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Message from the Headteacher

Even a cursory glance through this newsletter reveals the extent of the achievements of Brymore boys this term. For a school of our size to produce four boys who will be competing in the National race walking championships says much about the determination and commitment of Brymore boys. In addition three other boys have represented Somerset and 36 have represented Sedgemoor in athletics this year, with many going on to be crowned county champions. Our performance at many agricultural shows has been equally impressive with a huge number of placings and champions throughout the summer. Personally a highlight of the year has to be seeing Brymore boys in a class of their own at the Bath and West Show, clear evidence of the resurgence in showing this year. In the case of athletics and showing, the prizes are won through 95% of the work being done beforehand, through practice and preparation. It is by taking responsibility and showing true resilience that success comes.

Achievement comes in many guises. Both the leaver's service and the presentation afternoon at the end of term revealed many winners who have worked hard this year. Awards were given out for a range of reasons, from academic success, the best plot, creative endeavour, sport, personal development, the most Chads and overcoming significant challenges. During activities week boys were able to demonstrate their achievements in many ways, such as shooting, navigational skills, successfully leading a team or by producing some art work. For me, achievement is not just about winning a prize, it could be setting a PB in Chads, having a one hundred percent attendance rate at fitness, learning a new skill, trying your hardest when completing prep; standing on stage in front of your peers or creating something out of wood or metal. Of course the list of possible achievements is endless, as are the opportunities at Brymore to succeed. I therefore hope all boys are able to look back on the year with a degree of pride about their own personal achievements, and are looking forward to this continuing next year.

It is this determination and resilience that we hope the boys will take with them into adult life. Please look out for one former Brymore boy, Alex Wright, who has done just that and will be competing for Ireland in the 20km and 50km race walking events in the Summer Olympics in Rio. I am sure everyone at Brymore will join me in wishing him luck.

Finally I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer, spending time with their family and friends, and that the boys come back refreshed in September, ready to take on the new challenges that await them.

Best wishes



Staffing

A number of staff are leaving Brymore over the Summer and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them well in the future. The staff leaving us are Miss Tatum, Mr Orr, Mr Coll, Miss Scott-Ison and Mr Hildred. Mr Allibone is retiring after 17 years working at Brymore where he has successfully led the Design and Technology Department to be the most successful department in Somerset for the past three years. You only have to see the quality of the work produced by the boys to see the huge impact he has had. Mrs Garrod is also retiring having been at Brymore for over 32 years, being Head of Agriculture for much of that time. Whilst many schools have been closing their farms Mrs Garrod has fought to ensure that the farm continues to remain a key part of Brymore. It is impossible to calculate how many boy's careers and working practices have been influenced by Mrs Garrod and her team.

A number of staff have been appointed to replace those staff leaving with some internal changes also being made. Ms Truman joins the Maths Department from Taunton Academy and comes with a strong reputation and I am sure the Maths results will continue to go from strength to strength. Mr Anderson joins the D&T Department and he comes with years of industrial experience. Finally, Ms Marks joins us from West Somerset College as a Teacher of Agriculture. She currently teaches agriculture and has been heavily involved in the work of the farm at the College. Mr Williams will take over from Mrs Garrod as Head of Agriculture. (Mr Thomas)

Ofsted (Care Standards) Progress

We were expecting our first progress inspection before we broke up however this has not happened and will no doubt take place at the beginning of next term. Since the inspection, significant changes have been made to our working practices. To summarise staffing has been increased in the evening and staff have attended over 40 training courses including handling medication, supporting students with mental health issues, understanding autism, safeguarding procedures, sexualised behaviour and supporting students with medical needs. A compatibility risk assessment has been carried out for every boy and every dormitory, alongside other individual risk assessments so that over 100 have been completed. Care plans have been produced for over 70 boys, and we have had numerous visits from various advisors including the safeguarding lead for Somerset County Council and the Boarding Schools Association medical advisor. Both have reported favourably. This work will continue over the holidays and into next term. (Mr Thomas)

Horticulture

This has been a very fruitful and productive term and I'd like to give thanks to the team of Mrs Stanley, Mrs Richards and Ms Nash for keeping the department looking great.

Thanks also go to all parents and families that supported the department on Open Day - we had a very busy time with the last customer not leaving until 5.30pm.

We have been picking gooseberries, digging potatoes, harvesting onions and picking broad beans. We have also been collecting flowers that we grew for a wedding and Mr Williams and boys erected the pergola next to the poly-tunnel in the walled garden.

Thanks to the HoDs for their continued help in the department on a daily basis and to those students who regularly attended and helped us in the department. We would like to wish all our Year 11 boys well in their future now they have all finished their Horticulture assignments. Boys' plots are looking great thanks to the encouragement from Mrs Stanley, some parents and grandparents.

Year 9s went to the Eden Project during Activities Week where they learnt about our connection with the jungle and where the money actually spent on a chocolate bar does go - some to the producer and a majority to the government in taxes. For our department day staff went to Hestercombe and met with the Head Gardener (Claire Reid) who showed us around the gardens and told us about their work there. Boys have also been on a trip to Westhay Moor.

