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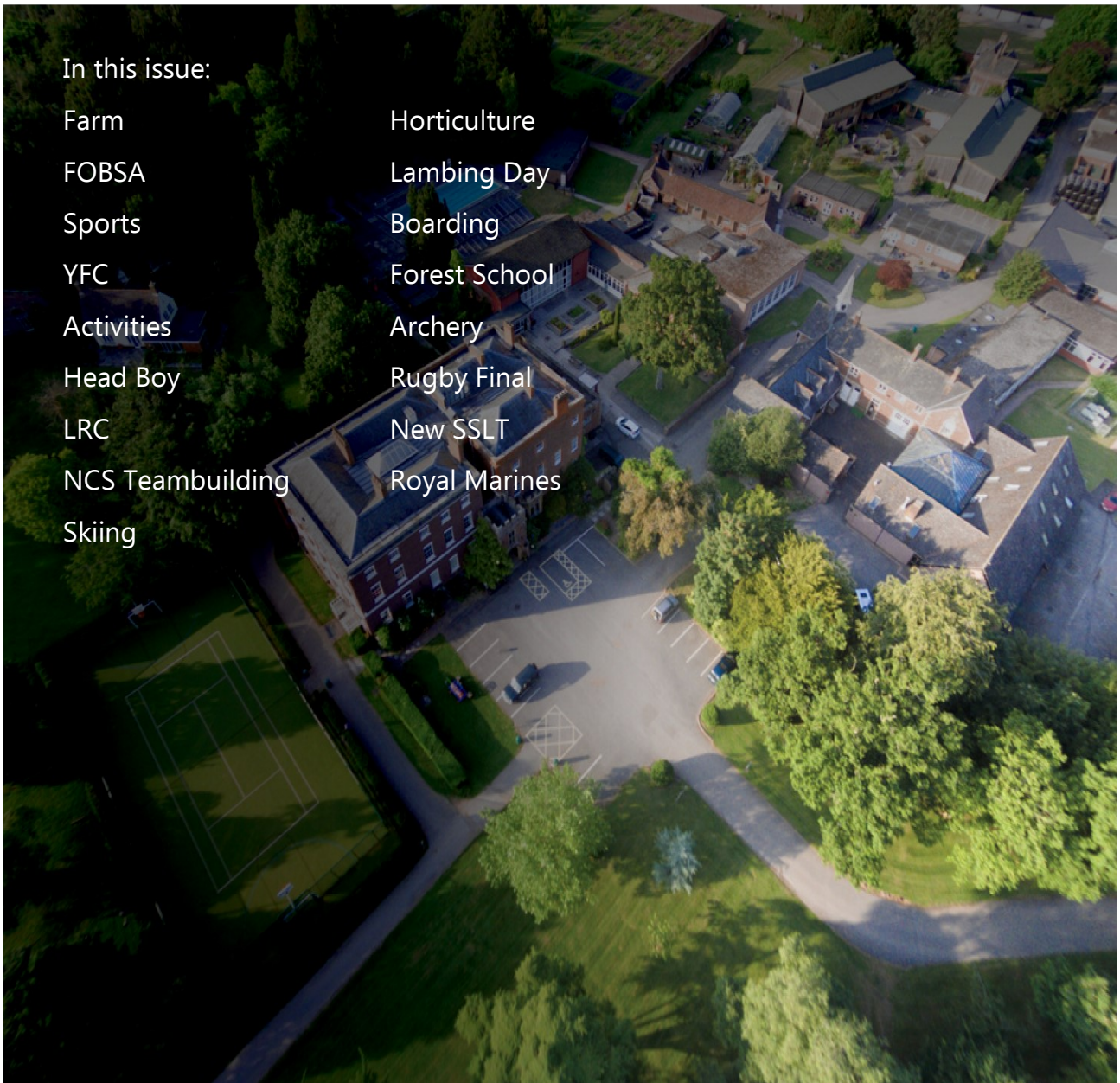
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Message from the Headteacher

It is just over a year ago that we were first visited by Ofsted to inspect the boarding provision at Brymore, which then triggered a huge amount of work on policies, paperwork and procedures. Reading through this newsletter makes me proud that whilst staff have worked hard, and we recognise there is still some way to go, the opportunities available to the boys have not diminished, indeed if anything they have increased. This is mainly down to the hard work of staff, but also the continued support of parents and the newly invigorated FOBSA.

