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Mitre Musings

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Mitre Storm the Steep

The whole-school Steeplechase competition is always something that the Mitre never fails to put all of their effort and enthusiasm into, as well as their desire to win. The Juniors set out first and a large number of them were also the first to return after their 2.5 miles. Georgie Whitehouse came back with a well deserved win; having followed the leader around the course she put all of her effort into a final sprint beating a member of the Garden as she came through the gate, to take winner of the

Junior Competition. She was closely followed by Rosie Cordingley in 3rd place, and Phoebe Walters who came in 4th. The stream of Mitre tops did not stop there with 8 of the top 10 runners coming in from the Mitre!

Next was the senior competition. Although this is an optional run for the upper sixth, house spirit led a large number of them to taking part along with the entire L6, which seemed to make all the difference. Laura Clague ran a superb race; following the lead-

ers the entire way around the 4.5 miles and making her way to the finish line in an impressive third place. This was closely followed by Hannah Barker, 4th, Sophie Davies, 5th, Faye Bilsland, 8th, Jenny Korotkova, 9th, and Lottie Jameson, 10th. With so many of the senior Mitre girls finishing in the top 20, we were able to retain the trophy, allowing us to return to the house, covered in mud, with three out of the 5 girl's trophies. A fantastically performed house event.

By Hannah Barker
(U6M)



Parker 100

The Parker-100 is an event which takes place every Lent Term on behalf of Chris Parker who was a teacher at Repton School in the 1980's. He was a keen cross country runner, however towards the end of his life he was unable to run due to him having to

have his leg amputated when a cancerous tumour was discovered. The Parker-100 is therefore an event that many Reptonians choose to take part in throughout the term, by running 100 miles in the 10 weeks through the dark nights and rainy days, in memory of this inspirational man. Many people

within Mitre are taking part in this, and it is yet another representative of Mitre's determination to complete any tasks facing them. This year, E. Boyce, F. Bilsland and D. Collins have all completed the challenge and can proudly wear their scarf (or tie!) By Emily Boyce (L6M)

"In Memoriam"

Maggie was a member of the house domestic staff for many years, and became a well loved member of it, especially amongst the Upper 6th, as it was on this corridor that she spent a lot of time. Tragically, in January she passed away after having spent many weeks fighting cancer. The Mitre family wished to make a lasting tribute to her by running the 'Race for Life', which is a charity based on raising money for Cancer Research UK, on the 8th of May in Darley Park. Over two thirds of the house will be running on behalf of her and anyone else who is close to their heart. We would be grateful for any donations that you would be willing to donate to this charity that helps so many. By Emily Boyce



Senior Netball

The B competition took place first on a miserable Saturday afternoon. Luckily we had the luxury of the Sports Hall and the Mighty Mitre got off to a great start beating the Abbey! With Lottie Jameson making her debut in the house netball team and Sophie Davis leading with such enthusiasm as B team Captain the team had a clean sweep beating all the houses and then dominating the final against Field.

Straight after, the A team took to the court and with what looked like an invincible team on paper with the Mitre having the majority of the first Netball team and 'A' team players, it didn't quite go according to plan. With the Abbey making a quick start we soon fell behind and the game was over before we knew it. The same happened in the Field game and we went into the Garden game determined to win and not come last. We beat the Garden by quite a lot and unfortunately we finished the competition how we should have started, however it was a great afternoon and the Mitre won 3 out of the 4 house netball trophies. Another fantastic effort in the house matches by the Mitre and yet more trophies to add to the collection.

By Eleanor Sharples (5M)

Mitre Get On Up!



What made this year's Mitre House Unison so fabulous was undoubtedly the attitude with which we approached the competition. We were led by Tamsin, assisted by Hannah and Kiki on the piano, and our aim was for the house to enjoy the experience as much as possible. This was most certainly achieved as the post-tea rehearsals of our song *Keep on Movin'* by 5ive were characterised by their good-natured atmosphere, and we worked hard at learning the song with minimum shouting needed by the prefects. Because of this efficiency, we were able to learn the piece in just a couple of rehearsals, conveniently giving us plenty of time to

devise and perfect an action for just about every word in the song, which was greatly enjoyed by the performers and audience alike. The night itself was good fun, with the Upper Sixth dressed as 'bees and birds', which for some meant sticking as many covered feathers on themselves as they possibly could. Though we missed out on a trophy, we all had a good time and we knew in our heart of hearts that we were, indeed, quite fabulous.

