



# Eggar's School Easter Newsletter



## Headlines

With just 4 school weeks left in the summer term before Year 11 leave I would like to congratulate them as a group for their outstanding focus, hard work and commitment this year. With new GCSE course specifications in English and Maths and the new 1-9 GCSE grading system in place for the first time, it is a difficult period for these young people, but I am sure their hard work and dedication will be rewarded in the summer when the results are published.

A big part of our school culture is the Effort Rubric which teachers use to grade students' work in all subject areas and report to parents each term. We refer to this Effort Rubric all the time and the mantra is very simple: 'all students' can achieve Grade One (Outstanding) for Effort. Based around this philosophy it would be very helpful if you could consistently refer back to these Effort Grades to support and enhance your child's effort and progress. We both reward and intervene where necessary, based on these grades, and input from you would be really supportive and helpful.

Learning outside the classroom is very important to us and I have been delighted at the take up from students for our Eggar's Experience club nights. Sport is a very big part of learning outside the classroom and we continue to be really successful in winning sporting competitions. Congratulations to our outstanding PE department who nurture our students' talent brilliantly, and we continue to defeat much larger schools in many different sporting disciplines. I have to say they are also looking like champions in their super new sports kits. Just some of the successes this term include:

Under 15 Girls cricket team are the Hampshire indoor champions;

Year 7 Boys cricket team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hampshire indoor champions;

Year 8 Boys rugby team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hampshire;

Year 7 Boys rugby team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Hampshire;

We had 22 medals from the Southern Regional Gymnastics competition and we have 5 students going to the National competition;

Year 8 basketball team won their district league finishing the season unbeaten;

Under 16 Boys badminton team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hampshire tournament;

Year 11 netball team won their league;

Year 10 netball team won their league.

I am delighted to say Alton Town Council have approved our 'Park and Stride' scheme. We have become increasingly concerned for the safety of students at the front of school during drop off times in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. The layout at the front of school is very tight for space when coaches and buses are on site as well as cars. Therefore, next year we will introduce our Park and Stride scheme where parents will be able to drop off students travelling by car in Anstey car park. It is approximately a 4 minute walk from the park to the school and we will be building a new pathway in the park for students to walk safely.

Finally, I would like to wish Mrs Love from the maths department best wishes as she leaves us at the end of term to work full time for an Examination Board.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter  
Mr P Sullivan, Head Teacher

## Incredible Candidates!



This term Year 10 students had the opportunity to apply for prefect and senior prefect roles. The applicants were excellent which made the decision very difficult to shortlist students for the senior roles. As well as facing an interview panel they also had to deliver an assembly. We are pleased to announce the new senior prefect team will be (pictured above left to right) Lydia Jones, Head Girl, Toby Morris, Head Boy, Anya Nolan-King, Deputy Head Girl and Ross McKenzie, Deputy Head Boy. Congratulations also to Senior Prefects Isabella Usmar, Harriet Phipps, Ben Roper and Daniel Bates.

Well done everyone and thank you for your input throughout the whole process.

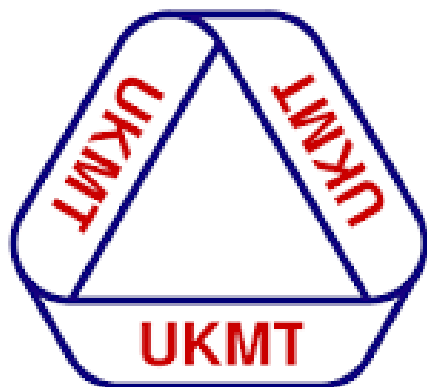
Mrs C McCready-Williams  
Year 10 Progress Leader

## Writing for Amnesty

Beth Davies and Freya Huddleston are part of Eggar's Amnesty International Youth Group – one of 500 groups which are campaigning and fundraising in schools across the UK. They are currently researching the case of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a British-Iranian dual citizen who has been detained in Iran since April 2016. In September it was revealed that Nazanin had been sentenced to five years in prison. The charges are unknown. The girls are writing her a letter of support and a petition of 500 signatures have been recorded.



## Team Maths Challenge



On 16 January, 24 Year 8 and 9 students visited Alton College to compete in a practice session for the Team Maths Challenge. The Team Challenge is one of the national maths competitions organized by The UK Mathematics Trust, a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics.

Team Challenges promote mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. They also give students the opportunity to compete against other schools in their region.

Our students were in pairs and each joined a pair from Amery Hill School to form a team in which they completed various mathematical tasks. It was a great opportunity to see the college and practice the types of challenges that the Junior UK Team Maths Challenge will include.

Special congratulations to our six students who with their Amery Hill counterparts claimed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> – Archie Harrison and Woody Angell

2<sup>nd</sup> – Tom Day and David Gee

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sia Pandey and Ceren Abbott

The students went onto to compete at Churcher's College, Petersfield in March but although they didn't win they were still amazing!

## Year 10 visit the Royal Geographical Society

At the end of January a small group of Year 10 Geographers joined some students from Alton College on a visit to the Royal Geographical Society in London. They were attending the RGS event "*Bridging the gap*" which aims to replicate a 'University Geography' experience with seminars and speakers.

There was a terrific lecture by a leading climate change historian. Other highlights included information on using leeches to predict the weather and the story of a man who dived into the frozen Thames.

