

Summer Term 2016

The Greyhound



SOLIHULL



International Rugby Success

Congratulations to William Talbot-Davies (Wales U18) capped against England and France, and William Cutbill and Charlie Morgan (England U18 Counties) capped against Ireland and France.

Junior School pupils celebrate scholarships

J4 pupils celebrated their 11+ scholarship success. Junior School pupils were awarded academic, art and sport scholarships after a competitive and demanding selection process. The pupils also met with the Headmaster to share cookies and squash in his study, and to find out more about the scholars programme in the Lower School. We look forward to hearing of their future successes!

Thank you @HogarthHotel for inviting our Saxophony group to perform.
They had a wonderful time! (15 April)



The Greyhound Interviews... **Mrs Brown, Geography**

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching since 1980 which is 36 years – both abroad and in England – a very long time!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The interaction with the students: no one day is the same. I enjoy the variety, love the subject, the sports I do and did (I ran the Badminton at Solihull and elsewhere for many years). The pastoral side is also most rewarding, especially in my new role as Head of Transition.

What do you most like about teaching Geography?

I am a true Geographer in the sense that I have travelled widely and lived in many different countries over the years. These experiences have enriched me; given me greater awareness of cultural, physical and human diversity across the globe which has enabled me, I think, to teach more meaningfully. My sojourns have taken me from Sheffield to Sudan, from Mexico to Spain, Australia to Ardingly and Arden Lawn Schools and best of all Solihull where I have been for the last 15 years.

How did Solihull's link with Chile come about?

Through my Latin American travels I managed to learn to speak Spanish to a competent level. Whilst in Chile an opportunity arose to develop a school link with Wessex School whose Headmaster, Mr Terrence Martin, gave my two boys the opportunity to study there for three months. Thus began the exchange of Gap students and visits of both Solihull and Wessex students to each other's schools, a link that has lasted 11 years and has been extended to include a school in Argentina and an orphanage in Peru thanks to the work of the charity LAFF. Our LAFF link developed in memory of Hannah Barrett, the elder daughter of Mrs Marilyn Barrett, former Head of Modern Foreign Languages.

What is your favourite book and why?

Any Lonely Planet travel survival guide on the places I have been to and intend to visit in the future: Antarctica?

What is your favourite kind of music?

An eclectic mix: Simply Red, Latin American music, Bruno Mars, Opera and Motown!

Development and Alumni Relations

Birmingham Business Drinks

Old Silhillians from across Birmingham came together with staff from Solihull at Bar Opus at One Snowhill on Thursday 12 May for the biannual Birmingham Business Drinks. Alumni enjoyed catching up with old friends and making new connections over a drink after work whilst also having the opportunity to hear a little more about life at school.

Annual Alumni London Dinner

On Friday 20 May, alumni, staff and former staff came together at the Royal Thames Yacht Club for the Annual Alumni London Dinner. Having enjoyed reception drinks on the terrace, guests heard the Headmaster give a brief update on life at Solihull before moving up to the Mountbatten Suite for a delicious three course meal and the opportunity to catch up and reminisce with old friends. After dinner, Mike Bullen (Old Sil and writer of Cold Feet) entertained guests as he spoke about his time at Solihull and the links between his Solihull friends and the Cold Feet characters!

Mike Bullen screenwriting workshop with the Lower Fifth and Lower Sixth

Mike Bullen (1968-1978, Shenstone) returned to Solihull on Friday 17 June to teach workshops with the Drama and Theatre Studies pupils. Mike wrote all five series of the popular 90s drama, Cold Feet and is currently working on its upcoming revival. Mike started the day with a talk to the Lower Fifth English and Drama students about his career and the art of screenwriting before doing smaller workshops with Lower Fifth Drama students and Lower Sixth Theatre Studies students.

Alumni come back to help Oxbridge hopefuls

On Monday 20 June, six Old Silhillians came back to School to help our Lower Sixth Oxbridge applicants with their personal statements as well as give an insight into life at Oxbridge and top tips for interviews.



Thanks to @PushTalks and @JohnnySRich for chatting to our Fifth & Sixth Formers about #employability and #careers! (18 April)



Your Legacy to Solihull – the gift of education

'It takes a noble person to plant a tree that will one day provide shade for those whom he may never meet'
(Anonymous)

For generations, Solihull School has offered not only a first class academic education but also a long-standing commitment to providing as varied a life beyond lessons as possible. Pupils have not only the pleasure of activity when they are young; but also the opportunities to find and develop essential skills which will form part of their adult lives.