For Britain in Bloom; students grew plants and then planted up the barrier baskets for display

throughout the village of Cannington. Judging happened on 7th July and one of the judges turned out to be a Brymore old boy called John Webster. John was delighted to see the beds, borders and walled garden all looking so good and even more pleased with the fact that we had achieved our Level 5 Horticulture Award a few years ago.

Due to the popularity among the boys of having plots we are planning on making sure we free up some more for boys in the Autumn to reduce the waiting list. (Mr Willcocks)



Leavers Service

The time of year where we bid a formal farewell to our Year 11 leavers is always a joyous occasion where we celebrate their successes and encourage them to embrace their future lives like a true Brymore boy. We had some boys winning lots of awards, because we fully embrace that if you have done well you deserve the award, and the rugby team were presented with their colours ties - a privilege only afforded to the boys who have fully completed their Chads runs, fitness and training. During the ceremony boys and parents were treated to a musical interlude by current students and slideshows of images from their time at Brymore. (Ms Warren)



Headteacher's Prize	Hau Yeung Dickson Lo
Brymore Spur	Huw Scott
Tony Edwards' Cup	Joshua Groom
Hutson Design Award	Billy Taylor
Award for Creative Endeavour	Joseph Parkman
English Cup	Harry Robinson
Maths Cup	Huw Scott
PTA Victor Ludorum	Huw Scott
Somerset NFU Agriculture Award	Joseph Parkman
Old Brymorians Agriculture Award	Harry Dixon
Kino Owl Public Spirit Award	Joseph Parkman
All Blacks jersey for senior rugby	Matthew Edwards
Troy Plate	Tyrone Pickersgill
'Most Chads' Medal	Joseph Parkman
Gary Morgan Cup	Joseph Parkman
Engineering Award	Joshua Groom
Mark Hill Cup	Alistair Rook
Cavendish Cup	Alistair Rook
Boarding School's Association (BSA)	Jason James-Goddard
Brymore Societal Cup	
Beekeepers Cup	Matthew Ranson
Head Boy Shield	Huw Scott
The Windows Cup	Cameron Weldon

Leavers Service (Cont.)

Commendation Certificates: 3Rs	Joshua Carson Harry Dixon Matthew Edwards Tyrone Pickersgill Harry Robinson Edward Templeman
English	Jason James-Goddard
Maths	Hau Yeung Dickson Lo
Science	Morgan Scott
Agriculture	Joshua Carson Mason Davies Sol Perry Matthew Ranson Billy Taylor
Horticulture	Matthew Edwards George Packham Huw Scott
DT	Matthew Edwards
Engineering	Jack Robertson
Geography	Huw Scott
History	Cameron Weldon
ICT	Hau Yeung Dickson Lo Luke Perrett Matthew Ranson

Congratulations also go to those Heads of Department for the Farm and Gardens and also those who won their hockey and rugby colours.

Sports Day

Following on from the Leavers Service we held our annual Sports Day. Lots of boys took part in this and raced, threw and jumped their socks off to try and win points for their houses. Some of the events had taken place in the days leading up to the actual sports day itself and the points from these were carried forward. There were many parents and families in attendance which added to the vibrancy of the day and the overall winning house was Walker. (Ms Warren)



Young Farmers Club



This year has been an amazing one for the club and thanks to Mr Adamson and Mr Hill's limitless enthusiasm we have represented the club and of course the school at The North Somerset Show, The Somerset Federation of Young Farmer's Rally, The Royal Bath and West Show and our Open Day; winning many categories at each event. The trophy cabinets in the Teaching Block and the display cabinet in the LRC are full of cups and shields. Well done to all those boys who washed, dried and fluffed to within an inch of their lives every cow, calf and sheep that was shown at these events.

For those boys not involved in the showing training, Mr Alan Russell and his retired explosives sniffer dog came in for a visit. Before the boys came into the LRC Mr Russell hid a tiny piece of paper with the tiniest amount of residue of an explosive substance on it in the LRC. Before he let his dog in Mr Russell spoke about his career since leaving school, including the police force before he became a handler and a stint at the Antarctic, about which we hope he will return to speak about to us at a later date. Then in came a bouncy spaniel, who sniffed around the books, the boys and the bins before finding the hidden paper.

Outside Mr Russell 'blew up' an equally small amount of explosive to demonstrate fire power. What excitement. One meeting was a trip to Apex Park in Burnham on Sea, where the boys threw Frisbees and kicked a ball around, explored the ponds and I think, generally, had a

good time. We were accompanied by Charlie Herbert, who dived into ASDA to buy a tray of doughnuts for the return journey.

Mr Neil Garrod returned to the club in June, to continue the talk he had given in November on Training Gun Dogs. He brought in two dogs and a fellow gun dog enthusiast, with her dog, onto Pond Field where the boys were shown how dogs are trained to fetch the bird after a shot has been fired; the boys firing a cap gun and throwing lures for the dogs to seek out. It was interesting to see the difference in experience in the dogs; the youthful trainee running around covering most of the field on the off chance she would stumble upon it and the two more experienced dogs listening to instruction and watching for hand signals to locate the lure, with the minimum of effort. We had hoped to walk a route at Steart Marshes but were thwarted by the weather.