The Young Farmers Club offers a range of talks and visits and showing at Brymore is now firmly established. The activity programme continues to expand and diversify, and the programme for next term looks really exciting with visits to Go Ape!, Lock and Code and Aqua Park planned. Boys have had team building with the Royal Marines and The National Citizenship Service, with new ventures such as a debating club also now established. The sports team continue to be successful, with the Year 11 rugby team managing to beat the County Champions in their last ever match and Year 10 being crowned Area Champions after an excellent display against Bridgwater College Academy in the final.

Our Lambing day was a huge success, with over 1,500 visitors attending throughout the day which again was down to the hard work of staff, the support of parents and of course the efforts of the boys themselves. The farm and gardens have increasing numbers of boys showing an interest and continue to offer produce for sale. The governors have established both a farm board and a garden board, where professionals from the associated industries offer support and guidance and plans are underway for further developments in both areas, including, at last, the delivery of a land based qualification that counts in the league tables.

After a very tough selection process I am pleased to announce the following appointments to the Senior Student Leadership Team (SSLT):

Head Boy: Zaid Elmrabi

Deputy Head Boy: Reece Thomas

Assistant Head Boys: Dylan Green Sims, Alfie Russell and Tom Russell

After Easter our thoughts turn to Year 11 and their leaver's service, sports day, the triathlon, swimming gala, attendance at numerous shows, and of course Open Day. We also hold our induction days for the new Year 6 boys who have secured a place at Brymore; where yet again we are the most over-subscribed school in Somerset. The pace at Brymore continues. As a Head I always like my statistics and data: 2,146 Chads runs have been completed so far this year, we had 1,500 visitors on Lambing day, there were over 90 out-boarder applications for 30 places to join the school in September, our English and maths progress results place us in the top 5% of schools nationally, a new Chads record has been set of 9 minutes, 52 seconds, Year 10 won the Area rugby final 41-0, over 100 boys have attended every fitness session, over 80 activities are put on each week, 39 Year 11 boys have represented the school at rugby, 117 lambs have been born this year, Year 11 turned a 53-5 defeat by Haygrove in Year 9 into a 33-27 victory in Year 11, we have a showing record of 12 champions, 4 reserve champions and 25 first places, Brymore has over 10 County athletics champions, over 130 parents completed Chads last week and Brymore has one Headteacher who is yet again humbled by the collective effort of all concerned who continue to ensure the boys at Brymore really do get a fantastic experience.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter



Horticulture

We are as busy as ever in the Horticulture department; seed sowing and pricking out ready for summer crops and flowers.

The Year 7 boys are learning how to dig over and prepare their plots. Year 10s have been continuing with project work, practical assessments and work on the Spaxton Primary School willow house. Our new Year 10 HoDs have begun their duties and are doing well in their roles and we hope this will continue. The Year 11 boys have been focussing on their projects and completing the coursework needed to pass.

Duties continue in earnest and boys are reminded to change out of school clothes before coming up for their garden duties. Many boys are working hard on their plots, preparing soil and tiling seeds and the early potatoes have been planted in the Walled Garden. We have tended spring borders and hanging baskets too and are now getting ready for Britain in Bloom displays.

Mr Mahon, a Brymore old boy, who was also groundsman here and is now working as a groundsman at Monkton Coombe School in Bath, gave a great presentation to Year 9 students about his work.

