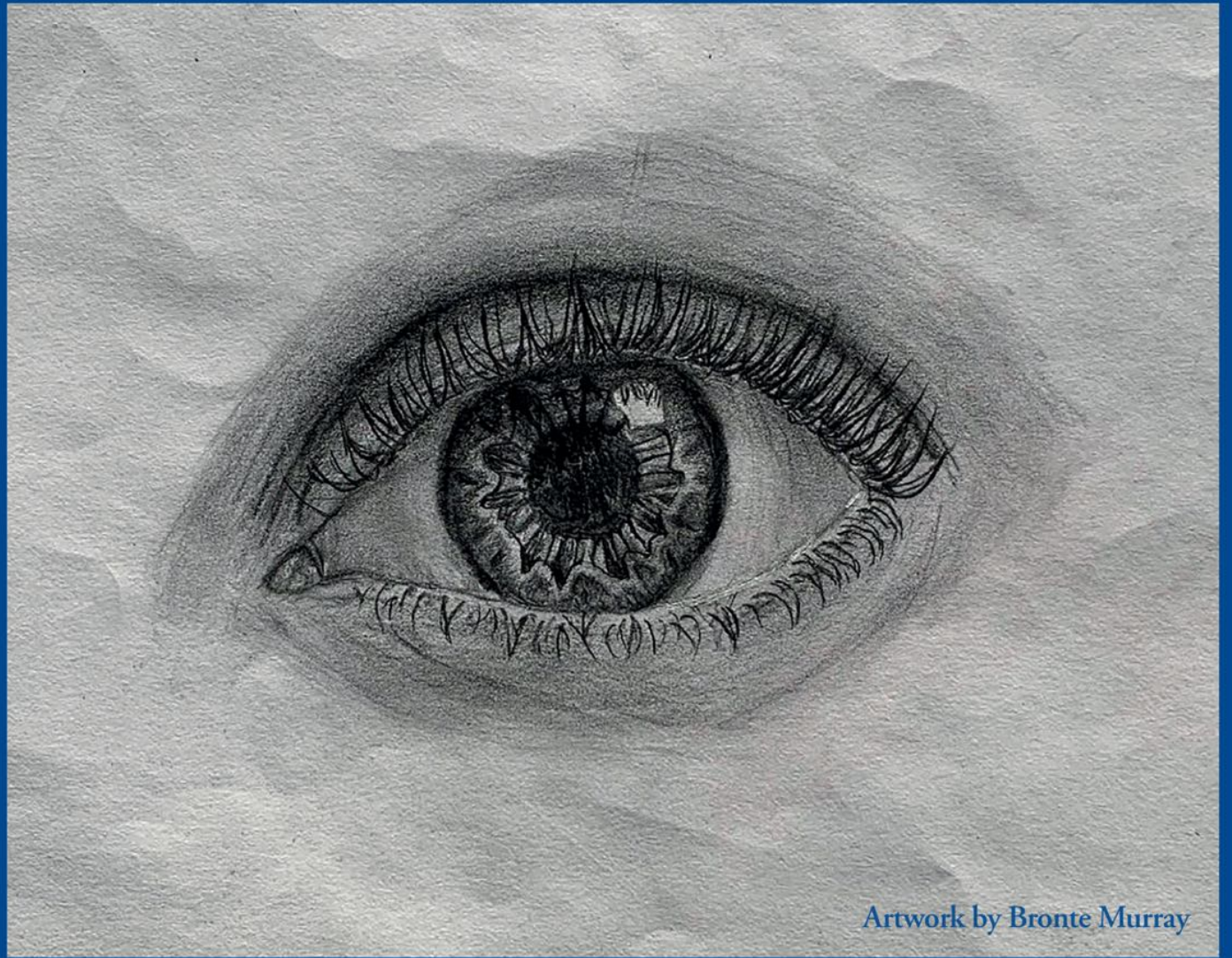
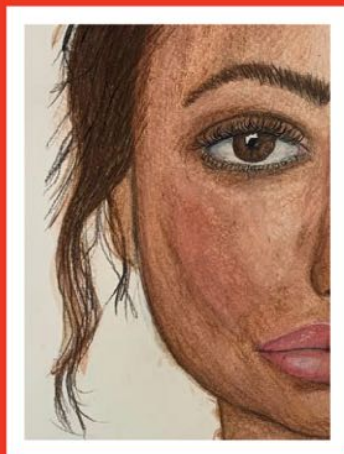


