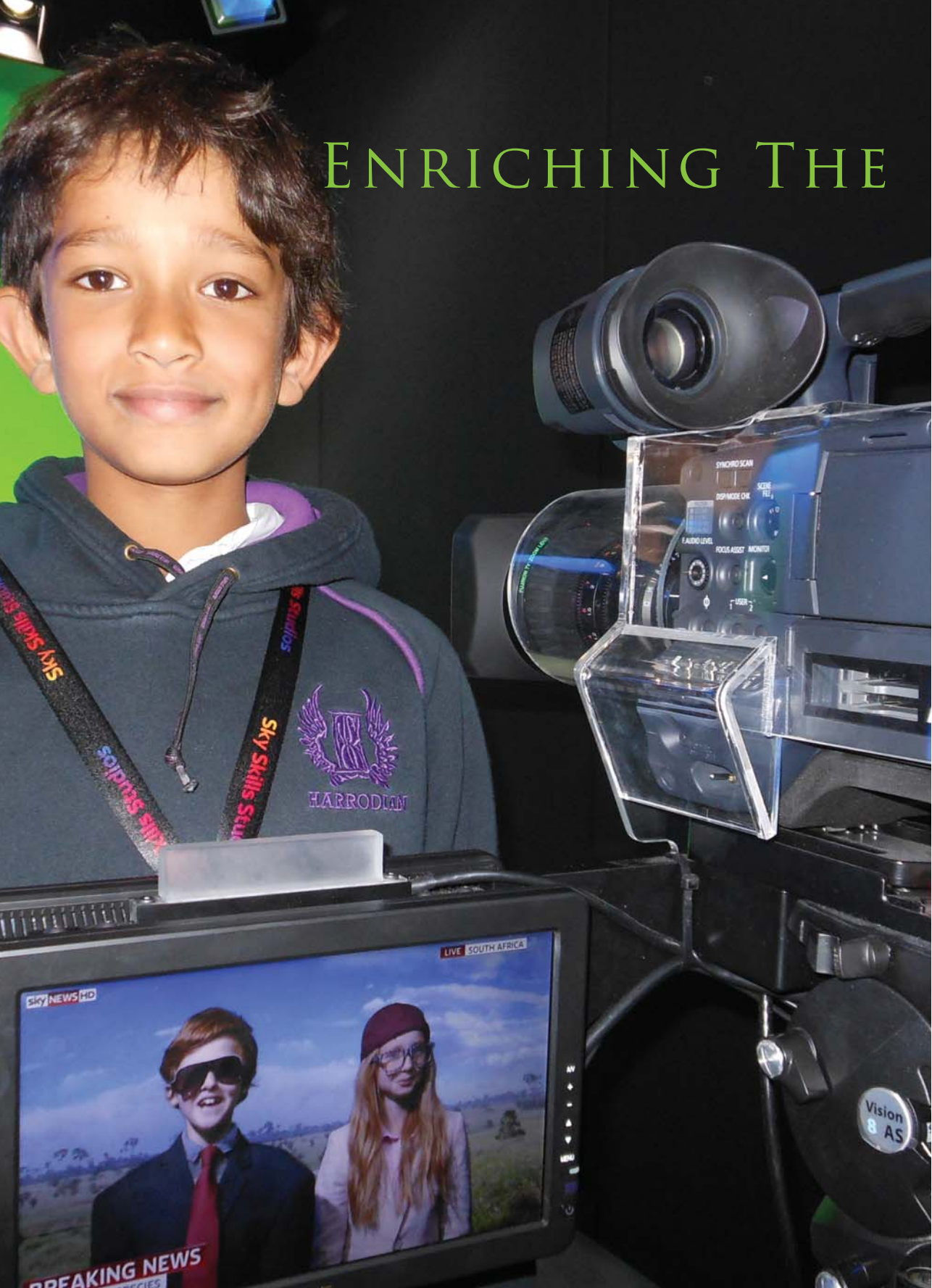




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NEWSLETTER

ENRICHING THE



EXPERIENCE..

