

## CAROLS, CAKES AND JOLLY JAPES AT BEDE'S PREP CHRISTMAS FAIR



*Santa's Grotto at the Friends of Bede's Prep School Christmas Fair, including the man himself, adorned in tinsel, and some helpful Bede's Prep Elves...*

**This year's Friends of Bede's Prep School Christmas Fair saw our Sports Hall transformed into a thrilling hunting ground for Christmas shoppers.**

With over 50 exciting stalls, well-wishers came away stocked up with all manner of goodies from bags to books, jewellery to jolly jam jars, clothes to chocolates, and pictures to popcorn.

Our stallholders included some of Eastbourne's finest local crafts people as well as nationally acclaimed artists alongside our own entrepreneurial children who set up and manned their own stalls.

The Hall was filled with the laughter of excited children making their way to visit Santa in his illuminated grotto, and even the Headmaster was caught up in the thrill of it all, insisting on visiting Santa to make sure his Christmas list had been

received!

The smell of delicious homemade cakes, courtesy of our generous parents (who had obviously been studying *The Great British Bake Off*), wafted through the hall. Indeed, the standard was so high that two cakes baked by our pupils, Isabella, Year 5, and Erica, Year 8, were awarded as raffle prizes.

At 12 o'clock our talented Bede's Prep Choir gathered to sing a selection of our favourite Christmas carols.



*One of several heaving tables of homemade cakes.*

Everybody commented on what a fabulous event this had been; one external stallholder said, "I thought it had a great buzz about it and your school comes across as a warm, friendly and nurturing place to learn."

This has been a bumper year for stallholders and some have even booked for next year already!

The Friends would like to thank everybody within the Bede's community for their wonderful support with donations, setting up, attendance, manning stalls and clearing up; it is because of this combined effort everyone enjoyed a truly magical event.

Jacqui Howell  
Chair

*Friends of Bede's Prep School*

# NATIVITY DOUBLE-BILL ENTHRALLS HOLYWELL PARENTS

## A Child's First Nativity

by Amy Bagnall

**A huge 'well done' to all of the Nursery children for taking part in what was a fantastic performance!**

For the first time ever, the Bede's Nursery children performed their own traditional nativity, with the Buzzy Bee and Dragonfly children taking on the lead roles. The children oozed confidence and were very excited to be able to say their lines into a real microphone!

From amazing angels, super shepherds and a variety of noisy stable animals, the children left their teachers and parents all feeling rather emotional. Mary and Joseph led a fantastic production from which we all learnt something new; there was a fourth wise man that brought baby Jesus a dinosaur!

The Butterflies joined the cast, sparkling and twirling to a lovely star dance whilst modelling their home-made hats.

The performance was rounded off nicely with the Grasshopper and Ladybird children being welcomed onto the stage for a Christmas sing-a-long. It was complete with singing, babbling and lots of bells being shaken!

Well done to all of the children involved, they did a brilliant job of getting us in the festive spirit.



## A Magical Christmas Journey

by Di Writer

**This year's Bede's Pre-Prep Nativity play, "A Magical Christmas Journey", was exactly that.**

The Holywell children guided the audience through the excitement of Christmas, hanging stockings, preparing mince pies, Christmas cake, presents and crackers to then searching for the perfect Christmas tree.

The Magical Star led the children through fields of sheep and a hot desert, reaching their final destination, a stable. Mary and Joseph were incredibly welcoming and shared their joy of the birth of their son, Jesus.

The children were genuinely outstanding. Year 2 learnt their lines brilliantly; their confidence to speak and act in front of packed audiences reflects the skills they learn within school to be confident independent members of the school and wider community.

All of the Holywell children performed so well and sang beautifully, Mrs Barrett taught the songs to the children with Mrs Mizon our specialist dance teacher choreographed the dances. Mr Meier put the finishing shine on the performance with the lighting. It was a truly team effort with the children at the forefront.

*For a wider selection of photographs, please visit [bedes.org](http://bedes.org)*

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# EDITORIAL: A MAGICAL END TO A MAGICAL TERM



**As this term winds to a rather wintery close, I thought it sage to use my editorial in this newsletter to reflect on some highlights of the year thus far.**

For September, we formalised our 'Themes of the Week' within the calendar and the teachers and children have really embraced the idea - both within the classroom and outside of it.

