

Forest Park School

Where today's child
is tomorrow's future



March 2010

Congratulations to all our talented Junior children on their splendid performances in the musical production 'Honk'. I'm sure you'll agree that we were wonderfully entertained by all who took part, and we experienced some amazing singing and acting talent in this show. It was an ambitious project for a primary school, but under the leadership of the very talented Mrs Niland, our performing arts coordinator, it was a huge success, showcasing the wealth of talent and love of performing arts that Forest Park prides itself on.

Let's start with the lovely Siân Pye, playing Ida, the bossy but loving mother duck. She portrayed the role expertly, bossily organising her husband and their unruly brood in the farmyard. She sang with maturity and accuracy beyond her years. She stayed in character throughout, and we really felt for her when she was laying those eggs – eggshasting! An excellent performance, Siân!



Ida certainly had a lot to put up with from Drake, her disreputable, work-shy husband, played by Mikhael Chowdhury in that laid-back style we know so well! He played the hen-pecked, (or should I say duck-pecked), husband, always trying to duck out of his responsibilities, but not getting away with much. Drake had plenty to do once those unruly chicks were hatched. Who would have thought Nicholas and Alexander Coutsavlis, Jordan Henry and William Hull, Haris Hussain and William Wilson could have portrayed so well such a rowdy, rabble of boisterous ducklings? Eggstraordinary!

The role of Maureen, Ida's best friend, was beautifully played by Meredith, with mature and accurate singing, and sensitive acting. Olivia Ashcroft was lovely as 'Her Grace', the most distinguished duck in the farmyard, holding the position as head of the farm with her gentle insight and wise judgement.



Thoughts from the Head's Study

Already we are at the end of an exciting and productive term with so many achievements to celebrate. The children's commitment to fundraising and their young entrepreneurial endeavours has enabled them to develop and learn more about their responsibilities as effective citizens of the future whilst supporting our caring ethos. In sports we were all so proud of the lacrosse team, reaching the finals is a real testament to their spectacular sporting ability. I think that you would all agree that our production of Honk captivated an inspired and dazzled audience; demonstrating the power of team work and the potential of our passionate and promising young actors. We are immensely proud of the progress our pupils have made this term. The flair and enthusiasm of our teaching team has motivated and challenged the children, many of whom continue to make made outstanding progress. Enjoy a wonderful break.



Head Girl and Head Boy's Corner

This term has been probably the busiest term so far. The school production Honk! went extremely well and we all thoroughly enjoying taking part. Congratulations to Year 6 having raised lots of money for Sports Relief, doing fundraising events and games. Also year 4 have been raising money for their 'Living Eggs' hatching project. Although it is our last term at school, we are looking forward to it, as Years 5 and 6 are off to both Llandudno and France.



Happy Easter to everyone and we hope that you have a brilliant holiday.

Olivia Ashcroft and Sam Fuller

P.A. News

What a busy half term we have had with the School Show and Easter "Eggstravaganza". All the Eggs are on display - and it looks as though the children have all worked really hard. There are some very creative ideas. The Cake Sale was a triumph - thank you to all involved with baking and to you the parents for supporting. We have raised approximately £500 to date. This money I am sure will be put to good use over the coming term. Mr Marsden seems to have lots of fun-packed things planned for Science Week!

You should be receiving a letter home this week letting you know that we have arranged for Hanging Baskets to be made up. Mrs Pye, grandmother to Siân, Tom and Francesca has organised this in previous years and it has always proved very popular with parents at Forest Park. Order forms must be returned to the office no later than **April 16th**.

Our next meeting is on **Monday April 19th** and will be at the **Eskdale Lodge Hotel on Harboro Road, Sale**. Please some along we would love to see you.

Date for your Diary

May Ball - May 8th –A Night at the Oscars - Casino Tables and Disco

Have a wonderful Easter Holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the new term.

The Parents Association

World Book Day

Forest Park celebrated World Book Day with a whole host of activities. The children in the Lower school enjoyed visits from the Junior children who spent time reading with them in their classrooms.

Caoimhe and Tom entertain Riya and Harvie in Year 1.



During our assembly, we were treated to a 'puppet parade' as the children displayed the wonderful character puppets they had been busily making. Best puppets were awarded for each class by our Early Years students who had the difficult task of acting as judges.



Our winners were: Lucy Alderton, Vilohit Kalavalpalli, William Smallwood, Arushi Monga, Ethan Hennessy, Ellie Conway, Brittany McAssey, Meredith Davis and Matthew Lewis. Well done to all our puppeteers!