We are grateful to all those alumni and parents who recognise the importance of young people having the best possible start to their lives by supporting the future of Solihull through a gift in their will. By supporting the School in this way, they have shown their faith in Solihull's tradition of excellence and their commitment to future generations of Solihull pupils.

To find out more about including Solihull in your will, please go to www.solsch.org.uk/giving or contact Susie Jordan on 0121 703 2898 or at jordans@solsch.org.uk



Congratulations to Old Sil Julie Whiting for being selected as part of the GB U23 hockey team. She will be playing in the 3 Nations Tournament against Australia and the Netherlands soon.



 Congratulations to Jess Browne for winning the West Midlands Young Ambassador of the Year for Community and Leadership! #solschachieve. (20 April)



Young Enterprise

This term, our YE team 'Echo' took part in the Birmingham area Young Enterprise competition. Very ably represented by Leesha Majid, Haris Khan and Olivia Tennant, they completed a professional presentation and won the prize for 'Best Customer Service' after impressing the judges when they were interviewed and questioned about their achievements this year. In total the team has realised profits of around £350, making some great quality products such as wooden bowls and fruit ornaments, hair ties, Christmas baubles and Perspex maths puzzles.

Physics Success for Emily

Congratulations to Emily Dekker in the Lower Sixth who has been awarded a place at the Cambridge University Physics Summer School through Isaac Physics!



This year's Bench enjoyed the annual summer soiree in the Alan Lee Pavilion.

 Our 1st XI cricket team debuted today with a comfortable win against Solihull Sixth Form College #solschcricket. (20 April)



Design Achievement for Ben

Huge congratulations to Upper Sixth student Ben Tennet, who has been invited to exhibit his A2 Product Design at the Triumph Motorcycles UK Triumph Design Awards 2016. He will be attending the awards in July with his fantastic and innovative camping kitchen!

Art Success for Melissa

Melissa Yip, an art scholar in the Shell Form, entered a national competition run by the Body Shop to produce a piece of artwork celebrating their campaign 'Enrich not Exploit'. She came first and not only won a weekend break for her family but also £1000 for Solihull School! The Judges' comments are below:

'This is a really strong graphic that instantly and effectively communicates the issue. You've brilliantly incorporated the idea Enrich not Exploit. The detail from your map work to pencil blending is fantastic. Well done – a worthy winner'.

A massive well done to Melissa and thank you from the Art Department and the School.



Felicitaciones to Maeliss!

Upper Sixth student, Maeliss Villepontoux, came third in a national competition searching for the best A-Level Spanish student in the UK, run the Spanish Embassy in London. Schools and colleges from across the UK entered, where candidates had to evidence their academic achievement in Spanish at GCSE and AS-Level, and supporting A-Level work was provided to highlight Maeliss's credentials. The Embassy commented on the extremely high level of her submission and overall Spanish command after six years of study at School. ¡Felicitaciones!"



Thank you to our pupils who helped at the @SolihullCouncil afternoon tea party to celebrate the Queen's birthday! (23 April)



Thirty-two pupils have just returned from a four-day practice to the Rhinogs area of Snowdonia. Heavy and prolonged rainfall, low cloud (meaning poor visibility) and strong winds led to very challenging conditions. The wild camp was very soggy indeed but the pupils coped very well in extremely demanding terrain. Well done to all and a very big thank you to all our volunteer staff who help make these expeditions possible.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This has been a very busy term for DofE ventures. Forty-five Bronze pupils (Fourth Form and Lower Fifth) and thirteen Silvers (Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth) completed an expedition week to North Wales. Their practice took place in Denbighshire and following a rest day moved westward in to the Snowdonia National Park for their assessment. Sunburn on day one was then followed by sleet and gales – four seasons in one week. The Silvers ended up with a white-out and camped in the snow on their final assessment day. Well done to all who took part in a tough week, especially the Fourth Formers (the first time for this age group as part of a national Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme pilot).

Ninety-one Fourth and Lower Fifth pupils took part in two separate practice Bronze expedition weekends in May to the Long Mynd area of Shropshire. Many made comments such as 'I never realised it would be that tough!' Their assessment saw them travelling north to the Peak District during the second weekend in June – camping for over 100 with all the staff involved led to a huge operation; once again, well done to everyone!

