

# HEADLINES

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The first edition of Headlines began with a report on the outstanding success that our **Year 6 pupils** enjoyed in their entrance exams at senior schools. Year on year these results have been repeated and this year is no exception. We expect no less but it is worth making the comment, as many senior school headteachers have said to me, that our results are quite exceptional. In addition to more Art, Music and Sport scholarships than ever before over half of the Year 6 pupils were offered academic scholarships at top independent schools. Our reputation as a leading feeder school is now firmly established

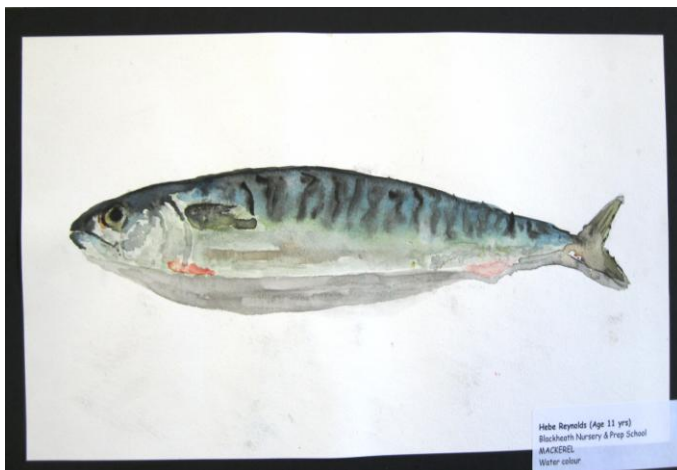
Sevenoaks, for example, awarded three academic scholarships and one music scholarship and Alleyn's offered six top academic scholarships.

The grammar school results were equally fantastic. These results are a credit both to the expertise

and commitment of the teaching staff and the children who have worked extremely hard and remained focused throughout. Many many congratulations to all of them.

All those who visited the **Art Enrichment Club exhibition** were treated to a feast of creativity. The standard of the work which the children had produced was comparable to that in GCSE Art exhibitions and Noah Armitage-Hookes, Theodora Fitzpatrick, Holly Highfield, Paige Macheath, Rebecca McPherson, Hebe Reynolds and Ella Standage are also to be congratulated for their outstanding achievement in Art.

Following their exams Year 6 have enjoyed several inspiring visits to the **Big Bang Science Fair** at the London Excel Centre, the **Imperial War Museum** and to see **Wicked**, the musical at the Apollo Theatre.



The **Taiko** performance by Years 5 and 6 was once again, quite mind-blowing. Taiko is a real 'wow' experience for those who have never seen it – exhilarating, intense and very well disciplined. Thank you to the parents who contributed over £300 at the end of the concert to the Save the Children emergency appeal for Japan.



Following on from **Cantabile's** success earlier this term at the Barnardo's Annual Choir competition, the **Pre-Prep Choir** with their 'Looth Tooth' and the **Prep choir** with 'Be Cool' both excelled and won their sections at the Bromley Music Festival.

**Boys Aloud** also had great fun preparing for a most engaging performance of **Robin Hood**. We have also heard some wonderful individual talent in **Strings, Wind, Brass and Piano** at our morning assemblies and look forward to special assemblies next term to celebrate Year 6's instrumental talents.



**Nursery** too has enjoyed many celebrations. Miss Entwistle shared her experiences of St. David's day with the children and they enjoyed eating Welsh cakes and planting daffodil bulbs in preparation for Mothers Day. Taking part in the Minibeast workshop with live animals was certainly a highlight. They are looking forward to ending the term with Mr Marvel's magic show and bubble disco.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Henshaw, Head of English from Sevenoaks, to judge our **House Poetry competition**. Mrs Henshaw

complimented all the competitors on the high quality of their poetry and their impressive performances. This year the House Poetry shield was won by **Mozart House**.

Other enjoyable events have included the "**History of Chocolate**" assembly led by Mrs Helm and the children who attended the **History workshop**.



There has also been much to enjoy on the Games field. Year 6 girls were placed third in the Area league **netball** tournament which was a good follow up to winning the Cornflower League earlier this year. Emily Tregear was voted player of the season by the coaches from other schools which is a real accolade. The girls also made it to the play-offs in the IAPS tournament at Brighton which is the furthest we have ever got in the competition. Year 4 girls have played a lot of fixtures and enjoyed considerable success. The 'A' team have managed to win all but one of their matches this term.



The Year 6 boys shone at the Alley's **football** tournament, losing only one match the entire afternoon. The Year 5 boys had a magnificent result finishing second out of 16 teams at the Eltham tournament. The Year 4 boys continue to impress and have lost only one match all year.

A final thank you to everyone who contributed to **Red Nose Day** this year. We raised a fabulous £529.

As the warm weather finally arrives, we wish Miss Saxty every happiness as she flies to the **Seychelles** for her wedding. Whatever your plans, may I wish you all a very happy Easter holiday.

*Mrs P J Thompson*