

National News 2003/4



IAPS STRINGS

Mrs Glossop is Head of Strings at Vinehall and she is always on the look-out for new talent. 'Cello playing is especially strong at Vinehall this year. The Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools runs a series of national orchestras and our strings players did very well to win places in them this year.

Poppy Smallwood won a place in the IAPS Training Orchestra. This is a huge achievement and Poppy won her place against the best musical competition nationally.



James Harmer, Lucy Baker, Imogen Canetty-Clarke and Imogen Moore travelled to Brighton one snowy day to audition for the IAPS Junior Strings. Many 'cellists were turned down but all four of ours were successful in winning a place. This qualified them for a week's residential course in Cheltenham over the summer. It was a valuable experience that schooled them in chamber music and ensemble playing to a high level and was a great source of inspiration.

Sam Gilbert's winning essay, 'The Assassination of President Kennedy', was published in full in the Prep School magazine.

Other News

YEAR 6 CAMP

Mr Hudspeth led this year's Year 6 camp to Tanners Farm. The venue has been used for many years and this residential camp has become an important part of Year 6 life. The pupils practise camp skills on Saturday afternoons across the year and the camp takes place in the summer term. This year, Mrs. Booth ran the medical tent and provided excellent camp cooking as usual (the tribes took turns washing-up). Dr Jarratt and Mme Consul along with Miss Rawson and Mr Ropitini helped Mr Hudspeth to run a whole series of activities ranging from treasure hunts to camp-fire singing sessions. Mrs Robinson and Gemma visited and stayed under canvass, too. The winners of the Camp Bowl this year were Sophie Oulton and Tom Richardson. The winning tribe was Marie Kingsley. Well done to everyone who contributed to a really positive camp.



HOUSE FLAGS

It was the idea of the Student Council that we should have House flags and when this was approved, the Houses went into action designing their own flags. The outcome was four individual designs, each sporting their House colour and various symbols including books, lions and crests (even wellies!). At the end of the academic year, our leavers arranged for the flags to be made and Mrs Maclean presented them to the school. The flags will now be used as banners at House events and will fly from the flagpole donated by last year's leavers.



Prefects Barbecue in The Melon Garden