



Congratulations to :



George Massey -
Swimming Sports Scholarship to Millfield



Matthew Walker -
All-Round Scholarship to Millfield

PREP SCHOOL EVENTS

**Children Return
Boarders** 6th Jan 7:00pm
Day children 7th Jan 8:20am

Coffee Morning
All parents welcome
Wed 7th Jan 8:30pm

**Talk by Old Westhillian,
James Coote**
Thu 8th Jan 4:30pm

Coffee Morning
All parents welcome
Sat 10th Jan 8:30pm

ACTIVITIES BEGIN
Mon 12th Jan

**Townsend Warner History
Paper I**
Mon 12th Jan

STAYING IN WEEKEND
Sun 18th Jan

**Individual Music Lesson
Open Weeks**
Mon 19th Jan -
Fri 30th Jan

Public Speaking Competition
Tue 20th Jan 6:00pm

Yr 5 Parents' Evening
Mon 26th Jan 6:00-8:00pm

**Inter-form Swimming
Competition (3)**
Fri 30th Jan 2:50pm

**Yr 7 visit to National
Army Museum**
Mon 2nd Feb 7:30am-5:30pm

**Yrs 4 to 6 Science and
Maths Day**
Tue 3rd Feb

**Talk on Cockleshell Heroes
and WWII armoury**
Tue 3rd Feb 4:30-5:30pm

Informal Lunchtime Concert
Thu 5th Feb 1:00-1:30pm

Yr 3 Butser Hill History visit
Fri 6th Feb

Informal Lunchtime Concert
Fr 6th Feb 1:00-1:30pm

**Yr 6 Parents' Social Evening
and opportunity to meet the
new Headmaster**
Fri 6th Feb 6:00-8:00pm

**COMMON ENTRANCE
MOCK EXAMINATIONS**
Mon 9th - Thu 12th Feb

Half Term Holiday
Fri 13th Jan 4:00pm

**Children Return
Boarders** 22nd Feb 7:00pm
Day children 23rd Feb 8:20am

OPEN MORNING
Sat 28th Feb 10:30-12:30

EXEAT WEEKEND
Fri 13th Mar 4:00pm

STAYING IN WEEKEND
Sun 22nd Mar

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Fri 27th Mar 4:00pm

Please refer to
Term Calendar/Website
for details



See the Sports Page for more information
on Sport at West Hill Park



1st XV Hampshire Collegiate Rugby Festival
Winners



U10 Durlston Netball Tournament
Runners-Up



Congratulations to Old Westhillian, **Daniel Faulkner**, who has been selected for the England U16 Hockey Training Squad.

Daniel has won this honour a year young. He started playing Hockey at Havant Hockey Club where he still plays. He was a member of the West Hill Park 1st XI for two years and has now moved on to Portsmouth Grammar School. He follows in the footsteps of his brother, Simon, who captained England U16 and, subsequently, England U18.

NURSERY EVENTS

Children Return
Wed 7th Jan

Coffee Morning
All parents welcome
Wed 7th Jan 8:30pm

Coffee Morning
All parents welcome
Sat 10th Jan 8:30pm

Chinese New Year Feast
Mon 26th Jan

Half Term Holiday
Fri 13th Jan 3:00pm
wrap-around care continues

Children Return
Mon 23rd Feb

OPEN MORNING
Sat 28th Feb 10:30-12:30

World Book Day Activity week
Thu 5th Mar

'Key Person' meetings
Mon 9th - Fri 13th Mar

New Children Orientations
Fri 20th Mar

Easter Bonnet Parade
Mon 23rd Mar

Singalong
Mon 23rd Mar

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Fri 27th Mar 3:00pm
wrap-around care continues

