised a special masterclass with award-winning concert pianist **Clare Hammond**. Clare worked with five of our pianists in detail, with several of our other pianists watching. The morning was full of invaluable wisdom and top tips, and it



was wonderful to see and hear the pieces transform as our pianists experimented with different approaches to their playing.

Valentine's Teatime Concert



On Tuesday 14th February, a packed Chapel was treated to a Valentine's Teatime Concert complete with heart-shaped edible treats. There was a variety of performances from ensembles and soloists, ranging from the Choir singing *All You Need is Love* to a jazz piano improvisation from **Andre Kamel** and a classical flute solo by **Eloise Bartram**. Well done to all 35 of our performers.

A Christmas Carol

by Mrs Scott

On Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th December, Wycliffe pupils from Years 9 to 13 took part in the festive production *A Christmas Carol*.

With only ten weeks rehearsal time, the schedule was intense. I must mention **Abigail Opaleye** (Year 11) whose commitment to the role of Scrooge was outstanding; her ability to carry the production effortlessly throughout the three nights showed real professionalism (and star quality!).

The process felt very collaborative. **Mia Baker** (Year 13), our first Pupil Stage Manager, showed she has the organisation and creative ability to outshine the adults at times! Thanks also go to **Mrs Dytham** for the many trips to Stonehouse to buy costumes, and for the hours spent adapting them with **Mrs Attwell** so they fit our cast perfectly.

This truly was an ensemble show and Wycliffe pupils continue to reflect the core values of the College through their creativity, unassuming confidence and generosity of spirit.

Thank you to all of those who got involved in the show (pupils and teachers) and for those who showed their support by coming to watch the production.



Grace Gosling (Year 12)

I had the role of 'Fred's Wife' in the School production of *A Christmas Carol*. It was a fun and fast-paced role with quick and lively scenes. This allowed me to develop as an actor and step out of my comfort zone. It also allowed me to build relationships with those in other year groups that I wouldn't otherwise get the opportunity to talk to. This created new friendships and opportunities to learn from each other and have fun. Through spending every Monday night in rehearsal, you grow together as a team – it gives you the energy and excitement to push through into giving a great performance for many to enjoy and for us to feel proud of.



Conrad Mosimann (Year 9)

When I did the play it was really fun. We picked our roles (big/

small or backstage) and were given a small section of the script to learn for an audition – everyone gets to be involved anyway so there is no pressure.

Once the roles have been selected, you start to learn your lines! A few times a week, you practise in the classroom until the whole cast have done their scenes and then you start practising on the main stage! This is the best part since you get to perform as if you were in front of an audience. You also get your costumes fitted.

In the final week there is a rehearsal on the Sunday and then a mini performance in front of the Prep School. Then three straight nights of performance and you're done!

I had so much fun doing this, and I would recommend it to Year 9s who are thinking of doing it.



Music Scholars' dinner

At the beginning of March, the wonderful Wycliffe Catering Team put together a very special 'Secret Supper' for our Music Scholars.

They were treated to a delicious feast of Spanish food – a fantastic way to end International Week – and Wycliffe Hall was transformed with beautiful decorations. The evening ended on a high with salsa dancing!



Samba!

Year 7 had a wonderful opportunity recently to try samba drumming with expert drummer **Nick Ledbury**. He showed them how to use the various drums and led some exciting performances which pupils shared with parents at the end of their showcase. Pupils also had a chance to make Day of the Dead masks and to research Day of the Dead and Carnival.



Albie James (Year 7)



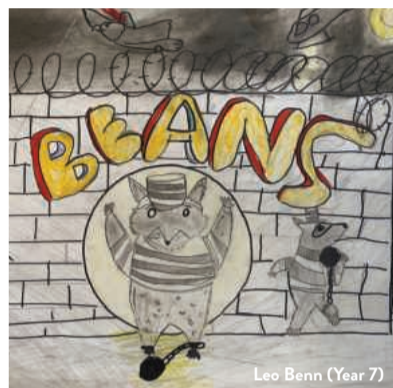
Emily Cooper (Year 7)



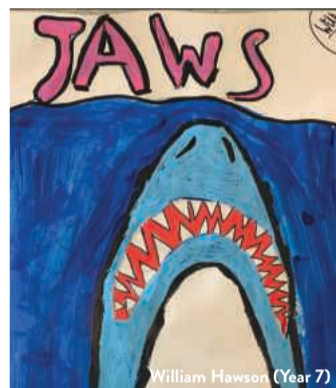
Georgina Latimer (Year 7)