Four members of Brymore Young Farmers Club: James Tucker and Ben Trim (Chair and Vice-Chair elect, along with Nick Payne and Charles Grossey, were guests of Greenslade Taylor Hunt at Junction 24 on Saturday 3rd July 2016. The other guests were Neil Parrish Member of Parliament for Tiverton and Honiton, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgwater Cllr Alex Glassford and Cllr Liz Leavy.

The guests were given a guided tour of the market by Justin Lowe a partner in GTH and Abby Carter the Marketing Manager, taking in all the action as the market operated; visiting the animal pens and watching the auctioning of sheep, cattle and dairy cows. The visit was rounded off by a splendid buffet lunch which was very much appreciated by all.

The YFC year ended with a Pizza and Quick Draw Party, for 25 boys, Mrs Wendy Weland past leader of Brymore YFC and past President of Somerset YFC attended. The perfect end to a good year for Brymore YFC. (Miss Bradford)



LRC

The LRC has entered and survived its exam season, where there were more exams happening in the library than library work. We have had over 120 books delivered to go on to the shelves for the autumn term; there are several high interest easy readers and many adventure and general interest books. The magazines are still proving to be a worthwhile expense with both boys and staff, although national papers are not being read as much as I would like - indeed some days they are consigned to recycling unread; with this in mind I plan to stop taking the Western Daily Press and the 'i'.

Mr Holt, Dan Holter-Hovind and myself took nine boxes of books that had been removed from the shelves down to the second hand book shop at Knightshayes, a National Trust House just outside Tiverton. I drove, while they carried the heavy books off the transport on to a two wheeled trolley and into the property. We were all rewarded by a drink and cake. (Miss Bradford)

Induction Days

We had our new Year 7 boys who start in September 2016 for an overnight visit before the end of term. Nervous boys and parents met with houseparents and boarding staff, and once the parents left some of the fun started. Boys were put into groups to undergo literacy and numeracy testing, so that we can set them correctly for the new term. They were then sent out with staff on an orienteering trip around the school, followed by tea and teambuilding in the swimming pool. The next morning they were given time playing on the MUGA or allowed to try out the bike track, before meeting up with parents to be given the final sendoff by Mr Thomas. We can't wait to see all the boys and parents come back in September. Now their official journey to becoming a Brymore boy has started!



Head Boy Report

I feel very privileged to have been selected for the role of Head Boy for the coming year. Firstly, I would like to thank Joe for all his support and congratulate him on a successful year in the role. With the new Senior Student Leadership Team now in place, and duties commencing, the exciting prospect of contributing towards the running of the school has become apparent. Throughout the next year I will be striving to be a great ambassador for the school, and I feel that the new team will work well together and complement each other's attributes. I look forward to an interesting and fun year and would like to thank everyone for their support so far. (Henry Scott)

Work Experience

The Year 10s had their work experience on the week of 27th June - 1st July. A small group stayed in school as they had either already partaken in a week's placement with the Army, were doing their placement in the holidays or had not found a placement, so worked with staff and assisted with the induction days for the new Year 7s.

I have spoken to the current Year 9s, explaining that the summer break would be a good time to research and possibly find a willing work-placement for next year and the importance of getting a placement as soon as possible. Boys looking in Somerset will be vying for placements with other schools in the County; most placements will only take one student at a time. Getting in early will make it easier for all concerned.

If finding a placement proves difficult there is a website that boys can look through, which is for Somerset boys only. Out of county boys can come to see me and I'll help all that I can. The dates for the week are **26th-30th June 2017**; if your son would like to do two placements the extra one can be taken in the half term or during the summer break, not added to the dates shown. (Miss Bradford)

Brymore Way

Brymore has been allowed to name a new major road near the school.

For many years the students have run a route around the village called Chads; the route was redirected when the Cannington Bypass was built as a more direct link to Hinkley Point power station. Whilst running the newly routed run one day, a member of staff, Mrs Austin, fell upon the idea that the school should name the road. Boys worked in tutor groups to present a huge variety of options to the Senior Leadership Team. 'Brymore Way' was chosen and the Council approved the choice and have recently erected the signs officially naming the road. (Ms Warren)

Careers

This year's Goals and Opportunities' evening for Years 9, 10 and 11 was a success with representatives from the four local colleges being joined by one from Devon. Unfortunately Kingston Maurward from Dorset were unable to attend this year due to staff illness. Also present were the three branches of the armed forces and the local apprenticeship advisor. The event was well attended by parents.

Thank you to the catering staff who put on a splendid buffet for the exhibitors. (Miss Bradford)

CBeebies

CBeebies recorded a radio show on our farm last year, with two of our boys and children from Cannington primary school, and it was aired at the end of term. It can be located on the iPlayer by following: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/go-jetters-radio-recruits-school-farm> (Miss Bradford)



Farm News

Open Day Once again we had a wonderful day on the last Saturday in June for our Country Fair/ Open Day. This year the farm had a fantastic buzz about it with support from various businesses and organisations such as Mole Valley Farmers, who had a stand in the farmyard supplying an endless supply of tea, coffee and biscuits, the RBST (Rare Breeds Survival Trust), the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society next to some of our Kerry Hill sheep, Beef SouthWest who supplied the rosettes (many thanks), Meadow Quality and Doble's Poultry who also had stands adding to our 'Agricultural Village'. We had many visitors to our various attractions including newly hatched chicks, a model milking cow simulator which proved very popular with the small children, our 'Farm Shop' selling our home produced fresh pork and lamb, prepared for us by EWJ Hill in Cannington, a BBQ selling our own Brymore Banger Hot Dogs (many thanks to Mr Garrod for being Chef!) and of course all the animals themselves.

The stock showing was even more high profile than in previous years as some of our students, cattle and sheep had successfully won rosettes at the North Somerset Show in May and at the Bath & West Show in early June. 52 boys spent many hours of time and dedication training their cattle or sheep to walk on a halter and several hours preparing the stock in the days running up to the show. Our thanks go to Mr Hill for the time he spent helping and encouraging them beforehand and on the day and also to Mrs Carey for helping to get the boys and cattle ready for the ring on Saturday morning. The farm office once again looked more like a hair salon with an assortment of shampoo, hairspray, conditioner, clippers and hairdryers. Anyone who saw the Grand Parade will agree that we can justifiably feel very proud of the boys and their hard work and dedication to showing and also of our animals. A more in-depth report has been written by Mr Adamson about the showing season so far this year.

Chicks This year we incubated an assortment of pure breed eggs. The newly hatched chicks proved to be very popular with children and adults alike, some still hatching throughout the day.

Wool Demonstration The Somerset Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers had an interesting display of wool with spun wool, knitting and felted products. Spinning demonstrations throughout the day brought many questions and a considerable

amount of interest, from all ages and we even had an Engineer fascinated by the various designs of the Spinning Wheel.

Cattle There have been three calves born this term, all Beef Shorthorn cross, from our dairy cows, sired by our Beef Shorthorn bull Forrester. In May we bought a Pedigree Beef Shorthorn heifer from Brenda Wear at Blagdon. Redhill Alaistars Crocus is in calf to Pakaraka Sprys Quarterback (sounds more like a NZ rugby player!) and due to calve in November, hopefully the first of many Pedigree Beef Shorthorn calves.

Sheep flock The lambs are growing well towards their finished weight. They have been vaccinated with Heptavac P plus to give them an active immunity against the common viruses found on farms and will need a second dose in four weeks. We are also looking for 20 North Country Mule shearlings to buy as replacements for breeding this Autumn.

Hens We recently bought 40 point of lay pullets which are starting to lay, increasing our egg numbers to be able to meet the demand from our regular egg customers.

Weaners for Sale - we will have weaner pigs available for sale. If interested please contact us at the number or address below.

Lamb for the freezer If you would like half a lamb for your freezer please contact the farm office 01278 652428 or email:

brymorefarm@brymore.somerset.sch.uk

Staff After 31 years teaching Agriculture at Brymore, 26 of those as Head of Department, Mrs Garrod is leaving and the staff presented her with a new bike. We will have a huge period of re-adjustment next term without her but Mr Williams will be seeing us through the changes as Head of Department. We will be welcoming Kerry Marks who is joining the department to teach Agriculture, moving from a similar position at West Somerset College.

BTEC Year 10s have almost all finished their Sheep Production assignment which had to be completed by the end of this term. In September for the start of Year 11 the new topic will be Dairy Production.



Brymore Livestock (Showing)

Our first show of the season was the North Somerset Show at the start of May and it was a great success and brilliant learning experience for all involved. It was an early start leaving at 5.30am with three vehicles loaded with sheep and cattle (grateful thanks to Mr Williams for helping us with his truck and trailer). At the show we came 1st in the aged Bull class with Forrester and also Male Champion, 2nd with a Limousin Maiden Heifer called Lottie, 1st with a Native Heifer in the Butchers Class called Ruby, 2nd in the steer butchers class suitable for retail trade called Dan. We also won 1st and 5th with another 2 other boys given 'highly commended' in the young handlers class. With the sheep we came third with our Kerry Hill ram, Maverick, and 5th in the young handlers class and two more boys placed highly commended. It really was a great day even with the rain and the wind; the boys did themselves and the school proud.



The Bath & West was our biggest show of the season. We started by going Bank Holiday Monday to set up our cattle stalls and to anyone that was there it was a real eye catcher. The day after we then did the big job of moving the cattle and sheep there. On Day 1 it was the Team Challenge Competition and this was its first year at the show and was split into three sections where a team had to have three members; one would prepare an animal, one would show the animal and the other would stock judge four butcher animals. I told the boys about this competition four months before during the school Young Farmers Club. I was overwhelmed with the keenness and the number of boys who wanted to do it. I then

ran auditions on the farm doing all three categories. From 40+ boys I had to choose three boys. After lots of thinking and discussing I entered three teams as I could not pick simply one team!

The teams were named Brymore 1: Archie Hill (showing), Ollie Scott (preparing) and Ben Trim (stock judging); Brymore 2: Ben Clay (showing), Sol Perry (preparing) and Harrison Scott (stock judging), Brymore 3: Max Retallick (showing), Callum Satchell (preparing) and James Tucker (stock judging). We came in joint 2nd 3rd 4th in showing, preparing 2nd 3rd 4th and stock judging 2nd 3rd 4th. In the afternoon we had young handlers class where we entered 12 boys, meaning we had to borrow cattle off other exhibitors. The show then made our own class because of the number of boys and it was very impressive to see.

On Day 2 we won an array of the following prizes: Beef Shorthorn Classes 1st in the aged bull class with Forrester, 3rd in the

heifer born in 2014, 2nd in the BSH Pairs, Overall Male Champion, Reserve Overall Champion, British Limousin Classes 1st and 2nd in steer born in 2015, 1st and 2nd heifer born after Sep 14, 2nd in the best pairs, reserve female champion, champion and reserve champion in best heifer, champion and reserve champion in heifer born in 2015, Hereford Classes 1st in steer born in 2015, champion for best native steer Championship Classes, reserve champion for best continental steer, reserve for best overall steer and Archie won Junior Beef Interbreed Champion.



Brymore Livestock (Cont.)

Down in the sheep ring we had our Kerry Hills where we came 3rd in the group of threes, 2nd in the ram class, 5th in the ewe class, 5th in the shearing class. We did very well in the sheep young handler with a first place in the 8-12 year old class and a 1st in the 13-16 year old class and when Henry Scott was announced as overall champion that even brought a tear to my eye. Both Ben Clay and Henry were awarded with qualifier rosettes inviting them to compete at the Young Shepherd of the Year competition at the Yorkshire Show in October.

It's very hard to put into words how brilliant the Bath and West show was for the school but it was a great week; we won lots of prizes but most of all Ms Warren and I were very proud of the boys. It is important to thank the parents that made the effort to bring their boys to the show



and support this and in particular, Mr Hill who stayed for the week and helped us throughout the whole event.

The cattle show for Open Day was one of our biggest events to organise as we run it the same as a county show, where we had eight cattle classes sorted by cattle, sex and age and a ewe and ram class. I would like to thank Mrs Brenda Wear for being our judge. She was very impressed and could not believe the skill and hard work of the boys. If you were there for the grand parade you will have seen the impressiveness of the day, as all the boys stood with their cattle and sheep with their heads held high.

I would like to thank again Mr Hill for all his effort in helping the boys learn show techniques for the ring and for his help on the day, getting them to the ring. In addition, grateful thanks go to Mrs Carey for helping show the boys how to prepare their animals on the day and getting them ready to leave for the ring; it really did ease the pressure on the farm team. A final 'thank you' to Vicky Smith from 'South West Beef' for donating the rosettes and sash.

We also took a group of boys to the Somerset Young Farmers Rally where they performed to a high standard. Archie Hill and Reuben Webb both won cups (which are now proudly on display in the LRC). Louis Bagg placed second in his class and Brooks Carey won the Beef Junior Showmanship award. It was a great day out for all the boys and they are all learning so much from the experiences and gaining confidence from this.

During the summer we are attending a number of local shows:

Yeovil Show 16-17th July

Dunster Show 19th August

Mid-Somerset Show 21st August

Dorset Show 3-4th September

To conclude the showing season, so far we are really going places and have definitely rustled a few feathers with competitors and put Brymore's name on the map. I would like to thank our endless sponsors because showing is an expensive activity and a never-ending shopping list. Thank you to parents who donated prizes for our 'Guess the weight of the bull' competition on Open Day and who have simply offered support. Also a very big thank you to Mr & Mrs Hill, who have put in lots of time to help the boys with the shows before and after and even supplying the school with cattle at shows, at their own expense. (Mr Adamson)



Country Fair and Open Day

Over 3,500 visitors came amongst the sunshine to attend a very successful and busy day at the annual Brymore Country Fair and Open Day held on the last Saturday in June.

In the main ring, a programme of events enthralled the public to rival any local agricultural show. The interactive display by Freddie Parker and the duck herding collies was excellent and with the main arena full of the students showing cattle and sheep in the stock judging, it was a spectacle to behold. Archie Hill was crowned champion handler this year with Toby House second in the cattle show and Harrison Scott was overall sheep champion. Ben Trim was awarded the trophy for most overall effort for his showing and preparation.

Around the site the one acre walled garden was open to the public and the horticulture department sold its own plants, vegetables and apple juice, visitors were transported back to the Wild West with Miss Lee-Joy in history, there were exploding experiments for all to try in the science department, opportunities for people to try archery and all of this was topped off with the agricultural village on the school farm with Mole Valley and many others supporting.

Chair of Sedgemoor Council, Ian Dyer, who visited was very impressed and said 'what a great day for the local community and what a fantastic event for a small school to pull off, we are lucky to have Brymore in our area as are the boys that get to go to school here'. (Ms Warren)



Forest School

What a great time we have had this term in Forest School. We have been building log walls around the Forest School camp and been whittling whistles to our hearts content. The weather has been good to us which helps to make the forest school experience as good as it can be. The Year 7s are sad that their forest school experience is over and have been petitioning hard for an extension, but all good things come to an end. It has been a great Forest School year with many successes, for which I would like to thank the Year 7s for their good spirit and willing attitude. Well done. (Mr Ball)



Archery

I have been amazed at the skill levels of the archers this year; we have had a few experienced archers join the sessions which has helped the more inexperienced ones. We have been outside on a few occasions and it was good to experience archery outdoors, although the metal detector was put to good use finding the stray arrows. Everyone has done their best to listen to instructions and the techniques required of a good archer. Well done to all. (Mr Ball)



BRYMORE LOTTERY

The results of the lottery for this half-term

1 st	£40.00	Mr J Hawthorne
2 nd	£25.00	G Bultitude
3 rd	£15.00	Mrs S Pike

End of Year Presentations and Swimming Gala

On the last day of the Summer term we held our annual Swimming Gala and Prize-giving. Predictions during the week were for rain but it held off and parents arrived to take their places to watch the boys swim. It was great to see so many boys take part and that the boys watching were participating by cheering their houses on. Once Walker won the Swimming Gala we then moved on to the prize-giving awards. It was a jam packed event full of boys being rewarded for hard work this academic year and one where Mr Thomas made no apologies if a boy won more than one prize because those boys who have tried their best in every area deserve to be rewarded for it. Walker won the Swimming Gala trophy and also won the overall FOBSA shield for the most house points of the year. (Ms Warren)

Individual prize-winners on the day were:

COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES

AWARD	WINNERS			
	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Agriculture - Academic & Practical	-	-	-	Henry Howlett Henry Scott
Support & Enthusiasm as an HoD in Horticulture	-	-	-	Daniel Fry
Highly Commended Plot	-	Nicholas Payne Toby Ranson	-	-
Commended Work on Plot	James Edwards William Hatch	-	-	-
Highly Commended work in Class	-	Nicholas Payne	-	-
Determine & Sustained Effort in Music	-	Nicholas Payne	-	William Seward
Creative Endeavour	Louie Liddle	Max Nash	Sam Tull	Kye Brown

ACADEMIC AWARDS

AWARD	WINNERS			
	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Agriculture	Alec Bellringer	Harrison Scott	Lewis Atyeo	George Clay
Art	William Holter-Hovind	George Simpson	Reuben Webb	Samuel Ray
Design & Technology	Farley Bruce	Benjamin Trim	James Tucker	Henry Scott
Engineering	-	-	-	Morgan Evans
English	Alec Bellringer	Nicholas Payne	Benjamin Rose	Jacob Knight
Geography	Nicholas Wnzer	Nicholas Payne	Samuel Tull	Henry Scott
History	Nathanael Broom	Arthur Light	Samuel Puzey	Charlie Wilson
Horticulture	James Edwards	Nicholas Payne	Lewis Atyeo	Charlie Wilson
IT	Jamie Veale	Nicholas Payne	Zaid Elmrabti	Hayden Curteis-Lateo
Mathematics	Thomas Marchent-Saunders	George Simpson	Samuel Tull	Henry Scott
PE	Farley Bruce	Nicholas Payne	Louie Chiswell	Jack Mills
PSHRE	William Holter-Hovind	Max Nash	Daniel Levy	Jack Thompson
Science	Alec Bellringer	Oliver Spence	Samuel Tull	Henry Scott

End of Year Presentations and Swimming Gala (Cont.)

Cricket Awards

It has been a successful season for Brymore cricket with teams representing the school at four year groups. Participation across the year levels in practise has been good and performance levels are improving. Awards this year went to:

Batting Performance:	1 st	Olla Hawthorne	27 runs against a strong Haygrove side, batting at number 10. A quick fire 27 off only 10 balls 47 against Millfield
	RU	Henry Scott	
Bowling Performance:	1 st	Henry Scott	2.3 overs, 7 runs and 4 wickets against Bridg-College Academy
water	RU	George Goodwin	4 overs, 8 runs and 3 wickets against Millfield
Most Improved Player:	Joseph Ryan. Great effort, commitment, passion and willingness to improve and develop.		

Under 15 competitive cricket caps (kindly sponsored by Miss Bradford) were awarded to:

George Goodwin, Liam Goodwin, Michael Langton, Louis Manchip and Joseph Ryan

Cricket Cup Winners: 1st: Taylor 2nd: Walker 3rd: Galsworthy

SPECIAL AWARDS

AWARD	REASON	WINNER
Philip Prince Cup	Dedicated effort	James Lochrie
GrowersCup	Work on individual plot	Oliver Spence
Fiddington Shield	Progress and Improvement in Senior Cricket	Cameron Moore
TE Awamutu award	Junior rugby	Daniel Levy
Martyn Knox Trophy	Most Chad's Hill runs	Samuel Tull
Apatu Shield	Team award	Year 10 Athletics
Victor Ludorum	Excellent effort in Rugby and Athletics	Rhu Perry
The Holter-Hovind Cup	Overcome significant challenge (not specifically academic)	Jacob Knight
Governors' Award	Overall contribution to Brymore	Cameron Kinch



HOUSE CUPS 2015 (previously presented)

Hockey (hardcourt)	1st: Taylor	2nd: Walker	3rd: Galsworthy
Rugby senior 7s	1st: Galsworthy	2nd: Walker	3rd: Taylor
Rugby junior 7s	1st: Taylor	2nd: Walker	3rd: Galsworthy
Cross Country	1st: Walker	2nd: Taylor	3rd: Galsworthy
Athletics	1st: Walker	2nd: Taylor	3rd: Galsworthy
Rugby: Year 10 & 11	1st: Galsworthy	2nd: Walker	3rd: Taylor
Year 9	1st: Taylor	2nd: Walker	3rd: Galsworthy
Year 7 & 8	1st: Taylor	2nd: Walker	3rd: Galsworthy
Triathlon	1st: Galsworthy		

Activities Week

Boys in all year groups spent the last week of term enjoying Activities Week. Various trips offsite were run (including @Bristol, watersports at Wimbleball and the Eden Project), alongside some very popular onsite activities like countryside adventures with BASC (where boys got to learn about rabbit skinning, gun dogs and had a go at shooting). The variety on offer to the boys was great and it could not happen without the assistance of FoBSA who, with their fund-raising, help subsidise the whole week to ensure it is affordable. (Ms Warren)



RC Car Club

It's come to the end of the year for the radio controlled car racing activity at Brymore and it is always interesting to take a look back at the numbers after any racing season. Seventeen boys from across four different year groups have participated in the racing, many of them coming back for a second and third go. We've had three different championship winners and one triple champion. On average each of our cars have completed over 1,400 laps of the track which, given the lap length, equates to around 44 kilometres per car over the year. If you work that out for all four cars that's a total of 5,600 laps and over 170 kilometres the cars have covered since September, that's 56 times around the new Chads run. Now taking into account the cars are 1/18 scale that would be a 'real' distance of over 3000 km. Then there's the crashes to consider, which given the distances involved don't seem quite as significant now as they did when they occurred, these little cars have survived countless collisions and crashes but required only minimal repairs. Our new short course truck style body shells have survived the entire year, but do look a little used now. We have updated our track so that it is now 2.5 metres wide and fully enclosed. We took our track outdoors for open day and ran the cars almost continuously for five hours. We've also charged the batteries over 490 times.

It's always interesting to look back over the statistics as it gives an idea of exactly what happened but it's not the whole picture. They don't show the support we have had from Wheelspin Models allowing us to make this activity accessible to all Brymore students. They don't show that boys of all abilities have enjoyed the racing. They don't show the intense competition that developed during racing, nor the thrill of victory or the disappointment of defeat. It doesn't illustrate the boys who persevered and improved through practice to finally succeed in gaining a win and the sense of achievement that they derived from that. There's no statistic for new friends made.....

Perhaps next year we should try counting the smiles? (Mr Simmons)

Sports Update

New Chads

Since January this year, the new Chads run has been in operation and the boys have found this new route, although shorter, a lot easier to do. The exact length of the course is 3,000 m. The fastest time achieved so far was by Huw Scott with 10 minutes 29 seconds. Every boy in the school, apart from three, have managed to achieve a time of some standard. Awards are still presented for attempting the run not the actual time taken to complete it. Over 4,000 runs have been completed at an average of 16 per boy since its start. In Year 7 Aiden Dunn has completed 50 runs, Year 8 Nicholas Payne is the highest scorer with 39 runs, in Year 10 Ryu Perry is the highest with 64 and Year 11 Huw Scott was our highest runner with 52 runs; however, the highest number of runs overall was achieved by Sam Tull with 81.

Triathlon

For the 4th year running the school held its Triathlon with the final event being the 'Iron Man' competition. The Iron Man itself was won by a Year 9 boy, Tom Dollery.

Athletics

It has been a very busy term for the athletes at Brymore. They have competed all over the south west in different competitions. Four race-walkers, ably led by Herbert Elliott (Year 10), have qualified to represent Somerset in the Nationals next September. The other walkers (also Year 10) were George Clay and Jacob Knight complemented by Louis Chiswell in Year 9. Over 60 boys have represented the school at Athletics but there is still room for many more. Three Brymore boys (Tyrone Pickersgill, Jack Thompson and Liam Hillier) represented Somerset Schools at the South West Championships. We also had 36 competitors representing Sedgemoor at the County trails at Millfield, which is the most we have had in the recent years. It would be great to see more boys become interested in athletics at the start of the Summer term rather than half way through as many of the trials and competitions are earlier in the season so they are missing out and therefore they are unable to represent the school despite being good enough to do so. Athletics training is lunchtimes, after school and in the evenings during the summer so please encourage your child to participate as the beauty of athletics is the diversity and many boys succeed in different areas. Many thanks to Mr Williams and also the numerous staff who have helped with transport.

Cricket

Brymore has run four cricket teams this season. Selection has been based on attendance at practise.

We have managed to fulfil all of our league fixtures and had some great results and we have resurrected our friendly fixtures with Millfield which we won. Boys that attend training sessions are coming along really well hence why selection has been difficult resulting in some boys not being selected.