The students particularly enjoyed taking in the sights and sounds of London - trekking across Hyde Park in search of the illusive entrance to the RGS!



# Holocaust Memorial Day

The aftermath of the Holocaust and of subsequent genocides continues to raise challenging questions for everyone. Friday 27 January was Holocaust Memorial Day and, in a poignant and moving assembly, Year 9 students had the privilege of listening to Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich through a live webcast. They were asked to think about what happens after genocide and of their own responsibilities in the wake of such a crime.

The event was organized with the Holocaust Educational Trust which works in schools, universities and in the community to raise awareness and understanding of the Holocaust. It was through the Trust's work that the Holocaust became part of the National Curriculum for History.

Year 9 student, Ellie Lamport, gives her own response to Mala's presentation

*On Friday 27 January, I listened to an amazing woman give her experience of the Holocaust. Mala Tribich is one of the most inspiring people I have ever seen because she had the bravery, the courage, and the strength to relive the memories and tell her story.*

*Mala explained how her town was the first to have a ghetto, with more than 3 families to a room. When rumours of liquidation started, she was shipped off to a German family who looked after her and her cousin - but only for the money.*

*Both returned to their families later. However, her cousin ended up in a concentration camp, alone in the gas chamber, with nobody to hold her hand. One day Mala's mother and younger sister were taken to a synagogue and then marched into the woods by the Germans and killed. There was a mass grave there.*

*12-year-old Mala had to look after her 5-year-old cousin and work long, hard shifts. One day however they were both taken to a camp, held in the cold overnight and had all their possessions stolen, the only things they had left in the world. When they were transported to Bergen-Belson they found sanctuary in a children's home, from where they were later liberated and taken to Sweden. Mala came to England to be reunited with her brother.*

*Mala's story highlighted the harsh reality of the Holocaust and how it happened to real people, with real lives and real stories. It brought out how truly horrific it was.*

*The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day this year was 'How can life go on?' and I think Mala is an extremely good example of this. She stood tall through the pain; she hasn't let it stop her from living the best life she can, and educating the world about the Holocaust from her point of view. Hearing about Mala has helped me think about how life can go on, and how to be as strong as you can for the benefit of others. She has made me realise how horrible that time must have been, the struggle to regain a normal life and live on past it.*



## 5\* Reviews are in!

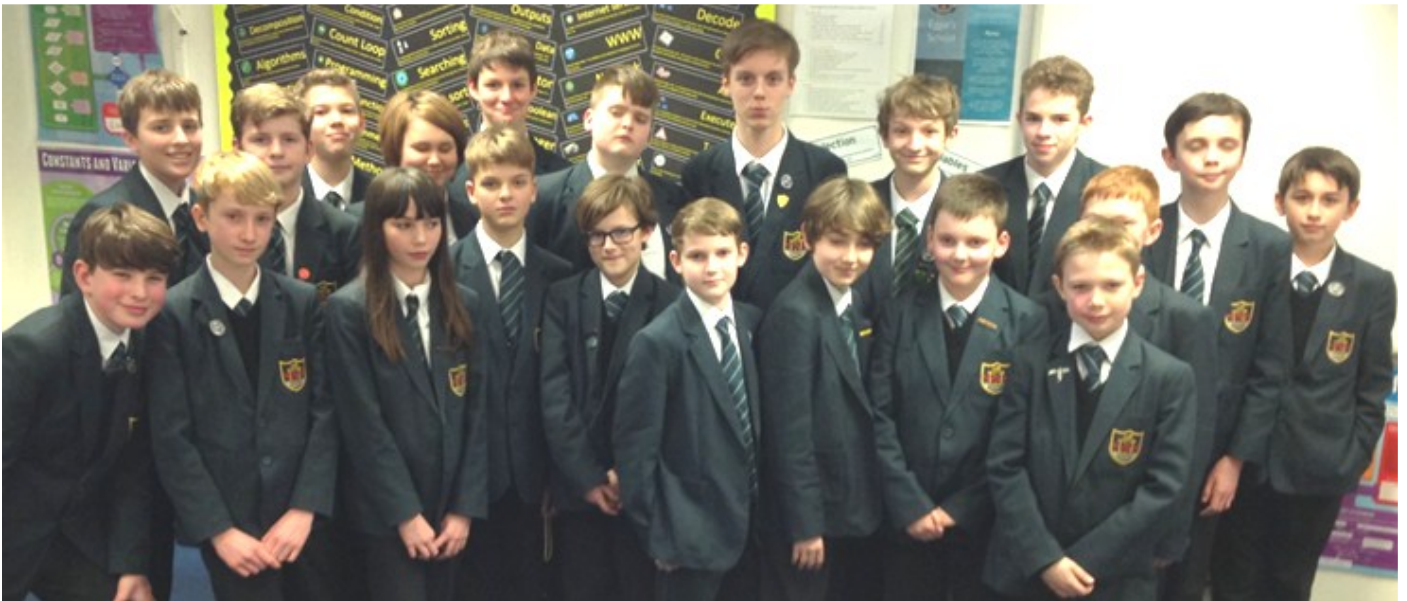
A trip to London's West End was really enjoyed by a group of GCSE Music and Performing Arts students at the end of January. They went to the Apollo Victoria Theatre to see the award-winning musical, *Wicked* – the incredible untold story of the Witches of Oz. It definitely received a 5\* review from the students:

