

Crescunda



Issue 02





Welcome from the Head

It was an honour for our Year 8 pupils and some of the staff to be invited to the Merchant Taylors' School Triennial Service at St Paul's Cathedral just before half term. The occasion was splendid, to say the least, and I know that pupils, staff and parents appreciated the opportunity to be there.

As usual, the school is busy with the everyday joy of learning as well as many events. A selection of what we have been up to is included in this second edition of *Crescunda*. One very memorable highlight was last week's Fireworks Night, organised by the Parents' Association. I cannot thank them enough for making it another spectacular evening and I am extremely grateful to the numerous families that came to support the event.

As winter is now drawing in and evenings are getting darker after school, we have installed some new lighting on the driveway and brighter lights around the car park. These are a huge improvement to when you are collecting but please do remember to drive safely when entering the school at any time of day, particularly when it is dark.

Best wishes

Dr McNeerney |
Head of Merchant Taylors' Prep



Merchant Taylors' Triennial Service at St Paul's





House News November 2017

There have been Parent Consultations in Years 3, 4 & 8, Tutorials in Years 5 & 6 and two School Council meetings of late. Each Form or Tutor Group is represented at School Council which is about impact as much as ideas. Recent successes include House Dodgeball, fruit at break time for boys who have no snack and National Curry Week. All four Houses enjoyed the Mufti Day Cake Sale before half-term and Fireworks this week. We would all like to thank the PA and the volunteers for their time. Families are also thanked for their support of Harvest, The Poppy Appeal and Christmas Shoeboxes. Remembrance is next week and Anti-Bullying Week thereafter.

Heads of House



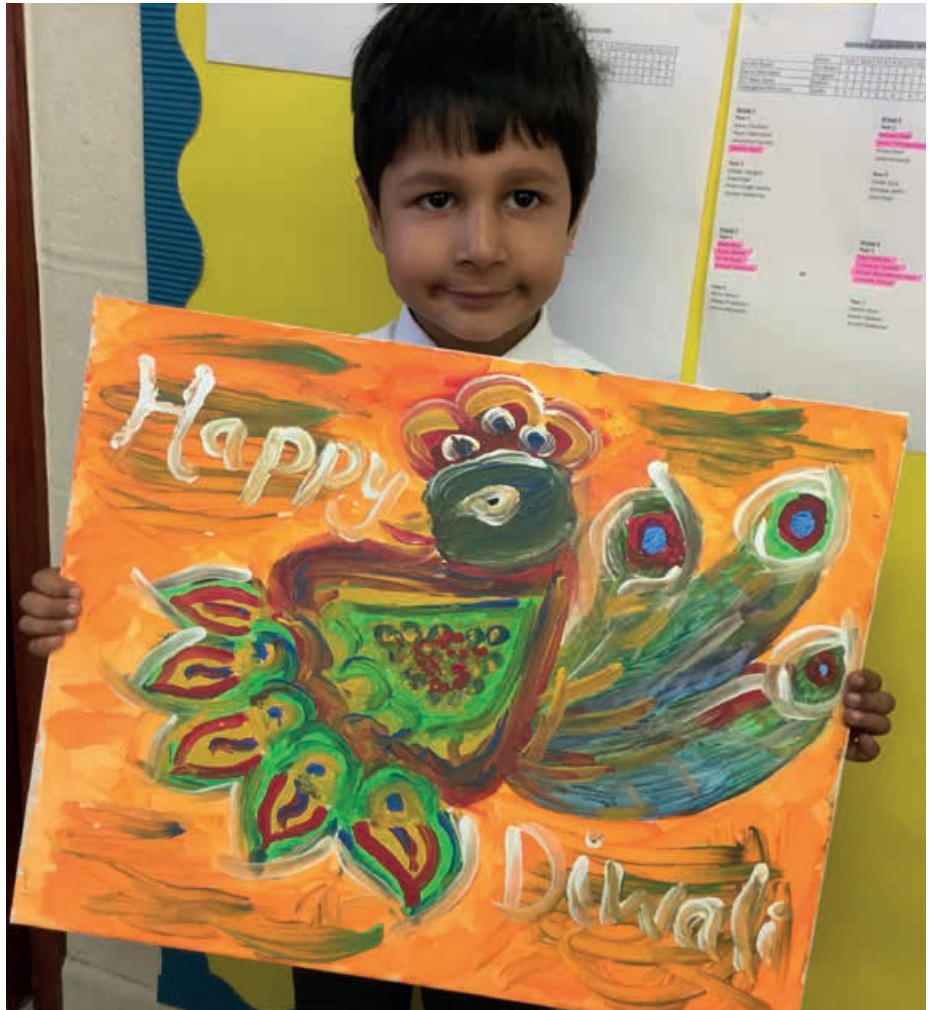
This term I have been delighted to see how much the boys have enjoyed learning through our topics, and the exciting activities in which they participate really inspire them to do their very best. The photographs show a selection of the highlights from the last few weeks, including the Nursery showing empathy as they enjoy visits from dogs Tai and Ludo as part of their topic about animals, and Reception boys exploring the outdoors. Our topic about Pirates continues in Year 1 and Year 2 and the boys have been busy designing their own island and making and tasting Mexican Salsa and Nigerian Banana Puffs, which were both delicious!