We continue to have the produce and plant sale cart outside the LRC on a Saturday afternoon and all the monies raised go back into the department, so thank you to all that support this. In addition I would like to thank the team around me who continue to assist me and help the boys throughout the week. (Mr Willcocks)



BRYMORE LOTTERY

The results of the lottery for this half term:

1 st	£40.00	Mrs M Dunstan
2 nd	£25.00	H G Davies
3 rd	£15.00	Mr S Atkinson

Young Farmers Club



On our first week back, 18 Year 9, 10 & 11s were lucky enough to visit the Robotic Rotary Milker at Worthy Farm Pilton, yes - the very site of the Glastonbury Festival and our guide was Mr Michael Eavis himself. We saw two stockmen working with the herd, one made sure they moved on to the platform, once on, the cows were secured, scanned, fed and then the clusters attached, if they didn't there was another to fit them manually. The cow then moved sedately around the parlour until they had been milked, where the clamp lifted and they backed out to wander off until the next time. We also had a look at the old parlour, where a small café is planned, the calf shed and a good look out over the site, with the pyramid stage majestic in the middle of a huge field. James Tucker gave the vote of thanks.



Our second meeting of the half term involved a visit from Canine Partners, a UK Charity which trains dogs to assist disable people, they are the dogs that can fill and empty a washing machine, tell their owners that someone is at the door and many other useful skills. The two representatives brought in a young dog who was in early training. It was explained to the boys how they spend 14 weeks with their first trainers then went off for further training at one of two 'colleges', if they were unsuccessful as not every dog is suitable, then sometimes they moved on to a career with the police or the armed forces.

Mr Adamson has been running three Workshops for those boys hoping to represent the school at the Team Challenge at the Royal Bath and West Show in May; these have taken place on the farm during the time allocated for YFC and were for boys from Years 9, 10 & 11.

To avoid a clash with the workshops a one off special was run on a Friday evening when Mr Oliver Mahon, an Old Boy, came to talk about Brymore and Beyond, speaking about his time here at school and how it developed his love of running which he has taken to his current job, as a groundsman at Monkton Combe School in Bath. Mr Mahon organises runs for the pupils on a weekly basis, like our Chads Run for both boys and girls from 4 - 12. He ran the Bath half marathon on the following Sunday in a personal best time. The boys were envious of the different pieces of machinery Mr Mahon had to perform his job, including a tractor that was used only for cleaning the AstroTurf pitch; ride on mowers and white line markers, leaf blowers and tractors and trailers for picking up leafs. Mr Mahon being a true Old Brymore Boy also brought in cakes for the meeting. Ben Trim gave the vote of thanks.

Several members of the group were lucky enough to attend a Training Day at Bagnell Farm in Norton sub Hamdon, where they were shown how to show and clip cattle, they were also given a demonstration on hoof trimming, the cows being hoisted onto their sides for this to take place. Very kindly, all who attended the day were treated to an excellent burger made from meat bred on the farm.



Our last speaker of this half term was Charlotte Scott who spoke to the group about the various competitions run by Somerset YFC they can enter, such as Public Speaking and Debating. (Miss Bradford)

Stationery

Please can we ask you not to give the gift of Easter Eggs this holiday but instead shower your sons with pencils, pens, calculators and other useful stationery for their school day. (Miss Rundle)

Archery

Great archery sessions this term, well done to all who took part. A special mention to Harvey Reading for consistently shooting with an excellent stance and composed shooting. (Mr Ball)



Year 11 Leavers

Money for the hoodies **MUST** be paid on return from the Easter Break. The orders have been placed but the monies are necessary for them to be released to students. (Miss Bradford).

LRC

I am pleased to report that book issues are up on the same time as last year, unfortunately so is the number of overdue books. Please may I make my half termly plea for you to encourage your sons to return any books that they may have.

All the reading books have been catalogued to allow for Accelerated Reading to begin, the next big job will be to 'sticker' them all so that boys will know which books they should be reading to accrue their points. In addition to those already logged, a further 110 books have been added to stock, amongst them the 'Norm' books which are proving popular with those boys who read 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

We have recently donated out of date reference books, old reading books and some books where we have multiple copies to the Harbour Bookshop in Watchet, a charity bookshop that has so far raised over £76,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and also donated £5,300 to 26 different beneficiaries including their local cricket club (Juniors), Watchet Dementia Alliance and West Somerset Brass Band.

We are currently in the process of revising our library system, in preparation for Accelerated Reader. We will be introducing a fine for overdue books. Before this is put into action there will be an amnesty for all overdue books for the first two weeks back after the Easter Break.