To celebrate the Award's sixtieth anniversary and the school's strong and ongoing connection with the scheme, The Headmaster and Award Manager, Mr Dean were invited to attend a presentation ceremony at Buckingham Palace where they received a plaque (now on display in the Head's wing) from Mr James Haskell.



Congratulations to Anna Mitchell for winning the 2016 U16 Ekko Equestrian Scholarship! #SolSchSports #goteamekko. (24 April)



Snowdonia School

The Summer term is a busy one for Snowdonia School, with Shell Form groups occupying the School's Mountain Cottage for most of June. Group 307 had an amazing week in late June, with lots of adventure, fun activities and glorious weather. We canoed on Llyn Padarn, walked up Snowdon, explored slate mines, visited the Dinorwig Power Station and Caernarfon Castle, had fun on the beach, and completed a high ropes course in Llanberis!





Inter-school Debating Competition

On Monday 27 June Solihull hosted an inter-school Debating Competition. Judges from across the country came to offer their expertise, and our own Sixth Formers trained as assistant judges. 56 students from a range of schools across the Midlands competed after a series of training sessions. Thanks must go to the Debating Team and all those who helped out on the day.



Pet Service

In June we held our annual Pet Service where all of God's creatures were welcomed into the School Chapel for a service of celebration.

Shell Form Baking

Our Shell Form bakers have been working hard this term, making over 100 scones for Solihull Sustain! Now we just need to buy enough jam...





Summer Art Exhibition

The annual summer exhibition took place in the George Building in June. Guests, Governors, parents and pupils enjoyed live music and refreshments as they viewed the new A-Level and GCSE work in art and photography around the School. Local junior schools also attended to see their postcards and poems displayed with our Junior School artwork, and prizes were awarded by the Mayor.



All Blacks Rugby legend visits Solihull

This term we welcomed All Blacks legend Sean Fitzpatrick to the School. He addressed the Parents' Association Sportsman's Dinner with tales of rugby attitude, mentality and success.



Solihull's Chilean partnership continues

This term Solihull School hosted 32 young students (15-17 years old) from Wessex School, Concepción, Chile along with their three teachers. 22 Solihull families hosted our visitors and a huge 'thank you' goes out to all these wonderful families for making our visitors' stay so enjoyable. This is our ninth year of receiving Wessex students and I am delighted our international link remains so strong.





Fundraising for LAFF

After watching an assembly by Mrs Brown on LAFF (Latin American Foundation for the Future) and the orphans of Azul Wasi, Cuzco, Peru, Emily Watson in the Lower Sixth decided to do something for this charity. She had the inspiration to put together a dance performance and call it 'No LAFFing Matter'. Emily worked all year with a wonderful bunch of pupils from Junior School all the way up to the Lower Sixth on dance routines and performances. Emily was very much at the forefront with the choreography and costumes. On the evening of 16 June the performance took place in front of a 100-plus audience. The evening raised £1208.50 and a very kind benefactor in the audience offered to double the sum, taking it to over £2000.

During the year, pupils from the Junior School to the Upper Sixth have been doing events and fundraising activities to raise £200 for each of the 16 orphans in Azul Wasi. The total for their endeavours stands at £3117.74 so when added to the No LAFFing Matter total, it is now well over £5000. Well done to the dancers and all involved and to everyone at School who has helped to provide improved education for the orphans of Azul Wasi.

A final thank you needs to go to the OSA who have sponsored one of the orphans who has turned 18 and is trying to make his way by getting to university in Cuzco. This has been a long hard struggle and the OSA's donations have helped him acquire more tutoring to help him pass his Engineering exams.



J4 Loudmouth Workshop

On Tuesday 7 June, the J4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a drama performance delivered by the educational theatre company, 'Loudmouth'. It was a humorous example of the changes we face during puberty, both physically and mentally. The play was well performed by David and Chanel and was entitled 'My Mate Fancies You'.

The comical play was all about how two best friends, Daniel and Clare, grow up in adolescence, start senior school and how they experience changes in their lives. The actors played their characters really well, covering sensitive issues and making us laugh along the way.

Daniel Abrahams





Visit from the Problem Solving Company

On 19 May, the Junior School took part in a workshop run by 'The Problem Solving Company'. Each year group took part in a carousel of activities which required them to work in teams and share their ideas to solve each task. Everyone had lots of fun!



