

Music Report

The Mozart Concert was held in the Spring term in All Saint's Church, Brandeston, to celebrate the life and music of the composer on the 250th Anniversary of his birth. Pupils performed a variety of well-known favourites and readings referred to Mozart's life as a child prodigy and prolific composer. Highlights of the evening were the Junior Chant's song version of 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik', written by the children themselves, and performances by Anna Thorne (our 11+ music scholar), George Kerridge, Mimi O'Neill, Brian Wan and The Magic Flutes Trio. We were very grateful to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Clark for their support of this event

Associated Board Examination Results:

Superb results were achieved and congratulations went to Mimi O'Neill, Thomas Berry, George Kerridge, Anna Thorne, Rebecca Elson, Charlotte-Anne Knight-Dixon, Poppy Pritchard-Barrett, Alasdair Bevan-Margetts, Lucy McVeigh, Annabel Plested, Kit Hollingsworth, Karra Shekiluwa and Charlotte Lawson.

Summer Concert and Arts Festival: The school year drew to a close with the annual concert held in the Rowley Hall in late June. School music groups and pre-prep pupils performed a programme of 'Music from Around the World'. The Arts Festival took place on 29th June, culminating in the popular House Singing Competition. Many thanks to our external judges, and fun was had by all!!

Music Groups: Our music groups went from strength to strength throughout the year and have been very popular with the pupils. Amongst them, the newly-formed string orchestra has been very well supported and will perform during 2007.

Mrs Claire Gower

FROM TOP: KATIE PAYN AND ANNA THORNE PERFORM AT THE SUMMER CONCERT. MIMI O'NEIL PLAYS MOZART IN BRANDESTON CHURCH. LOUSIA LACEY AND THE CHOIR AT THE SUMMER CONCERT.



Drama Report

Senior Production 'The Pirates of Penzance'

Casting for the Senior Production took place late in the Summer term, allowing pupils with lead roles to begin learning lines over the summer holidays. Rehearsals began in earnest in September.

We were able to gather a strong cast to take on this challenging musical, packed with memorable songs such as 'With Cat Like Tread', 'Model Major General' and 'When a Felon's Not Engaged in His Employment'.

The story follows the exploits of our hero, (the dashing Fredrick), as he tries to find and marry the love of his life, (the beautiful Mabel) while being pursued by his adoring nurse, Ruth! Meanwhile the

unruly band of pirates create problems for the Major General, while trying to avoid the truncheon wielding police, and find brides of their own!

The cast of forty senior pupils, a mixture of Year 7 and 8, worked extremely hard during rehearsal, and particular thanks must go to Mrs Gower, Mme Goodin and Mrs Gibbons for their Herculean efforts with groups of cast in turn. Behind the scenes Mrs Parker and Mrs Cole worked tirelessly preparing the wonderful costumes while Mr Lenton created the magnificent set.

The two evening performances were very well attended by parents and friends of the school; all of whom were bowled over, not only by the terrific individual and group performances, but by the obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm with which the pupils performed.

There were of course many notable individual performances, but the real highlights of the show for the audiences were the fantastic group numbers.



However, particular mention must go to Peter Cole (*pictured, with Anna de Grave*), who took on the lead

role with maturity and confidence.

In all, it proved to be a most successful Senior Production, with the standing ovation on the last night providing well deserved praise for all involved.

Mr Chris Parker, Director





Year 6 Shakespeare Drama Production

The summer saw the return of the annual Year 6 Performance 'A History of Shakespeare through the Performing Arts.' Year 6 pupils undertook a historical romp through the Life and Works of the legendary bard and tackled a range of very challenging extracts and soliloquies from

a variety of Shakespeare's most performed plays. The rain just about held off although the wind whipped up a bit of a storm and left our poor picnicking parents somewhat huddled on the lawn in an attempt to keep warm on what can only be described as a truly typical British Midsummer Evening!

The pupils' performances were first rate and presented a flavour of Shakespeare for all to enjoy. All Year 6 pupils took part and worked tirelessly to prepare for the production. Heartfelt congratulations must go to all the pupils but a special mention must be made to Eve Lawson for her portrayal of Macbeth, George Smith for his stirring speech as Henry V and

Thomas Berry (*pictured left*) for his appeal to the people of

Rome as Mark Anthony. Full Junior Drama Colours were awarded to Eve Lawson, who was also presented with the Cullum Cup for Junior Drama, George Smith and Thomas Berry and Half

Colours were awarded to Lucy Pring, Camilla Hopkinson, Jasmine Lawson, Victoria Jenkins, Katie Wilkinson, Mark Goodin and Henry Long.

Miss Mary Proctor

Rounders

The 1st 1X won two out of their three matches. Lauren Baller was the star fielder at second post. Full colours and the cup for most valuable player went to Anna de Grave and half colours to the rest of the squad.

The 2nd and 3rd IX teams had a mixed season, but when it was good, it was really good!

The Under 11As were a strong team thanks in part to the partnership between Sarah Legg at Back Stop and Millie Hopkinson at First Post where they managed to get numerous opposition team players out in style. Special mention must be made to Lucy Ashby-Hoare and Tabitha Ives who both have an excellent and far-reaching throw. Batting from Millie Hopkinson was on occasions amazing. The team lost only one of their six matches and scored just over 100 rounders. Full colours: Millie Hopkinson, Sarah Legg, Victoria Jenkins, Jasmine Lawson, Lucy Ashby-Hoare. Half Colours: Lucy Pring, Eve Lawson, Suzie Reid.

The Under 9As were unbeaten in their four matches scoring 64 rounders. There is much promise here for the future!

Ms Sally Thomson

Hockey

The boys' 1st XI possessed two outstanding hockey players in Peter Cole and William Squirrell. The team performed well in the first part of the term with good wins over Norwich School, RHS, Town Close and OBH and finished with a flourish against Culford and Orwell Park.

Andrew Peck and Henry Singleton both scored hat-tricks for the boys' 2nd XI. Captained by William Gibbon, the seconds were a combative bunch playing well as a team. The 3rd XI struggled this season but the 4th XI played very well, completing wins over Felsted, Woodbridge, OBH and Orwell Park.