(Miss Bradford)

Message from the Head Boy

My year as Head Boy has nearly come to an end, with the new Senior Student Leadership Team taking shape as we speak. It has been an exciting year filled with challenges and fun. I have really enjoyed the privilege of being Head Boy, and can only hope I have done the role justice. Although at times it has been stressful, overseeing the team of senior prefects and prefects has been a great experience, with a lot of learning taking place. The selection process for the new head boy has taken place, with Zaid Elmrabti being chosen to be the new Head Boy.



We, as a team, now pass on the duties to this new team and I would like to wish them the best of luck, and hope that they enjoy their time in the roles. (Henry Scott)

Teambuilding with Year 11

The National Citizenship Service (NCS) came in and gave an assembly to the Year 11 boys about how they could spend their summer in a rewarding, yet exciting, way through this scheme. A couple of weeks later the NCS team came back to run a teambuilding afternoon with the boys and they put them through their paces with various challenges. If parents are interested in signing boys up to the Activate NCS programme, it costs just £50 but the government funds the remainder, then more information can be found at: www.ncswest.co.uk

(Ms Warren)



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Country Fair & Open Day

Saturday June 24th // 10.30am - 5pm



Duck herding collies // stockshowing // music
bike track // tractor rides // classic cars // BBQ
childrens entertainment // craft stalls // open farm
face painting // 200 year old garden // school farm meat sale
stationary engines // ice creams // plant sales
open classrooms // blacksmithing demonstration

and much, much more!



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Activities

Wow! What another action-packed half term this has been!

At the weekends we have jumped across rows of trampolines, fired paintballs at each other, hit golf balls around the place, been shopping, celebrated and partied with Nighthawk Karaoke! We've tried our hands at photography and cooking and have had the choice of at least 15 different activities every weekend. Not to mention the fun we had at the FoBSA Lambing Day! Most of the after-school paid activities are fully booked now (or close to it) but if your son would like to give any of coppersmithing, blacksmithing, welding, RC Cars or engineering (Tuesday only) a go, then just get them to pop and see me after school one night or email me over the holidays.

After the holidays, with the weather improving, we will start to bring out our Summer activity timetable, so keep an eye on Holt's Hub for changes. You should see rugby changing over to athletics and within a few weeks, the swimming pool should be re-opened. Anyone doing Chads after school can jump on in at 4.30 pm and then general use will be from 7.30 pm.

I'm quite excited about the Term 3A weekend activity timetable and have spent many an hour scouring the internet for ideas and think I've come up with the best selection yet. A range of different types of activity in a range of different locations, covering a range of different experiences. Some of the more extreme activities do carry a higher price but I've kept all prices as low as possible to make them as accessible as I can to all. Some of the bigger activities will get booked up very quickly, some may even get fully booked before the boys return to school so email me to reserve your son a place on their favourite ones. And remember, as always, out-boarders are as welcome to stay as boarders, just pay for any meals they have with us.

To give a bit more detail about a couple of the activities:

Lock & Code - Boys get locked in a room & have one hour to solve the clues to find their way out! This is a fantastic activity for socialising, team work, and great fun too.

Donkey Sanctuary - We will be getting down and dirty behind the scenes on the farm, learning about looking after donkeys as well as taking a leisurely tour of the sanctuary and even choosing our own donkey to adopt on the day! Depending on the time, we may even pop to the beach for an ice cream!

Go Ape - Adventure, adrenaline, high ropes, outdoors, fresh air; what more could a teenage boy want!



Aqua Park - Wet, wild and fun! Inflatable obstacles on a large lake that the boys can run around, play on and enjoy themselves!

Glastonbury Tor - a beautiful day out taking a spiritual stroll up the Tor and enjoying the outdoors.