Josh Cooper (Year 7)

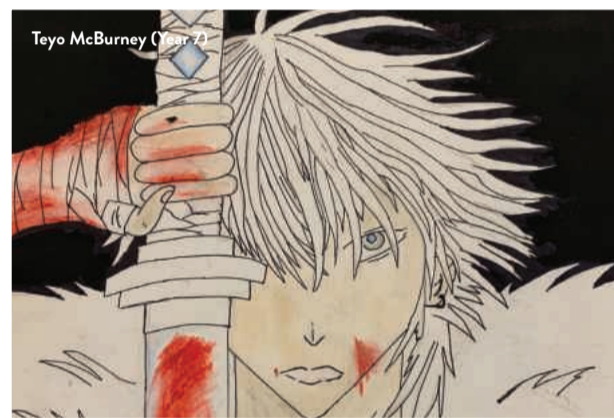


Leo Benn (Year 7)



William Hawson (Year 7)

Prep Art Focus



Teyo McBurney (Year 7)



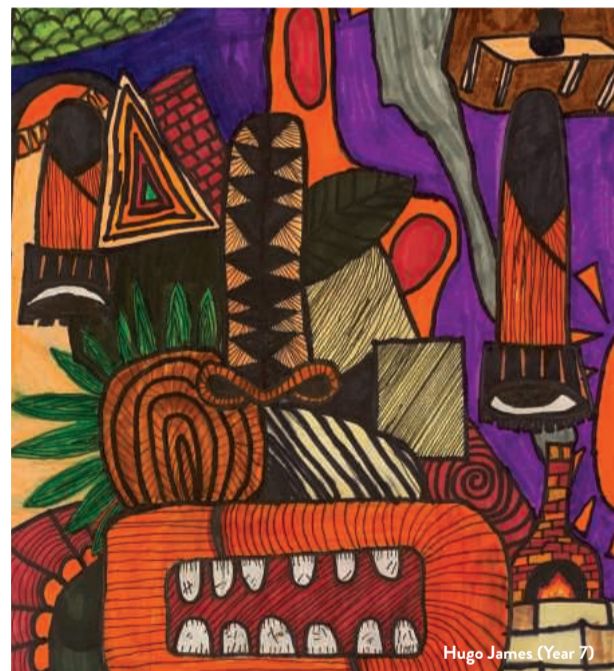
Will Papps (Year 7)



Izzy Oytaben (Year 8)



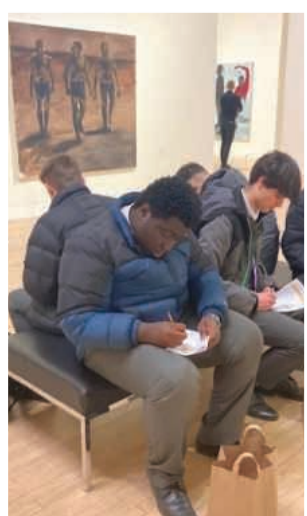
Isla Jones (Year 7)



Hugo James (Year 7)

Inspired by Rousseau on Art Day

In January, Year 3 and 4 created their own jungle in the style of Henri Rousseau. They worked on individual animals using the Surface Go and online tutorials.



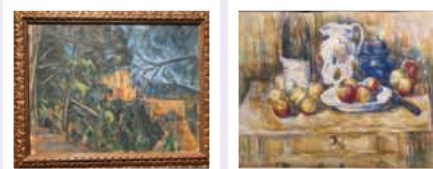
In February, Art pupils from the Senior School visited London, taking in the Lynette Yiadom-Boakye exhibition at the Tate Britain and the Cezanne exhibition at the Tate Modern.

Pupils were intrigued by Yiadom-Boakye's portraits and sat drawing from her work before taking in the permanent collection at the Tate Britain.

The Cezanne exhibition displayed a large amount of his landscapes and 'The Bathers', and it was interesting to see his obsessive use of colour. Pupils

also enjoyed exploring the gallery looking for work to inspire personal projects.

Year 11 and year 13 have exam themes such as layers, aging, sleeping and reflections, so their purpose was to find work that could connect and give them development ideas. It is always exciting to be invigorated by the atmosphere of London!



NSPCC Maths morning



On Friday 3rd February, children in Pre-Prep took part in a Number Morning: a maths-inspired fundraising event.

Children enjoyed working with numbers in a fun and creative way and raised lots of money - half of which will go to the NSPCC and half to our school charity, the Nailsworth Donkey Sanctuary.