*"We loved the Wicked theatre trip. It was amazing to see performing at its best. We thought the acting and singing were outstanding. It was a fascinating twist on 'The Wizard of Oz' that we all know and love.*

*We would recommend it and would like to go again to the Apollo Victoria sometime. We all wish we'd brought more money for merchandise and popcorn!"*

Jamie Watts and Ewan McLeod

## Eggar's Digital Leaders



Eggar's Digital Leaders scheme has been running for 3 years. After a rigorous application process through initial application and interviews Eggar's new Digital Leaders have now been appointed. This student led group lead digital initiative training across the school including Blogs, technical support, video and radio. The formal badging event will take place after the Easter holidays.



## Year 9 Design & Technology



Year 9 Design & Technology students have completed their tiled tea trays, including finger jointing. Mr Waite, Curriculum Leader remembers completing this task himself, back in 1979!

# Year 8 visit the Imperial War Museum



The History Department had the pleasure of taking 44 Year 8 students to the Imperial War Museum and HMS Belfast in London in February. The upcoming study topic of the World at War 1900 to 1945 was the focus of the trip – a chance to engage and excite the students.

Right from the start, this impressive museum proved a fascinating place to visit - from the big guns outside the building to the Soviet tanks and Spitfires in the atrium, the students were keen to ask many questions and look at all the artefacts. The World War One exhibit provided some illuminating moments, particularly the reconstruction of one of the trenches.

Many of the group had very little knowledge of what the war was actually like – this exhibition certainly gave them a much better understanding and some sobering thoughts too.

The group then transferred across London to HMS Belfast. This Second World War Royal Navy warship has had a long and distinguished service record, from D-Day to the Korean War. The ship would have had a crew of about 950, and the students were able to see what living on a warship would have been like. They were fascinated and were keen to check out all nine decks. This involved lots of small spaces and ladders!

The students had a fantastic time and the staff reported it had been an absolute pleasure to be with them for the day!



# Inspiring young artists

The Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company recently visited Eggar's to work on an exciting community arts project. David Lloyd and fellow artist Sian Shakespear, led a creative workshop with 15 enthusiastic Year 9 students.

David is a sculptor who has been commissioned to produce ornate work and sculptures to be included at the Hogmoor Inclosure, just one of the projects planned as part of the redevelopment of Bordon's Prince Philips Barracks and its surroundings.

The artists and students sketched and worked in clay, developing ideas and forms which David is hoping to incorporate into his commission. The students will be able to see the outcome of their work with a site visit later in the year when the sculpture will start to take shape.

For details on the Regeneration Project: <http://www.whitehillbordonregeneration.co.uk/>



## Project Style Homework

Year 8 students have achieved amazing Project Style Homework results this year which have been on display in the school foyer for everyone to see.



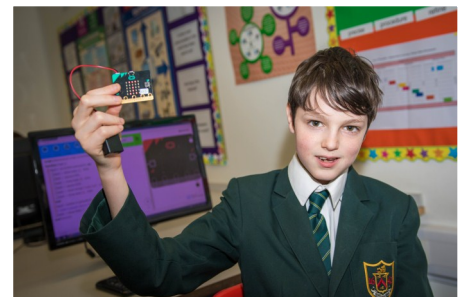
# The Eggar's Experience

We had an excellent attendance to the February and March's Eggar's Experience after school clubs... as you can see from the photographs there were varied activities to get involved in and we would really like to encourage students to attend and 'give it a go'.



Ten students enjoyed a wonderful evening at Alton College learning the art of screen printing and experimenting with different printing techniques Deborah, Gayle welcomed us to the Textiles/Art Department and some of their students helped out. It was lovely to see past Eggar's student Sophie Spearing and her current Textiles A level work.

Mrs Atkin accompanied 21 Code Club students to Alton College. Ian Martin, Head of Computing at Alton College assisted the group with coding their Microbits including hacking headphones, making music and even creating fortune telling programmes!



As part of the Eggars' Experience, Miss Hey took 12 Year 8 students to Alton College for a dark room photography session. This was an amazing learning opportunity as the students were not only given a tour of the Photography Department but in the darkroom, they were also able to produce their own photograms (a photographic image made without a camera). It was a brilliant introduction to the wet process and darkroom procedures.

All the students really enjoyed themselves, adding to their interest in photography and helping them with their KS4 GCSE option choices.





# National Careers Week



Working in collaboration with Alton College, Eggar's fully embraced National Careers Week with over 350 mock interviews, a careers fair, a presentation on training and apprenticeship opportunities and, a Q&A session with Damian Hinds, local MP and Minister of State for Employment.

This annual event brings together students, local employers and advisers through careers activities. It is the perfect platform to advise and inspire the next generation as they enter the world of work.

**350+ Interviews:** Throughout the week there were over 200 mock interviews for Year 8 students and 150 interviews for Year 10s. The interviewers came from a myriad of backgrounds: from sales and finance managers to small businesses and district councillors. There were representatives from local colleges, school governing boards and STEM Ambassadors (from Winchester Science Centre).