Early in the term for example, during our weeks of 'Hope' and 'Reflection', the Year 7 pupils did fantastically well on their leadership and team building day. This was closely followed by a tremendous Bushcraft Trip for Year 8 to Leeds Castle; despite being attacked by harvest mites, the pupils came back with great stories of what they had experienced and learned!

Elsewhere throughout the term, pupils were encouraged to 'Be Entrepreneurial' and to 'Think Outside the Box', ideas which clearly caught the imaginations of the children. Possibly the finest examples of the themes I have seen put into practise thus far were the results of our recent soft-skills workshop with Year 8, led by the Senior School Prefects, during which there were some quite extraordinary ideas put forward. These led to - of all things - the invention of new board games, each of which were borne from the stimulus provided by teachers.

Too often in modern life, we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve. To counteract this, the teachers at Bede's Prep School have all been working hard to create opportunities for our children to develop their originality of thought and creativity. Book Week this term was a superb example of these efforts put into practice. Our visiting authors were particularly inspiring and enabled the children to produce some outstanding creative writing right across the school.

Whilst pupils continued on their educational journeys, we all took a moment to take stock of the fabulous charity work we have undertaken during during 'Humanity' week. Pupils, parents and teachers have so far raised over £2,800 for causes (and at events) such as The Lions' Swimathon and the Air Ambulance, the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need, Trussel Trust food bank and Macmillan Nurses.

Amongst the events organised, particular praise should go to the 13 swimmers who raised over £1360 - what an incredible accomplishment!

In November, we then experienced a real treat when the Drama Masterclass pupils put on two fabulous performances of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' It was apt that the performances began in our

'Be Magical' themed week!

As the equally magical time of Advent is now upon us, I really must give a mention to two other productions: 'My First Nativity' and 'A Magical Christmas Journey.' Hot on the heels of the Nativity plays, I had the pleasure of attending not only these performances but also a third, arranged and written by Upper Fifth students from the Senior School who have been working in collaboration with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. 'Up Up and Away' was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and parents alike and I am very much looking forward to seeing more collaboration between Bede's Senior School pupils and children in the Prep School and Nursery.



*For more on Up, Up and Away, visit [bedes.org](http://bedes.org)*

I hope that everyone in our supportive, friendly and ambitious school community can take some time over the holiday to reflect on what a remarkable term it has been. We have all worked very hard and accomplished so much, and we should always try to take the time out of the day-to-day to feel pride for the great things we have done.

I wish you a wonderful and a very Happy New Year and cannot wait to see what new extraordinary things we might achieve next term!

**Giles Entwisle**  
*Headmaster*

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# A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the midst of winter may seem a little strange, but the young actors of the Prep School Drama Masterclass skilfully transported their full-house audiences, at the end of November, to an enchanted forest, where humans and spirits became spell-bindingly entwined through the combined power of magic and love.

The actors, all from Years 7 and 8, showed real talent and stage presence in their convincing portrayal of this entangled story, with some fine performances by the leading players and wonderful dance scenes and physical theatre by the fairies and Puck, directed by Mr Burden, the Prep School contemporary dance teacher.

Mr Meier's forest lighting, (assisted by James Upton,) and fiery (literally!) special effects were stunning, as were Mr Barclay's backdrop projections and sound effects.

The costumes, of some indeterminate early twentieth century



design, contrasted well, in their fashionable boldness, with the airy, woodland garb of the fairy kingdom. Make-up, face painting and glorious hairstyles completed the picture, thanks to Mrs Brundle, Mrs Mizon and Tilly Atherton. Bottom's donkey's head and Titania's crown were beautifully made by Mrs Anja Marr, the film make-up expert and a parent, who kindly joined the team.

The scene which always makes everyone laugh, the Mechanicals' play-within-the-play was indeed very funny and a great way to round off the evening, followed by the sparkling fairy dust of the final scene.

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is one of Shakespeare's most famous plays, often considered to be a rather lightweight comedy. It was written, it is believed, to be performed at a royal wedding, so the themes of marriage and entertainment are apt, yet it looks much more seriously too at the themes of

true love, dominance, relationships and, indeed, Elizabeth I's role and position, in the character of Titania, linked to 'The Ditchley portrait', depicting her as the fairy queen. The play contains some great Shakespearean lines, such as "The course of true love never did run smooth." and "Lord, what fools these mortals be!" but it is also the play in which Shakespeare explores the two sides of Man's being: the physical and the spiritual, and his woodland fairies hark back to earlier Druid beliefs in spirits and natural forces.