Year 5 mathematicians are shaping up well!



Year 5 pupils in Set 1 Maths have been hard at work learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of different shapes recently.

They began by working out the area and perimeter of individual rectangles, before putting them together in groups to make rectilinear shapes. They discussed how they could work out the area and perimeter of these new shapes, figuring out the method before then applying their knowledge.



Sustainable Futures

As part of the Wycliffe Discovery Programme, Year 6 pupils have been exploring the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), widely considered to be the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for us all (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>).

In particular, they focused on the issues of food wastage and plastic consumption. They learned about the innovators who are striving to find solutions to the global issues we face, and enjoyed sharing what they had learnt during the Sustainable Futures showcase event.

Science comes to life for Year 10 pupils!

On Monday 27th February, Year 10 Science pupils attended the Science Live event in Bristol, giving them a chance to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists who are all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms.

These included **Professor Dave Cliff**, talking about the science behind the latest developments in computing. Pupil **Logan Llewelyn** said this was his favourite presentation: "He was really enthusiastic and made it interesting."

Other speakers included neuroscientist **Dr Hannah Critchlow** and materials scientist **Dr Anna Ploszajski**, who talked about how smart materials will change our lives in the near future.

Mrs King led the trip and was star struck upon meeting TV scientist and renowned professor of physics **Jim Al-Khalili**: "A REAL rock star!"

Pupils were also given a session on exam techniques, providing useful guidance for the exams this year and next. A stimulating and educational day for all involved.



Year 12 scientists attend Prof Chris Whitty lecture



by **Eloise Etherington and Lily Martin (both Year 12)**

On Thursday 26th January, we had the opportunity to travel to Gloucester Cathedral to listen to a lecture by **Professor Chris Whitty**, England's Chief Medical Officer and a key figure during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The focus of the lecture was on the legacy of Edward Jenner, specifically his work surrounding vaccines, and how these have subsequently impacted global health. It was especially interesting to learn about different types of vaccines and to hear about new research into vaccines that could be used to

prevent or cure cancers that aren't caused by infections.

We did not anticipate the presence of people demonstrating against the vaccine programme, including one person who interrupted Prof Whitty, calling him a liar. This led to us having an interesting discussion about whether people should have the right to protest in the UK.

The talk has inspired many of us to do further research into the subject, whether it be for Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) or for personal interest. Thank you to **Mr Clements** for organising the trip.

Announcements

Marriages and Births

To share news of your nuptials and new arrivals, please email TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

Deaths

During the Spring Term, we sadly said goodbye to:

Alastair Brotchie (H 1965-1970)

Paul Etheridge MBE, TD, JP, MBA, FIFP, CFP, FCII, ACI Arb. P J DB 1948 - 1955 & President of Wycliffe College 2006-2021

For more information and to read any of the obituaries, please go to: <https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/news/obituaries/>

OWs Giving Back

This term, pupils in the Business Studies and Economics department have benefitted from the generous involvement of **Bruno d'Abo** (SH 1999-2002).

Bruno has recently been appointed Chief Executive of Little Verzons Farm in Herefordshire. This is a diversified business that has developed from the Handmade Scotch Egg Company to include a farm shop and leisure facility, as well as food production. He spoke to Year 13 Business pupils about a range of topics, including growth, business strategy, operations, finance and managing change in a challenging economic environment. The talk was highly relevant and provided a useful case study on which to base business concepts that the pupils have studied or will look at in coming weeks.

The pupils had lots of questions for Bruno, and there were plentiful samples of produce from the kitchens at Little Verzons Farm that were very well received!

Remembering Paul Etheridge

Paul Etheridge passed away on 6th January 2023, aged 83. Our thoughts and best wishes at this time are with **Judith** and all the family.

Paul was a pupil at Wycliffe in the Prep, Junior and Senior Schools between 1948 and 1955. But as many will know, his connection to Wycliffe continued and he would later serve for a decade as a Trustee (1979-1989) before becoming Chair of the Council of Trustees between 1989 and 2006 - a period of enormous and significant change across the College. In 2006, Paul took on the role of President of Wycliffe College, which he held until 2021, then becoming President Emeritus.

To read **Paul Etheridge's full obituary**, and the other obituaries featured on TWS website, please go to: [wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/news/obituaries](https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/news/obituaries).



Events update

We were delighted to see so many familiar faces at the first TWS Business Breakfast 2023 at The Stonehouse Court on Thursday 19th January.

These events bring together OWs, Hon OWs, current parents and staff via an informal networking event.