Some students were anxious about going into these interviews but all came out saying what a useful experience it had been and how helpful it will be when they go for College or job interviews in the future. One Year 8 student said: *"It was really good. The interviewer really helped me focus on my strengths and weaknesses"*

**Bordon Future Skills Centre:** Bordon Future Skills Centre started the week with a really useful presentation on the technical training opportunities they will be offering when the centre opens in September. With its emphasis on the construction industry, students could be developing skills for the local area in brickwork, carpentry, plumbing or electrics in the future.

**Careers Fair:** There were 17 industry/trade tables for the careers fair. Students had the opportunity to talk to many local companies, army and navy careers representatives, local retail managers, solicitors and hairdressing companies, plus local colleges.

**Minister of State for Employment:** Although disappointed not to have been able to come to the school earlier during the week's events, Damian Hinds, MP, conducted a really useful and informative "Question & Answer" session at the school, making a terrific finish to the week.



## Scouts of the Year



Many congratulations to Will Blanchard (8HA) and Freya Huddleston (8CG) (pictured above) for being announced as joint **Scouts of the Year** by their group!

There are 450,000 young people in Scouting, spread across five sections: Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and the Scout Network. Each section has its own balanced programme of activities, badges and awards.

## Community is what we make it



We were delighted to welcome Alton Lions Club to Eggar's to speak to Year 8 to 10 students about the Young Leaders in Service Award. This is a certificate and badge awarded for volunteering activities. Lions Clubs themselves are an international network who work to answer the needs that challenge communities both locally and across the world. There are more than 1.3 million members in 205 countries.

Eggar's students have had the opportunity to get involved by collecting unwanted spectacles for Spec Trek, selling raffle tickets for Bushy Leaze Easter Egg Raffle and supporting the Alton 10 Road Race in May.

## Year 7 and 8 Activities

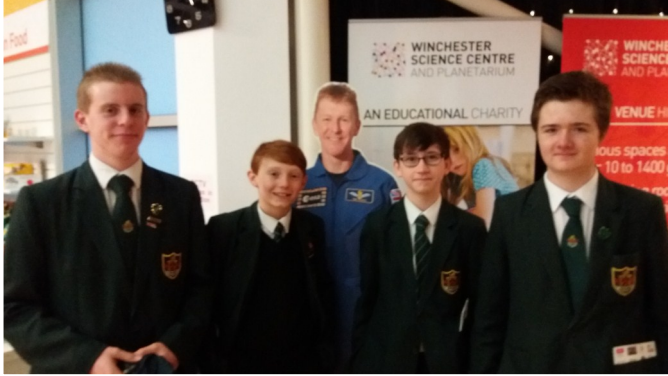


Year 7 and 8 students came together to enjoy a fun evening of disco dancing and games. There was also the opportunity to have a go at Sumo wrestling and some of the teachers joined in too! The tuck shop was as popular as ever and the children all had a great time getting to know each other just a little better. Our thanks to Eggar's PTA for running the event.

A few Year 7 tutor groups have been taking part in weekly Tai Chi. A local instructor has offered her time to come in and tutor them in this gentle relaxing art. A brilliant opportunity for them to get in the zone before their busy day at school. Thank you to Mr Colburn Jackson for arranging the sessions.



# Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths



Students have the opportunity to participate in two STEM visits this term. In January, Mrs Larkin accompanied one group to a Careers Speed-Networking event at the Winchester Science Centre (pictured above). This event gave students the chance to consider future careers through speaking to STEM Ambassadors.

In March, Mr Cumner accompanied Eggar's team to a STEM Technology Tournament at Basingstoke College of Technology. The event brought teams together from local schools to find the best solution to a technological problem. We are delighted to announce Eggar's team were the overall winners in the intermediate class!



## Year 10 Drama visit



Year 10 Drama students visited the New Theatre, Portsmouth at the end of term to see a *Woman in Black*. This play is based on Sue Hills dramatic gothic ghost story which dramatically comes alive in



this ingenious stage adaptation. This gripping production is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror!

## Sell-out performance!

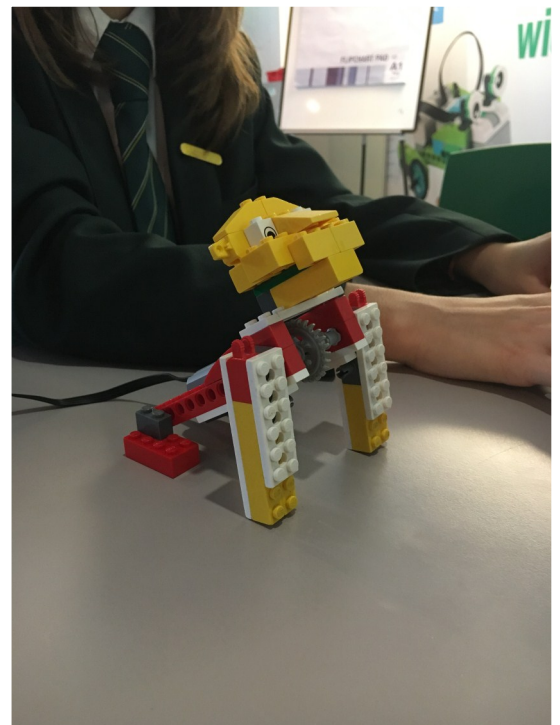
What a night, what a performance! Once again our talented musicians and choirs entertained a sell-out crowd of 250 at our annual Spring Concert. There was a wide range of pieces from the Concert Band playing Star Wars Saga, The United Voices singing a Disney medley and The String Ensemble playing Pirates of the Caribbean to name a few. Thank you to Eggar's PTA for providing refreshments during the interval.

