

# Junior Peppard News

## Introduction

It's Winter and we've seen new faces come and old faces go. In this issue, you will be reading about trips, team captains and topics. What with Halloween come and gone, we have celebrated with a fun-filled Lantern Evening. We hope you enjoy this edition!

**By Lois Powell, Junior Peppard News Editor**



## Captains and Counsellors

It's the start of the year and that means new roles to cover. We have the new team captains: Joe Biggin, James Edgell, Oliver Renwick and Francesca Whittle. We would like to thank everyone that participated in the vote. We also have the new school counsellors and worship counsellors.

For the next following year, they will all have to take lead and be responsible in their jobs. Congratulations to everyone who got the job they wanted.

**The Junior Peppard News Editors**

## New Buddies!

When every new academic year comes, so do new Foundation children!

As they have recently arrived, they're most likely clueless on where to go. Also, the new-comers are definitely nervous. Consequently, each Foundation child has been given a buddy to show them the ropes. I have interviewed some of the buddies to see how they feel about it.

Ciara, Year 6, said, 'It is a good idea because you can kind of keep them safe.'

Evie, who is in Reception, said, 'I like playing with my buddy.'

Sophie, also in Reception, said, 'She looks after me.'

Joe, Year 6, said, 'You have a little person to know about.'

**By Lois Powell**



## Years 1 and 2 Trip to Harcourt Arboretum

Our topic this term is plants, trees, garden flowers and awesome Autumn. We have found this topic really fun. As part of this topic we visited Harcourt Arboretum. We had so much fun learning about wild birds and evergreen trees. My best bit was collecting moss, leaves, flowers and other bits to make our own Autumn crowns.

**By Astrid Waite, Greys Class**

## Madame Hall Interview

There have been new changes for staff as well as children. Madame Hall is the new French teacher for Highmoor class and Springwood class. Lois Powell and Charlie Upsher, the senior *Peppard News* Junior Editors, interviewed Madame Hall. The questions concerned:

Why did you decide to be a language teacher? 'Because when I was at school there were machines tape recorders. I really wanted to use one of them.'

Where did you grow up? 'I grew up in Ilkley, Yorkshire. Then I got a job in Windsor about 20 years ago and never went up north because it's warmer here.'

What's your favourite animal? 'A cat, I have two kittens, they turned two last week, Hazel and Chestnut.'

What's your favourite sandwich filling? 'Probably something like goats cheese and avocado'

What university did you go to? 'Manchester for my languages degree, then Leeds for my PGC, which is a teacher's qualification.'

What books did you read? 'I like something called Historical Fiction, such as *My Life*.'

We welcome Madame Hall to Peppard School.

**By Lois Powell and Charlie Upsher**

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## Year 5's Trip to Kilve Court

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Year 5 went to Kilve Court. We met at Reading station with bags full of things. The train left at 11:30 and the trip took about one hour.

When we got to Kilve Court the instructors told us where our rooms were. We were put in the newer cabins. Then we got on with some of the activities such as The Quantock walk, night walk, archery, stream walk, grass sledging, beach walk, orienteering and den building.

The beach walk was not the most pleasant walk in the world, in fact was tipping it down with rain! What made it worse is we had no waterproofs! We went fossil hunting and found lots of Ammonites and Devil's toe nails.

One of our favourite activities was the stream walk. We had a competition of who got the muddiest. We had 11 obstacles to complete.

We had so much fun! Kilve Court was a big bonding opportunity for everyone.



Kai and William



Nina

By Archie Croft

## Year 6's Trip to St Davids

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September to the 16<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 went on a daring residential trip to St Davids, Wales. The teachers were: Mr Steele, Miss Tillotson and Mr Upsher. Mr Steele went to get a trailer over the previous weekend and attached it to the mini bus.

When everyone got to school, they put their cases in the trailer and put any hand-luggage in the bus. They took off at 9:00, but 1 minute in the mini bus had a melt down and the Year 6's had to run around for 5 minutes, before they got going again. It was a 5 hour journey with 2 toilet and food breaks.

When they FINALLY got there, they got our bags out of the trailer and put them outside the building that they were going to stay in. Then they were told which dorm they were going to be in. Following the room sorting, they went down to White sands Bay and played on the beach! After they got back, they had a lovely dinner cooked by: Mr Upsher!



Then they went to bed.

On Tuesday they went abseiling on actual cliffs they couldn't climb back up as they were running out of time. In the afternoon, they went surfing! They seemed to love it. A few tumbles and some amazing tricks, but one thing they did was: stand up!

The next day, was dry activities day that started off with a coastal walk they went on a long walk on the coast line and saw Seal pups and Seals. Next they went to Pembrokeshire Castle. There they had an amazing tour guide called Howard! They went into a cavern. Howard said that the Year 6s had walked in the same footsteps as King John! Howard said that a dragon lived that cavern! Then they went up to a bit where King Henry VII born in! Howard was a great help for learning about the castle! Then the children went to the gift shop and brought a lot of stuff. Then they had a sing-a-long to *Shut up and Dance* and *Hold my hand*. Next they went down to White Sands and played in the sea and they made a MASSIVE SANDCASTLE, which started off as one person (Olivia Shepard) to most of the Year 6s!

The last full day came very quickly for them. It started with a 30 minute drive down to Portheselau beach! There they went Kayaking! Most of them were beginners, but they mastered the technique of the Kayak and surfed on a Kayak. Later they went Coasteering.



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## Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we went to the Peppard Church for our school Harvest Festival. We brought food and vegetables to give to the people who don't have enough to eat. When we went to the church, Reverend James welcomed us at the entrance. When the service began, we sang the congregational hymn *We plough the fields*.

Springwood class wrote a poem called *Harvest Time* and then Peppard Class sang a delightful song called *My Little Seed*.

After that, Mr Steele read a reading and then Greys Class sang a song called *Thank Your Lucky Stars*. Next, the whole school sang a song called *Harvest Times*.

After Greys Class, it was time for Highmoor Class to sing *Everywhere Around Me*. Their performance included lots of actions which the congregation enjoyed.

The Worship Council followed the song with a bidding prayer. Then everyone said *The Lord's Prayer*. To finish the service, Reverend James said a blessing and we sang *Harvest Samba*.

It was a great service and a really great opportunity to welcome the new foundation children's parents.

By Eden Kent and Freya Wall, Year 4

## Christmas Special

Peppard School held a Christmas Art Competition: the Junior Peppard News Editors selected one picture from each class to be published here.

All the pictures submitted can be seen, in colour, on our website - [www.peppardnews.co.uk](http://www.peppardnews.co.uk)



Best Picture - Greys Class by Heather Toward Aged 6



Best Picture - Highmore Class by Charlie, Aged 8



Best Picture, Peppard Class by Ailsa, Aged 4



Best Picture, Springwood Class by Bethany, Aged 9

### Highmoor Nursery School

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