J3 PGL Boreatton Park

The J3s had a fantastic time on the weekend trip to PGL. Raft building, canoeing, archery and completing an assault course were some of the activities that the J3s enjoyed this year. Everyone had a great time due to the fabulous weather.



History trip to Mary Arden's Farm

This term the Junior School went to Mary Arden's Farm to experience life as a Tudor. We dressed up in traditional Tudor costume and tried our hand at different activities including bread making, Tudor cloth painting, candle making and lamb feeding. We learned how important wool was to the Tudors and what it was used for. We watched the blacksmith at work and then observed an authentic Tudor lunch. Afterwards, we made butter and sang along! Then, we met a beautiful eagle owl who swooped around. Our day came to an end, but we had time for a spot of Tudor dancing before popping into the gift shop!



Junior School Trips to Oxford

The J3 pupils travelled to Oxford to visit the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology as part of their Art project on Japanese/ Chinese ceramics. Whilst there, they sketched interesting design ideas and photographed their favourite exhibits. In addition, they visited the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and completed a series of tasks intended to challenge their observation skills. A great day out was had by all!

J1 pupils also enjoyed a variety of enjoyable activities on their recent trip to Oxford. They first visited The Story Museum, where they read books in their dressing gowns on a huge bed, dressed up as story book characters and visited Narnia! They then went to the Museum of Natural History and searched for fossils, minerals and shells. They had a brilliant day, and learned a lot!





Junior School Mock Elections

To become the Prime Minister of Solihull Junior School, I first put myself forward to be the J4A candidate against two other pupils from the other two classes. My first policy was an express lane in the refectory for pupils with a club or music lesson at lunch and for teachers. My second policy was a First-Aid club for all of the Junior School. My last policy was for a prep room to be open every break and lunch for any pupil.

Everyone in the class voted for who they wanted to represent their class. I won with the most votes. Then, I made six posters to post around the school showing my policies. A couple of days later, I presented my policies to the Junior School. I ran against Josh Kermode and Tom Burnett. The three of us explained our policies to the students. We were asked challenging questions from the audience. Then, during break, every staff and pupil had a choice to vote for a Prime Minister. After lunch, I was announced as the new Prime Minister of 2016.

I have since spent the rest of term looking into the feasibility of my policies, working alongside the Junior Council.

Ryan Stephens, J4A



Junior School Public Speaking

This year's J4 Public Speaking competition contained a wide variety of topics and was hotly contested by six pupils, two from each J4 form. The Swain Public Speaking prize winner for 2016 emerged as Conor Collins, who entertained and enthralled the audience with an amazing array of facts and figures about the history, development and mysteries of the Rubik's cube. Mr Babb, who will be Head of Year for the current J4 pupils as they transfer to the Lower School in September, judged the competition this year and was very impressed by the pupils' confidence and knowledge.

Junior School Drama Club

This year a number of us participated in the J3 Drama Club run, once a week, by Miss Lynch and Miss Compton. As we will be J4s next year, this is a good experience for the big play coming up in J4 and we have had lots of fun rehearsing our play 'The Real Pierre Pan', which involves two lazy brothers, an impatient granny, a fashion-conscious French captain and an elephant wearing pink, spotty underpants. We would like to thank Miss Lynch and Miss Compton for running this fantastic club.

Hannah Greenwood, J3L





Maths Challenge Success

The Junior School has had another successful year for results in the Junior Maths Challenge with thirty eight pupils achieving a bronze, silver or gold award in the paper which is taken by children up to the age of 13. We also entered two teams of J4 pupils for the Year Six Team Maths Challenge at Bromsgrove School and one of our teams won first place; this is the third consecutive win for Solihull Junior School.

J1 Tesco Geography Trip

The J1s learnt all about how our food comes from a farm to our plates to support their Geography topic Farming and Food. They learnt about making their food healthy and considering the food information labels on packaging.

Raspberry Pi Workshop

In May a group of ten lucky J4s were selected to take part in a Raspberry Pi workshop as part of our Stretch and Challenge Programme. When the group of selected pupils walked into the room we were astounded to see computers already set up for us. We were introduced to the Pi programming interface, and were told that we would be changing the mechanics of Minecraft, a game all people there were familiar with. We were shown how to use the python system. With our teacher, Mr Organ, we learned how to build with Pi and do a number of other commands that we were previously unfamiliar with. I believe I speak for everyone when I say that we thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Ned Goodman, J4M



Junior School Book Bench Design Competition

Junior School pupils were excited to learn the results of a Junior School drawing competition to create an imaginative design for our book bench. 'The Big Read' is a new literacy/art initiative to encourage young readers and in doing so create colourful benches in the shape of an open book. The pupils voted for their favourite author, which turned out to be David Walliams, and used his characters as inspiration. Fifteen eye-catching designs are now being transferred onto the bench and all pupils will be involved in painting it.



