

MINCHINHAMPTON NEWSLETTER

RENCOMB COLLEGE Y5/6 ORCHESTRA DAY

On the last Wednesday before half term, our school orchestra went to Rencomb College to play three pieces with other schools. We played the 'Mission Impossible' Theme, 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' and 'Mambo' from 'West Side Story.' Several other school orchestras joined us in playing these. 'It was exciting and fun to play these pieces. My favourite was 'In the Hall of the Mountain King,' said Bel. Seeing other schools was a great way to socialize and make new friends. Many thanks to Mrs Young.

Y6 DEBATING

Before half term, the Year 6 debating team went to Stratford Park for a debating tournament against other schools from the Stroud area. The topic of the debate was: 'Who is the best sports coach?' Our team put forward Mr Tovey, the sports coach at our school, and we won! Our main argument was that Mr Tovey is inclusive unlike professional coaches who only work with the best of the best.

COBALT CLASS ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, Cobalt class took to the stage to perform their class assembly. It was very informative and contained tons of facts on World War 2, among many other things. Some of their pieces contained a comedy sketch on evacuees arriving in the countryside, a World War 2 themed master chef, a comedic battle scene, games and a song about natural selection.

"It was very funny and fun to watch,' Isabella said, "I learned a lot of new facts in a fun way which is better than staring at books."

"Cobalt class assembly was amazing!"

"Cobalt's assembly was very funny and I thought that a lot of thought went into planning and performing it," said Bel.

YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 6th March, the Year 5/6 hockey team went to Stratford Park to play in a tournament. There were two competitions running, Lions and Tigers. We had one team in each. Each of our teams

played matches with the teams in their league and then the top team in each group (there was three groups of 4-5 teams per league) got through to the finals. Our Lions team came 2nd out of 4 and our tiger's team came 3rd out of 5. Even though we didn't get through, we had so much fun.

"I had lots of fun but when I scored my last goal. I got a bruise on my leg," said Max.

Isobel said, "I enjoyed playing against other teams, because you were playing against new people with new abilities."

"I really enjoyed the tournament and it was my first one. I had fun playing on the team," said James.

Alfie said, "I enjoyed playing with my friends and competing in the tournament."

YEAR 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On the last Wednesday before half term, our Year 6 footballers went to 'Inside Football' for a football tournament. Our school played a game against each of the other six teams on our pitch. Our team won 2, lost 1 and drew 3. The top team on each pitch went through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we did not get through to the semis as Cashers Green had beaten us when we played against them.

"Even though we didn't win, we played really well and I am proud of my team," said Kirstin.

"The tournament was really fun and I really enjoyed making a new friend who goes to King Stanley," said Isabelle.

YEAR 3 /4 HINDU TEMPLE TRIP

When we went to the temple we had to bring some fruit, because they bless it and then we ate the blessed fruit. We listened to prayers to the Hindu gods and some people prayed for a whole hour! One person blessed everything and then the Hindus ate lots of food like milk. At the end we looked around and got to see all of the different gods like Shiva and Vishnu. We spoke to an expert about all of the gods and which were their favourites.

5/6 CROSS COUNTRY

On the Inset day straight after half term, our 5/6 runners gave up their day off school to participate in a cross country tournament. There were four separate races; for Year 5 girls, Year 5 boys, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys. Ten people got through to the county races from each race. From our school Cerys Williams, Amy Thompson, Sam Brown and George Thompson got through as well as Sam Wilson who won the Yr6 boys race. In the county races that happened the next weekend, Sam came 1st in Year 6 boys, Cerys came 33rd out of 71 year 6 girls and George came 32nd out of about 70 year 5 boys.

POEMS OF THE WEEK

SKY SOARER

My arms and legs are stuck in synchronization mode.

I am a stealthy cheater, ninja of the rooftops, gripping on the unsteady

Scaffolding pole structures,

Swinging like a silent baby monkey,

Landings swift, but quiet like a black panther,

Spider man, spinning web, gliding,

Soaring, day and night, month and year,

Monday, Tuesday, January, February, March

2011, 2012, 2017, 2019

Years passing, months passing, days passing and nights passing,

It's a bird, sky soarer,

Finally plummeting, into my cosy warm bed.

Days have to stop at some point.

Goodnight James Bond, goodnight Bear Grylls

And finally ninja, lights out.

AWAY FROM HOME

Before I begin, anxiety overcomes me

But the small glitter of hope grows until I'm suddenly

Free in a world of my own, running jumping, leaping, flying.

I'm a risk taker, living freely,

Not bound by the rules of humanity.

Emotions overtake me and

All negative feelings leave my body,

A wave of satisfaction washes up on my

Imaginary beach of wonder.

A forest of bliss envelopes me in a world of inspiration.

I am a cat stalking through a narrow alley,

The wind against my fur,

A ninja climbing up ruined walls,

Kicking out at gnarled shadows,

I am a raven searching for my prey,

Flying away from home.