Have fun, relax lots and I'll see you on the other side! (Mr Holt)



TERM 3A WEEKEND ACTIVITY SUMMARY

PARENTS - How to book weekend activities:

1. Talk with your son about any activities they would like to do
2. Check they have sufficient funds in their activities account before the deadline date
3. Email Mr Holt to reserve your place if you are really keen to go to an activity
4. Get your son to tell his Houseparent his choices

BOYS - How to book weekend activities:

1. Have a look and see which activities you fancy doing
2. Check you have enough money in your activities account before the deadline date
3. Tell your Houseparent your choices

You can book places by contacting Mr Holt over the holidays (see bottom of page) but your son will still need to confirm their place with their Houseparent on return to school

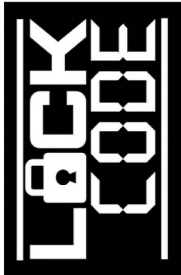

Week 1 - 22nd & 23rd April	
	
Saturday Evening	Sunday
What Songkran Festival Celebration	What Shopping Trip
Where Dining Hall / Field	Where Bridgewater
When Thai Food for tea followed by games after	When Leave after breakfast, back for lunch
Cost FREE (compulsory)	Cost £2
Deadline	Deadline Wednesday 19th April

Week 2 - 29th & 30th April

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Week 3 - 6th & 7th May	
	
Saturday Evening	Sunday
What Go Ape Tree Top Adventure	What Aqua Park North Devon
Where Haldon Forest Park	Where Bideford
When Leave school at 2:00pm, packed tea	When Leave after breakfast, picnic lunch
Cost £33.00	Cost £15
Deadline Tuesday 2nd May	Deadline Tuesday 2nd May

Week 4 - 13th & 14th May	
	
Saturday Evening	Sunday
What Go Karting	What Behind the scenes at
Where Southwest Karting, Cheddar	Where The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth
When Leave after early tea	When All Day - we will be adopting a donkey too!
Cost £25	Cost £6 (includes adoption fee), picnic lunch
Deadline Monday 24th April	Deadline Tuesday 2nd May

Week 5 - 20th & 21st May	
	
Saturday Evening	Sunday
What Lock & Code Room Escape	What A slow hike up
Where West Wick	Where Glastonbury Tor
When Leave school at 3:00pm, back for tea	When Leave after breakfast, picnic lunch
Cost £25	Cost £5
Deadline Tuesday 2nd May	Deadline Wednesday 17th May

Any questions about the activities, please speak to Mr Holt - 07765 551324 01278 655563 eholt@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Boarding

The Spring Term has come to an end and what a fantastic term it has been for our boys. Academic endeavour, sporting success and a whole host of activities other than sport have given our boys enrichment aplenty. As the seasons change and the weather improves, such transformation reflects in the emerging carpet of bulbs, nurtured by the boys themselves. It is that time of the year where our Year 11s are planting their own seeds of achievement in terms of the due diligence needed for revision. Year 11s have been attending countless extra revision sessions and revising hard. You get out what you put in and it has always been that key triangular relationship between the boy, home and staff that has ensured boys put in that required effort for such success.

On the field the boys have done themselves and the school very proud. Congratulations to the Year 10 rugby squad and Mr Williams as our boys won the Sedgemoor District Cup. They triumphed 41-0 against Bridgwater College Academy. What a performance! As ever the team was supported handsomely with many boys and staff attending in what was one of the best nights of the half term.

The boys are looking forward to the Summer Term, particularly the swimming pool and spending endless hours in the sunshine and making the most of the long days with the advent of the athletics field opening every evening. Boarding staff themselves will be working hard during the Easter holidays, giving over a whole week of their holidays to become fully qualified lifeguards. Mrs Long, Mr Williams and Mr Herbert will have to be studying hard and plenty of revision ahead!

Many boys are applying to be a boarding mentor for next year. The boys have to fill in an application form which the boarding team then look at before deciding who has been successful. Our boarding mentors are crucial for the younger boys as the help with homesickness, encourage participation in activities and ask the younger boys about their day and their week. It is a huge achievement to become a mentor and one which all boarders should aspire to.

On St. Patricks Day we held a celebration meal which was superbly planned by Mr Holt. The boys even had an Irish photo booth to take selfies of themselves enjoying the festivities- without any kissing of a blarney stone (It was too heavy to get here)!

One huge success this term has been Cameron Kinch's debating club in Kemp. Topics discussed and passionately debated have been Brexit, Trump, badger culling, banned warfare weapons, fox hunting and whether pigs should be used for human organ growth. Once a week the boys listen to a presentation from Cameron before being spilt into two camps and the each take their turn to discuss the week's topic.