Junior School Council Report

Junior School Council has once again had a very successful term. We participated in an event where we had to state 25 things we think you should do before leaving primary school –this was a hilarious session as there were lots of funny stories to tell. Around this time we also met with Mrs Skan to discuss what people we would like to come in to talk to us about our careers. Pupils from School Council also counted votes for our school Prime Minister and the overall outcome was that Ryan Stephens won. After another successful year, School Council has made many positive changes to improve the school and we can't wait for the J3s to lead next year. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Jones who has helped us carry out all of the feasible suggestions and has helped with all of the meetings.

Pippa Meigh, School Council Chairperson



Junior School Concert

Junior School concerts are always full of verve of promise, and this term's was no exception, and involved a large number of pupils. It was primarily for ensemble and year group performances, though there were a few solo performances from some J4 pupils. Eight of the Junior School music ensembles performed: Wind Band; Orchestra; Junior Jazzers; Flute Group; String Ensemble; String Quartet; String Quintet & Junior School Choir. Each year group presented vocal or instrumental items they had developed through their curriculum music lessons allowing so many of the pupils to perform in public. The concert concluded with the whole of J4 marking the end of their time in the Junior School with the song Believe, with such lines as: *'I can do anything at all, if I can just believe in me'* and *'And with friends around to care, there is nothing I can't handle, and I'll face the future treasuring each day'*. Knowing these wonderful young people, we have every confidence this will be the case; a tremendous finale!



Solihull Sings!

Over the past five years Mr Walker has created and developed the choral outreach programme *Solihull Sings!*, bringing together Year 4 children from a number of local primary schools. This term we had the eleventh in the series and we welcomed children from Mapledene Primary and Sharmans Cross Junior schools, along with our own J2 pupils. The singing was as vibrant as ever, with many of the favourite songs returning. The only tinge of sadness was that it was the final such event for Mr Walker. A huge 'thank you', Mr Walker, from many Year 4 pupils, for all your energy, enthusiasm and encouragement.



Yesterday was our first yoga session! A great way to clear the exam fog out of your head for an hour #exams #alevels. (24 May)



Music for two Summer Evenings

At a point in the term when the weather really did feel as though summer was on its way, 150 pupils played and sang in 14 different orchestral, wind, string and jazz ensembles in one or both of the Summer Concert and the Jazz & Light Music Concert. The programmes, as usual, featured a wonderful breadth of musical periods, styles and genres. Particular highlights included concerto-style solo performances, with orchestral accompaniment, from Charlotte Sasse, Hannah Shakeshaft (violins), Megan Lloyd (piano) and Dominic Martens (cello).