Kindergarten listen carefully to readers from Year 3.

Lamda Examinations

Over 30 children undertook LAMDA (London Academy of Musical and Dramatic Arts) examinations last term under the excellent tuition and guidance of Miss Flint. LAMDA examinations measure the children's progress against an international standard. Across a range of levels from Preparatory level all the way up to grade 2, the children were expected to learn, memorize and recite poetry and prose, answer questions about a toy or photograph they had chosen to bring in and converse with the examiner on such subjects as contrasts within literature, emotions and humour within poetry and the meaning of words; all designed to unlock imagination and promote creative thinking and develop communication skills.

We are pleased to announce that **EVERY** pupil passed their examination with flying colours, gaining **merits** or **distinctions**, which far exceeds any previous results. The children performed with extraordinary confidence and relished tackling each challenge set before them. We are so happy to nurture this growth in talent and self-esteem and foster this appreciation of literature and poetry. We are so proud of each and every one. Well done!



Mason Gee and Meredith Davis were also awarded Lamda certificates, but unfortunately were absent when our photograph was taken

Sports relief

On Friday the 19th the Year 6 children held games for all the juniors at the sports field with the aim to raise money for Sports Relief. Everyone was involved including Miss Holden, Mrs Schofield, Miss Burrows and Mrs Lydon. Although these teachers don't usually go to the sports field, they went along to support and help. There were lots of obstacle courses and relay races, the boys held a penalty kick out and the girls did challenges making children crawl through tunnels and hop through hoops! There



was a very cheery atmosphere and lots of money was raised totaling a £100.



Also the Early Years had a fantabulous Lazytown party dressing up brilliantly as Stephanie and Sporticus. We all enjoyed

sports relief and with a chocolate to finish off it was definitely a day to remember!

Meredith Davis



THE EGGS-HIBITION

Over the past few weeks, Year 6 have been working on an egg-citing project using hard boiled eggs and shoe boxes to make an marvellous eggs-hibition. We have had Alex with Bobslegging. Isobel-with Campeggvan, Charu-with Eggloo and Eggskimo. Mr. Marsden was very eggcited and decided to take some photos. Photo time came and Meredith managed to drop her egg Indiana Jones the Eggsplorer who is now Indiana Jones the scrambled Eggsplorer. After the trauma, the classroom smelt quite horrendous! Nevertheless, we all had a smashing time! Happy Easter .

By Isobel Babenko



By Alexander Coutsavlis



By Mikhael Chowdhury



By Isobel Babenko



By Charu Kayan



Football v All Saints

Having recorded a memorable victory in the previous game, confidence was high that our young footballers could repeat their heroics against All Saints.

Unfortunately, although the boys gave another performance full of determination and energy, their skilful opponents gave them a lesson in how to keep possession and *let the ball do the work*.

A final scoreline of 5-2 in favour of the hosts was nothing to be ashamed of, especially as a typical piece of opportunism by Ethan Hennessy had actually given his team the lead in the first minute.

The value of staying on your feet and not diving into tackles was a lesson learned in painful fashion by the youngest defence in the league although Callum Ashcroft was a valiant exception.

In the dying moments of the game, Tom Marland, reacting smartly to a parried penalty, fired in the rebound to give Forest Park a well-deserved second goal. He might have added a third had it not been for a fine save by the home 'keeper.

Despite the final scoreline, the boys can take great heart from the fact that they made plenty of chances to score and never gave up.

RESULT: All Saints 5 Forest Park 2

Scorers: Ethan Hennessy Man of the Match: Callum Ashcroft
Tom Marland

Football v Holy Family

A small, bumpy pitch, made accurate passing difficult for both teams although some clever interchanging between Ethan Hennessy and Tom Marland saw Jordan Henry race through to score his first goal of the season. Further chances were created by this energetic and skilful trio, and it was no surprise when Ethan doubled the lead just before half-time. Sam Fuller nearly added a third but his drive, following a flowing passing movement, flew just wide.

Although the home keeper was called into action on several occasions in the second half, a third goal proved elusive despite Tom Pye firing a couple of long-distance drives narrowly over the bar. A clever headed goal by Holy Family was the prelude to an exciting and nervous last five minutes but the Forest Park youngsters were not to be denied their second league win of the season.

Man of the Match was Luke Kelly for his excellent defending.

