



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## U14 Hockey

Many congratulations to the girls in the U14 Hockey team for their success at the National Hockey Championships this week.

*'On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of February, the U14 Hockey team competed in the National Schools T2 Hockey Championships in Nottingham. We were in a pool with schools from Newcastle, Kings Macclesfield and Tunbridge Wells. The girls had a closely fought 1<sup>st</sup> match against Newcastle Under Lyme, unfortunately losing out by 2 goals to 1. Next up was a strong Macclesfield team (who went on to win the age group). The girls played some great hockey, unfortunately, we lost 3-1. The final match was against Kings Macclesfield, and all was to play for. The girls fought hard, some great teamwork and movement on and off the ball they pulled out a 3-1 win. This left us 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table and into the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off.*

*The girls stepped on pitch for their last match against Priors Park from Bath. Our team captain, Olivia Holme, led by example and showed them how it is done with a reverse stick top corner shot. Final winning score of 4-2. This meant they finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Nationals and proudly collected their bronze medals. The girls were amazing and showed amazing teamwork, resilience and determination. A massive thank you to all the parents that were able to come and support the girls!' (Mrs Bowden)*

I would like to thank Mrs Bowden and Ms Awad for training and taking the girls to the Nationals. I know it was a great day for all involved. I also reiterate Mrs Bowden's thanks to all of the parents who travelled to support the girls.



## Stargazing at Presdales

Last Friday, Presdales hosted an Ogden Trust Stargazing evening for students from local primary schools. Sadly, the night sky was a bit elusive but during 30 seconds of patchy clarity, one person got to see Jupiter and its Moons. Our students who supported the event were excellent ambassadors and kept the younger children entertained with various activities which included space art, rocket launching and making model constellations. Many thanks to Hertfordshire Astronomy Group for sharing their skills and knowledge. Thanks also to Mrs Warburton for organising the evening and to Mr Bedwell for giving his presentation on 'What I love about Space'.

**Safer Internet Day**

This week we have been celebrating Safer Internet Day in school. There are 170 different countries around the world who choose to mark this occasion with schools, governments, charities, police forces and tech companies focusing on trying to make the internet a safer and better place for everyone. All students have had assemblies and form time activities focusing on this year's theme which is about change online. We have been discussing how change online can be both positive and negative and how it is up to all of us to work together to make the online world a positive place for everyone. Please do take this opportunity to join in with the event by discussing with your child about online safety and use [this link](#) to help with parental tips and advice on difficult online issues.

**Windsor House Charity Week**

Well done to all the students involved in organising events this week. These have included bake sales, sending a valentine to a friend, raffles and today the Year 12 vs 13 boys dodgeball match! The planned movie night had to be postponed until a later date. Thank you to all students who took part in the activities that have been running.

**Summer Fete 2024 - Advance Notice**

The student council is organising a Summer Fete on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This will take place from 3.30pm, and will precede our annual Presdales Rocks event that takes place later that evening. The fete will be open to all students and their families. Each of the school houses will be running stalls, which may include lucky dip, raffle, cake sales and many more fun stalls. The students are also inviting parents, or those affiliated with Presdales, who sell their own products to set up stalls. We will send out further details on this nearer the time.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

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Headteacher