Refer to Term Calendar/
Website for details

PRE-PREP EVENTS

Children Return
7th Jan 8:20am

Coffee Morning
All parents welcome
Wed 7th Jan 8:30pm

Coffee Morning
All parents welcome
Sat 10th Jan 8:30pm

CLUBS BEGIN
Mon 12th Jan

Foundation Parents' Coffee Morning
Mon 12th Jan 8:30am

Yr 1 visit to Southampton Art Gallery
Thu 22nd Jan

Fire Engine visit
Tue 3rd Feb

Half Term Holiday
Fri 13th Jan 3:15pm
Griffin Club until 5:30pm

Children Return
23rd Feb 8:20am

OPEN MORNING
Sat 28th Feb 10:30-12:30

Book Week and Usborne Book Fair
Mon 2nd Mar

Yr 1 visit to Locks Heath Library
Mon 2nd Mar

Book Character Day
Thu 5th Mar

Yr 2 visit to Waterstones Book Shop
Fri 6th Mar

Reception visit to Manor Farm
Mon 9th Mar

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Fri 27th Mar 4:00pm

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Nursery Department

This term we supported 'Children in Need' by wearing pyjamas to Nursery and raised £54 for the charity. **Sophie Anderson** won our 'Children in Need' raffle.

Families were invited to our open swim on Wednesday, December 10th, to see the huge progress made by the children this term. The Lucy Williams swim school team do an amazing job and we are very grateful.

We are preparing for our Nativity to be performed at the end of term and the children have been singing well in Nursery, and on journeys around the school. With many children attending part-time and, sadly, many being unwell this term, the rehearsals are not easy to plan so we take opportunities as we can and try very hard to make it fun. We are very proud of every child in our Nativity; each brings his/her character and certainly we can never be sure what will happen on the day! Thank you to Mrs. Scott-Hall, our Music teacher, for her support this term and the children from Years 3 and 4 who kindly supported our Nativity as a choir. We have shared many special times with the Prep School children who come and read stories to the Nursery children; they also treated us to a magic show this term. The Nursery children enjoyed teaching older children their Nativity songs.

We say goodbye to **Megan. Bae, Charlie, Euan and Zak** as they head off for a wonderful time in Pre-Prep next term.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children's journey through Nursery is varied, busy and always magical. Happy Christmas to all our families and we look forward to hearing your holiday news next term.



Pre-Prep Department

French Café

Year 1 had great fun this week when their French lesson turned into a French café. They listened to Gallic music whilst sampling Pain au Chocolat, crêpes and other French delicacies. After learning from Madame Erard how to order in French they tried their new linguistic skills out on Madame Brown and Madame Gray, the waitresses.

Pre-Prep Cooking Week

The children had a week of cooking and they had great fun making cookies and cakes. They were so inspired they wrote a poem.



Carrot Cake Cooking

- I SAW mixing bowls and messy flour
brown sugar and orangey carrots
- I FELT wet damp carrots
and hard smooth eggs
- I HEARD cracking egg shells
and whisking, splash, splash, splash!
- I SMELT spicy cinnamon, strong and sweet
and yummy carrot cake cooking
- I TASTED carrot cake
soft and chewy and delicious to eat.

Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Saturday, the 6th December, the Shells arrived at school in Ancient Egyptian splendour. There were Pharaohs, Queens, princes, princesses, gods and goddesses, slaves and a mummy or two! Well done, Mums and Dads; the children looked spectacular. The morning was spent immersed in hieroglyphics, bead-stringing and a story or two, and, before we knew it, the end of the day had arrived... and some very excited children were able to go home and warm up! No deserts to be seen on this adventure, unfortunately!



Primary Maths Challenge

Some of Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, a national mathematics competition. This year's results are as follows:

Gold: **Daniel Damley-Jones.**

Silver: **Freddy Mardlin, Amelia Greene, Ananth Sathanath, Alec Damley-Jones and Caleb Gaylon.**

Bronze: **Charles Bolton, Tom Price, Georgina Neaves, Emelia Brown, Ben Sharpley, Sophia Wybourne, Roberto Fiorentino and Charlie Callaghan.**

Daniel needed only two more correct answers to make it through to the next stage of the competition. With such excellent results from Year 5, we are full of hope for even better results next year!

Friends of West Hill - BOND BALL - Sat 14th March

Having entertained the children this term with the Hallowe'en Disco, we are now eagerly preparing a Ball for parents in March. The theme will be James Bond/007 and we're sure there will be some imaginative attire, extremely suave and glamorous! There will be more details and ticket information next term.

We have continued to update the cellars, with the addition of a juke box this term, and we have plans for several new sofas and a flat screen TV next term.

Boarding House

We welcomed Beth Simkins as Senior Matron at the start of November and she immediately fitted into our growing community and is proving very popular with the children!

