

The Prep Department has continued to enjoy a successful year with a **record number** of pupils joining the department. The ISI inspection report in November was a very positive one where our achievement in KS2 literacy and numeracy were acknowledged as being **well above** the national average and where the quality of pastoral care was deemed to be **outstanding**.

The Reception class continues to be an excellent area within the school. **Once again** a successful Early Years moderation in April stated that its good practice should be shared with other schools.

Successful transition mornings where Nursery have been visiting Reception several times a week, have been very popular and we are looking forward to a **buoyant** Reception in September.

In KS1 new outdoor play areas have provided positive learning experiences for the children. How lovely to see the creative play which goes on in these areas! Miss Elliot, as teacher in Prep 1, has provided a valued addition to the Early Years team and once again results in this key stage have been very good with **all** pupils achieving level 2 or above in reading and numeracy.

Well done to all Prep 6 pupils who performed well in their 11 Plus Entry exam and to Trinity pupil Ellie Wyles who gained a top scholarship.

The Performing Arts continue to be a strength of the department. In November Oliver Holdup and Fred Fearnley were outstanding champions at the Plymouth Arts festival in their 9 and 10 year old classes.

Forty-two pupils took their English Speaking Board exam this year with excellent results. It was most pleasing to hear the examiner's comment "It was lovely to return to Trinity School this year. The children are always so good mannered and welcoming. The talks were diverse and well thought-out and standards are **always** so high here".

In the Exeter Festival, 42 pupils also took part, including a good number of Prep 1 and 2s, laying foundations for future years. The Year 5 class were runners-up in the age 10 Choral Speaking.

March 2009 saw Trinity Prep Drama Club put on yet another great production in the form of 'Cinders'. What fun the cast had with beanstalks and dwarves and 'Wishy-Washy' a Chinese laundry woman and how **devastated** Prince Charming was when, defying all odds, he didn't get the right woman!

The Rotary Speaking competition finals in June provided a successful end to the performing arts year. Children from 8 – 11 spoke on subjects from spiders to The Greek islands. Well done to James Wagget and Oliver Holdup for winning their classes and to the runners up, Marie-Claire Bell and Josh Walker. One of the many things we wish to encourage and nurture at Trinity School is self-confidence and if children are able to get up and speak at such young ages without fear of criticism or ridicule, it will stand them in good stead for their future lives.

Music continues to thrive; within two weeks of returning in September, we were entertained by Pudsey Bear in assembly, as we joined schools across Devon singing Widecome Fair, raising money for Children in Need. The Autumn term also saw the Harvest Festival and Carol Service, where the Chamber Choir performed confidently. The Inter-House Music Festival in February included entries from as young as Year 2 on guitar and keyboard and a saxophonist and trumpeter from Year 6. The

entire Junior Department participated, playing instruments, singing solos or performing as part of their house choir. The Junior and Infant X-Factor competitions continue to produce much talent and are a chance for **any** child to take part. Entries are varied and **imaginative**, including this year's Junior winner, with all three legs! Well done to Christian Fitton for his polished performance of Jake the Peg! Also to Alfie King, our very own Michael Jackson, singing 'Blame it on the Boogie'.

The Chamber Choirs' performance at the Devon County Show and at the Summer Concert show the high standard of our children's singing and my thanks go to the staff and to the children who give up their Thursday playtimes throughout the year to achieve this.

Art continues to be a successful area. At the South West ISA Art competition, Reception student Jason Carcamo-Neil and Year 3 pupil Callum Bevis were winners. At the Devon County Show, a large number of prizes were won. Particular congratulations to those who won **First Prize**; Tara Bayliss, James Bates, Natasha Davey and all of Prep 1 with their group entry. Art-related trips have included a visit to the Devon Craft Fair and the China Blue pottery at Bovey Tracey.

This year has seen the expansion of the extra-curricular programme. Additions have included ballet, squash, girls' football and Keep-Fit. The football club, using Frank Prince from Torquay United has also proved very popular and a training group from the Arsenal Soccer School coached boys and girls from years 3 to 6. Initiatives such as these will **undoubtedly** raise the standard of this sport.

Plans are now afoot to apply this strategy to other sports.

Special days and events have included the very successful Puppet Show in December, where every member of the Prep Department made a puppet to enact the Nativity Scene. For those not able to witness this event, just imagine a twenty foot high Angel Gabriel, and sheep dancing to 'The Blue Danube!'

The annual PSHE Day in April, included visits from The Fire Service, a lady Bee-keeper and a blind lady with her guide dog. Successful Joint Days with the Senior Department have included Maths, Science and Drama. Our Three day Activity event in June once again demonstrated the opportunity to see children at their best, whether building shelters, completing an obstacle course, taking part in water-based team games, or creating artwork and sculptures. The team spirit and enthusiasm, care and support for each other, makes these worth-while events.

This year the addition of two specialist teachers has raised the profile of sport within the department. Saturday morning workshops in tag-rugby, hockey, handball, basketball, rugby and swimming have been enjoyed. Trips have been organised to football, rugby and cricket matches at weekends and evenings. A group of eight boys also went cross-country running in London.

Nationally, Seb Ford, Jean-Luc Chenery and Fred Fearnley represented the South West at the ISA swimming championships. Seb Ford competed in the high jump and the long jump at the ISA National Finals in Birmingham, coming 3rd in both events and Sam Swift also took part in the 150m sprint and the relay. Our Years 3 and 4 won the Teignmouth Schools tag rugby tournament, beating all of the local schools. We also competed in our first Girls' football tournament. **Watch this space!** Throughout the year, the boys have enjoyed several football and rugby matches, winning a **considerable** number. The Inter-house matches in rugby, football, netball, rounders, tennis and cricket have provided **further** opportunities for the children to enjoy their sport. The two successful

Sports Days produced some outstanding records from our talented pupils and determination and team-spirit from those not so athletic. Likewise, the Inter-house and Inter-schools' swimming galas showed the high standard and versatility of our young swimmers.

Tennis continues to grow in the prep department, with over 50 children receiving regular lessons. Luke Jones, Libby McNally, Charlie Cousens, Charlotte Greenwood, Lottie Atkinson and Emily Simms, are involved in the Devon County 'One-To-Watch' programme which monitors the progress of Devon's top Junior players. These children train up to **seven hours a week** and are making excellent progress. The strength of Prep tennis is further shown with both Fred Fearnley and Joe Wilcox representing the Senior Department in the 13 and Under level, **despite** only being in Prep 5!

Reflecting on the past year, there have yet again been so many achievements made. Our children have strived to give of their best, to reach their potential, whilst supporting and caring for each other. We say goodbye to ICT technician James and to Teaching Assistant Gail Henwood and wish them both all the best for the future.

In closing, I would like to thank Prep Department staff and children for all their hard work and enthusiasm over the past year.

I now hand over to Deputy Head, David Milnes to report on the senior successes.