

GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Summer 2017



Rough Runner Challenge!

"The best Friday I've ever had!" Archie, Daneshill School

We held our first ever Rendcomb Rough Runner Challenge this year where more than 100 11-year-olds from Rendcomb, Dean Close, Kitebrook House, Bredon, Daneshill, Castle Court and Bruern Abbey worked in teams to complete a 2.5 kilometre off-road trail within Rendcomb's 230 acre countryside estate.

Rendcomb's Head of College, Rob Jones, said: "This event is exactly what Rendcomb College is all about; team work, comradery, adventure and overcoming challenges.

"Staying in touch with nature and the great outdoors is vital as there are so many technological distractions around us. This event is just one of the ways at Rendcomb College in which we encourage adventure outside the classroom."



The obstacle course was sponsored by the leading sportswear brand Squadkit. Crossing through the River Churn at two points, following a forest trail, scrambling over hay bales and enjoying a very muddy water slide ensured the children all crossed the finish line with smiles on their faces.

Forest School fun

We hosted some fantastic free Forest School events for pre-schoolers led by our qualified instructors last term.

Set within our real forest called the 'Wilderness,' more than 50 children aged 2 to 4-years-old made the most of the 'Winter' and 'Spring' themed events.

Our next event features a real life Pirate during our Junior Pirate Adventure Open Morning; visit our website for further details.





BIG SING! hits the right note

Around 140 children from primary schools across Gloucestershire took part in Rendcomb College's first BIG SING! event in March.

The Year 5 children from schools including Fairford, North Cerney, Severn View and Withington joined Rendcomb College Junior School pupils to create a mass choir which performed in the brand new 350-seat theatre at the College.

The children spent the day learning three new songs with Rendcomb's specialist music teachers and all took part in the informal concert at the end of the day in front of family, friends and teachers.

Songs included 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' from Disney's film 'The Lion King' and the nursery rhyme

'Old Abram Brown' sung in a four-part round.

Rendcomb College's Music teacher, Laura Hayward, who led one of the singing sessions said: "It was fantastic to see so many local children enjoying singing and performing on our new stage. We all had a great time and look forward to more of these occasions."



National Theatre Director opens new arts centre

Former pupil and Technical Director at the National Theatre, Jonathan Suffolk, returned to Rendcomb to officially open the brand new £3.3m theatre complex, the Griffin Centre last term. Guests were treated drama and dance performances from across the school.



Patagonia trip Easter 2017



Science Week breathes fire into labs

British Science Week (BSW) is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths – featuring fascinating, entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

Rendcomb College's science department celebrated the week

with a packed timetable of activities and visits.

The photo below was taken while pupils were studying the effects of a large surface area on the rate of combustion...this one is burning icing sugar!



Pupils from Year 8 to Year 12 ventured on a trip of a lifetime to South America during the Easter break. The group were based for three days in Buenos Aires followed by a week in the Patagonian regions of El Chalten and El Calafate.

This trip was a joint venture between the Spanish, Geography and Science departments - a clear example of teamwork in action! Pupils were provided with the opportunity to participate in a range of incredible experiences. The adventurers discovered Argentina's National Park - Los Glaciares, they learnt to dance like a local during a Folklorica lesson and learnt about glaciation and local flora during a hike to Laguna Torre and Laguna de los Tres, under the Fitz Roy massif.

Pupils also visited a working cattle centre and camped in Chile's Torres Del Paine National Park where they hoped to spot the Magellanic Clouds, which are only visible in the Southern hemisphere.

There was an opportunity to meet up with pen pals at a Chilean school and finally, they hiked to Las Torres to work on a case study of the impact of tourism on the National Park. They focused on the regional fauna, gazed on guanacos and always remembered to keep their eyes peeled for condors!





Netball tournament win!

The U9 girls were victorious taking home the trophy from the annual Hatherop Castle Netball Tournament last term.

Rendcomb's team first played Hatherop, and stamped their authority on the tournament with a confident 5-1 win. Next, they played Westonbirt and achieved an equally convincing 6-1 win to enter the final game in a very strong position.

The opposition, St. Edward's, were also unbeaten and a tight game ensued to decide the winners. Rendcomb's girls showed great maturity, controlled their passing

Harrow no competition for clay girls

Rendcomb girls' clay shooting A team were victorious, bringing home the winners' trophy from Harrow's Clay Shooting Competition last term.

The girls' team of Sixth Formers, Grace, Lizzie, Rebekah and Maddy, scored the top spot against teams from Millfield and the hosts, Harrow.

and scored early to win the game 5-3 finishing the tournament as overall winners. A fantastic whole team effort and a well deserved success!



Dates for the Diary

Friday, 12 May Junior Pirate Adventure Open Morning for ages 2 to 11 - 10am to 12 noon

Saturday, 7 October Whole College Open Morning

Friday, 10 November Sixth Form Information Evening - open to pupils in Years 10 and 11

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