We wish Mr Farris, Miss Eni-Olotu and students the best of luck for their Music tour of Lake Garda Italy in July.



## Year 7 Legoland visit

Year 7 had a super day at LEGOLAND on Monday 03 April. The sun shone all day so we all enjoyed staying warm and dry. The students loved the rides and the model world. They also attended a robotics workshop learning how to programme a Lego lion to sit and walk. Whilst walking around the park they completed a worksheet and designed their own Lego. The students were great representatives for the school and had a fantastic day.



# Bring Your Own Device in Action

It's FUN to use technology in lessons"

"You have freedom to find answers for yourself"

"BYOD is easy to use and lots of FUN"

"It is really helpful when we can research facts for the lesson and access show my homework"

"It helps me learn things I didn't know before"

"I can find out things for myself"



## Year 7 - 10 Bikeability Cycle Training



Eggars School has been chosen as one of the Schools in the area to receive Level 3 Bikeability Cycle Training. This training is designed to give children the extra skills to use complex junctions and road features such as roundabouts, multi-lane roads and traffic lights.

Children must have passed their Level 2 in order to start the Level 3 training, which takes place on local major roads. It is essential that children have practiced level 2 and are confident with road riding in order to progress to the more complex level 3 outcomes. Students will undergo a 30 minute assessment on their Level 2 skills at the start of this course. If we feel that they cannot demonstrate quick, clear and confident Level 2 outcomes, then they may not be able to continue to take part in this training.

The training will take place during the week beginning 08 May 2017, with the session being run during school hours. Students will be informed of their course session time prior to the course starting. During Bikeability Level 3 training, students will learn new skills to tackle a wider variety of traffic conditions than on their Level 2. When they reach Level 3 standard they will be able to deal with all types of road conditions and more challenging traffic situations. The course covers dealing with hazards, making 'on-the-move' risk assessments and planning routes for safer cycling.

Places are limited. To find out more and apply for Bikeability, please collect an application form from the school office. The deadline for returned forms is 25 April 2017.

# Sporting Achievements

The County Badminton Finals for Key Stage 3 and 4 teams took place at the Westgate Badminton Centre at the end of January.

KS4 boys were represented by James Murphy, Tom Green, Rowan Sharratt and Xavier Bochereau. The boys did the school proud, losing in a tightly fought semi-final to come 3rd overall.

Abi Green, Emily Pascoe, Amy Klaire, Neve Burke were our KS3 representatives. Despite some really close games against Noadswood School and Purbrook Park (the eventual winners), the girls lost both group stage fixtures 3-2.

Our KS4 girls, Zoe Robinson, Chloe Toft, Lourdes Torricco Pellicano, and Jenna Good also lost to the eventual winners Westgate in the group stage but they played really well to beat St Anne's, 3-2. Congratulations to all our badminton players!



The Year 8 basketball team remain unbeaten in their league this season with some really good team performances. They have played 3 games so far and have had convincing wins against Cove (39-11) and Farnham Heath End (39-4). The match against Wavell was much closer and the boys did well to drag back a third quarter deficit to come out on top 20-17. Well done #greenarmy!

On Tuesday 28 February the Aldershot & District Cross Country competition was held at Farnborough Hill School. Eggar's sent their best runners to see if any would be selected for the district team to compete at the Hampshire event at Down Grange, Basingstoke in March.

The Year 7 boys team of Henry Loomis, Evan Aisowieren, Liam Cawley, Ed Kitching, Buzz Angell and Josh Bennett came in 5th. The Year 8 boys team of Ryan Martin, Oli Smith, George Kitching, Rory Taylor, Noah Healy and Matt Salisbury managed a fantastic 3rd place - the first time an Eggar's team has ever been placed in a cross country competition!

We also had Lara Cross (Year 7) and Alice Hurst and Emily Hurst (Year 8) representing Eggar's, running individually rather than as part of a team.

Of those who ran at Farnborough Hill, six were chosen to compete for the Aldershot & District team at Down Grange. The full team was made up of 80 runners from 17 schools.

We had 1 runner in the Year 7 boys team (Henry Loomis), 2 in the Year 8 girls team (Emily Hurst and Anna Buckmaster) and 3 runners in the Year 8 boys team (Ryan Martin, Oli Smith and Rory Taylor).

The Aldershot & District team were dominant! Henry Loomis (25th) was part of the Year 7 boys team who were county champions. Emily Hurst (52nd) and Anna Buckmaster (29th) were part of the Year 8 girls team who were also champions. In the Year 8 boys race Ryan Martin came in 5th, Oli Smith, 26th and Rory Taylor 57th.

Each race had over 100 runners in it, so a huge **well done** to all the Eggar's runners over both competitions for their achievements.