We have also celebrated Diwali in Pre-Prep. The photographs show Year 1 boys with the special artefacts they brought in from home to show their class, and the boys at The Manor who participated in a range of activities as part of a special celebratory morning. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Diwali at the Manor



Year 1 Diwali



Nursery Dog visit



Reception enjoying the outdoors



Year 1 in the woods



Year 1 Banana Puffs



Year 2 Drums



Year 2 Islands



Year 2 Salsa



From the Prep SLT corridor

We would like to congratulate the following boys on their achievements during the first half term:

MVP	MIP	Dispositions Trophy	SLT Commendations
Sahil Shah	Aran Sangha	Austin Ivan	Yash Shah
Tobi Alade	Jasmer Sawhney	Rohan Olsen	Arjun Singh-Ahuja
Ryan Prabhakar	Henry Cargill-Thompson		Karan Bains
Jack Groves	Luis De Sales Fardad		Aayush Pandit
Austin Ivan	Om Chavda		Ryan Ludhra
Parth Malhotra	Adam Ladak		Nikhil Mohan
	Rayaan Vyas		Abhishek Patel

We would like to thank all our Year 8 boys for their outstanding behaviour whilst travelling to and from St Paul's in order to attend the Merchant Taylors' Triennial Service. It was a truly memorable event for all the boys, staff and parents who attended.



A reminder to all our boys in Year 1-8 to wrap up warm in jumpers, coats, hats and gloves as temperatures begin to drop.

The term's Rugby and Hockey fixtures are in full swing now, with recent success for the 1st XII Rugby side over St John's being the stand out performance. Trailing 4-1 at half time, to score 5 unanswered tries in the second half and win 6-4 is a remarkable achievement. Our U8 sides recently played their first competitive Rugby fixtures after the success of their Rugby Development Day, and both the U12/U13 sides have made positive starts to their THL campaign.

As the weather is getting colder from now on, please can all boys ensure they are appropriately dressed for outdoor PE/Games lessons. Hats, gloves, base layers & tracksuits are all essential. A gentle reminder to bring a water bottle to all lessons too, particularly on match days.

U12 THL 2017



Keep up to date on MTP Sport here: [@MTSPrepSport](#)

U8 Rugby 2017



U10 Rugby 2017



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Year 3 swimming



Congratulations to the following boys that have made the winter training programmes for no less than four counties.

Thomas Groves HERTS U14

Krish Patel SURREY U12

Jack Groves BUCKS U11

Anay Jariwala BUCKS U11

Reeyen Ruparelia MIDDX U10

Jack and Anay (along with former pupil Kahil - Anay's brother) shone for Bucks last summer. This has earned them a place in the Bucks EPP. This is the Emerging Players Programme and is the county's best few from each year group.

Mr Horne - Director of MTP Cricket

Thanks for supporting the 'Link to Hope' Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year



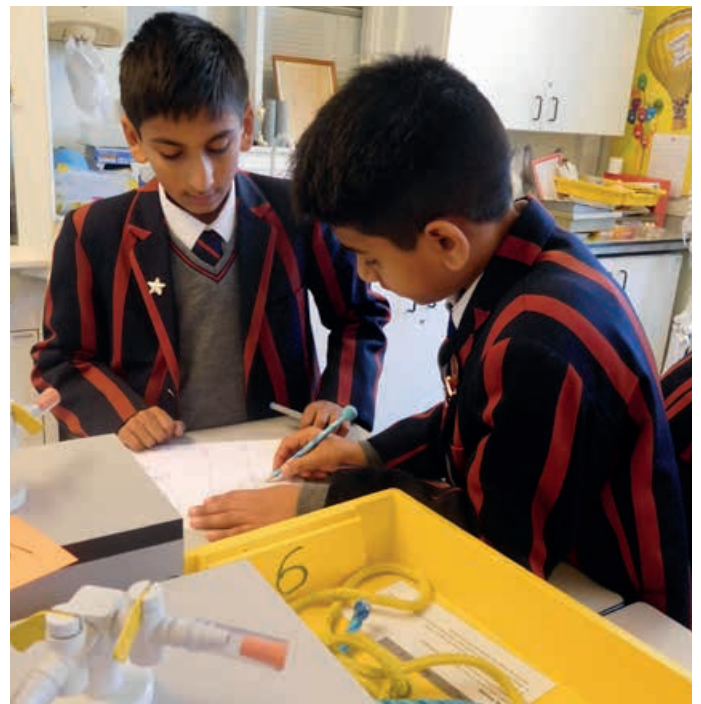
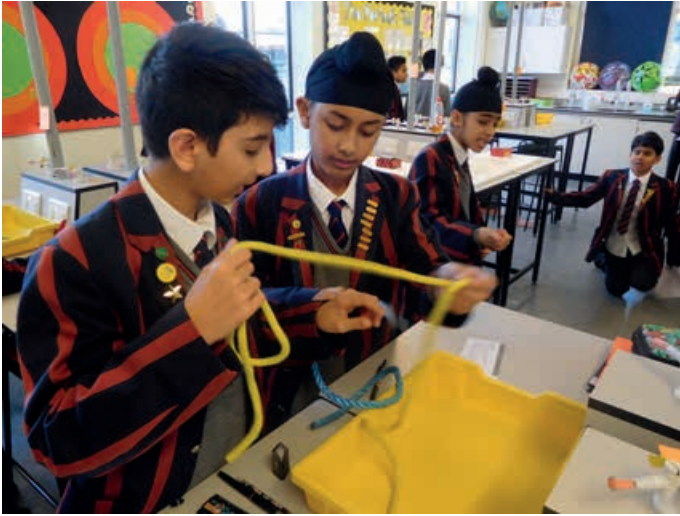
Thanks for your donation in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, poppies will be on sale until Friday 10th November



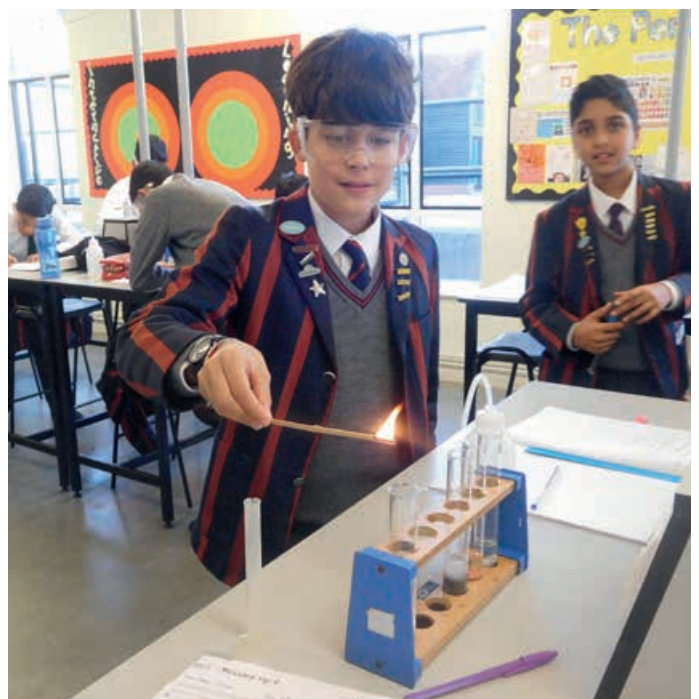
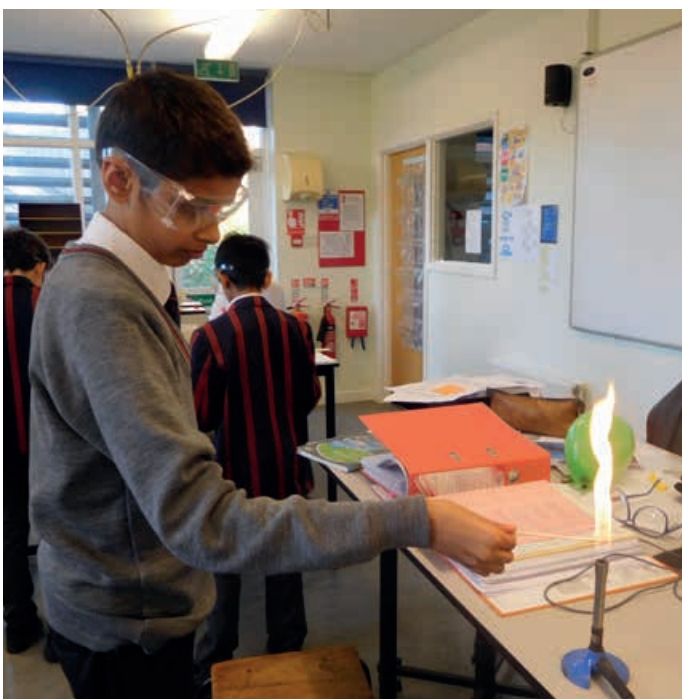
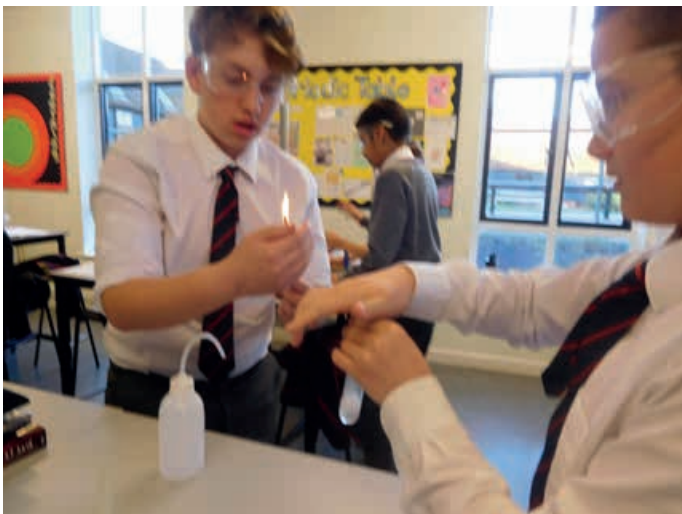
Fireworks



Y7 Forces Circus



Y8 Metals and Acids



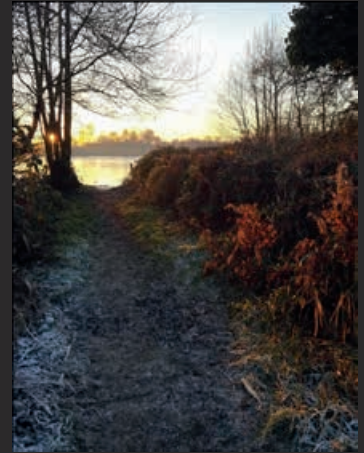
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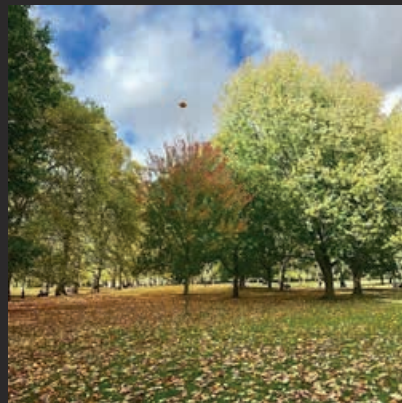
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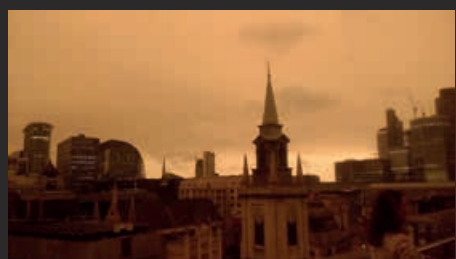
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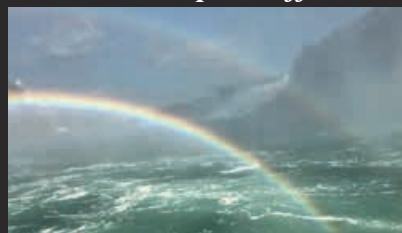
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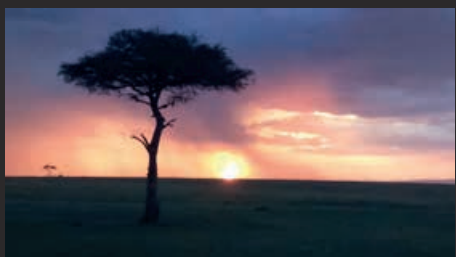
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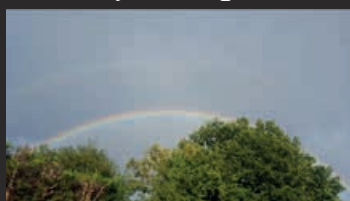
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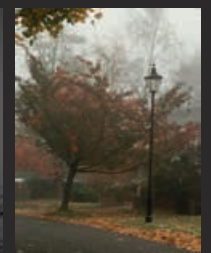
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Agastya Daphale Y4



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Bashir Bajwa Y3

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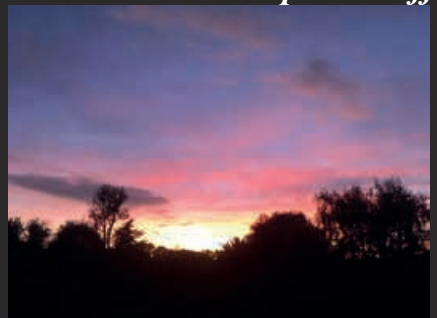
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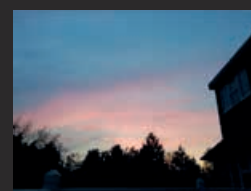
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Sahil Shah Y8



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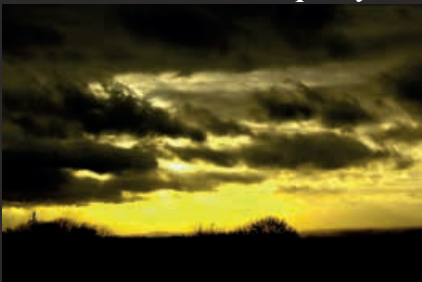
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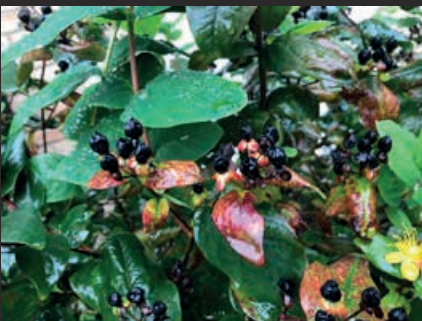
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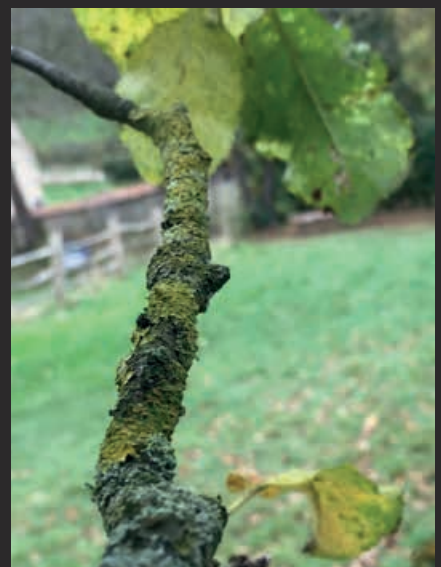
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R Bowman Staff



C Marshall Staff



Yash Shah Y6



Shay Dattani Y2



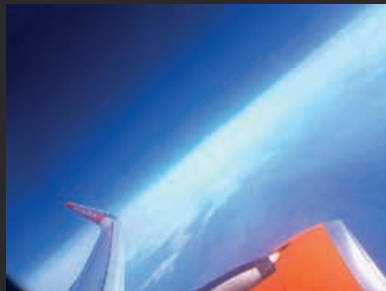
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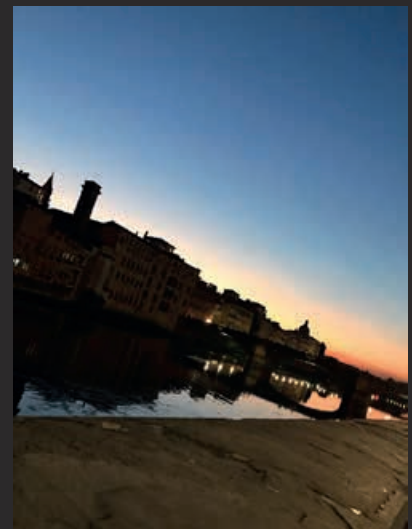
I Rice Staff



J Harper Staff



Ethan Ghosh Y2



Niels Redman Y8

Year 7 Maths Competition at Merchant Taylors' School



Cricket U17 National Winners



Year 7 performing 'Dracula' in the woods and outdoor theatre.