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CHEAM LIFE



Artwork by Bronte Murray



YEAR 7 GO DOWN-STREAM

Year 7 donned their wellies and thankful for the dry weather headed to explore the river banks on the school site. The pupils were investigating all the different processes that act on the river. It was a wonderful morning of outdoor learning. We are so fortunate to have a river on site at Cheam, what a brilliant way to bring learning to life!



Refurbishment for the boarders

The boarders were delighted to see their rooms and corridors transformed with incredible murals, painted by a local Newbury artist.



Pre-Prep Pet Service

A truly memorable event in the Pre-Prep this term was the wonderful Pet Service. We welcomed many parents and grandparents who brought with them cherished pets, including dogs, a cat, a guinea pig, tortoises, rabbits, a fish, a stick insect, a newt, a daddy long legs and even a horse! Luckily the rain held off and the Reverend Ben Read from Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley Parish blessed all the animals and said prayers. Well done to our singers and readers – who read and sang so clearly. Cheam is such a family orientated school, and it was very special to have an occasion to celebrate the smallest and furriest members of our families!



OUR COMMUNITY RETURNS TO CHAPEL

Families were invited to come together for a very special Songs of Praise in the Chapel on the first Saturday of term. It was a joyful and uplifting morning for all. The Service was a wonderful way for the Cheam Community to unite in worship and praise. The Year 8 Chapel Choir performed a new anthem, and the community lifted the rafters singing the chosen hymns with gusto. The Head Boy and Head Girl read Colossians 3:12-17. Mr Bennett spoke of Mr Haigh's three key words for the term - Courage, Communication and Kindness. The service was also a chance for the school to reflect on the tragic events of 9/11, which occurred 20 years before. Thank you to all those who contributed and to everyone who joined us. It was superb to welcome so many new families into Cheam.



Poetry Evening delights and entertains

The Prep School Poetry Evening was a wonderful way for Cheam to continue to mark World Poetry Week. Children in Years 6 to 8 had crafted their own poems in English lessons, on the theme of 'choice'. The pupils had the opportunity to perform their poems to pupils and visiting parents in the Chapel. They did so with confidence, poise, enthusiasm and wit! A number of staff also recited their favourite poems. Our thanks to Mr Wright, Head of English, for hosting such an inspiring evening.



Magician, Archie Manners plays with our minds...

We welcomed world famous magician, Archie Manners, to Cheam for a night of mystery and magic. Archie has performed in front of the Royal Family, Prime Ministers, Olympians and Oscar winners and now Cheam for the very first time! The children had supper before heading to the Chapel full of excitement. Archie did not disappoint; everyone was spell-bound by his incredible magic. A number of children had the opportunity to join in with the show. It was a fantastic evening, and we are very grateful to Archie for visiting Cheam.



“I can do this,
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Wellness matters

In preparation for their pre-tests, Year 6 had a Well-Being session. They were given breathing techniques to support their mindset before an exam. The children prepared a mantra, to give them lots of self-belief, these included 'I can do this, I have great ideas, I am focused!'

Year 4 have benefited from a guided meditation linked to friendship. At the end of the meditation the children shared with their partner the reasons why they are such a brilliant friend. The group also looked at postures which represents friendship and gave each other head massages. It was a great way to end a busy day.