Eggar's Year 7 boys have been very successful at past Lord's Taverners indoor cricket competitions – we have been Hampshire champions for the last 2 years. We took a big step towards that third title with a very successful first round win at Dummer Cricket Club. Batting first, Eggar's secured victory against both Frogmore and John Hansen in the opening games. In our final match of the group, we kept local rivals Amery Hill down to just 61 runs. However Amery had a very strong bowling attack and they bowled Eggar's out – but not before we had scored 74 runs! The semi-finals at the Ageas Bowl await the team. Congratulations to the players who all contributed to the victories. The team: Ed Kitching (c), Toby Maddock, Henry Loomis, Liam Cawley, Josh Bennett, Mikey Riccolleau- Flack, Archie Jaques and Matthew Cooke (pictured above left).

Eggar's entered their first ever team into the Year 7 and 8 Lady Taverners indoor cricket competition. There were 5 teams vying for 2 places in the next round. First up were Lord Wandsworth, a team that are the current county champions and they proved too strong for us with a 51 run victory. Next up were Perins, a team that had made the finals last year. Our girls showed a massive batting improvement and doubled their score of the first game. However Perins came out winners with an over to spare.

A great first experience of competitive cricket for our girls and they should be proud of how they played. The team: Neve Burke (c), Amelia Cooper, Katie Robinson, Ella Reeves, Jess Heath, Ella Perryman, Morgan Burke and Victoria Klaire (pictured above right).

On 20 March Eggar's Year 8 rugby team travelled to Rosslyn Park to play in the 7's National School competition. The boys were drawn in a group with New Hall School, Yarm School and St John's College, Southsea. In the first fixture, they faced the eventual group winners, New Hall School. As the first ever 7's game for the team, they quickly learnt and adapted from 13 side rugby. After a hard game they lost 35-10. Next up was Yarm School despite going 20-0 in the first half the boys fought hard and pulled it back to a 20-20 draw. In the final game of the morning, a local derby, they faced St John's College. They were a tough team but despite taking lots of knocks they applied everything learnt in the first two matches and came out victorious, winning 15-10. This meant the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and headed into the afternoon to face two other schools who had also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group.

First up was the Manchester Grammar School who out-classed and beat the boys 45-5. After a disappointing performance the team picked themselves up and played their best yet with the final match against Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School. Although losing 25-35 the team competed well and were pleased their performance.

By Gregory Carter 8HA

Eggar's boys Year 8 Rugby team have performed very well with exceptional performances throughout the season and games played. Our wins stand at 13 with just one loss. As a team I think we all agree that this has been the best season we have ever had and the reason for this is the team wants victory whilst respecting sportsmanship in the game of Rugby. This has led to Eggar's U13's being the second best at Rugby in Hampshire for our age group. This is amazing with the possibility of going through to the regional finals.

By George Kitching 8BH

The year 7 rugby squad travelled to Southampton for their crack at the County rugby festival. It was hard to know where their 'level' was due to their sporadic attendance to training; it was going to be an interesting morning!

The team played some excellent rugby in the morning and won all of the games. They qualified for the top pool in the afternoon session with a record of scoring 9 tries and conceding 0.

The games in the afternoon pool were a lot tougher than the morning. Their energy from the morning seemed to have evaporated over the lunch break and they lost the first game to John Hansen School by 1 try to 0. Next, they were up against two very good teams (Romsey School and Westgate School – who would eventually finish in first and second in the pool) and lost both games. Although the team's pride was dented and energy was running low, they summoned enough energy for one last push. Overall, the boys finished fourth in the County. This shows what a talented group of individuals we have that now need moulding into a team! Yes boys, that means you have to come training every session next year to try to improve on an excellent fourth place. Well done!

Mr Laycock, PE Teacher

On 02 April 25 gymnasts competed in the Southern Region Acrobatic and Tumbling event in Southampton. The team had been working on their routines for months and were very excited to compete. The whole group performed incredibly well and were rewarded with 22 medals (6 Gold, 11 Silver & 5 Bronze).

Abi Green and Amy Klaire beautifully performed their pair routine and came away with gold in the U14 group beating over 20 other pairs. In the mixed pairs, Eggar's continued to be incredibly strong coming in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>. Gemma Stokes and Henry Loomis took the Gold and along with Amy, Abi and tumblers; Poppy Rear and Lourdes Pellicano will go on to represent the region at the National finals in Stoke on Trent in May.



Amy Klaire & Abi Green (Gold U14 National girls pairs) commented "We're really excited about going to nationals and it is going to be so much fun. We are really looking forward to the whole trip and it is always an amazing experience to compete at a national level competition. We just can't wait to perform."

The Regional U14 six, the first ever gymnastics competition for most, also performed a personal best and were delighted to come away with a silver. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Eggar's have qualified for the National Finals which is a fantastic achievement. All the gymnasts should be incredibly proud of their hard work leading up to the competition as well as their performances on the day.

Josh Young (Gold U14 Regional mixed pairs) said "It was a very enjoyable experience and there were loads of other schools involved. Really cool being part of the team and representing our school."

Poppy Rear (Qualified for National O14 Tumbling) said "Gymnastics is really fun at Eggar's we have all worked really hard for the competition and also on our individual skills. Everyone from all the year groups gets on really well and on competition day it's amazing to feel part of such a big team."

