

Eaton House Belgravia



STAFF AT THE BEST OF BRITAIN PARTY

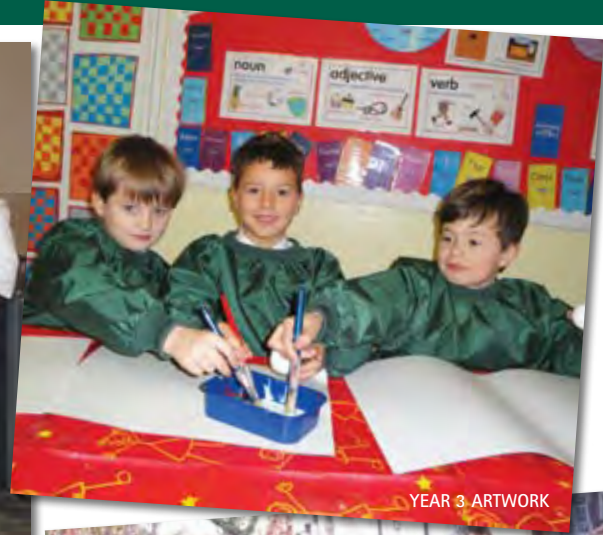
Life at Eaton House Belgravia continues to be busy. I never cease to be impressed by the boys' and staff's enthusiasm, energy and talent. In the last year, we have played over 50 matches, covering eight different sports and six after-school and weekend sports clubs. Music also continues to be strong. Two thirds of our boys play an instrument, and last term we had one pupil learning the electric guitar. The Senior Choir performed in public six times last term and were invited to sing at the Elizabeth Street Christmas Fair for the first time and also at The Marsden's 'Celebrate a Life' ceremony, the latter being particularly special and moving.

We have 31 different clubs, the newest being yoga and dance. The dance club recently gave us an excellent YMCA performance in assembly. Plenty to keep us all busy and amused.

There were many events and activities in the last few months of the year including several exciting trips and visitors to the school. We started a debating society in Year 3 which proved very successful and we will hold our first inter-school debating competition in the summer. Year 3 parents have been amazing at supporting this and coming in to talk to the year group. Topics covered have included experience of 9/11, Army Officers' experience of Afghanistan, a day in the life of a Police Officer and a history of chocolate workshop!

To support the school and our chosen charities we have been extremely lucky in having a superb parents' committee who have worked tirelessly. In October, we held the 'Best of Britain' party at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, which was a huge success and great fun. We raised a staggering amount of money for charity and were delighted to donate £100,000 to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

We are already a third of the way through the new academic year and all boys are well settled in their new year groups. Soon we will be able to welcome our September 2011 pupils and we look forward to a new generation of boys joining Eaton House Belgravia.



YEAR 3 ARTWORK



BOYS AND STAFF CAROL SINGING IN SLOANE SQUARE



YEAR 2 BOYS AT THE CENOTAPH



WINNERS OF THE WETHERBY CHESS COMPETITION



BEST OF BRITISH MORRIS DANCERS

Eaton House The Manor Schools

EATON HOUSE THE MANOR NURSERY

ALL PHOTOS: THE NURSERY NATIVITY PLAY



As I am writing this thinking back over the term and what the children have achieved, I am so proud of their efforts. Our Open Day was very successful with lots of positive comments, especially on the Blue Room's artwork. Everyone took part in the Christmas Nativities. The costumes were delightful and the singing wonderful. We were very grateful to have Mr John playing the piano for the Green Room performance.

Every Monday the children have listened to our librarian, Mrs Horden's selection of stories. Often the children listen without a book to follow, so they visualise their own ideas and pictures. The Yellow and Green Rooms visited the Unicorn Theatre to see *Mole in the Hole*. This was incredibly interactive. The children dressed up and followed a snail puppet along a glittery snail trail into a mole's hole. The children were then each given a torch when the glow worms glow went out, making the whole production magical. The show really captured the children's imaginations and they have not stopped talking about it. The term finished with an exciting week of parties and a visit from Father Christmas.



Miss Roosha



EATON HOUSE THE MANOR PREP



SUMMERFIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Enthusiastic and energetic boys settled quickly into the new academic year and have been making the most of the exciting activities and stimulating curriculum. After a very short time, new Kindergarten boys felt at home and Form 3 boys, in particular, should be praised for being such good role models and for undertaking their new responsibilities in such a conscientious manner.

The boys are extremely proud of their Houses and competition between them has been particularly fierce. Boys had the chance to represent their Houses in art, football, hockey and poetry competitions, as well as adding to their House total by earning House points for good work or behaviour. The Housemasters and Housemistresses play a vital role in the pastoral care of the boys, as well as encouraging them to win for their House.

Sport is hugely important to the boys and this term our Under 7 and Under 8 football teams have been highly successful against other schools. Our Under 8 team were particularly successful, winning tournaments at Summerfields and Sunningdale, against schools which had been invited from far and wide. Comments are often made about the boys' excellent sportsmanship, which is wonderful.

Music is another area where the boys excel. Boys in the Choir, Form Two Singers Group and the Ensemble have entertained not just their parents and the



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It has been a very exciting four months for me, getting to know the boys and discovering what a friendly, talented bunch they are! They have worked hard and throughout the term there have been wonderful opportunities for the boys to have fun – to sing, perform, paint, create, debate, score goals... the list is endless. They have visited art galleries, museums and theatres in London and, for the Year 4 boys, there was a memorable trip to the Isle of Wight.