Mrs Long has already become a Brymore favourite showering the School House boys with treats and goodies as well as pizza as she settles into her new role in School House. Meanwhile, the boys in Reid have been celebrating the success of one of their own with Zaid Elmrabti becoming Head Boy for next year. Reid House has very much been enjoying their new common room snug area created by the ever creative Mr Holt and will be further added to through the HIT funding.

This term we have conducted an Activities and Relationships survey. The results have been fabulous with boys clearly getting the most out of Brymore and citing excellent relationships with boarding staff. Joining our strong team will be a new matron after Easter. Mrs Jervis will join our trio of existing Matrons in ensuring the boys medical and pastoral needs are cared for.

So as the sun sets on a short but very busy and successful term we welcome the opportunity to spend quality time at home with our loved ones. Yes many of us will be working hard over the holiday period but doesn't the sunshine and longer days of spring make such days all that little bit more special. Enjoy your Easter holidays one and all. (Mr Watts)

NB: Reminder to all Brymore families - Boys **are not** permitted to bring aerosol cans into school.

FOBSA

We had a hugely successful lambing day and we raised over £3,000 which was thanks to a great effort from everyone involved. We were overwhelmed with cake donations and items for the tombola so our grateful thanks go out to the parents that donated so generously.

We successfully catered for the parents on the last day of the Spring term before and during the house finals and every little adds up to help with the boys. This committee has donated to the PE department, helped fund tents for the DofE expeditions, assisted in donating showing items to the farm and are about to give a large amount of money for the Activities Week in July thus making it a great week for students at a significantly reduced cost. All of this would not be possible without donations of items, support from other parents in running stalls and BBQs, and people digging deep. With that in mind we are in the midst of planning our largest fundraiser which is supplying refreshments across the site for the Country Fair on Saturday 24th June. We need parents and families to assist with running this even if it is just for an hour or two selling cakes, a few hours running the tombola or all day on the BBQ - any help is appreciated and a form is enclosed with this newsletter for you to complete which will help us with this planning.

In addition, we successfully run the second hand uniform stands at various events so if you have any to donate please leave it for our attention in the main office. If you wish to purchase anything outside of times when the stand is out then please contact me via the FOBSA email.

If you feel you could assist in any way then please can you contact me, Chair of FOBSA, Kate Atyeo, via the email: FOBSACHAIR@hotmail.com

Forest School

Thank you to all the students attending Forest school this half term, who showed excellent levels of safe working practise whilst taking part in the fire making and lighting sessions. We all enjoyed the roast potatoes and marshmallows. Looking forward now to making walking sticks for next term. (Mr Ball)

Boxes of Beef

We have boxes of Shorthorn beef for sale. The boxes consist of:

- Family sized joints (silverside and topside)
- Fore Rib and Back Rib
- 3 x 1lb stewing steak
- 3 x 1lb mince
- 2 x rump steak
- 2-4 x sirloin steak
- 1 x fillet

This box will weigh on average 10-13kg of meat and will be sold at £9 per kilo. This is significantly good value particularly for this breed of meat especially one that is grass fed and reared lovingly by the boys and staff here, at Brymore. Should you be interested then please email the farm: brymorefarm@brymore.somerset.sch.uk



Lambing Day

We opened the doors of the farm for our inaugural Lambing Day at the end of February and were overwhelmed by the number of people that came to see our animals!

More than 1,500 visitors flocked through the gates to see the baby lambs, meet the pregnant ewes and hold the baby chicks. Boys helped with car parking, selling raffle tickets, talking to the visitors about the animals and bottle feeding. Some visitors were lucky enough to see lambs being born at the start and the end of the day when ewes gave birth to a single newborn and triplets.

Ian Dyer, Chairman of Sedgemoor District Council opened the event and said 'Brymore is an integral part of the agricultural community and opening the farm for free to allow many local residents to see the lambs was a brilliant thing to do.'

