



Newsletter May 2014

Welcome to the May edition of the Headteacher's monthly newsletter, where you find us at the Grange gearing up for the forthcoming GCSE examinations. I would like to start the newsletter by wishing the Year 11s the very best of luck for their GCSEs. I know how hard they have been working, and how much anxiety exams can cause the students and their families. I am confident that the girls have prepared as well as they can, and that they will do their best in the days and weeks to come. Good luck Year 11 – we all believe in you; you can do it!

The start of May was greeted with much excitement as our new Alpaca's arrived. Noddy, Nemo and Nougat have settled in very well to life at the Grange, and have become an overnight sensation with students, staff and members of our wider community. My favourite image of the past month was Mr Bunn walking an Alpaca round the grounds one evening – it was amazing!

Another busy month has passed at Limpfield Grange. During May we were visited by Dame Stephanie Shirley, an amazing trailblazer for women in industry and a celebrated philanthropist. Dame Shirley has a particular interest in Autism, and she was very impressed with the students that she encountered at the Grange, commenting on how confident and articulate the girls were. We were invited to speak at the Surrey Educational Psychology Service conference; where three Year 9 students gave an insightful presentation on how Autism affects their lives. Delegates at the conference told us how useful and interesting their presentation was.

In other news our students have been out and about representing the school in a number of different ways. Students from 7S participated in a Cricketing Day at the Oval, courtesy of Surrey Cricket Board. Students from a range of year groups attended Girls Disability Football Day at St Joseph's school in Cranleigh, where they played against other teams and developed their footballing skills. Students in Year 9 enjoyed a National Theatre Live production for War Horse at the cinema in Oxted, which supported topics they are studying in History and English, and helped bring the period of World War 1 to life. Students in 9J attended an excellent Numeracy Day at Lingfield Park that helped them use their numeracy skills in a number of different contexts. "Nestival" an open day at NESCOL, was attended by a wide range of our students in Key Stages 3 and 4, to help them think about possible places and courses for study post 16. So all in all our girls have been very busy during May, both inside and outside of school.

Earlier this month we also held our Pirates of the Caribbean themed Summer Fair, opened by "Captain Jack Sparrow." Thank you to everyone who came and supported us on what was a very pleasant May afternoon. I would like to particularly thank the members of FOGS for organising such a great Fair. We raised a fantastic £4036, which I know FOGS will put to good use for the school in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the new PE polo shirts are available to order at school, ready for September 2014. If your daughter has not ordered a PE polo shirt could you ensure that she is provided with a black t-shirt for PE from September.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and relaxing half term break. We return to school on Monday 2nd June.

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