Miss N Bertram, PE Teacher

The Year 9 and 10 Girls cricket team have had a very successful half term. After coming through the preliminary round against Lord Wandsworth College, St Swithuins and two Testbourne teams, they faced LWC, Connaught and Frogmore in the semi-final. The girls were successful in their games against Connaught and Frogmore and we then booked in to a visit to the Ageas Bowl to play in the final of the county cup against LWC who were the current holders, Kings and Priestlands.

After losing to LWC in the opening game the girls responded well by comfortably beating both Kings and Priestlands. After a surprise defeat for LWC by Priestlands, there was a nervous wait to see which team had scored the most runs. The girls were delighted as it was announced that we had won the Lady Taverner's Hampshire tournament. A very proud moment for all involved, we return to the Ageas Bowl on 27 April to represent Hampshire in the South of England competition.



The team pictured right: Chloe Toff (c) Aspen Salisbury, Lourdes Torrico Pellicano Abi Green, Mia Matthews, Emily Pascoe, Ella Parrot & Amy Klaire.



## Primary Liaison

Over 150 swimmers competed in this annual event held at Alton Sports Centre in January. Ten junior schools participated and a large number of friends, parents and grandparents cheered the swimmers on from the balcony.

There were individual races for each year group plus relay races and a big "Squadron" relay to finish involving 8 swimmers per school.

Rowledge won the larger schools category and St Lawrence topped the smaller schools category. For the second year running Binsted won the overall best participating school – their students, friends and parents were fantastically supportive and enthusiastic all afternoon.

Eggar's were delighted to once again sponsor the event, providing swimming caps for every swimmer and a team of Sports Helpers who did an excellent job of keeping score, judging places at the finish line, and above all providing great support and care of the young swimmers. A credit to the school!

This term we also hosted a girls 6 a side football tournament, a 6 a side boys tournament, a Tag rugby tournament and the final Cross Country race of the season.

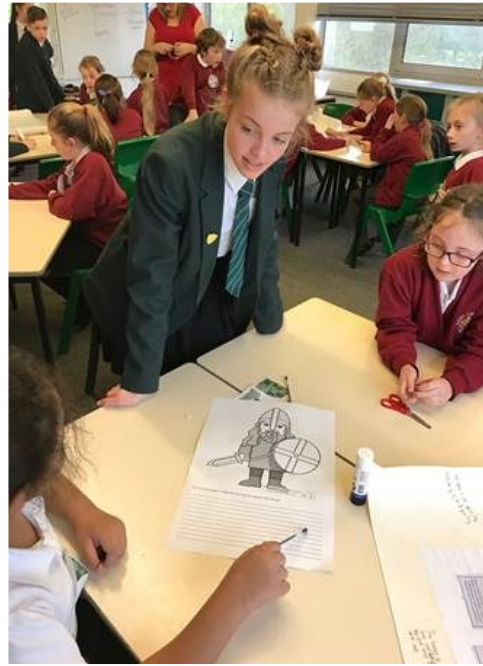
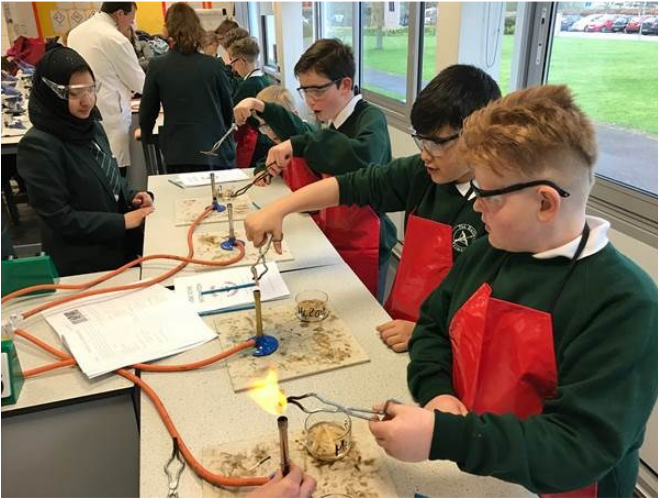


We have had a Spring Term programme of amazing Primary School events.

7 different schools have visited including Bentley, Andrews' Endowed, The Butts, St Lawrence, St Matthew's, Anstey and Wooteys. This amounts to hundreds and hundreds of Year 4 and 5 children coming to our school to enjoy a wide range of subjects.

Amongst the great opportunities that Eggar's teachers have provided are; Victorian Murder Mystery, Forensic Day 'Whodunnit?', Food Glorious Food, Design and Technology Electronics and Textiles days, Drums, Drums, Drums, Viking Clans and Chess Pieces and Indonesian Batik.





## Studybugs

### Get the free app now!

We have been invited to participate in an NHS public health project called 'Inspire'. To find out more visit <https://everychildisdifferent.org/inspire>.

To use this service there is a free absence-reporting app called Studybugs. Simply either download the free app or register online by visiting <https://studybugs.com>.

This project aims to improve the treatment of asthma in children as well as enabling you to report your child absent from school regardless of whether or not they suffer from asthma.

As well as helping to improve the treatment of asthma, Studybugs will also help track what type of illnesses are going around. It is a convenient, efficient and secure method for reporting your child's absence – so it should make life a little bit easier for all concerned.

If you choose *not* to use the Studybug app, please continue to use the school's absence line. Please remember to report your child's absence every day until they return to school either via Studybugs or the school's absence line.





