

PE matters

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A MESSAGE FROM MR HUNTER

This term has seen students experiencing football, badminton and dance in PE lessons. PE staff have been impressed with the attitude and commitment from students within their lessons and have seen some great progress over the course of this term. Next half-term students will be moving onto two of the following activities depending on their rotations – trampolining, netball, basketball or badminton.

Also, a massive thank you to all the students who have attended an extra-curricular club or represented the school this term. Please keep an eye out for the clubs for next half term and get along to keep improving. The girls football teams have all made a positive start to their league campaigns and we look forward to seeing how you progress in the league after Christmas.

YEAR 7 BASKETBALL

The Year 7 boy's basketball team had their first experience of a competitive tournament at Wallingford on Wednesday. They played Wallingford and Wheatley Park. The boys were very competitive, matching the other teams' physicality and fitness given the other schools fielded teams consisting mainly of Year 8 boys. The boys put together some great passing plays and were very unlucky not to score more baskets. They showed some impressive dribbling skills and their offensive and defensive rebounding improved as they got into the games. They certainly found out how fast a

basketball game is and how much of a strategic thinking sport it is too. Players of the tournament were Lucas C, Ethan H and Finn P. All three showed tenacity and skill in both attack and defence and led by example. All the boys enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the next tournament. The squad was: Oscar P, Oscar H, Finn P, Matthew J, Isaac D, Lucas C, Ethan H and George E.



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MECE LIONESSES

Year 7 Girls travelled to Langtree for their first football fixtures of the season. The girls lost their first game against a strong Langtree side 3-0 but regrouped to go on and win 1-0 against Icknield School. It was the tale of two penalties in the game with MECE conceding a penalty for hand ball in which Eleanor made a fine save. Then Icknield went on to concede a penalty for hand ball and we hit the post, we again hit the woodwork at the end of the game and eventually went onto to win 1-0. Well done to all involved and congratulations to Poppy for scoring the winning goal and Eleanor for being named player of the match. Also, a big thank you to Mr Baker for taking the girls to the fixture to ensure it still went ahead.



Year 8/9 (plus a few Year 7) girls had their first fixture of the season away at Langtree, against Cranford House. The team started strong, taking a 2-0 lead early on in the game. At the final whistle the team secured a 3-2 win. The whole team played incredibly well and it's great to see how each individual has progressed over the past year. Special mention to Team Captain, Honey, who had a fantastic game and will no doubt lead the team to more victories this season!



On Wednesday, 30 November, Year 10 and 11 girls kick started their football season with a fixture away at Langtree School to take on Langtree and Icknield School. The girls played against a strong Langtree team and held their own for the first 10 minutes of the game with some strong defending from Gemma, Carys and Kerise and some good saves by stand-in goalkeeper, Amelia. Langtree opened the scoring with a very good long-range effort and then scored 3 quick goals in the last 5 minutes of the game to run out 4-0 winners. In great credit to our girls they re-grouped quickly and went straight back out to play Icknield School and took the game to them straight from kick off. We took a quick 2-0 lead with good build up play by Emily, Hettie and Bella with the goals finished off well from Emily and Carys. An injury to Hettie forced her off the pitch and this seemed to effect the team as we conceded two sloppy goals allowing Icknield back into the game at 2-2. The girls though, stayed positive with more great attacking play from Bella which led to a chance for Kerise who finished superbly to get the win for MECE.

MECE SPORTS SUPERSTARS

It's great to see and hear about our student's sporting achievements outside of school. Well done to the following students for their recent sporting endeavours:

Ines in Year 7 competed in a regional qualifier for her Ballroom and Latin dancing on Sunday, 13th November. It was her first competition in the junior category (12–16-year-olds) and she managed to get through the rounds to the final for both her Quickstep in Ballroom and her Jive in Latin. She then got 3rd place for both, and qualified for the 'National Ballroom Medallist of the Year Grand Final Competition' at the Empress Ballroom Winter Gardens in Blackpool next July 2023.



Well done to Lilly-Ann in Year 7 in her gymnastics competition at Milton Keynes on Saturday 12th November. She won a gold medal on bars, silver on floor and silver for second best score overall on the day. Well done, Lilly-Ann, and good luck at any upcoming competitions.