TWS Calendar 2023

March

Fri 17th TWS Business Breakfast, Stonehouse Court Hotel

Thur 23rd TWS Birmingham Drinks

Sat 25th OW Basketball v Wycliffe 1st Team
OW Netball v Wycliffe 1st VII
OW Football v Wycliffe XI

April

Sat 29th OW Cricket v Wycliffe XI
OW Tennis v Wycliffe College

May

Thur 18th TWS Business Breakfast, Stonehouse Court Hotel

June

Sat 25th TWS Golf Match, Bristol Golf Club, BS10 7TP

Thur 29th TWS Gloucestershire Drinks, Stroud Brewery, GL5 2BY

July

Fri 7th TWS Business Breakfast, Stonehouse Court Hotel

For further information on TWS Events in 2023, please refer to our website <https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/wycliffian-events/> or email TWS@wycliffe.co.uk



In early February, our recent TWS Gloucestershire Drinks event brought OWs together from across the generations at The Old Lodge, Minchinhampton.



Margie Coombs (H 1972-1974) along with other OWs.



L-R: Ross Millward (P S 1987-1993), Zac Curtis (P W 1988-1995), Mike Stafford (H 1988-1992)



Jamie Randall (P HE 2012-2020)

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Cross Country

Prep

After a strong showing in 2022, we returned to Malvern College for the National Prep School Cross Country Championship in early March.

Competing in the U11 Boys' and Girls' and U13 Boys' categories, the pupils ran brilliantly around a gruelling course. Special mention must go to **Tayanana Bigger** and **Hugo James** who showed great resilience to finish the race and help place their teams higher up the table.

Highlight of the day goes to **Alistair Spurr** who completed the 2.8km course in a time of nine minutes and 37 seconds, beating his closest rival by two seconds to come home in 1st position and crowning him National Boys' U11 Champion.



Individually there have been fantastic achievements for **Sebastian Forrest** and **Ana Derbaix Esteve** who have gone through the District, County and Regional XC events to qualify for the Gloucestershire team going to the National Schools XC Championships on 18th March. This is a huge achievement for them to be competing with 2000 of the top runners in the country from 42 counties.

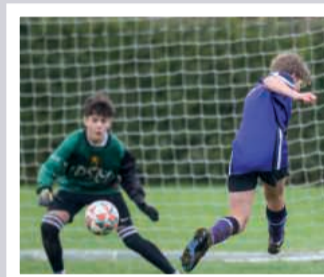
Senior

As the Cross Country season draws to a close, our pupils have had an exceptional year. We have competed in the English Schools Athletics Association XC Cup, qualifying through the county round into the Regional Finals in the Inter Boys' and Senior Boys' events.



Football

This term we have had a busy fixture list of Football. The Junior teams have all performed well, particularly U15A who, at the time of going to print, are unbeaten! A special mention goes to **Leo Simonetti Whitford** in goal who has played a big part in the success of the team, as well as captain **Oliver Thomas**.



The Senior 1st team are having a much-improved season. Under the captaincy of **Freddie Searle**, they have played 10 and lost just three, scoring an impressive 23 goals. The strength in depth of this team is very encouraging; a mix of Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils means that there will be plenty of experience going into next season. They have three matches to go, the culmination of their season being the Saturday Night Lights match against the OWs on 25th March. This was a 4-4 goal fest last year so there is all to play for!



A marathon effort in aid of Scotty's Little Soldiers



PUPIL VIEW by **Lou Tucker (Year 12)**

On Saturday 28th January, staff and students of Ward's House and Ivy Grove House set out early in the morning to begin their 12-hour Touch Rugby marathon fundraiser. The fundraiser was in aid of the two Houses' chosen charity, Scotty's Little Soldiers - a charity dedicated to supporting bereaved British Forces children and young people.

The event kicked off at eight in the morning. It was chilly and still dark as the first group from Ivy Grove and Ward's started their first match

of the day, but that didn't stop the enthusiasm of all who participated.

As the day went on, students from all Houses and year groups across the School joined in to take part; it was a tremendous effort across the board. At the ten-hour mark, it was amazing news to hear that the goal of £1500 had been reached. At the end of the twelve hours, the students had raised a total of £1860.

An enormous thank you to **Miss Price** (Housemistress of Ivy Grove), **Dr Smith** (Housemaster of Ward's House), as well as the students from Ivy Grove and Ward's - **Jonty, Billy, and Izzie** - who helped to organise the event along with me and made sure it ran smoothly.