All in all, it has much more depth than at first appears and the children did well to explore and interpret the long and complex text. They all worked incredibly hard and gave so much of their own time, energy and talent, rehearsing in the evenings and at weekends, generously supported by their parents and families.

It was great fun directing them; I thank them all and the other members of staff involved for all their support.

**Jeanette Adams**

*Drama Masterclass Director*



# NEED SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR LEFTOVER CABBAGE?

You may have heard that citrus juices are “acids” or that ammonia is a “base.”

The terms acid and base refer to the concentration of hydrogen ions (pH) in the substance; acids have a high concentration of hydrogen ions, while bases have a low concentration of hydrogen ions.

But how can you test whether a substance is an acid or base?

In this experiment, which you can try at home, you will make your own pH indicator from red cabbage and use it to measure some liquids to see whether they are acids or bases.

## You Will Need:

- A head of red cabbage
- A stove
- A pot
- Distilled water
- A funnel or coffee filter basket
- Coffee filters
- A set of eyedropper bottles
- A medicine cup with milliliter markings
- Several small paper cups
- Test substances

Substances to test might include lemon juice, a clear sports drink, lemon-lime soda, window cleaner and vinegar.

## Performing the Experiment

To prepare the indicator, shred some red cabbage leaves, place them in small volume of water (1/2 cup) in the pot, bring the pot to a boil on the stove, and boil for 5-10 minutes (Note - You should wear some form of eye protection and use pot holders when handling boiling solutions).

Pour the water with the boiled leaves through the coffee filter to remove the pieces of cabbage, collect the filtered juice in a clean glass, and let it cool; it should appear purple.

You can then pour the juice into the eyedropper bottles for use and storage. This



filtered juice is your pH indicator. Note that the concentration of the indicator solution depends upon the amount of cabbage and the volume of water used; the more cabbage in the smallest possible volume of water will yield a high concentration of indicator molecules. To use your pH indicator, pour about 2 teaspoons (10 ml) of each test substance into a separate cup. To each cup, add approximately 1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) of cabbage juice indicator. Now watch for the colour changes!

If the substance is an acid (i.e. lemon juice), the indicator should turn bright pink. If the substance is neutral (i.e. Lucozade), then the indicator should remain reddish-purple.

Finally, if the substance is a base (i.e. window cleaner), then the indicator should turn green.

## What Does This All Mean?

By boiling the red cabbage leaves, you will be extracting a class of pigment molecules called “anthocyanins” into solution.

Anthocyanin molecules will change their color depending upon the pH of their environment and can indicate the pH of a solution).

This experiment will tell you whether a substance is an acid or base, but not the exact value of pH; the pH scale ranges from acid (0-6), through neutral (7) to base (8-14).

If you want to calibrate your cabbage juice pH indicator, you will have to test your substances with another quantitative indicator (e.g. litmus paper) and compare those results to the colors of the cabbage juice pH indicator in those solutions.

This is what a group of current Year 8 students did to produce a relatively accurate Universal Indicator solution. Interestingly, Hydrangea flowers do something similar. The flowers of a given Hydrangea will be a different colour depending on whether the soil is acid or alkali.

In acid soil they are blue and in alkaline soil they are red, which might not be what you expect.

The key thing to remember is that colour changes seen in these examples are totally dependent on the indicator used.

**Paul Childers**  
*Head of Science*

# ANOTHER BRILLIANT TERM FOR THE BOARDERS

This may have just been the longest half term of the year, but it has flown by quickly and has been littered with boarding success stories.

We were particularly proud of Ibragim Shirinov, Juan Sobrini-Morillo and Hamzeh Masmoum for receiving prizes for their short stories during Book Week - quite a feat when you consider that English is not their main language! We were also delighted that Michael Kulin and Jenil Patel were made Subject Prefects; in the House, Ibragim, Pablo Nistal and Themba were made Prefects too, and we have been pleased that they have taken on this added responsibility with aplomb.

If the boarders have been working hard in class, they have been working no less hard on the sports field. Virtually all of the boys and girls have represented the School at some point, whether it be on the football pitch, hockey pitch, or in the swimming pool, most of them on a regular basis.

Elsewhere, Pablo has been a key member of the Senior Choir, singing at a prestigious Remembrance Day event as well as carol singing in the local community, and Berta Solanas-Martinez' dancing during Open Morning was quite beautiful - as well as Berta, Reiji Suzuki is also a talented dancer and we are looking forward to seeing what he will participate



in, in future School events. With all this hard work during the week, the boarders deserve a treat at the weekend and they have enjoyed a variety of experiences on their Sundays off. A fabulous time was had by all when Mr Barclay took them all to 'Chessington World of Adventures' and Mrs Green took them by train to Brighton to enjoy the shops and entertainment on the pier. Mr Childers stayed closer to home and entertained the group with some science experiments and a cooking lesson and there have been School Fireworks Nights, trips to Laserquest, the cinema and more.

The highlight for Alison and I, however, was the trip to London last Sunday; it was an absolute honour to take them and we felt so proud of their good behaviour. It was a busy day with a trip to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park including a visit to their special Christmas circus, a walk to Hamleys in Regent Street, and then a meal at Planet Hollywood. Of course, it is not just on a Sunday that the boarders have fun. On one Saturday early in October, we took the boarders to the Redoubt Fortress in Eastbourne to watch Themba and Pablo perform in a tribute to those who lost their lives in The Great War; one of the more sombre trips we have done, but no less important for that.

The boarders also had great fun at the

Christmas Fair and made their own contribution by icing some Christmas biscuits which were sold at the refreshments stall, and there has also been a good deal of transforming rooms and beds into very impressive forts using duvets, chairs and lots of imagination! It is also with sadness that we bid farewell to three of our boarders at the end of this term: Iziar Ayo Suarez, Juan and Miguel - we hope that they stay in touch and we wish them all the very best in the future. It has been an utter joy and



privilege to look after them and the boarders, this term; Meads End will seem very quiet without them here over the holiday!

We hope they come back refreshed and ready to soak up all that the wonderful staff at this School are planning to give them. In the meantime, the entire boarding team wishes you all a fantastic Christmas and a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year!

Chris and Alison Atherton  
*House Parents*

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# HOOTS AND TOOTS: INSTRUMENTAL SCHEME 2014

A new cohort of pupils took on the challenge of picking up traditional instruments - as Year 5 does every year during the Autumn Term - although this year's scheme has been more successful than any in recent memory!

The children chose between the cello, clarinet and flute and have had a lesson each week in small groups.

An instrument was hired for each of them so that they could really make the most of the opportunity, which they did - with bells on!

Hopefully the children have enjoyed playing over the past few weeks - some have even practised between lessons - and it felt, at times, like nothing could stop them!

Colin Hughes  
*Head of Music*



## FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS PUT YEAR 8 THROUGH THEIR PAGES...



A group of pupils from a School in Lille in Northern France recently came to Bede's Prep as a part of the exchange programme being run in conjunction with Bede's Senior School.

Whilst there was some trepidation on the part of the Prep pupils at the prospect of communicating in real time for a real purpose with strangers, there developed a natural 'sink or

swim' philosophy, and they quickly found themselves deeply engaged in the business of actual communication!

An 'ice breaker' activity was quickly followed by some rapid examination-style question-answer practice and, finally, after a well-deserved refreshment break, the afternoon concluded with a boisterous word game played in mixed French-English teams.

The atmosphere in the language classrooms was a buzz of energy and excitement as French and English students supported one another in their attempts to say the right word. As inevitably happens when our self-imposed limitations are swept away, the feeling of our Year 8 pupils when the afternoon had drawn to a close was one of enormous achievement and surprise at how much fun language 'work' can be.

Judging by the delightful messages left on the mini whiteboards, we concluded that the French students thought it a worthwhile experience too!

Louise Galletly  
*Head of Modern Foreign Languages*

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# BEDE'S PUPILS HOST EASTBOURNE YOUTH RADIO SHOW

There cannot be many 13 year-olds who are able to host and broadcast their own radio show live, but, thanks to the Eastbourne Youth Radio initiative, a group of Year 8's from the Prep School did exactly that on Friday 21 November.

The theme of our hour at lunchtime this year was Talent. The show was sponsored by our school caterers, Holroyd Howe, and the general catering manager, Mrs Hannah Bond, gave us an interesting interview on talented chefs.

Musical talent was well represented by the concert pianist, Robert Scamardella, who is the Deputy Director of Music at Bede's, and he was accompanied by two talented young musicians from the Senior School: Sally Ann Wild, who sang, and Jonny Connell, who accompanied her on the piano.

The winner of our own Prep School talent show, Thea Adams, sang Stay Awake beautifully and the runner-up, Elvis Abraham, treated us to his favourite stand-up comic routine, which was very funny. Grace Stableford talked about her remarkable football career, playing for the England Under 18 Ladies' team and about her admirable talent for sport.

Mrs Brundle, Head of English, spoke about the talent of creative writing and two of her Year 5 pupils read their poetry. Next, Guy Burden, who danced with the Estonian National Ballet and the English National and who now teaches at the Prep School, talked about his career and how talent can be developed and encouraged. Finally, five of our keen horse riders in Year 8, who compete at shows like Hickstead, spoke about their passion for horses and riding.

We asked all of our guests whether talent is a gift, or whether it can be developed. They all agreed that we all have talent; it just needs to be recognised and brought out by practice, commitment and



good teachers.

All of these interviews were interspersed with music and news and weather reports. We were ably assisted by our producer, Glen Funnell, from Sussex Downs College.

There was an enormous amount of content crammed into our "Hour of Talent" and well done to all the young people who hosted it with such style and calm - not an easy task when you are performing to a live audience, but one which they managed very skilfully.

The show can be heard on [www.eyr.org.uk](http://www.eyr.org.uk) (Go to 'Listen Live').

The presentation team in order were Tom Adams, James Sampson, Olivia Williams, Luke Muschialli, Ella Lloyd, James Fricker, Florence Ferrari, Maisie Williams, Alfredo Vazquez, Echo Abraham and Alfie Jackson.

*Jeanette Adams  
Teacher of English*

## PRE-PREP CHILDREN PUT THEIR MATHS INTO PRACTICE



**Within the Maths curriculum this term, the children have been learning about calculation through the medium of money.**

Pupils have been engaged in a range of tasks from identifying different coins

through to the older children making addition and subtraction sums. Within the classrooms there have been shops and cafés 'opened' for the consolidation of these skills, however nothing can take the place of real life experience.

During the last week of term, all of the Holywell children therefore visited Barley Sugar, a delicatessen in Meads Village, to buy fruit and vegetables.

The younger children enjoyed having their own money to spend whilst the Year 2 children had to find the total cost of their goods and then work out the amount of change that they would receive.

This was a wonderful opportunity for



all the children to enhance their own understanding and application of money in a real shop.

*Diana Writer  
Head of Years 2-4*

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# YEAR 5 WRITE WINTER POETRY

In the lead up to Christmas, my Year 5 class and I have been exploring Romantic poets of the 19th Century and the use of the Petrarchan sonnet form.

A little ridiculous perhaps, given that I am still having to remind some of them about the use of basic full stops and capital letters, but, by encouraging them to explore, discuss and investigate more challenging texts, I have been amazed by what they have been able to produce in their own creative responses.

It is in the given freedom for them to discuss, question and challenge - and not through any of my chalk-and-talk delivery of texts - that their understanding has developed.

As Arun Periera argued in his article 'Expect Sessions of Top Teachers to be Interactive, Loud, and Involved' from the Economic Times in 2013, teachers should be using the classroom for active learning and for managing, applying, and using knowledge.

By encouraging the children to take risks, to make mistakes, to draft and re-draft though discussion with peers, they have proven to me that they can rise to any challenge.

As Kurt Kahn, the founder of Outward Bound Trust, states, "We are all better than we know. If only we can be brought to realise this, we may never be prepared to settle for anything less."

## *Things to Try at Home:*

**1.** If children ask for spelling help with a difficult word, do not give it to them but, instead, give them clues about the word, or the stem of the word, and encourage them to investigate how to construct the harder spelling.

**2.** Give the children 'A Word of the Week' – have them investigate its meaning and its form (noun, verb, adjective, adverb etc.) Encourage them to use it, correctly and in the right context, in their own writing. The Year 5 Word of the Week List for this term already includes words like scintillating, miasma, fastidious and recalcitrant!

**3.** Encourage the children to share their work with their peers. Organise 'Peer-Markers' who can read through the work of others and give critical feedback. Foster an atmosphere of sharing ideas.

Here are two of the creations that children have composed in response to studies of Robert Southey's 'Winter' sonnet.

Gail Brundle  
*Head of English*

## *Old Man Winter*

Old Man Winter creeps in the darkest hours  
He has ever-lasting powers  
His hair rimed with frost  
He is forever roaming, forever lost  
In the dark his eyes will glow.  
Like flourishing flames from down below  
His beard is made of shattered glass  
Anyone who ventures will be denied to pass  
Yet, when he strolls around the Christmas Tree.  
He sees the children laughing with glee.  
He is the king of the Winter Wonderland  
Giving presents to every hand  
With his rosy red cheeks that we see  
He would always welcome me.

Millie Trenamen  
*Year 5*

As Winter stomps on the morning grass  
The blades of green turn to glass  
The field of green is now a blanket of white  
While he releases his next cruel bite;  
His teeth are made of sharp, blue ice.  
All who hear him pay the price,  
Myriad snowdrops drip from his beard  
All are scared of him, all are afeared.  
Is this Old Man Winter's true state?  
I see him by the fire, so late,  
A jolly fellow with a hearty chuckle  
With warm, red clothers and a shiny gold buckle  
To smiling faces he hands out gifts,  
Healing wrongs and calming rifts.

Josh Sudan  
*Year 5*

# SPORT FOOTBALL

## 1ST XI ENJOY NEAR-FLAWLESS SEASON



**The Bede's Prep 1st XI Football team enjoyed yet another successful season in 2014 and I was delighted with their effort in training sessions and their endeavours during our fixtures.**

The eleven-a-side matches saw us only lose once, although we perhaps drew a few games that we should really have won. We seemed to be quite good when attacking but often our defensive frailties led to some poor goals being conceded!

My particular highlights from this area of the season was our first match of the season when we played at Hurst and won 5-1, our thrilling 2-2 draw with New Beacon on a Saturday morning that saw all types of weather affect the game and finally, our stunning victory away to Ardingly which saw us play to our full potential and come away with a 6-0 victory.

Our last game of the season saw us play Vinehall. It was not a very competitive match for our team and the passing and

team play was superb. The final score was 7-0 and it did at least give us a chance to move players into other positions; Scott, our goalkeeper played at left midfield, and Reubin, our centre back has always fancied himself as a goal scorer, so he played as a striker!

This season we have collected two trophies out of the three tournaments we entered. Early in the season the U13 team won the Ardingly 8-a-side tournament after defeating the hosts in a close final. This is the third year in a row that we have won this particular tournament, which is a fine achievement.

The same squad of players then competed in the inaugural Bede's Challenge Cup, held at the Senior School. This was another 8-a-side tournament and once again the boys won it in convincing style. On the way to the final we beat Holme-wood House and St Christopher's, and drew with Great Walstead. It was Great Walstead that also made it to the final and the 3-1 victory was very satisfying

after we had played so well throughout the tournament.

Our U12 team then attended the Ardingly 9-a-side tournament, hoping to retain the winner's trophy we brought with us! The boys played really well throughout the tournament and deservedly made it to the final, after beating St Andrew's in the Semi Final.

This was a nail biting game and had to be settled with a dreaded penalty shoot-out. In the final, we unfortunately came up against a very competitive host team and we were unable to bring home this trophy.

I wish to thank, once more, all of the boys who have played for the first team this season. We have always attempted to play the game the right way and have frequently impressed the opposition with our style of play.



Well done to Scott in goal, Tom C, our captain, Nahje, Ollie C, James, Archie, Themba, Juan, Freddie, Joe, Tom F, Joel, Ollie H, Reubin and poor old injured Ian.

**Fraser Allan**  
*Head of Football*

*Colours were awarded to Tom C, Ollie C, Nahje, Scott, Archie, Ollie H and James.*

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# RUGBY

## STRONG START TO 2014-15 SEASON



**It has been a remarkably successful first-half of the Rugby Season for the various sides at Bede's Prep School.** With matches against established rugby schools such as Holmewood House, Brighton College, Great Walstead, St Andrew's, Dulwich College Prep School

and, to a slightly lesser degree, Lancing College, the start of the season is always a tough one, which makes the 'story so far' all the more impressive.

The 1st XV have won all of their opening matches, most of them convincingly (53-0 against St Andrew's and 55-0 against Lancing College) with a further win against DCPS 29 - 12 and a hard-earned Sussex Cup win against a huge Imberhorne to make it 7 wins out of 7. Not all age groups have so far played 6 matches like the 1st XV, but every team has played at least three (most have played more) and as we move into the final week of term the 1sts, 2nds,



3rds, 4ths, Colts and U9's all remain unbeaten.