FOBSA were a great support to us in the organisation by ensuring visitors were fed and watered along with organising a tombola, tractor rides and face painting. It is always important to have parental support and on a day like this the families that helped were an integral part of the success and we cannot thank them enough for this. We have already started the early planning for next year! (Ms Warren)



Last day of Spring Term

Over 130 parents and family took part in Chads on Saturday 25 March and Mrs Comer set a ladies record of 12.46, beating the old record by nearly 2 minutes. It was good to see so many family and friends taking part. (Mr Thomas)

Sports Report

We must first start with rugby and especially the successful Year 10 team who triumphed over Bridgewater College Academy in the final of the Sedgemoor Area Cup this half term winning 41-0.

Year 11 have played their last rugby match as a team against the area champions, Haygrove, beating them on their own ground. It's been a pleasure having these boys playing rugby for the last few years and helping them develop and I hope many will go on to continue playing. We look forward to seeing who has sustained the effort over the last few weeks in order to get their colours ties at Leavers Service.

House matches have been successful with the senior rugby teams playing their first round matches on Saturday's. In the finals; Walker were winners of the senior rugby and Taylor were victors in the hockey.

We have been successful in cross country recently. A special mention goes to Will Jarman who qualified for the national final, representing Somerset, doing brilliantly at all stages of the qualification process and in the final race as part of the Somerset team. On returning from representing Somerset in the English Schools Cross Country Championship in Norwich Will returned and in the last week of term set two new incredible records. At the Chads Hill run he ran an amazing 9 mins 52 seconds knocking 32 seconds off the previous best time. He then proceeded to decimate the school record for the much shorter run called front drive-back drive. No boy had previously run under 4 minutes however Will managed to run 3 minutes 50.53 seconds. An amazing achievement.

As far as team cross country races have gone we couldn't have imagined the success we have had. We won the Quantock Relay, came 2nd in the Sherborne Trophy and brought home the Clatworthy Mammoth Trophy. I must say a huge well done to all the boys who have pushed themselves to run (in all winds and weathers) from across all year groups for the school.

The after school fitness sessions will finish at the end of this term. Attendance has remained high throughout the winter months for all year groups. Over 100 boys achieved an attendance of 100% and generally the attendance was over 90% throughout this period. The fitness sessions will restart in September 2017.

As of writing since September there has been 2,146 Chads Hill Runs, compared to the same time scale last academic year when 1,476 runs had been completed. Of the 275 boys in school there are 4 who have yet to complete a single loop. The senior school totals are very close, with Year 9 completing 500, Year 10 - 443 and Year 11 - 451; the junior school have also done well with Year 7 out-running Year 8 by 28 runs, 390 and 362 respectively. 199 boys have improved their personal best times this term. Not to be left out, the staff have run 174 times and there have been 8 guest runners.

Whilst talking of the Chads Hill run can I remind parents to drive carefully when approaching the school if the boys are setting off on the run. I am very grateful that some drivers actually stop and wait until the runners have gone past, however some drivers appear to think that it is the boys job to get out of the way. I can assure you that the responsibility lies with the driver. (Mr Spridgens and Mr Williams)



Farm News

Dairy - Since the last report, six of the milking cattle have recently calved, all to Forrester our shorthorn bull. A few weeks before the boys broke up, we turned the cattle out during the day. It was a great sight to see them jumping about, stretching their legs. We have sadly had to say goodbye to Harmony, who was home-bred, born in 2009 and Faithful, who was bought in. On the positive side, the funds raised have gone towards purchasing three in-calf dairy shorthorn cows, two of which are in-calf to sexed dairy shorthorn and three in-calf dairy shorthorn heifers. We are looking to be selling two Holstein second time calvers to go towards the transition of black and white cattle to dairy shorthorn. Also on a positive note, each AI to 100% dairy shorthorn has held and they will be due to calf in the late autumn.

Beef - Crocus and Charlotte's calves are growing nicely and the boys have started halter-breaking them all ready for the show season. Unfortunately, Crocus was PD negative; however it is still early days and she is now running with Forrester. On a positive note, Charlotte is PD positive to a Limousin bull and due to calve in the autumn. We have turned out the store cattle into new ground where they are chomping away on the lush grass.