A terrific House Debating Competition came to a dramatic climax at half-term. Close battles took place between the teams of all four Houses. The subjects debated included: Is Chivalry Dead? and Are Sporting Heroes Role Models? All were thought-provoking debates and in the Grand Final Arundel defeated Stirling arguing the motion Women Are Stronger Than Men.

The Mind Over Manor quiz saw boys from all year groups testing their general knowledge in a similar format to University Challenge. Balmoral faced Windsor in the Grand Final, held in front of the whole school. In the end, Balmoral emerged victorious by just a few marks.

In drama Year 6 boys entertained us with a workshop production of *The Demon Headmaster*, performed in the round. It was clear from the chants, hums and gasps that emerged regularly from the circle of entranced pupils that these young actors gained huge enjoyment from rehearsing and performing. There were also delightful class presentations in assemblies last term – some informative, others moving, many hilarious. Bravo colleagues and pupils!

During the football season all year groups enjoyed many victories. One notable success was the Under 13 team's splendid performance in the IAPS national 6-a-side competition, where the senior players won the Plate Competition, defeating some strong schools en route to the final. The traditional climax to the 1st XI's football season was the Staff v Pupils game, and a high-scoring match (5-4) in freezing temperatures was a fitting end to term.

The end of term was a musical extravaganza, into which we squeezed carol singing in Clapham Old Town, a splendid concert at school involving dozens of our talented musicians, a glorious carol service at St Paul's Knightsbridge (in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital), closely followed by our own carol service at Holy Trinity Church, during which the members of the Vocal Ensemble performed superbly and the readers delivered their pieces with great aplomb.



Jeremy Edwards



FROM TOP: 4S ENJOY PGL
PREP FOOTBALLERS
TOWER HOUSE
TOURNAMENT
WINNERS OF THE MIND
OVER MANOR QUIZ
FORM 4 BOYS
GET READY TO FLY!



RAISING MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Pre-Prep, but also other parts of the school. Carol singing and the Christingle Service at Westminster Abbey have been highlights, as well as performing on Open Day. The Pre-Prep Carol Service was, as usual, a magnificent event that got everyone in the festive spirit.

Pre-Prep boys have also raised money for charity by wearing jeans on 'Jeans for Genes' day and the choir sang Christmas carols in Clapham to raise money for the Children's Society.

My thanks go to my super team of dedicated and talented teachers who make each day challenging and enjoyable for the boys.

Phillippa Cantlowe



SENIOR INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION WINNERS

Eaton House Girls' School



GIRLS SINGING AT THE CAROL SERVICE



THE NATIVITY PLAY



KG GIRLS SHOW THEIR PICTURES OF WISLEY



F4 MEET HENRY VIII AT HAMPTON COURT

September 2010 saw the arrival of 34 new girls, four new teachers and one new Headmistress! This wonderful group of teachers and girls wasted no time settling in and the school continues to grow and thrive.

It was a pleasure to get to know the girls. Their vivacious and energetic approach to life is wonderful,

and their enthusiasm is infectious! They have worked incredibly hard, in and out of the classroom, making the most of all the opportunities open to them.

There have been many and varied trips and excursions to RHS Wisley, Windsor Castle, the British Museum, Hampton Court and the National Gallery. Last term ended with a whole school trip to see *The Snow Queen* at the Polka Theatre – a lovely way to end the year.

On the music front Mr Freer worked tirelessly. Our choir, made up of girls from Forms 2, 3 and 4, sang beautifully at the Battersea Arts Centre Christmas Fair and took part in the Christingle Service at Westminster Abbey. The Carol Service at St Barnabas Church was a real highlight, with some super performances from

the youngest girls in the Nativity and some very impressive singing by the oldest girls, including carols in French and German.

The girls have continued to flourish in their netball matches, playing against other schools and taking part in our first inter-House Netball Tournament. The introduction of Quicksticks Hockey has been a great addition and we look forward to demonstrating our hockey skills in the spring term. The girls worked hard in their dance lessons, and put on a beautiful performance of extracts from *The Nutcracker*.

It is amazing what the girls achieved last term in such a relatively short period of time. I am very proud of them all.

Susan Segrove



PREPARING FOR THE BALLET

Eaton House The Vale



LKG AND NURSERY AT THE NATIVITY



It goes without saying that an enormous amount of hard work – academic and extra-curricular – went on throughout last term.

Our pupils are tested every week in spelling and mental maths, and have regular tests in a number of subjects with mock examinations following, to ensure their progress is monitored.

Many of the children learned instruments, and performed for parents, staff and their peers in our assemblies, concerts and plays. Wonderful artwork was produced in art classes and in sport all the children tried their utmost to bring The Vale sporting success.

As well as the normal school lessons, children went on trips in and around London regularly. Outside of the classroom they performed in plays and spoke in public during class assemblies and poetry recital

competitions, which helped them all gain confidence speaking in public.

At the end of last term Form 1, 2 and 3 went to see *Dick Whittington* and we held our annual Nativity, *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel*. As ever, the children, parents and staff worked very hard to put on a good performance, and there were a few tears in the eyes of proud parents in the audience!

Our Charity Committee worked very hard last year, and we have now reached our target of just under £8000 needed to build a library for a school in Nepal. I am so grateful to the committee, ably led by Miss Nadia, for their wonderful efforts and the results speak for themselves. Thank you ladies!



ALEXANDER MANSOUR, F3, ON THE GUITAR

DAMEENWOOD

THE EATON HOUSE GROUP OF SCHOOLS IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE