



4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of, what has been, a very busy and exciting term. The girls have taken part in and enjoyed many fabulous events, just a few of which I reflect on below.

## EVENTS

### Eisteddfod

Over 100 of our girls entered the Music Section of the Eisteddfod in choirs, instrumental groups and as individuals. The girls really enjoyed the experience and gained several trophies and impressive feedback. We were also well represented in the French Eisteddfod with both groups and individuals performing poems and songs. Congratulations to Eve Hartley for winning the La Coupe du Chanoire A. Bourde de la Rogerie Cup and Beatrice Wilson the Handia Cup.

You are never too young to enter the Eisteddfod and the proof is our Pre-Prep girls who performed the Choral Speaking Section. This bubbly group of three year olds said their poem with real energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all the staff who supported the girls with their entries and to the girls themselves for the huge amount of hard work that they put in.

As well as performing, the girls have also worked hard in all classes to produce art work for our school Art Display, with the theme of Melrose Recycled. We have just found out that Melrose won The People's Vote Trophy for the best school display and the Bailiff, Sir Richard Collas came to school this week to present the trophy to us. Many thanks to Mrs Walkington for organising the work and giving up her time to create the display.



## Tag Rugby Festival

We are proud to say that Melrose entered three teams in the Cannaccord Tag Rugby Festival on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March; The Melrose Morris' Monsters, The Melrose Lewis' Limas and The Melrose Dudin's Destroyers. Melrose had the only three all girl teams out of the 44 teams taking part.

The Monsters and Limas made it to the Plate knockout, playing each other in the first round. The Monsters then went on to play in the semi-final against La Mare, which was a draw and so went to a 'golden try' with La Mare just pipping them at the post. The Destroyers qualified for the top Cup knockout group and came overall 8<sup>th</sup> out of 44 teams – this is the best ever result for Melrose.

Mrs Morris, who organised the teams, was very proud of all the girls and the skills and good sportsmanship that they showed. The coaches and referees also noticed this and they have awarded all three Melrose teams the Trophy for Most Sportsmanlike Team. The best trophy of them all!

Melrose tag rugby is flourishing with the majority of Junior girls involved in our lunch time and after school clubs. Many thanks to the girls for their determination and great play and to Mrs Morris, Miss Dudin and Mr Lewis for supporting and inspiring them.



## The Lion King



Amazing! Is really the only word to describe the performances given by all the Junior girls in their production of The Lion King. We have received a huge amount of positive feedback and are glad that the audiences really enjoyed the show. **MANY THANKS** to ALL the parents and staff who supported this rather epic show, without their help and support the end product would not have been as super as it was. Just to remind you, there are some lovely action photos on the Fitzgerald website for purchase. **WELL DONE GIRLS!**

To view and purchase these photographs from [www.fitzgeralds.com](http://www.fitzgeralds.com) go to the following: *Portrait and Wedding photography, Order Photographs, All Galleries*, choose the required selection, input your email address and the password: m0312

### Form III – Visit to Cheshire Homes

We have strong links with The Cheshire Home and were thrilled when they invited Form III for an Easter Egg hunt around their grounds to say thank you for our support. The girls had a lovely time and chatted to the residents, held some chicks and even met a Shetland pony. They ended their visit singing a song to the residents. Lucky girls.



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Staffing News

We say goodbye to Miss Satti at the end of this term as Mrs Loveridge returns after Easter from her maternity leave. Miss Satti has really become involved in Melrose life in her short time with us, not only working hard as part of the Pre-Prep team but also by putting her sports background to good use in supporting the Melrose Netball and Football teams. We thank her for her commitment and wish her all the best in her new job.

As you are aware, Mrs Cave is retiring at the end of the school year. We are pleased to announce that she will be replaced as Head of the Prep Department by Mrs Diane Thorogood. Mrs Thorogood is currently at La Hougette Primary School and is a very experienced and well qualified teacher who we look forward to welcoming to the Melrose team.

Mrs Cave was also English Subject Leader at Melrose and we are pleased also to announce that Miss Kinley will take on this role from September.

Wellbeing will continue to be one of our areas of focus for this academic year and beyond. In order to further support the school's development in this area, Mrs Donnelly has been appointed Wellbeing and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) Subject Leader from September. We look forward to sharing with you, news of how we are further supporting the girls in this area in the near future.

### PTA Second Hand Uniform Deal!



In order to boost the second hand uniform stock, the PTA are offering an excellent deal. If you donate uniform to the PTA by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, you will receive a **50% off voucher** to spend when you buy any second hand uniform yourself. A great offer – so please sort out any outgrown uniform and drop it into Miss Anders at the beginning of next term. The next uniform sale will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## Uniform

A reminder that girls may return to school after Easter in either Winter or Summer Uniform. Summer uniform becomes compulsory after the end of May break. **However, we are having a photographer in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and ask that all girls are in winter uniform on that day.** Details of uniform can be found in the Parent Handbook and on the school website.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

The main diary dates for the Trinity Term will be on the website after Easter. However, there are two key dates I would like to bring your attention to.

### Enterprise Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 1.30pm-3.00pm

Each year during ‘Liberation Day’ week, we run a cross-curricular whole school project. In the past we have had Den Day, and Survival Days, both of which the girls have really enjoyed and benefitted from learning a range of practical skills.



This year we are having an Enterprise Theme. Each class will be given £30 and have to plan and work on ways to ‘grow their money’ for their chosen class charity. They will then work in groups on making their ideas a reality. The girls will have to use all of the Melrose Mindsets in order to achieve their goal and think about pricing, cost of resources, making and promoting their product or idea.

We will be inviting parents and family to come and see the Enterprise projects on the Friday afternoon, hopefully outside on the Prep Playground and spend some money on the stalls and activities that the girls are planning. The aim is for all to have fun and raise money for the worthwhile charities that the girls have chosen.



### Forms II & III – School Sleepover! Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

This is a new PTA event which we are sure will prove popular - details to follow next term.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a restful, happy and hopefully sunny Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Ozanne  
Head Teacher