

# Nugent Nuggets

## House Singing Success!



After several weeks of rehearsals, missing social and having quality banter, the house singing competition had finally arrived. Being put on at second to last in the running order for the night the girls had to wait nervously to perform. As the evening went on, it became apparent that this year's quality of arrangements was very high. However, in the adjudicator's eyes the Nugent girls were no match for all of the other houses and were able to win all of the available categories: house song, part song, the overall prize and the arrangement prize. Needless to say, I think that the girls truly deserved this win as a lot of effort had been put in by everyone.

I would like to say a big thank you to Lucy Sutherland (L6th) for helping me with the arrangement for the part song and to everyone who had an input along the way.

Bring on next year!! #letsmakeMrsDuckettcryagain

**Mali Aitchison**



# Note from the Housemistress

Dear Parents,

For those of you who have been with me for 5 years you would have remembered that we used to produce a Nugent newsletter – it's been a while, but it's back – so I hope you enjoy it!

The term has been hectic (in true Stowe fashion) but we have numerous successes to shout about. In my original email I talked about the successes of the external exam candidates and our Oxbridge girls are coming back in half term to sit their entrance exams – Georgie Skinner, Lisa Battilomo, Annie Ormerod and Amy Jorgensen. Skye Longworth fortunately doesn't have to sit an entrance exam! Our remaining Upper 6 are all fine tuning their personal Statements as they begin the UCAS process and we wish them the best of luck over the coming months.

The newsletter is of course a collective effort and you will see that a number of girls have contributed. However, it is being driven forward by Jess Potts and Marian Gallick and so the real thanks must go to them both. I hope you enjoy reading the articles and seeing the photos – I cannot thank you enough for the interest you all take in the house but perhaps this will give you a better insight in to what we have really excelled in over the last 6 weeks. Important dates and information concerning the end of term will still be sent in an email but in the meantime please enjoy the next two weeks and have fun reading! **Iayne Duckett**

## Nugent Welcome New Third Form

The first half of term sounds as if it is going to be hard but it really isn't, as I arrived I was a bit worried so everyone was so nice to me and I wasn't homesick at all. You immediately feel so welcome and there isn't much time to feel homesick because you are so busy.

**Pandora Smiley**



For most of us, this is our first time boarding and of course it was quite nerve racking but, because we were welcomed into such a warm and kind environment we suddenly didn't feel as nervous. After a week of lessons and sport it felt as if we had been here for years ..... we are enjoying Stowe.

**Cosi Prestwich and  
Martha Shillington**



# House Debating

The motion this year was the sensitive subject of; 'This house believes that censorship of the media should be allowed during times of crisis'. The Nugent house team of Eliza Dubois, Annika Ormerod and Martha Coombe were opposing this motion, but sadly suffered a defeat to the incredibly strong Grenville team, who ended up beating Nugent by just 2 points in a very close competition. Nugent made many very convincing arguments and fought their overall points very clearly, challenging the Grenville team about every point they put across. Despite the defeat, the team had the opportunity to work together and research this very relevant and discussed topic, bringing together and enhancing the social and political context behind the motion. **Eliza Dubois**

## House Football



For the seniors the house football was a very tense and competitive day. The first game of the day was against Lyttleton. We hadn't yet warmed our football skills up so a few missed goals occurred but our defence was on point as we used our speed and determination to poach the ball of the opposition. But after a very close match we only managed to come away with a draw of 1-1. Our second game was against Stanhope, and after our draw with Lyttleton we were determined to win. We had plenty of shots on goal but the Stanhope's goalie was not letting them in. We scored an early first goal giving us the lead over Stanhope when suddenly our defence lost track of the opposition and managed to let a goal in. With only five minutes to spare Nugent wanted this win so we had a chance to win overall. With a beautiful midfield transition Philly Stacey placed the ball just in front of Liv Thomas who scored in the top corner of the goal and scored the winning goal. After this match the Upper Sixth decided to make their debut against West and smashed them. One more match to go, Queens. Our match against Queens started strong with the score staying 0-0 for the most of the match, with great defence on both teams it was difficult to score, but then suddenly Queens managed to dribble past all our defenders leaving them with a 1vs1 against our goalie and the ball rolled into the goal, meaning that we lost 1-0 and therefore came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the House Football event by goal difference. There's always next year. The juniors and inters also did well in all their matches, but Nugent didn't manage to get any trophies this year.

**Liv Thomas**

## House Hockey

On a Saturday afternoon a group of U6th and L6th Nugent girls went up to the bourbon to compete in the house hockey. We first faced Queens. The team held their positions well and kept a cool and calm approach to hold off the previous winners. However, a couple of missed passes allowed Queens to gain an advantage and at the end of the match the score was 1-0. We then went on to face Stanhope, with our team re shuffled and after receiving the wakeup call we needed from Queens we went on to slip two goals past the 1<sup>st</sup> team goalie to win the match 2-0. With the team spirits high, we found ourselves back on the astro for the final time to face Lyttelton. This did not prove an easy match, however with some hard work we proved that once more we could come out on top. Unfortunately, after conceding a goal in the last 3 minutes of the game this meant we lost out on the title of house hockey champions, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will have to do until next year. **Imi White**