REPORTING FROM SKY STUDIOS

This term our 8s visited Sky Studios in Isleworth. After a comprehensive tour of the building each pupil was given a role to play in the production of a television programme. They worked intensively to write, film and edit their own programme on endangered species. At the end of the afternoon the group watched their final report and took their programme home on a USB wristband to share with family and friends.

UNDER THE SEA

Both Reception classes have been learning about life under the sea. To bring this term's topic to life, they visited the London Aquarium. Highlights of the trip included crossing the glass walkway (right) and seeing sharks, turtles and other sea creatures swimming below and touching star fish and sea anemones. Each class also attended a workshop about sharks, where they learned many interesting facts and were even able to examine and hold a shark tooth!



CELEBRATING ANTIQUITY

The 8s had a fun and educational day dressing up as Ancient Greeks, making pottery, watching and participating in a Greek theatre production and taking part in a mini Olympics. Meanwhile the 9s dressed up as Romans and performed a Roman play and dance. They enacted a gladiatorial battle, using shields made in class (photographed above) before indulging in a feast on the School grounds.



ART OF THE



BUDDING ARTISTS

Pre-Prep enjoyed a week dedicated to art. Professional artists led workshops with each of the forms, assisting them in creating their own class sculpture.

Each year group had a different topic to focus on: 'Under The Sea' for Reception, 'Pirates' for PP1, 'Animals' for PP2 and 'Clothes and Textiles' for PP3. Pupils enjoyed learning new artistic techniques and proudly displayed their artwork for parents and staff to view.

MATTER...

SUMMER EXHIBITION

AS, A2 and GCSE art was displayed in the Grand Marquee as part of the annual Summer Art Exhibition. The selection of art, sculpture, photography and graphic design on view was of a very high standard and many works were highly acclaimed by distinguished visitors.

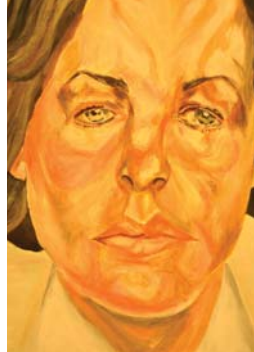
(Picture above painted jointly by Sonya Falkovskaia, L6M, and Poppy Worcester, L6M.)

YARN BOMBING

Inspired by *Tree Cozy*, a work by fibre artist Carol Hummel, 12s students learned basic crochet stitches before 'yarn-bombing' several trees in candy colours around the school! The front cover features a photo of one of these decorated trees.

SAATCHI AWARD

Congratulations to Ci Ci Fein-Hughes (U6WI). Her artwork, entitled 'Enamel paint on board' (featured on the front cover of last term's newsletter) was highly commended in the *Saatchi Gallery/ Sunday Telegraph* Art Prize for Schools.



LICHTENSTEIN RETROSPECTIVE

A group of 11s enjoyed a bespoke tour and private view of *Lichtenstein, the Retrospective* at Tate Modern; an explosive and dynamic exhibition. Pupils were able to view 150 works by a founding father of Pop Art. One of the rooms was dedicated to Lichtenstein's work in black and white - a theme that the 11s have been developing in their own art. After their visit, pupils participated in a printmaking and collage workshop, where they were able to create their own artwork in response to selected paintings and sculptures from the Gallery.





SURVIVAL OF THE

MOVING MOUNTAINS

The 12s enjoyed a post Common Entrance four-day Mountaincraft trip to Wales. The trip presented the group with many challenges, the biggest of which was to climb Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales. Other activities included rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, weaseling, walking, fire lighting wilderness cookery and navigation. Pupils learnt how to operate safely in a mountain environment, to recognize and reduce risk and to prepare and plan an expedition. They met each trial with confidence, enthusiasm, developed

their sense of responsibility alongside testing their resilience and resourcefulness.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

