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Dear Parents

A wonderful sunny day was had by College 1 when they travelled to London to visit the National Gallery. We were able to spend some time at Trafalgar Square where preparations were underway for the demonstrations to be held the following day, so unfortunately the fountains were off and the ponds had been drained.

At the gallery we were booked for a talk on portraits and our guide, Ben, entertained us for the next hour on self portraits by Titian, Gainsborough and Rembrandt. He remarked that he had thoroughly enjoyed himself as the pupils were knowledgeable, interested, asked good questions and made some comments about the paintings that had him re evaluating his judgements of them.

After lunch we spent a short time sketching in the new Bridget Riley exhibition, as many of the works are well known to C1, before our obligatory pit stop in the shop.

Finally we were able to sit in Trafalgar square again and enjoy ice creams in the sunshine before travelling back to school.

Thank you to college for giving us such a lovely day and for making us proud of you.

Mrs Hayward

Mrs Westrup

Bag2School

If you are de-cluttering over the East holiday, please put aside unwanted clothes, bedding, curtains, belts and handbags. The blue bags will be given to the children to take home during the week of Tuesday 3rd May.

COLLECTION DAY IS THURSDAY 26TH MAY. PLEASE KEEP YOUR BAGS AT HOME UNTIL THIS DATE.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded certificates for the Englishtype Touch Typing course.

College 1

Joel Poland

Amy White

David Cousins

Evan Windwood

Ellie Jones Carlile

Eliza Howe

Oliver Godfrey

Flora Evans

William de Warrenne Waller

College 3

Lois Davies

Gemma Slater

Laura White

Bonnie Beckett

Bradley Brookes

Sean Mullins

Oliver Newhall

Liam Scorziello

College 2

George Lawrence

Wesley Musgrove

Silver Certificates for 50 credits awarded to:

Edward Wilkinson

Arun Watkins

Isabel Rowlands

Marcus Malley

Freddie Carpenter

Joshua Lineham



ALL PUPILS ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR SUMMER UNIFORM AND NO SCHOOL TIE FOR THE SUMMER TERM.

The End of an Era!

Loft's Men Triumph In 6-1 Thrashing of Belmont!

McLaughlin Stars in the Most One-Sided of Games.

It is very hard to put into words just how special Burys Court's Hockey team has been over the last two years. The same basic squad of players has stuck together through thick and thin over two seasons. The pure talent of Tarran Lineham and the astonishing rise of Joe McLaughlin have augmented a tightly knit group which has been by far and away the best team that I have had the pleasure to be involved with over my twenty-two years at Burys Court. Trust, friendship and loyalty to each other have shown that, combined with skill and determination, *anything* is possible.

On Wednesday, Oscar Loft's troops embarked on their last campaign together -against Belmont School. Loft and his vice-captain George Mustchin led by example as Belmont was destroyed in devastating fashion. Burys Court should have scored at least ten times save for the excellence of the opposition goalkeeper. The ball spent ninety per cent -yes, ninety per cent- of the match in the Belmont half.

Courage and resilience have been the hallmarks of this wonderful little squad. Barely one minute into the game, Mustchin was accidentally fouled by a Belmont player whose head bashed into his face. Mustchin, his nose pouring with blood but being the champion that he is, refused to go off and stayed on to produce one of his famous, dazzling displays. He scored one goal in the second half -just one! How he deserved so many more! His sorties down the right wing and his superb passing to Loft left Belmont dazed and perplexed.

McLaughlin has been transformed in this second half of term. His confidence and efficacy have soared as he now realises that he has real talent. As a centre forward, he was on the receiving end of numerous crosses -both from the omnipresent Mustchin and the super-confident Marcus Malley on the left. McLaughlin scored the first goal thanks to a Mustchin cross but it was quite disgracefully disallowed despite the fact that the ball had clearly passed the goal-line by at least six inches. Malley then scored as left winger and then Loft opened his account, dribbling past two hapless defenders as he did so.

2-0 at half-time quickly threatened to become a rout. McLaughlin received one superb cross from Mustchin which he pushed hard into the backboard and then he clinically pushed a Loft pass from the centre into the goal. Loft then scored an amazing goal thanks to some absurdly skilful dribbling and his amazing "V-Drage" ability which completely wrong-footed the unfortunate would-be tackler who found himself in his path, culminating in a sensational, split-second flick of his reverse stick which sent the ball shooting past a sprawling goal-keeper who was diving the wrong way. He also set up numerous other goal scoring opportunities which were sometimes defended brilliantly by a Belmont goal keeper who must have felt like a punch bag.

Mustchin deserved his goal -a crisp, confident hit that screeched past the goalkeeper's reverse stick side. He only made one mistake which resulted in one goal scored by Belmont. Mustchin is human after all! His courage and commitment to the cause, however, speak volumes for a wonderful player.

Liam Patel had a boring afternoon in goal -yet his concentration never wavered. With two stalwart defenders in Ed Wilkinson and the fantastic tackler Corbyn Johannes ready to defend our half, Patel had little to worry about. Wilkinson, celebrating his eleventh birthday, threatened to score himself as he powered his way through the left wing to produce a great pass to McLaughlin which was superbly saved by Belmont's great goal-keeper. Lineham also showed his customary skill

when he replaced Malley. Loft's team had produced a ridiculously one-sided contest. It was such a great shame that our other great little player, Nick Gill, was unavailable for selection.

The Hockey dinner in the evening was a truly wonderful experience that will last very, very long in the memory. Each player was presented with a certificate, as players and parents ate and drank heartily. Dan had produced a wonderful meal for us all. We thank him warmly for the tremendous work which he put in to feed a group of hungry hockey players and parents!

Our captain, Oscar Loft is a truly, truly wonderful player. In ten years' time (a long time for so many of us), this young man will be playing international hockey. I am sure of it. Not only does he possess awesome skill, but he also has the right mind set. A superb leader, organising the "huddles" and galvanising his players before and during each match, he has grown up so, so much. He and George Mustchin on the same club team would be frightening. As it is, George is playing for the Under Twelves East Grinstead team -the most powerful club in Britain!!!

I must thank so many people for the wonderful successes of the past two years. The parents' loyalty and support in travelling all around Surrey has been simply extraordinary. Ms Becky Clarke has provided me with so much hockey wisdom; she has been to many away matches as well as helping with the clubs. Of course, the little stars themselves- fantastic players and special children indeed.

I am so, so proud of Oscar and his team. It was difficult to keep myself together when the skipper stood in front of the whole group on Wednesday evening, gave a short speech and presented me with a tee-shirt, embroidered upon which were the words: "*Burys Court Hockey Squad 2010-2011*" followed by the names of our little stars emblazoned in the actual shirt. It is something that I will treasure always.

It's been an unforgettable journey. Frustrations, pain, occasional disappointment, high expectation, fantastic skill, commitment, pure grit, determination, and the unalloyed joy of seeing our children succeeding so brilliantly -often against herculean odds. But the greatest pleasure for me has been watching nine little people playing for each other, nine little people whose lives have been enriched by playing together. They are a credit to Burys Court and I salute them.

Simon Cattanach



SCHOOL RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL AT 8.20P.M. FOR THE SUMMER TERM

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL-BANK HOLIDAY (ROYAL WEDDING)

MONDAY 2ND MAY- BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 3RD MAY-SUMMER TERM RESUMES

WISHING ALL OF OUR PUPILS AND THEIR FAMILIES A RELAXING AND PEACEFULL EASTER HOLIDAY.