'Fun Nights' in this half of term have been very successful and loved by all! They have included: Dodge ball in the Sports Hall, 'FireBox' in the woods, Bonfire Night with a super firework display, Superstars and Party games. The winning contestants in West Hill Park 'X' Factor were **Elena Dode, Shannon Williams and Anna Lewis** for their rendition of 'Fat Sam's Grand Slam' from Buggy Malone!



The 'Staying in Weekend' saw us set sail for the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth. The children enjoyed learning about life on board HMS Victory and HMS Warrior and loved the activities involved at 'Action Stations'.

Due to our increasing numbers in the Boarding House, we have a very limited number of beds available from January 2009. If you are keen for your child to board and wish to avoid disappointment, please do get in touch with me via my contact details below as soon as possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from the Boarding House.

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George Thomas
Boarding Housemaster



Master of Ceremonies, Mr Jeremy Irons



Miss Olivia Adam, Soloist



Mr Jim Bristow and Mrs Tina Riggs-Bristow



Remembering at West Hill Park

On Saturday, 1st November, 2008 a concert of Remembrance took place in the Jubilee Hall. The programme was comprised of words and music drawn from the First World War to the present day. David Poole had spent almost a year planning and refining the whole evening, and it is a tribute to his influence and persuasive powers that a unique cast gathered at West Hill Park. The actor, Jeremy Irons, was Master of Ceremonies, and the readers included Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles, (Ambassador to Afghanistan), Lord Salisbury, Field Marshall The Lord Inge, General Sir Mike Jackson, ITN Political Correspondent, Tom Bradby, and The First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Jonathon Band. Those of us over a certain age were delighted that the actor Richard Todd OBE, star of films such as *The Dambusters*, *Robin Hood* and *Rob Roy* travelled all the way from Lincolnshire to read a moving account of his own part in the capture of Pegasus Bridge on D Day in 1944. Interspersed with the readings were medleys and solos of songs from both World Wars sung beautifully by the Clifton Singers from Winchester.

An evening such as this relies heavily on a willing band of volunteers who are prepared to go well beyond the call of duty in order to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We are hugely indebted to Amanda Morse, Alison Carey, Andrea Adam and Jane Hudson for all their hard work. Jill Evans was as efficient as ever in overseeing ticket allocation, and Angela Ringelberg and Madeleine Moore ensured that the guest readers arrived unruffled at the lectern. 250 thirsty guests were well cared for by Sarah Stacey, Pete Somers (who made a welcome return) and the Hudson daughters. In the pouring rain, Tom Bromfield and his tenacious band of school car park attendants endured a continuous downpour whilst directing the car parking. Chris Carey was entirely responsible for the beautiful programme and the stunning lighting that created just the right atmosphere throughout the whole evening. The power of the words and music will remain with me for ever, but there were interesting little touches that also left their mark. Richard Todd's humour and humility, and the fact that we could never find Jeremy Irons when we wanted him, because he was sharing a cigarette behind the kitchens with the kitchen ladies (and Nelson!) And, of course, while the readers swallowed hard and licked dry lips in apprehension at performing on such a moving occasion, Olivia Adam (Year 8) set a serene example to us all by appearing completely at ease with the occasion, and consequently sang beautifully, untroubled by the nerves that afflicted her fellow performers.

Over £35,000 was raised for the Army Benevolent Fund, The Royal Navy Benevolent Trust and Help For Heroes from Corporate Sponsors and generous donations.