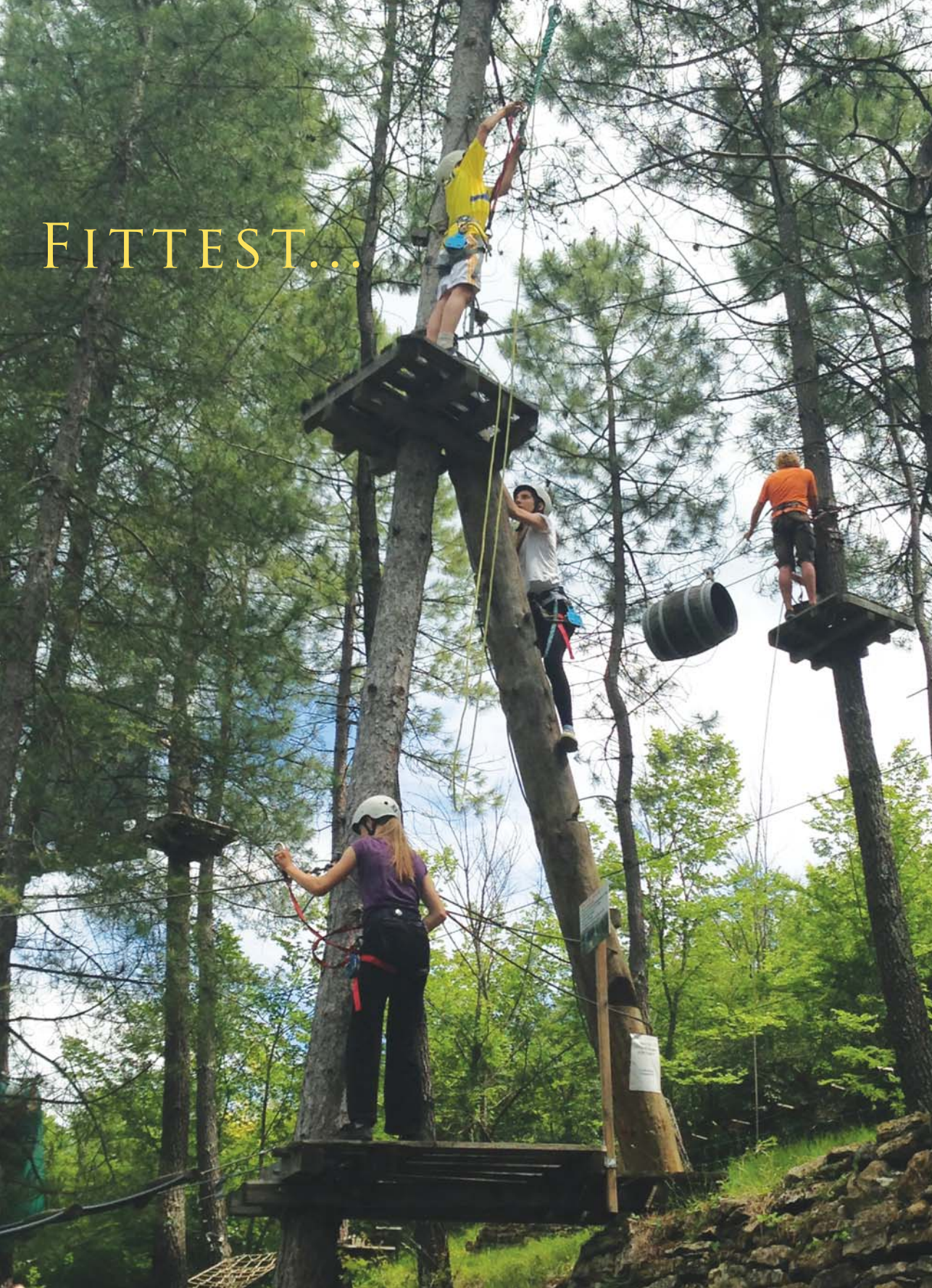
In June, Mr Jordan organised an exciting Bushcraft trip for his 10s. Pupils had the opportunity to experience two days of life in the great outdoors without electricity or any modern-day luxuries. They took part in a range of activities: sleeping in tents, building shelters, fishing, orienteering, fire making and fire safety, scavenging, animal tracking, camouflage and concealment, to name a few. The group learnt key survival skills and appreciated teamwork and camaraderie.