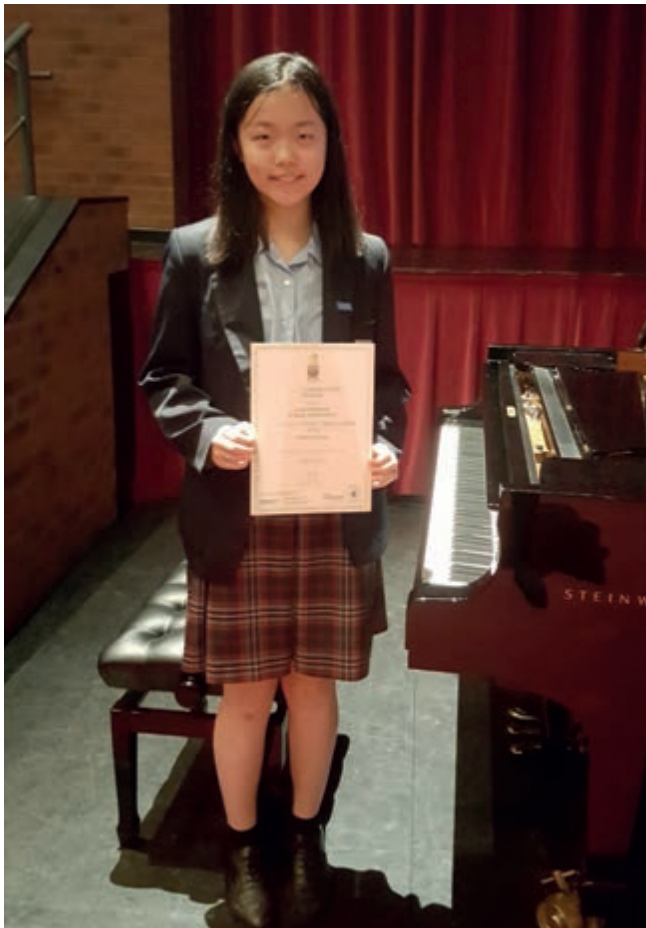


Warbling at Worcester

On Tuesday 14 June the Boys' and Girls' Choirs travelled to Worcester to sing Evensong in the magnificent Cathedral. Like the young professionals that they are, they rose to the demands of leading the worship in a focused manner as if they did it every day. They sang some glorious, but challenging, repertoire with great skill, musicianship and soaring tone. A huge thank you to Mr Walker for conducting and to Mr Irving for so quickly adapting to the huge Cathedral organ.



Today our J1&2s did heads, shoulders, knees, toes and cones warm up in Games.... In Spanish!!! #SolSchJS #SolSchMFL. (24 May)



Diploma at the age of 12!

Well done to Third Former Ziyang He, who (at the age of 12) has achieved her Trinity College of Music performance diploma on the piano – the next level beyond grade 8. What a fantastic and incredible achievement!

Festival Successes

Once again, a number of our pupils have gained successes in music festivals outside school. This term, congratulations are due to the following for gaining 1st or 2nd places at the Northfield Festival of Music and Speech: Hannah Greenwood, Ella Furber and Eve Colyer.

BBC Sunday Worship - Unbounded Love

On 3 July the BBC paid a visit to Solihull School, with the Chapel Choirs broadcasting a live Radio 4 Sunday Worship programme to an estimated 1.35 million listeners worldwide. The theme of the service was 'Unbounded Love', reflecting on the 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. Led by Fr. Andrew, the Bishop of Birmingham was the guest speaker.

Too hot to Handel!

On Sunday 24 April the Chamber Choir was joined by friends, parents and members of local choral societies for a massed performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by the Sinfonia of Birmingham and conducted by Mr Walker. The choruses (including the famous 'Hallelujah' Chorus and 'For unto us a child is born') were interspersed by sublime and virtuosic solos by four young professional singers; Camilla Harris, Edward McMullan, Josh Cooter and George Coltart. The performance was of an exceptionally high standard and thoroughly deserved a standing ovation from the audience, especially for Mr Walker's inspiring direction. Whilst not his final concert here in school, it was a great way to show our collective gratitude for all he has done for the choral music at Solihull over the past six years. Repton School are lucky indeed to gain such an outstanding musician and teacher as their new Director of Music.



Last week some of our sports tops were delivered to a school in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka and given out. #SolSchJS. (6 June)



Junior School Sport Report

As ever, the summer term brings with it a plethora of sporting endeavours for the Junior School pupils. The U11 boys put in an almost flawless performance at the Midlands Championships, narrowly losing out in the final by 1 goal to become regional runners up. The same age group now look forward to what will hopefully be a strong run in the Lord's Taverners Cricket Cup. Elsewhere, although the weather was not the friendliest at the start of the season, the U10 cricket team narrowly lost out to Hallfield in a nail-biting encounter and the U9 boys put in a great home performance, also against Hallfield. The U11 boys won the County Cricket Championships this term. The boys played extremely well, beating King Henry VIII School in the semi-final before overcoming Bablake in the final. They now go on to represent the School in the Regional Finals also to be held at Bablake School.

The girls have also posted some equally impressive performances, with excellent rounders wins against Arnold Lodge in several age groups and a narrow loss at U10 to Hallfield. There have also been plenty of other fixtures for the girls with the U9, U10 and U11 teams all competing at the annual rounders tournament at The Croft.

The Junior School were also invited to attend the inaugural Hallfield Relay Invitational, with pupils from U8 through to U11 competing. This proved to be a roaring success with both the U10/U11 boys' and girls' teams winning their categories, the U8/U9 boys' team being runners up, and the U8/U9 girls' team coming third. A fantastic day for all.

We all now look forward to an action-packed Sports Day, as well as Borough Sports.