The actor, Mr Richard Todd, OBE



The First Sea Lord Adm. Sir Jonathon Band, KCB, ADC



Edward Hudson

Miss Rachel Hudson and Mr Pete Somers



Mr Tom Bradby, ITN Political Correspondent



Cdr. Iain Lower RN



Mrs Yolanta Volak-Latter



Headmaster, Edward Hudson and Jane Hudson



Lt. Col. Robert Goodin, OBE



Gen. Jackson, Lord Inge, Lord Poole and The Marquess of Salisbury



Mr Nick Scott-Healey and Mr Ian Jameson



The Marquess of Salisbury, PC



Prof. Peter Johnson, Chairman of the Old Westhilliam Association



His Honour Judge David Goodin



Gen. Sir Mike Jackson and F.M. The Lord Inge KG, GCB, DC, DL



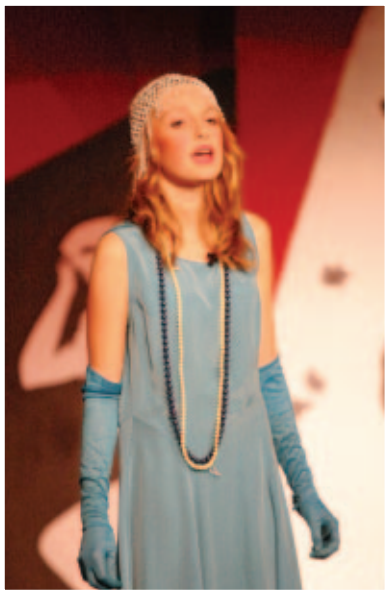
Lady Kate Poole, soloist



Readers from left to right: Tom Bradby, ITN Political Correspondent, Cdr. Iain Lower RN, Edward Hudson, Headmaster, Gen. Sir Mike Jackson, Richard Todd, OBE, Yolanta Volak-Latter, Jeremy Irons and Canon Philip Morgan



BUGSY MALONE



Bugsy Malone was written by Alan Parker as a tongue-in-cheek gangster musical to be performed by children, and the young actors of West Hill Park Preparatory School, Titchfield, assured the appreciative audience that live theatre in this country has a strong future. Offering a variety of entertainment, the show incorporates elements of slapstick, farce, panto, and comedy to blend with the music and dancing. There is also a fast-moving plot, revolving around gang warfare in 1929 New York, with custard pies and splurge guns as weapons! The production that emerged was fresh and lively, and bubbling over with energy and enthusiasm.



The three male leads, Bugsy, the eponymous hero, (**James Broadley**), Fat Sam (**Ed Coulson**) and Dandy Dan (**Hamish Gardner**) were all brilliantly cast and maintained their rôles with seemingly effortless professionalism. Sterling performances also come from the vampish speakeasy songstress Talullah (**Olivia Adam**), aspiring singer and object of Bugsy's affections, Blousy Brown (**Evie Marshall**), and downtrodden Fizzy (**Oliver May-Clingo**).



They were supported by what seemed at times to be a cast of thousands: the stage bustled with crowds of gangsters, inept cops, speakeasy dancers, boxers, and down-and-outs. There was energetic dancing, spirited singing, witty dialogue, and an abundance of flying foam from the splurge guns.



Overall, this was another triumph for West Hill Park, who have gone from strength to strength in the past five years.



Beaulieu has held a steady lead in this term's Star Competition and the hard work of the House members has to be congratulated. In particular, the top girl and boy of each year who have accumulated the most stars are mentioned below;

Year 8 - **Genevieve Khoury** 279, **Zachary Riggs-Bristow** 211

Year 7 - **Ella Jonas** 247, **Tom Sherborne** 173

Year 6 - **Emma Khoury** 274, **Daniel Damley-Jones** 237

Year 5 - **Austin Wallis** 429, **Phoebe Vernon** 193

Year 4 - **Nick Jonas** 477, **Megan Truscott** 421

Year 3 - **Nick Walters** 699, **Aditi Athreya** 657

On the Sports field, the Senior House Rugby Competition looked a wash-out until the Removes' side made a huge lead over the Meon side, and they achieved a substantial number of tries. As the competition was based on the overall number of tries scored throughout the whole competition, this big lead gave Beaulieu 1st place!

Senior Girls' Hockey was not quite as successful and, whilst the teams really played their hearts out, we only managed 3rd place.

Total 16027

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop is open every Monday during term time, from 8.30 - 10.30am. It is also open one Saturday a month, and next term the dates will be as follows: Sat. 10th Jan, Sat. 7th Feb and Sat. 7th Mar, from 8.30 - 9.30am.

Meon have had a wonderful term with much success in the Stars Competition and determination shown on the Sports Field in the House Matches. The House came 2nd in the Senior Girls' House Hockey and came 3rd in the Senior House Rugby. Well done to everyone who has contributed so enthusiastically!