By Kiki Betts-Dean
U6M



Music Competitions

The House music competitions are always a feared by any Mitre girl, who sits waiting to perform, and looks at the program and sees no other Mitre girls name written on it. But this year, Mitre was not fazed by the competition from other houses, and surprisingly managed to come back to the house in the evening with 3 cups and 2 highly commended.

Charlotte Graham 5M started off the competition success in the early afternoon and performed superbly in the Junior Classical Song section of the competition with her rendition of "Les Berceaux" by Faure. This was a measured and confident performance and the adjudicator was highly complementary about Charlotte's tone and connection with the audience. Charlotte won this section of the competition, and retained her winning title from 2009-10. In the Senior Girls Classical Song competition, Kiki Betts Dean U6M was highly commended by the adjudicator for her mesmerising rendition of "Heart the Seat of Soft Delight" by Handel, from *Acis and Galatea*. She showed her extraordinary musicality in her performance of this piece and captured the audience with superb confidence. The other Mitre performer in this section of the competition was Emma Monteiro U6M. Emma confidently sang of "O del mio dolce ardour" by Gluck. This performance was wonderful and there were several moments which rendered the audience into a still silence as Emma captured their attention. With this performance Emma was awarded the second cup of the day - the senior classical voice.

The final aspect of the girl's singing competition was the Senior Girls Popular Song. Emma Monteiro had a quick change of outfit, and took to stage with her rendition of "Typically English" by Newley. This was an amusing song, which Emma performed with ease and character. The adjudicator was clear to highlight that it was her wholehearted performance of the song that led to her being awarded the cup for this aspect of the competition - giving her a clean sweep in both the Classical and Popular sections of the competition.

Also performing in the Senior Strings competition was Emma Stoll L6M. This was a polished performance and showed Emma to be a talented cello player. Her technical ability and extremely high standard stunned the adjudicator who awarded her highly commended.

Charlotte Graham, 5M





Mitre Net Netball Junior Title



Harmony

In deciding on a song for this year's Mitre Harmony, the group decided to go against the normal choices for harmony songs, discarding the tired School House spirituals and frenetic Field House bopping in favour of indie goddess Florence Welch's hit song *Dog Days are Over*. The group, which included representatives from four of the five year levels, was challenged by the a capella arrangement devised by Kiki, and indeed, the first few rehearsals did not sound quite as intended. However, after some hard work and the calling in of reinforcements in the form of L6 Rose Knight, it was starting to shape up extremely well. The arrangement showcased solos by Emma Monteiro and Kiki as well as including a tambourine, body percussion and a wide range of dynamics, register and timbre that kept the audience on their toes. By the time we performed the piece for the Mitre the day before the competition, it was generally agreed that it was Mitre's best yet; original, catchy and well-executed. Again, though we missed out on the silverware, we officially won over the crowd as everyone loved our piece, and more than one member of the audience declared emphatically that we were 'robbed'.

By Kiki Betts-Dean U6M



On a cold Saturday afternoon, out came the pink face paint as fifteen Mitre girls headed down to the Netball courts, not forgetting Mrs. Parish, our chief supporter who brought with her a flask of warm hot chocolate.

Firstly we split off into two teams: A and B. The captains for these were Jess Variava and Amy Davies, who did a great job of sorting out positions for everyone! Every team played the other houses and overall we found Field house to be our hardest opposition. However even though they were a challenge, they were of course no match for the Mighty Mitre who retained their victory and won both A and B groups to come out as champions!! Thank you to Mrs. Parish for all your support and also for buying us all Dominoes pizza to celebrate!! By Laura Carver 3M