Borough Sports

On Wednesday 22 June, a selection of J3 and J4 pupils represented Solihull at the annual Borough Sports. Despite there being a record number of schools competing, Solihull pupils managed to achieve top 10 places for field events, with a special mention to Cameron Holland for finishing 1st in the long jump. Good luck to Daniel Abrahams, Sarah Gahan, Maisie Le Van and Tom Bavin who are running in the finals of the 600m and 75m respectively, taking place on Thursday 30 June.



We sent two teams to @BromsSchool for the Yr6 Maths Challenge, and they came 1st and 5th! #SolSchJS #SolSchMaths. (13 June)



Canoe Team

Solihull Canoe team is enjoying its best season to date. In the regional Hasler marathon races, our students have been racing over a four-mile course. In division 7, Beatrix Huissoon and ex-student Tom Gill frequently dominate and have scored a number of first places. Their continued success should see them promoted to the next level, covering the eight-mile course. The Shell Form team of Freya Webber and Oscar Huissoon was successful in being promoted to division 8 early in the season. In their first season over the four-mile course Ellie Lawley and the Solihull Canoe Club paddler Rhys Tipping are competing well in division 9, frequently beating adults in their class.

In the Junior School, Jem Perry has achieved a number of good finishes in the Lightning class and we expect a strong group of new paddlers to join him from this term's trials thanks to Miss Lynch's enthusiasm and encouragement.



Golf Society

Each year the Silhillians Golfing Society represent Solihull School in the Grafton Morrish competition which is scratch foursomes for three pairs of former pupils of schools who are members of the Headmasters' Conference. Solihull was one of its founder members in 1962, has qualified for the finals every year except two and has won the main competition twice, the Salver twice and the Committee Bowl on three occasions.

In the Midland Regional Qualifying Round held at Olton GC, Solihull introduced Andy Hooper into the team for the first time, a 2015 leaver, who successfully teamed up with James Hetherington to achieve the best stableford points total for the School.

Solihull qualified in fourth place for the finals to be held in Norfolk in October. Monmouth are the Regional winners, with Coventry & KES Birmingham being well beaten.

The Society congratulates the current members of the School golf teams who have achieved remarkable success this year at both Regional & National level and hopes that the leaving members of the Upper Sixth will be shortly challenging for places in our Grafton team.



Golfing success at St Andrews

Back in April, the School Golf Team travelled to St Andrews to compete in the ISGA National Golf Final. The team, which consisted of Tom Brewer, James Scagell and Jacob Arnold, qualified for the event as a result of being crowned regional winners of their Midland division. The final was played over two days, and the field was made up of the top twenty golfing schools in the country. In terms of the team competition, the School finished in a commendable 11th place. In the individual competition, Tom Brewer won a Golf Medal for coming in the top 20, Jacob Arnold received a Silver Medal for being placed in the middle 20, and James Scagell was awarded a Bronze Medal. Tom's Gold Medal placing was an excellent achievement considering the quality of players there and the toughness of the courses and weather conditions.



Cricket Success

Cricket at Solihull has recorded incredible success this term; the U13A team has reached the National Cup Final which is to be played on 7 July at Oakham School, whilst the U15A team has also reached the National Cup Final to be played on 6 July, also at Oakham. We have also reached the final in the Warwickshire County Cup at Senior, U13 and U12 age groups which are all yet to be played. The U13s have also retained the trophy in the 'Solihull Sixes' cricket tournament with an outstanding display of attacking six-a-side cricket.



Summer Term Teams of the Week

School Golf Team

Excellent victory v Old Silhillians G.S.

Sixth Form Spanish Team

Assisting Spanish Exchange students on a treasure hunt & tour of Birmingham

Fourth Form DofE Bronze Team

Great resilience and determination shown on a very challenging expedition to Snowdonia

Lower Fifth Queen's Birthday Party Team

Excellent ambassadors for the School

Athletics Team

Superb victory in the Norman Green event

Young Enterprise Team 'Echo'

Winners of the 'Best Customer Service' Award in the Birmingham Area Young Enterprise Competition

Lower Fifth DofE Bronze Team

Excellent performance from all Bronze candidates in the Peak District

U13 Cricket Team

Winners of the Solihull Six-a-side Competition

Sailing Team

Fantastic performance in the OMSC fixture

Benchers 2015-16

A fantastic team effort for 2015-2016

LAFF Dance Team

Excellent performance and fundraising

U13 Cricket Team

National Finalists

U15 Cricket Team

National Finalists

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