

HEADLINES

July 2010

Sports Day was, as ever, superbly organised by Mr Lane. The children were enthusiastic and competitive and the parents were fantastically supportive with their encouragement and their congratulations. The staff ran the events with their usual efficiency and an abundance of reassurance for the less confident. It was truly the school at its very best and the warmth and generosity towards **Mr Lane** and **Mrs Wedgeworth**, two of our longest serving members of staff, epitomised the strength of the whole school community. It was a glorious event.



Mr Lane writes:

“The children have been working very hard in athletics this summer, the culmination of which was sports day. I was so very proud of all of them for their effort, skill and sportsmanship. They are a credit to school and parents alike. The day for me will be truly cherished forever as a mixture of sadness and real joy”.



The **Year 6 production, Hagbane’s Doom**, was an equally glorious event. I described it as sophisticated, intelligent but above all magical. I, like many, was genuinely moved by the memorable performances of every single member of the cast. No stars dominated this show – the totality of individual performances was its triumph. It was a magnificent debut from Miss Ball who deserves many congratulations as do Year 6 for such a fantastic finale.



The other main highlight of this term was our cross-curricular week on **India**. Every class studied an aspect of India and Indian culture. We were visited by an Indian story teller and an Indian dancer who taught our children both Classical Indian dance and Bollywood. Year 3 visited London Zoo to learn more about creatures from the Indian Ocean. On the final afternoon each year groups gave a presentation in assembly on their aspect of India. Many parents contributed throughout the week. Everyone dressed up in Indian costume and we enjoyed a magnificent Indian feast.



Instrumental music is the focus of our performances in music this term. One of the inspectors was captivated by the **Year 3 Strings concert** which was quite outstanding. **Year 4** also gave a **Wind and Brass concert** to parents which was enormous fun and bursting with energy. We enjoyed the String Orchestra, the Wind Band and the Brass ensemble at the **Instrumental Concert** where some of our most talented soloists also performed. Particular congratulations must go to Ruby Collins on her bassoon and Shefali Chander on her flute for their outstanding performances and their well deserved success on being awarded music scholarships at their new schools.



More informal assemblies have included the German assembly, performed by Year 6, two choral assemblies where the choir have performed 'Rats' and extracts from 'Wicked'. At Sharing assembly we had a glimpse of some of our extra-curricular activities including Dance Club, Printing and Pottery Club and Guitar Club. Our own *Britain's got Talent* show also revealed some budding stars.



The Early Years have also enjoyed a fun-filled summer with a Seaside and Pirate Day and visits to the Environmental Centre and the Aquarium.



Mr Das Gupta has been delighted with the performance of the **cricket teams** this term. They have won 42 out of 56 matches. He would particularly like to highlight the performances of the Year 4 "A" team who have won 9 out of 10 matches and the Year 6 "A" team who have won 7 out of 8 matches.



In the midst of all this activity we have also had an Inspection which has involved two separate visits. We are thrilled to end the year with an outstanding report which says 'the school buzzes with enjoyment'.



We wish all our leavers every future happiness. May I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Mrs P J Thompson
Headmistress