Rowing

At the start of February, Wycliffe hosted the annual Big Boats Head. It was a great day with clubs and schools from all over coming to compete in the 5km race. Wycliffe were very successful and finished the day with three golds, one silver, one bronze and a 4th place finish.

Moving into March, Wycliffe Boat Club entered Women's Eights Head of the River for the first time in recent history and put down an impressive performance, placing 24th out of the 299 crews that raced. The girls moved the most up the rankings in the whole event, starting 277th and finishing in 24th overall, as well as coming 3rd in the School/Junior category.



Strength and Conditioning

This term all pupils from Years 3 to 8 have had an introductory Strength and Conditioning session from our new Head Coach, **Mr Trinder**. The sessions have focused on fundamental movement patterns and speed mechanics which are all easily transferable to their Games options. It's great to be able to have Mr Trinder working with all athletes across the entire College this term.



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House Sport

This term has seen pupils across all year groups compete in their Houses for the title for House Champions. An incredibly tight display across all Senior Netball and Football have led to the following results: Senior House Football winners – Shaftesbury; Senior House Netball winners - Lincoln.

Squash

During half term, Wycliffe's Squash squad went to Hamburg for the German Junior Open.

With tough first round draws, both **Nero Harms** and **Harry Bloomfield** finished 33rd having lost only one match. **Oliver Jewkes** played brilliantly all weekend, finishing 20th in the Boys' U15.

Harry Bloomfield and **Sacha Cooper** also competed in the English



Football tournament makes history

For the first time in Wycliffe history, we added a Girls' Football Tournament to run alongside our annual 6-a-side Football Tournament. Teams from all over the southwest came on site to play the game.

Mr Arman's Colts A team took home the

trophy after beating Dean Close St John's with a deserved 1-0 victory.

Our girls also performed admirably in their first tournament, finishing 2nd to a strong Tockington Manor team. Next year, we hope to add U11 Girls to make the event even more successful.

National Championships, finishing 9th and 14th respectively, whilst Nero Harms has been selected to represent Switzerland at the European Championships in April.

On Wednesday 15th March, **Seamus Parker, Henry Surridge, Eishin Arita, Oliver Jewkes** and **Arthur McKay** (a combined team from Year 8 of the Prep School and Year 9 of the Senior School) won the National Schools Key Stage 3 Championship for Boys.

After several months of preliminary and regional rounds, they beat both Berkhamsted Collegiate School and Gosforth Academy, before defeating Millfield 3-2 in a thrilling final.

Congratulations to all involved!



Fencing

It has been a busy term for our Fencing squad.

On Sunday 22nd January, four Wycliffe athletes attended the County Epee and Sabre Championships in Bristol. In the sabre event, **Rhynell Rusere** won six bouts to achieve 7th place overall and to take the top U18 prize. In the epee competition, **Gareth Chu** achieved eleven victories, placing him 7th overall and gaining him the silver medal in the U18 category; **Sebastian Forrest** took gold in the U16 category, with **James Kay** taking silver.

On Saturday 29th January, we competed in the regional qualifiers for the British Championships. The first to fence were our trio of epeeists. Gareth produced one of his finest tactical performances to reach the last four and a guaranteed medal; James pulled off another fine performance, securing the second bronze medal of the day; and Sebastian secured 7th place.

Saturday 5th February saw another trip to Millfield for the sabre event. Rhynell



achieved a bronze medal and a place in the British Youth Championship finals, his second successive qualification.

On Sunday 5th February, it was the turn of our foilists, **Bade Martins** and **Cornelius Kirschnek**. Bade had a good pool round with three wins. Cornelius found it tough, but going into the eliminator as 13th seed, threw caution to the wind and went all out to overwhelm the number four seed and

book his place at the finals. Bade was also the lower seed, but grit and determination saw him grind out a 15 -11 victory to join Cornelius at the finals.

To have **all six** Wycliffe fencers qualify for the British Youth Championships is a real triumph. They have all worked hard to achieve this. Our next event is the Public Schools' Championships in March, followed by the British Youth Championships at the end of April.



Netball

On 7th March, Wycliffe held the first annual Netball Night Lights in conjunction with Cheltenham Ladies' College. Much excitement and anticipation surrounded the event with both teams evenly matched on paper.

It was a hotly contested match and, even though the win went to CLC, spirits were high. Post-game, a delicious match tea was shared between the teams and staff, with thoughts already turning to the next event in a year's time.

Many thanks to all involved - players, coaches, staff, catering, and spectators - for the support and hard work.

Wycliffe Roundup



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