U13 win IAPS Regionals at Charterhouse

In mid October the first team girls had the perfect start to their week down at Charterhouse for the U13 IAPS Regionals. The girls put in some outstanding performances throughout the day to come out winners and taking a place at Nationals over at Cheltenham later on in November. The girls took the day game by game and topped the group stage with 3-0 wins over Seaford College and Salisbury College and a 1-0 win over Felstead. This meant the girls went through to the cup quarter finals against Feltonfleet where the girls had the edge in a tight game taking a 1-0 win. We had a semi-final draw against Lambrook who had beaten us 3-1 in our fixture the previous Saturday. There were some tired legs out on the pitch but the girls dug deep to take the game to penalty flicks. There was no repeat of the Euro final and the girls kept their cool to win the flicks 2-1 to take us through to the final. The girls kicked it up a gear in this final against Edgeborough and produced some superb hockey to cap off the perfect day with 3-0 win!

Mixing matters for Nursery

The Nursery children had great fun building houses out of cement by mixing water and sand together. The busy builders worked as a team taking it in turns to hold the bricks so that they could apply the cement mixture onto the bricks. What a fun morning!



Play in a Day

Year 2 had so much fun doing a play in a day! The children were re-telling the story of the Snow Queen. They received their scripts, practised and learned their lines all in one day, as well as making artwork such as crowns and head-dresses to go with their fabulous costumes. Everyone performed amazingly well and thoroughly enjoyed the day!



The Year 7 and 8 Art enrichment group enjoyed an art outing to the Base at Greenham Common. The pupils looked at the Insight exhibition which showcases the work of local artists. They had such an inspiring guided tour and the opportunity to visit the studio spaces of artists working on site.



Division Music brought the school community together, as pupils, staff and parents gathered for a sensational musical treat. Huge congratulations to all the children, Mr Bennett and his amazing team of teachers. Aldrich took the trophy and were rightly described by our adjudicator, Mr Jenkins, Director of Music, Sherborne Girls' as 'knocking the socks off many senior schools.'



Please use the QR code to watch our Division Music Video.

WILD WEDNESDAY GOES WESTERN

At Cheam we host a regular series of Wild Wednesday events in which all children in a year group enjoy a themed evening of fun, followed by a night boarding upstairs. Wednesday this week saw our Year 6 pupils and their Form tutors having a fabulous time at the Wild West event organised for them. After a delicious supper of fajitas, nachos and ice cream, the superb array of fancy dress outfits was judged, Martha's home-made cactus winning most votes. We then all made our way to the Sports Hall, ready for the fun activities to follow. The 60-foot inflatable obstacle course saw cowboys, cows, horses and cowgirls racing each other with great energy, whilst the mechanical bull also proved a real hit. Flo and Teenie displayed impressive gutsiness, strength and stamina, with many other would-be cowboys showing great rodeo skills! The inflatable jousting arena set the scene for many a competitive but good-natured scuffle, with the most-watched push-off taking place between two of our Gappers. Two hours of huge fun for the entire year group... not surprising that all was quiet at lights out time and a good night's sleep was had by all.



All aboard! Year 3 visit the Watercress Line

Year 3 became evacuees for the day and were sent to Ropley on the Watercress line. Dressed as WW2 children, with cardboard name tags, the pupils were extremely excited to set foot on-board a real steam train and participate in several activities, including writing postcards to loved ones left at home, making rugs out of worn clothes, and packing a suitcase with everything they would need until they could return home after the war. It was wonderful for the group to gain an insight into what it might have felt like for children leaving London, seeking shelter in the countryside, during this period in history.



Pre-Prep Spelling Bee

Just before half term the Pre-Prep children participated in a Spelling Bee where the winners had to spell increasingly difficult words! The winner was Sophia and a special mention must go to all the other children who took part in the grand final: Archie, Alexander, Raphaella, Bella, Ferdie, Jeremy, Benedict and Allegra.



LESSONS THAT MAKE YOUR HAIR STAND-ON-END!

We had a special treat on Friday morning when Mr Summers and Mrs Billinger came into our Pre-Prep Hall to show how fireworks are made! We loved the different colours and the fizzing chemicals and we were also reminded how we could stay safe on Bonfire Night and all our Bonfire parties at the weekend!