ARDÈCHE

In June, 69 adventurous pupils from the 13s and accompanying staff travelled to the Ardèche region of France. Highlights of the trip included canoeing 32 kilometres down the Ardèche river, crawling through rocks, climbing a rock face, swinging through a high ropes course and sleeping out under the stars. Pupils also benefitted from practising their spoken French. The trip was enjoyable but challenging, a lesson in overcoming fears and endurance.



FITTEST...



SCIENCE FAIR

Our 11s pupils worked hard on their Science projects this year and spent a month designing and conducting experiments. Winning projects from each form were exhibited at the school's fourth annual Science Fair. The overall winner was Ariana Eisler (11F) with her presentation on 'How the volume of water in a glass affects the pitch of the sound.'

FALCONRY

Martin from *Xtreme Falconry* returned again this year with another amazing presentation of birds of prey. Students in the 11s and 14s were treated to a display of iconic species from five different birds of prey groups. On show were the White Tailed Sea Eagle, Harris Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Kestrel, European Eagle Owl, Barn Owl and a huge Golden Eagle. Some of the birds were even released to swoop over the audience!



INVENTIONS & DISCOVERIES

Science Boffins

The Prep-Prep celebrated by coming to school dressed as scientists. The company, *Science Boffins*, started the day with a show and demonstration all about states of matter. Each class also benefitted from an individual workshop with a Science Boffin, with whom they had the opportunity to conduct some interesting experiments, one of which involved making vanilla ice cream from dry ice!

Flying Lessons

The 9s and 10s this year examined how things fly. They learned about airplane wings and the importance of air resistance and lift. They were able to test their knowledge by making a range of paper airplanes, each with different wingspans and designs.

Building Bridges

In physics the 12s were given the task of building bridges that could withstand the most weight, from nothing but ice lolly sticks, string and glue! Pupils were creative with their designs in the race to build the winning bridge. In the process they learnt about forces and civil engineering.

Paper Roller Coasters

Engineers for the week, the 13s designed

LAWS OF SCIENCE...



looping, spiralling, twisting marble roller coasters from cardboard and sticky tape. Groups had to work together to create the support structure and coaster track. The project helped them gain a practical understanding of physics and of forces.

CSI (Crime Scene Investigators)

It was *CSI Harroddian* starring the 14s! Their mission was to sift through police reports and witness statements, analyse trace evidence for blood, compare blood samples to determine blood type, examine DNA samples, handwriting and fingerprints left by the culprit in order to determine who in the Science Department killed Ms Oldacre.

ENGAGING WITH THE



COMMUNITY...

HELPING OTHERS

As part of the *Youth Philanthropy Initiative* (YPI), the 13s visited and researched local charities seeking to improve their communities. Working in groups, the 13s have been busy raising £3,000. They arranged fundraising events such as cake sales, mufti days and fancy dress fun runs. Each of the groups made a presentation on why their charity should be chosen. A panel of judges, consisting of business representatives, staff, the Head Girl and BBC newsreader Ben Brown, selected the winning group: Eloise Roitman, Alex Haug, George Drayson and Madeleine Gould all from 13B. They presented a cheque to their chosen charity, *Small Steps*, that helps children with disabilities and their families. Serena Swire (13F) also gave such an impressive presentation that she was invited to perform it at the National YPI winners' event.

PROMOTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

The 10s celebrated *Fit for Life* day (left) by making healthy bruschettas and fruit smoothies, taking part in an aerobics class, picking up litter by the Leg O'Mutton Reservoir, listening to a presentation by the NHS on

growing up and bodily changes and participating in a sponsored skip for the *British Heart Foundation*.