Top Star Earners for the term:

Year 3 – **Archie Ayling** 705, **Niamh Barnes** 590

Year 4 – **Oliver Wright** 521, **Harriett Watt** 344

Year 5 – **Emilia Briggs** 383, **Alex Lower** 322

Year 6 – **Charlie Lower** 302, **Georgina Neaves** 248

Year 7 – **Kirsty Ledger** 232, **Marcus Hett** 167

Year 8 – **Olivia Adam** 315, **James Broadley** and **Milo Peart** 232

Total 15507

Action Photos

Information on how to obtain photographs will be sent home in the end of term mailing. Please see the letter for access and passwords. If you have any questions contact Alistair Gray on agray@westhillpark.com

Look!

Hamble have had a good term. The House Stars Competition has been a weekly battle, and congratulations to everyone in the House for their huge efforts and contributions!

The top Star Earner this term in the Juniors was **Samuel Pereira** with a huge total of 647 Stars, followed closely by **Alexander Shutt** (625) and **Henry Beardsall** (566). In the seniors **Bethany-Jane Carey** earned the most Stars with a total of 271, followed by **Matthew Walker** (262) and **Alex Hall** (246). The grand total was 14101 Stars!

The Show HMs Competition was won by **Evie Edwards** with 8 Show HMs, followed by **Edward Coulson** (5) and **Alex Hall** (5).

Congratulations to the girls for winning the Senior Girls' House Hockey Cup and to the boys for coming runners-up in the Senior House Rugby. A tremendous standard of sport has been achieved by you all.

Total 14101



Ist XV Rugby

Played 16, Won 12, Lost 4

The squad has continued to play some extremely attractive rugby since half term. A solid win at Castle Court (21 – 10) was down to the hard work of the forwards before the backs took their chance to sparkle in the victory over Hordle Walhampton (32 – 5). At Highfield, the boys were outgunned by a heavier set of forwards but played with intelligence and grit throughout, losing 10 – 31. The fixture against Forres Sandle Manor was perhaps the most technically correct performance from a Ist XV in the last three years, as the team scored fifty unanswered points away from home. Against Westbourne House, the boys were unable to maintain this momentum and stumbled to a disappointing 10 – 17 defeat. Stroud did not provide a stern test, but it was encouraging to see a good number of boys making their first team debut as they won by a sixty point margin.

The Ist XV squad then travelled to Hampshire Collegiate School in freezing conditions to take part in their 15-a-side tournament, which was to be contested by eight prep schools drawn from Hampshire and Dorset. West Hill Park were drawn in a pool with Stroud, Forres Sandle Manor and Castle Court. Each game was only ten minutes long and, after a slow start, the boys began to show the sort of form that has resulted in a successful season in the longer version of the game. The boys qualified as winners of their pool without losing a game.

The semi-final was against Twyford and both teams were well matched. Despite some dangerous-looking runners, Twyford were never allowed to get out of their half by virtue of West Hill Park's tenacious defence and the boys' superior power and technique in the loose, which resulted in two unanswered tries.

The final against Norman Court was played in biting cold and near darkness, as a serious injury in a previous game had delayed the climax to the tournament. Two very talented and attacking sides then proceeded to throw everything at one another. Norman Court enjoyed the majority of both the territory and possession but West Hill Park soaked up the pressure and created two opportunities, which they took with great skill to win the tournament without conceding a point.

Results:

Pool Matches: v Stroud won 12 – 0, v FSM won 14 – 0,
v Castle Court won 21 – 0

Semi-Final: v Twyford won 14 – 0

Final: v Norman Court won 14 – 0

COLTS XII Rugby

After an impressive start to the season, the Colts were humbled by a strong Hordle Walhampton side.

When confronted with stronger opposition small things make a big difference and missed tackles, needless knock-ons or not taking opportunities when they present themselves ultimately become the difference between winning and losing. Unfortunately in our 3 matches against Highfield, Westbourne House and Forres Sandle Manor this was the case.

Pleasingly, the end of the season saw a far greater team effort and, with a unified approach and increased desire, the team produced better performances and, against Stroud in particular, played a magnificent 2nd half to come back from behind and win.

Next year, when vying for a place in the Ist XV they will need to increase their intensity and confrontational approach on the rugby field if they wish to claim their position on the team.