Robots are taking over!

This week, Year 7 started learning about Robotics. They used Lego Spike to build robots to move around the classroom. They considered how they would control the turning speed of the wheels using code and what real world examples they could find of this sort of device. We discussed the situations in which robots are currently used. Pupils had a great time and a huge sense of satisfaction when they saw their robots moving around the room!



Remembrance Day

On the 11th November the whole school gathered together in the sunshine for a very moving Remembrance service. The courtyard rang out with the voices of the Pre-Prep children who sang some poignant hymns and we had prayers and poems from several children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Beautiful poppy sculptures were planted in the round flowerbed in the centre of the courtyard at the feet of the soldier figure. This was followed by a wonderful rendition of The Last Post from our Year 7 trumpeters Lucas, Benji and Henry. The children all stood in remarkable silence and Mr Wright rounded off the service with a stirring reading of They Shall Not Grow Old.



COOKING UP A STORM IN YEAR 2

Year 2 donned their aprons and had a super time making Christmas cakes. The classroom smelt wonderful as the children set about reading the recipe, weighing the ingredients and using some serious elbow-grease to mix everything together.



COP26 inspires pupils

We were hugely grateful to Max Foster who kindly came into school to talk to our Year 6, 7 & 8 pupils about COP26 and the various climate issues which are being debated by World Leaders in Glasgow. Mr Foster has been covering the conference for CNN and it was very interesting to hear about some of the issues which are being discussed. There were plenty of very insightful questions from the children and it was wonderful to see how passionate they all are about this important topic.

Year 2 footballers make their debut

The Year 2 children played their first football tournament and loved every minute of it! Arrayed in boots and shin pads they played three matches each and ran round the pitches with huge excitement and enthusiasm. A few goals were scored and there was lots of teamwork, with encouragement from the parents on the sidelines. And of course – match tea!



Mr Max Foster, CNN Reporter

U11 National IAPS Winners!

On Friday the U11A Hockey team went across to Millfield School to play in the IAPS National Finals against the top 24 teams in the country, with the opportunity to become national champions. The girls faced 5 group games, with the top 2 qualifying for the cup quarter-finals. The girls were coming into the final's day in superb form, as they remain unbeaten this season.



Hampshire Medical Fund | A Celebration of Christmas

Church of the
Hospital of St Cross



The Cheam Choir was proud to sing at the Celebration of Christmas Service, for the Hampshire Medical Fund, in Winchester. The funds raised from the service are going towards purchasing equipment to care for newborn babies in Hampshire hospitals. We were very happy to be able to support this incredible local charity and for the children to sing in the beautiful Church of the Hospital of St Cross.

DT CREATORS HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS



Our Year 8 DT scholars, Grace, Max and William worked hard to make beautiful hand crafted products for the Christmas Fair. The children wanted to create items using recycled products. Their cufflinks and coasters were formed in our heat press from shredded plastic off-cuts and re-formed granules. The children experimented with resin casting and created beautiful candle holders and rings. Candle holders were made from wood found in our wood store, which were carefully sanded down and then oiled to create a high quality finish. The Scholars had a great day at the fair, receiving some very positive feedback about their work and raised £143 for the school charity. A wonderful learning experience and great fun had all around. Well done Team!



Year 1 trip to The Winchester Science Centre

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Winchester Science Centre to enhance their learning about 'Light and Dark'. Everyone really enjoyed the planetarium and the children learnt about the planets in our galaxy. They also discovered more about gravity and watched the stars and planets swirl around the universe. They experienced making space rockets and playing with a variety of educational interactive games. A super day was had by all and the long-awaited trip was much appreciated.



Community Christmas Spirit

The whole school made gingerbread men decorations for the beautiful Christmas tree. There was much fun had by a Year 8 class, who were tasked with adding all the creations before the all-important, 'switching on' of the lights.



Cheam Nativities
What stars
they all are!



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