BAKING FOR BETTER

This term the 11s and 12s having been taking part in a house Harroddian Bake Off to raise money for injured paratroopers and a Sri Lankan children's charity. The competition has required them to bake cakes themed around the Harroddian houses, their colours and emblems. All baked the same recipe but with some very obvious differences in design! A panel of judges, consisting of teaching and administration staff, selected the finalists who then had to bake their cakes at school. The winning baker from each year group will be announced on the website.

(From 11SU, Edith Paskin's Lonsdale lion cake below)



EXPLORING DIFFERENT



BELLA ITALIA

The 11s' Italy trip, now in its tenth year, is a time for art, gladiators, volcanoes and vast amounts of ice cream. This

year, it was also a time for music. Harrodians sang in a moving concert in Florence in addition to a number of impromptu flash mob performances in venues ranging from Siena's Piazza

CULTURES...

del Campo, the Trevi Fountain and Pompeii's 2000-year-old theatre. Other stars were the children who prepared presentations on many of the sites we visited and the hardcore walkers who covered about sixteen pizza-fuelled kilometers in one day in Rome (without counting the 500 steps up St. Peter's Basilica!). Mount Vesuvius, lording it over the Bay of Naples, was the focus of the last few days. The group walked the evocative streets of Pompeii, that have been preserved over the centuries by the volcano's ash over and climbed to the edge of Vesuvius's crater. Apparently, an eruption is overdue....

LE RUGBY À BIARRITZ

In the Easter holidays, nineteen pupils from the 12s went on a rugby tour to Biarritz. They were able to experience a different rugby culture and approach to training. The under-13s participated in rugby training sessions with Biarritz Academy coaches and professional players: Martin Aramburu (Argentina Rugby Union) and Imanoul Harinordiquay (France International). They also played two rugby matches against French schools, one of which they lost and the other which they won.



Additional highlights included watching a match between Biarritz and Perpignan and meeting the Biarritz players. Visiting the beach and town and sampling the gastronomic delights were also part of the experience!



ALL SINGING AND ALL

HONK!

At the end of last term, the Prep School performed an amusing and colourful rendition of the musical comedy *Honk!* Forty pupils from the 8s to 12s took part; some performed and others worked behind the scenes experiencing the backstage process. The musical, which is based on Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale *The Ugly Duckling* - a heart-warming celebration of being different, was great entertainment for adults and children alike. Participating pupils gained an insight into working as part of a theatrical company, while those that performed also learnt how to sing, dance and act at the same time!

MUSIC WITH THE MERLIN

This is the ninth year that the Harroddian has hosted this highly successful music festival. The event

is a great chance to showcase the choirs and instrumental ensembles from both the Harroddian and its sister school The Merlin. Both schools performed a mixture of individual and combined numbers to an enthusiastic audience.

ACCOLADES

Noemie Geschwendtner (10G), pianist, has been awarded a place at the London Junior Guildhall School of Music. Lydia Thexton (9G), French horn, has received a place at the Royal College of Music, Junior Department. Joseph Taylor (U6D), who plays the electric guitar, will be leaving the Harroddian this summer and pursuing his love of music at Leeds Music College.

WYRD SISTERS

More than twenty Harroddian staff made their stage debut in a play adaptation of Terry Pratchett's book *Wyrd Sisters* (photographed on the right). The result was hilarious acting from some soon to be stars. Miss Hoddell and Mrs Doble confirmed that Maths teachers really are the scariest, and Mr Bass pranced around like a crazy man in his quest to woo Miss Thomas: a romance that caused a fair few screams from the students! Mrs Locke and Mr Woodward were leather-clad muggers, Ms Moran appeared from inside the world's smallest cauldron, and there was an inspired performance by Mr Lineker who embodied the crazy tyrant Duke brilliantly. It was a performance to remember!



DANCING...





THE TAKING

SKI-RACING

Sixteen members of the Harroddian School Ski Team competed with 142 British and international schools at the annual British Inter-schools Ski Challenge in Chamonix, France. The team overcame the snowy conditions to achieve our best results to date, with two excellent top-ten finishes from Maxime Seknadje (11SA), who finished 8th place in the Under 12 boys' race and Emmanuelle Hersman (8O), who achieved 8th place in the Under 12 girls' race. Every member of the team showed determination and put their training into practice during the races. If you are interested in joining the team then please contact Miss Dorse for more information (rdorse@harroddian.com). All competent skiers are welcome to join and no previous racing experience is necessary.