One of our Year 8 boys demonstrates his love of the violin to Pre Prep, teaching them about the importance of practice and perseverance.

Our boys once again wowed their audience at this term's Pre Prep Music Recital.



Year 4 Archaeology Day

On Friday 3rd November Year 4 became archaeologists for the day, excavating the objects they buried last year. The boys dug using tools and even their hands to discover the boxes of treasure buried deep in the ground. Close inspection of their objects was carried out and some great discussion occurred about the objects that had and had not survived the burial.



Diwali Assembly



Propercorn

Propercorn co-founder and OMT, Ryan Kohn, “popped” in to talk to Y5-8 boys about launching his business. He talked about the philosophy of the business and his passions, as well as mistakes that have been made along the way and how lessons have been learned from them. The boys asked some fantastic questions and were able to identify evidence of our own school learning dispositions in his inspirational talk. Thank you, Ryan!



“Best author visit ever!”

This phrase has been heard a lot this year, which is a credit to the range of wonderful writers and illustrators who have visited the school in 2017.

When Chorleywood Bookshop offered a book signing event by international best-selling author of the Artemis Fowl series, Eoin Colfer, accompanied by his co-writer, Andrew Donkin, and illustrator of the graphic novel

versions of the books, Giovanni Rigano, it was just too good an opportunity to turn down.

The photos capture the real sense of excitement of the day.

Suzanne Smith

Learning Resources Manager



Watford Observer Children in awe after meeting celebrated author Eoin Colfer

More than 100 pupils and members of staff at a Rickmansworth school waited patiently on Thursday morning to meet their literary hero and listen to him discussing his new graphic novel.

“Artemis Fowl” author Eoin Colfer rarely does school visits but on this visit to Merchant Taylors’ Prep he was joined by co-author Andrew Donkin, and illustrator Giovanni Rigano to launch a brand new hardback graphic novel “Illegal”.

Students were understandably excited at the prospect of meeting the famous author and his team, especially on the day of the book’s official release.

Year 6 girls from Charlotte House also joined the special presentation, during which the authors chatted about how they made the book, while Giovanni drew pictures for the schools to keep.

Year 8 head librarian James Ward said: “I really enjoyed how

relaxed and informal the talk was, and that we had lots of time to ask questions.”

Varshan Sasikumar, who is in Year 6, said Colfer was the best author to visit the school, while Year 7 pupil Luka Hinton said he loved watching a professional illustrator at work.

Four years in the making, “Illegal” tells the story of Ebo, who sets off on a hazardous journey across the Sahara Desert and risks his life on the Mediterranean Sea in search of his sister and the hope of a new life in Europe.

The audience all agreed it was a beautiful and timely story about the plight of migrants and refugees.

The event was made possible by Chorleywood Bookshop, and the resounding verdict from those in attendance was that it was “the best book event ever”.

Matthew Lennon

Watford Observer





MTP Events

Our Under 9 and Under 11 Chess teams acquitted themselves with great maturity at the Belmont School Invitational Tournament. The Under 9 played with great skill to win their tournament while the Under 11 team played with equal tenacity but just missed out a medal winning position.



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Anti-Bullying Week 2017
Monday 13th November

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News from Jinja



Many of you will already know that Dr McNerney, Mrs Steed, Mr Westacott, Mrs Hall and I visited Uganda in the summer holiday to support the work of the Jinja Educational Trust. We had a very successful trip during which we were able to revisit JET projects from last year to review the progress that has been made as well as plan and implement Teacher Training sessions. Many of you were kind enough to donate school shoes for the children in the schools and bras for the 'Aunties' who care for the children in the orphanages, which we took with us on our trip. I do hope that these photographs will give you a flavour of the sheer joy and delight with which they were received. The Aunties treated us to dances of thanks and parents from the school travelled in especially to thank the Headmaster for the shoes their children had been given.

We are continuing to collect both school shoes and bras and I will gladly receive any more that you may have at home. Please bring donations to the Pre-Prep. Thank you so much for your support.

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