U10 Rugby

The results for the U10 sides are not a reflection of the team's hard work this season. As the season has progressed there has been a marked improvement in their defence and positional play. **Bailey Barnes'** defence has been most impressive, delivering bone-crunching tackles on unsuspecting opposition players in every game. **Toby Hett** has also impressed this season with great elusive running and organising the team on defence. The most impressive game for both the 'A' and 'B' team so far has been against Chafyn Grove. Both played excellent rugby against much bigger sides. One of the most pleasing aspects of the season has been the improvement of first-time players. There is much to look forward after the Christmas holidays, where it is to be hoped we will see a few more wins.

U10A - Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 4, Lost 1

U10B - Played 5, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 3

U9 Rugby

The U9's have enjoyed a very successful season so far. Their game plan throughout has been to run the ball. This has led to overwhelming victories against Westborne House and Windlesham House, 45-5 and 25-5 respectively. They did have one upset at Highfield because they allowed the opposition to keep the ball in the ruck and maul situation.

Man of the match so far... Highfield - **Ben Salisbury**, Westbourne - **Harvey Ashworth** and **Nick Jonas**, Windlesham - **Henry Massey**



Senior Girls' Hockey

The **U11 Squad** has had a fantastic season! The enthusiasm and commitment was so good that all the girls in the year played in all the matches, unless ill. They have worked hard in all their practices and have delivered their skills in the matches.

Results:

| | Played | Won | Drew | Lost | Goals For | Goals Against |
|-----|--------|-----|------|------|-----------|---------------|
| U11 | 16 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 45 | 28 |

The season started rather slowly for the **U13/ U12 "A"** and **"B"** Squads, but it finished most successfully. Indeed, this was probably one of the most successful in recent years.

The highlights for the "A" Squad was their victory in the West Hill Park Tournament against very strong opposition and their win against the very strong Portsmouth Grammar School side. The score of 6-3 in the PGS match came through excellent individual play and an outstanding team performance which wore down the opposition.

Congratulations go to **Georgia Davis** who scored 48 goals for the "A" Squad, to **Georgia Davis, Beth Judd** and **Olivia Adam** who were all selected to play for Hampshire and to the following who were awarded or re-awarded School Colours: **Olivia Adam, Beth Judd, Georgia Davis, Holly Stockwell, Olivia Morse, Olivia Nunn** and **Genevieve Khoury**.

However, the greatest success was reflected in the huge individual improvement made by each girl and by the fact that every girl represented the School. The most improved players were: **Rachel Salisbury, Ella Jonas, Beatrice Watts** and **Daisy Devonshire**

Results:

| | Played | Won | Drew | Lost | Goals For | Goals Against |
|-------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----------|---------------|
| U13/U12 "A" | 31 | 20 | 7 | 4 | 75 | 33 |
| U13/U12 "B" | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 21 |

*Jane Hudson
Christine Atkinson
Peter Coote*

U10 Netball

The U10's had a slow start to the Netball season. They struggled to work together as a team and had some disappointing results, which were a good incentive for the girls to improve their play. In training, the girls' passing and dodging improved with practice and they worked hard to use the spaces of the whole Netball court. However, it took a while for them to apply this during matches. All 14 girls represented the school during the term, and they have developed into a strong squad.

Once the team had settled, they were able to put together some excellent pieces of play, with the ball flowing freely down to our shooters. As the shooters' confidence grew, the goals came more easily. The defence worked tirelessly to keep the ball out of each opposition's attacking end. They had an excellent morning at the Durlston Court Tournament, finishing second!

The season ended with a great win against Stroud 14-5 to West Hill Park. The girls played some super Netball putting everything that they have learnt into the game. They should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done!

U9 Netball

When the U9's started in September they still had many skills they needed to master. As a result, the goals were slow in coming against other schools in the first half of term. However, it seemed that just before half term, the penny began to drop for some of the players and we were able to obtain some great victories both home and away. As the girls started winning matches, they began to inspire each other to play more as a team. If they were struggling in a match they always supported each other and either lost gracefully or went on to steal a victory. The U9's played all season as a squad of 13 and, as a result, the whole squad has developed. The girls played 19 matches; they scored 82 goals and learnt some valuable lessons about teamwork. There is no one player of the season because without each other they would not have been able to achieve the results they did. Won 12 Lost 7 Drew 0