ATHLETICS

Huge progress has been made in athletics, due not only to the enthusiasm of the pupils but also to regular Saturday training sessions. In the recent Thomas's Clapham Athletics Competition, the Harroddian came third overall in the Lower Prep and second overall in the Senior Prep. For the first time in this competition, PP3 won in their age category. Both Alice Burdett Coutts (12B) and Amy Wright (12H) won three gold medals each in the U13 events. 62 Harroddian pupils also took part in the Newton Prep's Athletics Competition. Gold winners were: Isaac Russell (12B) in U13 Discuss, Alexandra Morley (11SA) in U13 Javelin and Nick Prynn (10R) in U11 80 meters. The main event for the U11-14s was the English Schools Athletics Association National Competition, in which they competed admirably.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY



Ten children from 9s upwards took part in *CycleWithMe's* new cycle training course. The children learned about safe cycling both in theory and in practice, as they were guided through drills on the local roads around the School. The next after-school course starts in September. Contact Fiona@CycleWithMe.co.uk to reserve a place.

PART THAT COUNTS...



SPORTS DAY & SWIMMING GALA

Despite terrible weather for most of the Summer Term, the sun came out on Sports Day and shone on some wonderfully competitive athletics. The Senior School impressed everyone with a high level of performance, thanks to the rejuvenated house system and Miss Dorse's revamped athletics programme.

The Prep and Pre-Prep Schools were as enthusiastic as ever. In their house teams,

pupils took part in a variety of traditional events, including the inflatable assault course. Furthermore, the Swimming Gala gave every child in the School, from Reception to the 14s, the opportunity to race individual and relay events and to gain more crucial house points. A special mention must go the Pre-Prep swimmers who produced the highest standard in Harroddian history with all the PP3s swimming a full length in competition.

READING BETWEEN



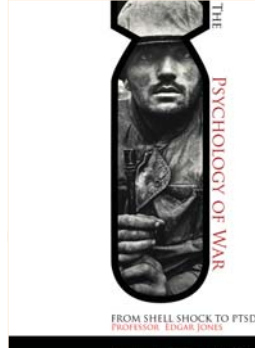
THE LINES...

DAHL'S MAGICAL MIND

P2 have been learning about Roald Dahl and studying his imaginative stories as part of their Summer Term literacy topic. They visited the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery where they learnt all about the author's life and writing career. Interactive displays and fun activities brought Dahl's magical world to life. The children enjoyed listening to sounds that only the B.F.G. could hear, walking through Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel and entering the Giant Peach from *James and The Giant Peach*. Back at School both classes held a Roald Dahl workshop, during which they made their own dream bottles and wrote amazing dream stories to fill them with.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF WAR

Professor Edgar Jones from King College's Centre for Military Health Research, University of London gave a presentation to the Sixth Form on the Psychology of War. Professor Jones is a preeminent authority on the psychological impact of warfare and offered Harroddian students a fascinating insight into the reaction and behaviour of both civilians and soldiers during times of extreme stress. Professor Jones considered a number of examples from the Battle of the Somme to more recent terrorist events



including the psychological impact of the April Boston Marathon bombing.

STORY TIME

This term the Library held two of its most popular annual events: Dad's Reading Morning (below) and A Night in the Library. The first involved the whole Prep School coming dressed as an inspirational male. Two dads from each class, from the 8s to 11s, read contrasting stories on the theme of Cliffhanger or Comedy? which prompted some interesting discussions. A Night in the Library involved staff, Lower Sixth prefects and the 8s. They enjoyed a story, watched a movie, made a book and indulged in some role play as their favourite book characters!



NEWS FROM OLD



MISS ALINE

One of the Harrodian's first ever French teachers and former Head of Modern Languages, Aline Taylor, came back to visit and mark the Harrodian's 20th anniversary.