# Eggar's PTA

If you would like to sign up to Eggar's School PTA please use our new PTA Social App website at [www.eggars.net/pta](http://www.eggars.net/pta). Involvement can be very flexible and accommodating of the time you have to commit e.g. there are normally 3 categories of requests made, per event: setting up, serving or clearing away. You can choose to help at part or all of the event. We look forward to hearing from you.



## We need your support!

Tesco customers will have the opportunity to vote in store for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Wednesday 01 March to Saturday 29 April and the project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £5,000! The second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project, our two most local stores are:

**FOUR MARKS ALTON EXPRESS GU34 5HG**

**ANSTEY LN ALTON EXPRESS GU34 2NF**

but voting is also at:

BASINGSTOKE RG24 8BE

BASINGSTOKE RG24 8BE

BASINGSTOKE METRO RG21 7LG

LYCHPIT BASINGSTK EXP RG24 8TF

BAUGHURST BSNGSTK EXP RG26 5LZ

HOOK RG27 9JE

KEMPSHOTT BSNGSTK EXP RG22 5NZ

POPLEY BASINGSTKE EXP RG24 9DR

BASINGSTOKE OAKRIDGE RD RG21 5SG

Please when visiting any of these Tesco stores, be sure to **vote for Eggar's School**. You will need to make a purchase within store of any value to receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.



**Start to get your quiz team together....**

**Get ready for the Head Teacher's Quiz (and chilli supper!) with  
special guest ITN's news presenter**

**Alistair Stewart!**

**When?**

**Friday 12 May 2017.... ticket details to follow**

| <b>Summer Term - dates for your diary</b> |    |   |
|---|----|---|
| Summer Term                               |    |   |
| April                                     | 24 | School returns  |
|   | 27 | Years 7/8 Maths Challenge   |
|   | 28 | <b>INSET DAY – School closed to students</b>  |
| May                                       | 01 | <b>May Bank Holiday – School closed</b>   |
|   | 03 | Primary School – Big Sing   |
|   | 04 | Years 9/10 Photography visit to Winchester  |
|   | 05 | Year 11 Geography field visit, Osmington Bay  |
|   | 06 | Year 9 Adventurers Navigation Day Walk  |
|   | 09 | Year 10 Science Chemistry mock exam   |
|   | 10 | Year 6 girls – Year 7 school skirt fitting/ordering 15:30 – 17:00                         |
|   | 11 | Year 11 Chemistry mock exam   |
|   | 12 | Head Teacher's Quiz night & chilli supper   |
|   | 15 | GCSE examinations commence  |
| June                                      | 08 | Year 9 Meet the Tutor Day – details to follow   |
|   | 09 | Year 10 French GCSE speaking assessment<br>Year 7 charity cake sale                       |
|   | 12 | Year 10 exam week (1)<br>Year 9 Geography Hegistbury Head visit – details to follow       |
|   | 13 | Year 10 MAT visit to St Edmund's, Oxford – details to follow                              |
|   | 14 | Begbrooke Oxford University visit – details to follow                                     |
|   | 16 | GCSE Art exhibition 18:00 – 21:00   |
|   | 17 | Tutor group 8LG/10NW D+T Thorpe Park visit 08:45 – 18:00                                  |
|   | 19 | Year 10 exam week (2)<br>Year 9 exam week   |
|   | 23 | PTA non-uniform day – details to follow   |
|   | 24 | Year 10 DofE Bronze assessment expedition   |
|   | 25 | Year 10 DofE Bronze assessment expedition   |
|   | 26 | Eggar's Arts Week   |
|   | 27 | Year 10 Physics mock exam   |
|   | 28 | Year 10 Science Big Bang visit – details to follow  |
|   | 29 | Year 11 Leavers' Prom, Froyle Park – details to follow                                    |
| July                                      | 01 | Eggar's Fest  |
|   | 03 | Italy Music tour departs  |
|   | 04 | Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening (2) 16:00 – 19:00                                   |
|   | 05 | Sports Day  |
|   | 06 | Year 6 Induction Evening  |
|   | 07 | Year 6 Induction Day<br>GCSE Art Exhibition   |
|   | 11 | Year 9 Physics mock exam<br>Awards Evening by invitation – 18:30                          |
|   | 12 | Summer House Sports Day – non-uniform; house colours please                               |
|   | 13 | Years 4 – 5 Open Morning 09:15 – 12:00 no appointment necessary                           |
|   | 14 | Years 4 – 5 Open Morning 09:15 – 12:00 no appointment necessary<br>Year 9 DofE Field Camp |
|   | 15 | Years 4 – 5 Open Day – no appointment necessary   |
|   | 17 | Year 7 BBQ – details to follow  |
|   | 18 | Year 8 Rewards visit to Thorpe Park – details to follow                                   |
|   | 20 | Year 9 English visit to the Globe Theatre   |
|   | 21 | <b>School closes at 15:10 for the summer holidays</b>                                     |
|   | 26 | Year 6 Bonding Day  |
|   | 27 | Year 6 Bonding Day  |

Dates can be subject to change – please continue to check the school website [www.eggars.hants.sch.uk](http://www.eggars.hants.sch.uk)  
or ring the school office on 01420 541194  
For Hampshire school holidays 2017 – 2018  
please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>