Sheep - The lambing season started very quickly on the return of the boys from their February half-term but this worked well and Year 10 have completed their lambing duties. Also this year we opened the farm to the public for our lambing day. It was a great success seeing over 1,500 visitors come through the farm gates. We had lots of activities including bottle feeding lambs and riding toy tractors. Thanks go to FOBSA who ran the catering, face-painting and raffle stalls. As always there were a few sheep who are late lambing, thankfully not too many and we wait to hear the patter of the last lambs feet soon. The lambing percentage so far is 1.56 with 117 lambs.



Pigs - Shirley has farrowed 10 piglets and Silvia's piglets have now been weaned, are growing nicely and should be ready for Open Day.

If you wish to order half a pig or sausages please email: brymorefarm@brymore.somerset.sch.uk

Chickens - The chickens are still having to be housed indoors due to the DEFRA guidelines to prevent bird flu. Two of the boys went with Ms Warren and Mr Adamson to North Town Primary School in Taunton with the chicks from the lambing day, explaining how to look after day old chicks and how an egg turns into a chick. They also gave children the opportunity to incubate their own chicks that have now hatched and returned to Brymore.

Land - With Ashford, our rented ground. We have Mr Marsh trimming the hedges and also the boys have helped in re-fencing a few of the fields. In the next few weeks we are going to spread fertiliser on the fields that are stocked. Our silage fields are not going to be fertilised for the first cut. We are seeking how many bales we get from the first cut and then we will see if we need to use fertiliser for the second cut. We look forward to the coming months, as the warm weather sets in and the Brymore farm continues to thrive. (Mr Adamson)

Royal Marines

The Royal Marines Commandos came in this half-term to work with the Year 10 boys for an afternoon and put them through their paces! Boys had a great time and really enjoyed doing different team skills whilst also working on their fitness. (Ms Warren)



Rugby Final

Our Year 10 boys were all smiles as they lifted the Sedgemoor Area Rugby Cup.

The final, against Bridgwater College Academy, was played at North Petherton Rugby Club and in great spirit both teams performed with their hearts on their sleeves but with Brymore coming out as the victors with a 41-0 win. Brymore started off quickly and had BCA on the back foot for much of the first 10 minutes before scoring a try. This was followed up with a great conversion from Lewis Atyeo. BCA had a number of chances, getting within inches of the try line, but just lacked the final push to get the points. In contrast, Brymore boys showed resilience in abundance and kept asserting the play in their favour to keep scoring.

With tries from Archie Hill, Ed Barnacle (2), Louie Chiswell, Liam Hillier, Lewis Atyeo and Sam Huish keeping the crowd entertained, it was a relief for the Brymore boys when the final whistle blew and they were crowned champions. (Ms Warren)



Skiing

Dry Slope

We made it through the dry slope sessions and now we cannot wait for the real snow. Well done to all the students taking part, they all put in a huge effort and will definitely reap the benefits when we hit the slopes.

Skiing Trip

We are all getting very excited and look forward to our 2017 Trip to Ischgl, Austria. There has been a steady top up of snow over the last couple of weeks so that is great news for this time of the year.

Please remember that we will be posting information on our Facebook page while we are away, which will keep you all up to date with your son's progress.

As a reminder, the coach will arrive at 10.00 am on the 1st April to collect us all from Brymore, please be prompt. Also please pack two towels as the hotel does not provide these, and a comfort pillow for travelling. (Mr Ball)

Upcoming Important Dates

2016/17 BRYMORE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 18 April

INSET DAY

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Year 9 Parent Consultation

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 boarders return

Wednesday 19 April

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

Saturday 29 April

12.00 pm

Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 depart for

May Day Bank Holiday weekend

1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Year 7 Parent Consultation

Monday 1 May

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

All boarders return

Tuesday 2 May

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

Saturday 27 May

11.30 am

Year 11 Leavers Service

1.30 pm

Sports Day

3.45 pm

Students depart for summer half-term

Sunday 4 June

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

All boarders return

Monday 5 June

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

Saturday 24 June

10.30 am - 5.00 pm

Open Day and Country Fair

26-30 June

Work Experience Week (Year 10)

3-8 July

Activities Week

Saturday 8 July

10.30 am

Swimming Gala

12.00 pm

All students depart for summer holidays

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