She came accompanied by 49 pupils from her secondary school in Aix-en-Provence where she now teaches English. Her French students were able to experience a morning in lessons with the 12s and 13s at

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the Harroddian, followed by one of Josef's delicious lunches. Miss Aline was delighted to be reunited with some of her former colleagues, in particular Mr Hooke and Miss Montet, and was also amazed to see how much the School had changed and grown.

(Aline Taylor featured on the left with a group of our 12s)

SONIA FAZLALI-ZADEH

The 20th Anniversary Party was the perfect occasion to welcome back one of our founding pupils and the first pupil ever to be registered at the school, Sonia Fazlali-Zadeh (right). Since leaving the School, Sonia attended Trinity College, Oxford University, to read an MA in Modern History and Politics. She then worked for a year in corporate tax at *Deloitte* and studied for her ACA exams. However Sonia decided that accountancy was not the career for her and instead set up her own business with her sister. Together they opened the *Areté Club*, a private member's dining club that brings together people with a broad intellectual horizon who enjoy debating, wining and dining. The club invites prestigious people from politics, security, business, development and the arts as speakers to fuel discussions on topical issues. Sonia also manages a property portfolio and is a Senior Designer at a bespoke jewellers in Chiswick. She has

many happy memories of her time at the Harroddian but is, above all, grateful to the School for having helped her to overcome her shyness and blossom into a confident, young woman.

We love to hear from Old Harroddians. Please get in contact with Chloe (cwarren@harroddian.com) if you would like to be featured in this magazine or if you would like to stay in touch with the school via the OHA.



CELEBRATING TWENTY

PARTYING LIKE IT'S 1993!

The Harroddian celebrated its 20th anniversary in typical elegance and style. The HSPA and Events Committee organised a wonderful evening for over 400 guests consisting of parents, staff, former parents and founding pupils. Drinks and canapés were served in the courtyard of the Senior School with musical accompaniment by the *Red Hot Strings*. Dinner was served in the Grand Marquee, which was beautifully decorated and illuminated in Harroddian colours. Plasma screens displayed a slideshow of photographs taken over the last 20 years of the school. There were speeches and tributes by the Headmaster, Head Boy and Head Girl, Chair of the HSPA and Chairman, followed by the cutting of the anniversary cake. Guests watched a video presentation with messages from pupils,

teachers and parents, including Mr Zac Goldsmith (parent and Conservative MP for Richmond) and Sir Mick Jagger (musician and parent). Music was performed by the Staff Band and later by the *Fabbagirls*, who lit up the stage with their amazing costumes and set, performing a selection of *Abba* hits as guests danced into the night! .

(Mrs Amber Moore cutting the anniversary cake on the right, with Mr Reza Beyad, Chair of the HSPA, and founding pupils Sonia Fazlali-Zadeh and Mr Abbas Beyad.)

SUMMER FAIR

The annual Summer Fair, raised money for three charities this year - *The Epilepsy Society*, *Sa-Yes* and *Ovarian Cancer Action*, and provided the perfect occasion to celebrate the Harroddian's 20th Anniversary. A selection of food stalls sold barbecued burgers and sausages, Indian street food, pancakes and waffles, cream teas, strawberries and cream and much more. In the marquee there was a bazaar, with a mix of commercial stalls selling items as diverse as bikinis and books. A stage area hosted musical and dance performances from a cross-section of pupils and staff. There was a range of fun activities to keep the children amused: an *Eddie Katz* soft play zone, an *Activ Camp* area with two giant inflatables, face painting, crazy golf (left) and swimming amongst others. Thanks to the HSPA, the Summer Fair was brilliantly organised and was a highly enjoyable day for the whole family.



YEARS...





Staff enjoying the 20th anniversary celebrations



Gabriel Seite, Head Boy, and Charlotte Poulter, Head Girl, with Mr Hooke



The Grand Marquee



Mr Nowell and the Staff band,
The Humanities



The HSPA and Events Committee



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