Well done to Grace in Year 7 for competing at the Carterton Gymnastics in Oxford on Sunday 13th November in the 11-16 year old category competition. Grace won bronze on floor and came fourth on the vault. A massive well done and good luck in your upcoming gymnastics competitions.



Renai in year 7 also competed at the same competition and won gold on bars, massive well done!

MISS CHEESEMAN'S STUDENTS OF THE TERM



My KS3 student of the term is Isaac D in Year 7 for being such a great asset to the PE department. Isaac has represented the school in rugby, basketball and cross country. His attendance at lunch and after-school sports clubs is great. Isaac has also

helped in other aspects of the department, for example, touring prospective staff members. His engagement in PE lessons is also fantastic!

My KS4 student of the term is Charlie GP in Year 10. Charlie is always focused and engaged in BTEC Sport lessons and is making brilliant progress. Charlie is a pleasure to have in both BTEC & core PE lessons. It has been fantastic to

see Charlie in attendance at football club during lunch and after-school and representing the school in the Year 10/11 football team. Charlie's confidence has really grown over the past few months and it's wonderful to see her engaging so well with all things PE!



MISS GARDNER'S STUDENTS OF THE TERM

My KS3 student of the term goes to Lola S in Year 9 for attending all rehearsals, coming into the studio for extra practice and having a cracking sense of humour!



My KS4 student of the term goes to Henry M in Year 10 for an incredible term, and for creating a gorgeous solo in the Christmas Carol production!

MR HUNTER'S STUDENTS OF THE TERM



My KS3 student of the term is Eleanor L in Year 7. Eleanor has made a fantastic start at MECE, both in PE lessons and at extra-curricular sport clubs. She has attended football club regularly at lunch and after school and has represented the school amazingly well for the Year 7 team but also

for the Year 8 and 9 team! Well done Eleanor and I look forward to seeing you develop and progress within the PE the department over your time at MECE.

My KS4 student of the term is Gabi P in Year 10. Gabi has made a fantastic start to her BTEC Sport course and her attitude and work rate in both BTEC Sport and core PE is fantastic. She has regularly attended clubs both at lunch and after school

and represented the school amazingly at the cross country and duathlon this term. She has also volunteered to help at the Primary School Cross Country events we have held on a Saturday morning. Well done Gabi! Good work!





SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the following students for representing the school so well at the South Oxfordshire Cross Country on Tuesday, 8 November at Gillotts School. The students involved did amazingly well considering the cold, wet and slippery conditions on the day. A massive thank you to Mr Burningham and Mr Baker for attending with the students.

A special mention to the Year 7 girls' team (pictured below) who came 3rd overall out of the 7 schools involved, claiming the bronze for the team event. Top work girls!



YEAR 7 BOYS	YEAR 8/9 BOYS	YEAR 10/11 BOYS
Isaac D	Nilo L	Isaac W
Oscar P	Freddie P	Ben W
Thomas D	James H	Jimmy W
Aiden W	Emmanuel N	Jerry J

YEAR 7 GIRLS	YEAR 8/9 GIRLS	YEAR 10/11 BOYS
Saanvi K	Ebony M	Gabi P
Iris J	Jorgia P	Ruby N
Dulcie K	Imogen C	Amelia B
Niyamh K	Lola S	Charlotte F-P

PE KIT REMINDER

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The PE department have been really impressed with students PE kit so far this year. Students have been, overall, great at remembering their PE kit and having the correct kit for PE lessons. With us now into winter and it starting to get colder, please remember that students can wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms and a navy blue jumper for PE lessons.

If there are any issues with regards the PE kit please just let me know and we can try and help where possible: d.hunter@maidenerleghtrust.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS

KIT LIST

Physical education and games kit

- Navy blue polo shirt (with logo embroidered – purchase from Stevensons)
- Navy blue shorts/skort
- Navy blue sports socks (outdoor PE lessons)
- White sports socks (indoor PE Lessons)
- Navy blue Microfleece/Jumper
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- Non-marking trainers



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