Swimming

The swimming pool has been in use after school and after prep throughout the summer term. The numbers using the pool, in the evening in particular, have been between 60 and 70 boys, with a queueing system when the number in the pool has gone over 40. If there was a competition for 'bombing' the Brymore team would be of international standard. We would even be considering sending a team to the Olympics.

Rugby

We have a high number of fixtures in the first couple of weeks of the Autumn term so boys really need to come back on their game, fully fit and ready to play and join in. These fixtures are vital in terms of us progressing forwards in the leagues and the cups.

The next major sports event will be the House Cross Country which will be held on the morning of Saturday 15 October 2016. (Mr Spridgens)

SSLT Army Challenge Day

Members of the new SSLT were taken to Exeter for an Army Challenge day. The day consisted of lots of team challenges including: putting up a tent; tug of war; moving and rebuilding a gun and a minefield activity. Boys tried really hard and enjoyed the day and many thanks to Miss Bradford for taking them. (Ms Warren)

Triathlon

Our annual inter-house Triathlon came on a sunny Saturday in June. Boys from various year groups swam, ran and biked their way around the course and Mr Ash-ton was over the moon to see Galsworthy crowned champions!

The individual Ironman event was, again, hotly contested and the overall winners were Nick Payne (lower school) and Tom Dollery (upper school). (Ms Warren)



'Oliver Twisted' Play

Mr Fewtrell and some Year 7s put on their own wonderful version of Oliver Twist for the whole school and their parents, over two performances. With a solo singing performance by Mac Trotter, a Miss Tatum cameo and Kye Brown on the piano, there was involvement from more than just the performers. The Year 7 boys who took part or who helped backstage worked really hard to put on the show, with weekend and after school rehearsals and many hours spent getting their lines right. In performance, the audience delight was there for all to see. (Ms Warren)



Important Dates & Events - Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5th September

INSET DAY

4.00 pm New Year 7 Boarders return

6.00 pm All boarders return

Tuesday 6th September

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Saturday 10th September

Time tbc Hog Roast for new Year 7 and their parents

Saturday 24th September & Saturday 8th October

10.00 am - 1.00 pm Open Mornings for future prospective students

Saturday 15th October

10.00 am Whole school Cross Country

1.00 pm Upper School Harvest Festival

2.00 pm Y9, Y10 and Y11 depart

2.15 pm Lower School Harvest Festival

3.00 pm Y7 and Y8 depart

3.15 pm FOBSA AGM (meeting room)

Monday 31st October

INSET DAY

3.30 pm Year 7 Parent Consultation with Houseparents, Heads of House &

Registration Group Tutors

Academic Progress with Senior Leadership Team (Selected Year 11 students only)

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 boarders return

Tuesday 1st November

All out-boarders return

Friday 9th December

4.00 pm Lower School Christmas Service

Saturday 10th December

10.30 am Upper School Christmas Service

BRYMORE ACADEMY
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - 2016/17 ACADEMIC YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2016						OCTOBER 2016						NOVEMBER 2016						
S		4	11	18	25	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		6	13	20	27
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31*	M		7	14	21	28
T		6	13	20	27	T		4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27		T	3	10	17	24	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25	
S	3	10	17	24		S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26	
DECEMBER 2016						JANUARY 2017						FEBRUARY 2017						
S		4	11	18	25	S	1	8	15	22	29		S		5	12	19	26
M		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30		M		6	13	20*	27
T		6	13	20	27	T	3*	10	17	24	31		T		7	14	21	28
W		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25			W	1	8	15	22	
T	1	8	15	22	29	T	5	12	19	26			T	2	9	16	23	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27			F	3	10	17	24	
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28			S	4*	11	18	25	
MARCH 2017						APRIL 2017						MAY 2017						
S		5	12	19	26	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		7	14	21	28
M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18*	25		T	2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27		T	4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28		F	5	12	19	26	
S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29*		S	6	13	20	27	
JUNE 2017						JULY 2017						AUGUST 2017						
S		4	11	18	25	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		6	13	20	27
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
T		6	13	20	27	T		4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27		T	3	10	17	24	31
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25	
S	3	10	17	24		S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26	

KEY:

☐ Term time ☒ Bank Holiday ☒ School Holiday

☒ **Staff Inset Days:**

5 September, 31 October, 3 January, 20 February & 18 April

Ideally, boarders should return between 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm on these dates.

However, if returning earlier, tea MUST be booked with the School Office by the preceding Friday please.

* **Parent Consultations:**

31 October 2016	Years 7	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
		House parents, Heads of House and Registration Group Tutors Only
	Year 11	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
		Academic Progress with Senior Leadership Team (Selected students only)
3 January 2017	Year 11	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
4 February 2017	Year 8	1.00 pm - 3.30 pm (12.00 pm departure for Years 7, 9, 10 & 11)
20 February 2017	Year 10	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
18 April 2017	Year 9	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
29 April 2017	Year 7	1.00 pm - 3.30 pm (12.00 pm departure for Years 8, 9, 10 & 11)

Bank and public holidays 2016/17

Boxing Day	26 December 2016	Easter Monday	17 April 2017
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2016	May Day Holiday	1 May 2017
New Year's Day Bank Holiday	2 January 2017	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2017
Good Friday	14 April 2017	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2017