### Nugent inters

We started off the house hockey with a tough match against Queens; we played really well as team and secured a well-deserved draw. Our next match was against Lyttelton where we didn't play as well, but still secured a win with some great goals scored. Our next match was against Stanhope where we also played well and won quite easily with Mia scoring a hatrick. Next match was the final where we were up against queens, we all knew that we were going to have to play at our best to win, we played amazing and our defence and attack were both working so hard, the match was over and we had drawn, we all wondered what this what mean? Penalty flicks with only a couple of practices Lucy, Connie and Zoë took the penalties for the team Lucy, Connie and Zoë both got them in and we beat queens 3-2. We had won house hockey. **Zoë Pollock**



## House Equestrian

We took part in the Inter-House competition at the Equestrian Centre on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Charlotte, Frankie, Antonia, Katie and Cecilia all performed incredibly well, showing true team spirit and achieving some great results from the judge, Rachel Halverson. All in all, it was a fantastic event, well done to everyone who took part and big thanks to Imi White for spurring our team on. **Matron**



## House Badminton



Marriott, Leefe, Cranmer and Frost stepped onto the courts, tensions were high, pride was at stake and death stares commenced. The Nugent foursome huddled together to discuss tactics and what they were going to order for takeaway. It was all about the win. Queens were defeated with ease followed by Lyttleton. With confidence and morale high we commenced our final doubles match with Marriott and Leefe winning 11-7 and Cranmer and Frost winning 11-10. The doubles matches were dominated. This rise in confidence may have been our downfall as Marriott and Leefe let the victory go to their heads as they both marginally lost in their singles finals. We were distraught, rumour has it Marriott may have shed a tear. The overall winners were Stanhope and as the trophy was ripped from our grasp, the Nugent girls returned to house with heads hung low and stomachs left rumbling as their take-away was no longer granted. Mrs Duckett was very disappointed and also arranged for us to attend an intense badminton training course over half-term which I'm sure we will benefit from. **Lily Marriott** (note from Mrs Duckett: Be careful not to believe everything that Lily writes!!)

## House Basketball

Our first match was against Queens; this was probably our toughest match however we came through winning by quite a long way! Our second match was against Stanhope but with great team work and shooting from Jemima we won by quite a big margin. Finally, we finished by convincingly winning against Lyttleton, meaning we were the overall winners of the tournament! Some great play came from Jemima and Katie, who shot goal after goal, enabling us to win with an impressive score. In the middle of the court some fantastic teamwork came from Imi, Tess, Antonia, Frankie and Cosi, who played excellent defenders and attackers, managing to get the ball up the court from the other end, to set up another goal from Katie or Jemima. Overall it was a great afternoon and we all really enjoyed it **Imi Laurence and Tess Clarke**



# Cross Country

The whole school turned out to tackle a challenging cross country course on a cold and blustery afternoon.

The third form sprinted off behind Holly Phillips who led the field until an injury thwarted her efforts (but she still finished 10th) Strong efforts also made by Imi Laurence in 6th place, Charlotte Morgan in 7th and Pandora Smiley in 12th.

The fourth form were determined to revamp their scores (and image) from last year and had been training in the weeks leading up to the race. Zoe Pollock led from the start and finished in 1st place with Amber Capurro (4th), Connie Barnes (5th), Cecilia Mayne (6th) Martha Scott Knight (8th) and the Dettori sisters finishing in 11th (Mia) and 12th (Ella), Georgie Leefe was 14th and Milly Cranmer 15th.

The 6th form were on top form this year with Georgia Flawn-Thomas setting a new school record (21.39) - beating the previous record set by Jemima Grant by 3mins . However on mass they recorded impressive results as the following came in the top 20: Eliza Dubois (3rd), Mali (4th), Philly Stacey (6th), Alice Maclure (10th), Amy Jorgensen (11th), Gen Sligo Young (12th), Carmel Hobbs (13th), Martha Combe (14th) and Clara Haggie (18th).

Overall results and trophies will be handed out in the first assembly back after half term. **Georgia Flawn-Thomas**



# Read All About It!

## Beachborough Eventing Challenge



This was held at Foxhill Farm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Our team of inters - Katie, Charlotte, Sophie and Josh had to ride roads & tracks, steeplechase, continuous rounds of show jumping and x-country. We all did really well and got individual placings finishing first in the class and were presented with a magnificent horse trophy. **Charlotte Morgan and Katie Lee**



I compete in the sport of eventing, the triathlon of equestrian sports, which consists of dressage, show jumping and cross country. I have competed internationally up to CCI\*\*, currently being the youngest in Great Britain to do so, with a pleasing performance at Osberton International being one of only 15 out of around 120 to go clear in both jumping phases in my first ever CCI\*\*. I am now qualified to go 3\*, as well as still having another year in Junior British Teams, so hopefully next season will be a busy and exciting one with my team of horses! **Ivy Freeman-Attwood**

### Link for the House Singing:

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## Ben Duckett

As I am sure everyone in Stowe knows (thank you, Headmaster), Mrs Duckett's son, Ben, was picked to represent England in the current cricket tour to Bangladesh and India. In his debut match for 1 Day International, Ben scored 60 and then went on to open the batting with Alistair Cooke in the first test match in Bangladesh, scoring 14 runs. Good luck, Ben, for the rest of the tour! **Matron**



## Mali at the Violin Master Class with Martyn Jackson



We are at Aldon, Yeovil, Somerset - the last Eventing fixture of the season. Competing in the CIC\* against riders from Ireland, America, Canada, Argentina and Morocco. Dressage tomorrow at 3pm, Xc on Saturday and show jumping on Sunday. Here is a picture of us waiting for the trot up **Imi White**