It will be extremely exciting to see what might be achieved after Christmas!

**Chris Atherton**  
*Head of Rugby*

# GIRLS' FOOTBALL

## U12s THROUGH TO QUARTER-FINALS OF COUNTY CUP

**U12 Girls' Football Captain Lilianna led her side to a great win versus Littlehampton Academy on Friday 5 December.**

Despite conceding an early goal, the U12s soon took control with some great dribbling. This allowed Lilianna to quickly equalise with an excellent shot from the right to score neatly inside the far post.

Jasmine and Freya worked tirelessly in defence, making well-timed tackles and dispossessing Littlehampton Academy on their runs into our defensive third. Lara was quick to the ball displaying great composure as she passed the ball out wide to release the attack.



Amelia was everywhere in midfield, closing down the ball and always in the midst of the counter.

The Bede's team grew in confidence as the match progressed, and it wasn't long before Lilianna had added a couple more goals to her tally.

Phoebe then scored a lovely goal from a great pass into the box.

Lucy made some great saves throughout the match and grew in confidence as the match went on.

Elise later charged forward to score and, finally, Sadie broke down the left wing and thundered the ball into the bottom left hand corner to complete the U12s goal tally of 10-2.

Next up come the quarter-finals, against Angmering, which will take place at the start of next term!

**Sharon Muxworthy**  
*Head of Games*

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## BEDE'S GIRLS' TEAMS ENJOY KNOCKOUT SEASON



*The Under 11s (left), 1sts (top right) and U10s (bottom left), all of whom have enjoyed success in a huge range of matches throughout the Autumn Term.*

**The Bede's Prep School Girls' Hockey teams have had a fantastic term during which everyone has worked hard and tournaments have been won left, right and centre.**

The Senior girls have put out four VII-a-side teams throughout a very busy and action-packed season. They have enjoyed victories over Cumnor House, Holmewood House, Vinehall, Claremont, St Andrew's and Ashdown House.

The 1st VII squad also played well in the IAPS South East Regional Tournament to win their group and reach the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, the next team caught us by surprise with their defending and counter-attacking, causing us to make an early exit! Following their disappointment, the girls bounced back at the next tournament at East Grinstead and reached the Finals, which was a great achievement. Elsewhere, the 1st XI won both their early rounds in the U13 Sussex Cup against Moira House and Ardingly Prep School with great attacking and skilful play. Next term will see the continuation of this cup competition, so cross your fingers!

All the girls have been keen to progress,

playing skilfully and with great determination in Mr Royce's sessions. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th VII have been equally impressive in their attitude and match play and it has been good to see the fusion of the Year 7 and 8 girls on the hockey pitch. They have worked well as teams, supporting each other in their development from match to match. Bravo!

The Juniors have had an equally successful term, with the U10 and U11 teams winning their East Grinstead Hockey Tournaments and thoroughly deserving their successes. Both of these squads are skilful and all have worked hard throughout the term to progressed. Even now, they continue to give 100% in training!

The U11s also played very well at the IAPS South East Regional Tournament, coming 2nd in their group and earning a spot in the Quarter Finals, where they played Eagle House (Wellington College).

The match went down to a penalty shoot out, then a sudden death penalty shoot out. After 4 rounds, the U11s narrowly lost - but they should all think of themselves as winners. The opposition coach was very complimentary, and it was no surprise that they

came back with a vengeance the following week to win the East Grinstead Tournament thanks to yet another penalty shoot out and some great saves from Goalkeeper Arabella. The U10's have been equally impressive; they are keen, quick, determined and composed. They play with good vision and their stickwork is skilful. They are a very exciting team and, like their older compatriots, they supply excellent role models for the U8s and U9s.

Watching the youngest Hockey players learning the core skills needed to be successful on the pitch and seeing them enjoying playing in their Hockey Festivals, I feel proud that - from U8 through to U13 - Bede's Prep players learn, adapt and improve their knowledge of positioning on the pitch with every game.

It has been delightful to coach the girls this term and I look forward to continuing to aid you in your future development as you ascend the school.

Well done, and remember - eyes up!

**Petch Lenham**  
*Head of Hockey*