RESULT: Holy Family 1 Forest Park 2

Scorers: Jordan Henry Man of the Match: Luke Kelly
Ethan Hennessy

Football v Park Road

Aiming to complete their league programme on a high note, the intrepid Forest Park footballers found themselves pitted against league leaders Park Road.

The skilful but bruising home team quickly asserted themselves against their much younger opponents, and it was no surprise when they took an early lead with a powerful shot which Sam Lewis did well to even get a hand to. A long evening seemed on the cards for the visitors until Jordan Henry took advantage of a defensive mishap to equalise. A few hours after the game, the Forest Park boys would be appearing in the school's production of HONK but Jordan's goal certainly hadn't featured in Park Road's script for this particular game. Just before half-time, normal service seemed to have been resumed when Park Road restored their lead, and only a magnificent diving save from Sam Lewis prevented the lead from being doubled.

Ethan Hennessy was determined to mark his eighth birthday with a goal but whilst he was to be denied by some desperate last-ditch defending, it was from his clever cross that Jordan Henry applied a cool finish to equalise. As the league leaders began to panic, the Forest Park youngsters sensed a famous victory. Tom Pye's superb near post diving header from Sam Fuller's Beckhamesque corner was surely good enough to win any game, especially as he used the same part of his scalp which had nearly been given a short back and sides by a flying Park Road boot earlier in the game. Unfortunately, despite some brave goalkeeping from substitute Charlie Prosser, a late, late equaliser from the home team meant that, as the final whistle sounded, this bravest of visiting teams had to settle for a draw.

RESULT: Park Road 3 Forest Park 3

Scorers: Jordan Henry (2) Man of the Match: Tom Pye
Tom Pye



Lacrosse at Forest Park

One of the most spectacular sights in sport is surely that of a lacrosse ball being propelled at great speeds over prodigious distances. With the North-west of England being one of the hotbeds for lacrosse, it is no surprise that the sport is flourishing at grass-roots level where it is known as 'pop lacrosse'. What may actually cause a few eyebrows to be raised is the fact that the children of Forest park are rather good at it.

Having qualified for the Brooklands Leisure Centre tournament, the co-educational team of four girls and four boys found themselves playing against teams from St.Mary's, Brooklands Primary and Worthington Road for a place in the Trafford finals.

Each team fields five players at any one time. The team has to have at least two boys and two girls in its ranks. Players are only allowed to carry the ball for four seconds before they have to pass or shoot. Although each game only lasts for eight minutes, the pace is unrelenting.

In their first game, against St.Mary's, Forest Park raced into a 2-0 lead thanks to smart finishing from Sam Lewis. Unfortunately, St.Mary's came back strongly to clinch the game 7-5. In their next game, the team was up against Brooklands Primary, district champions for the past four years. If Forest Park were to progress further, a win was essential. Victory against the odds seemed a strong possibility when Tom Marland scored three early goals to establish an impressive lead. Brooklands then showed why they have dominated this competition, with a strong comeback. However, with seconds remaining, Forest Park lead 7-6. Could the champions really be toppled by our brave team? The answer was to be a heart-breaking 'no' as a scuffed shot literally trickled into the net as the final whistle was blown.

With a place in the final denied them by dint of goal average, the girls and boys in green and white stripes were determined to clinch third in the play-off with Worthington Road. The team got off to the worst possible start by conceding three early goals. Worse was to follow when leading scorers Tom Pye and Tom Marland found themselves on the bench due to injury. The girls then decided to 'come to the party' and began to dominate proceedings. Inspired by a hat-trick from Meredith Davis, the team fought back to win 6-5. By doing so they also secured a place in the Trafford finals. However, such is the nature of our busy little school that the climax to this exciting competition clashed with another event. Even if they had been able to fly, there was no way the likes of Ida, Maureen or Dot were going to brandish a lacrosse stick and then appear in the school production of HONK, all in one evening.

TEAM: Meredith Davis, Isobel Babenko, Sian Pye, Jasmine Gee, Hector Salathe, Sam Lewis, Tom Pye, Tom Marland

GOALSCORERS: Tom Marland (12) Tom Pye (7) Meredith Davis (3) Sam Lewis (2)

NETBALL

As we arrived at Hulme Hall the team was excited and nervous at the same time. Our team went up for their first match, which was against Abbotsford. During the first half Forest Park scored a goal but unfortunately Abbotsford scored 3. In the second half Abbotsford scored another 1 which made the score 4-1.

Our second match was against Hillcrest School. We were fired up now and ready to do our best. During this match, we scored an impressive 9 goals. With determined defending, we managed to stop our opponents scoring a single goal.

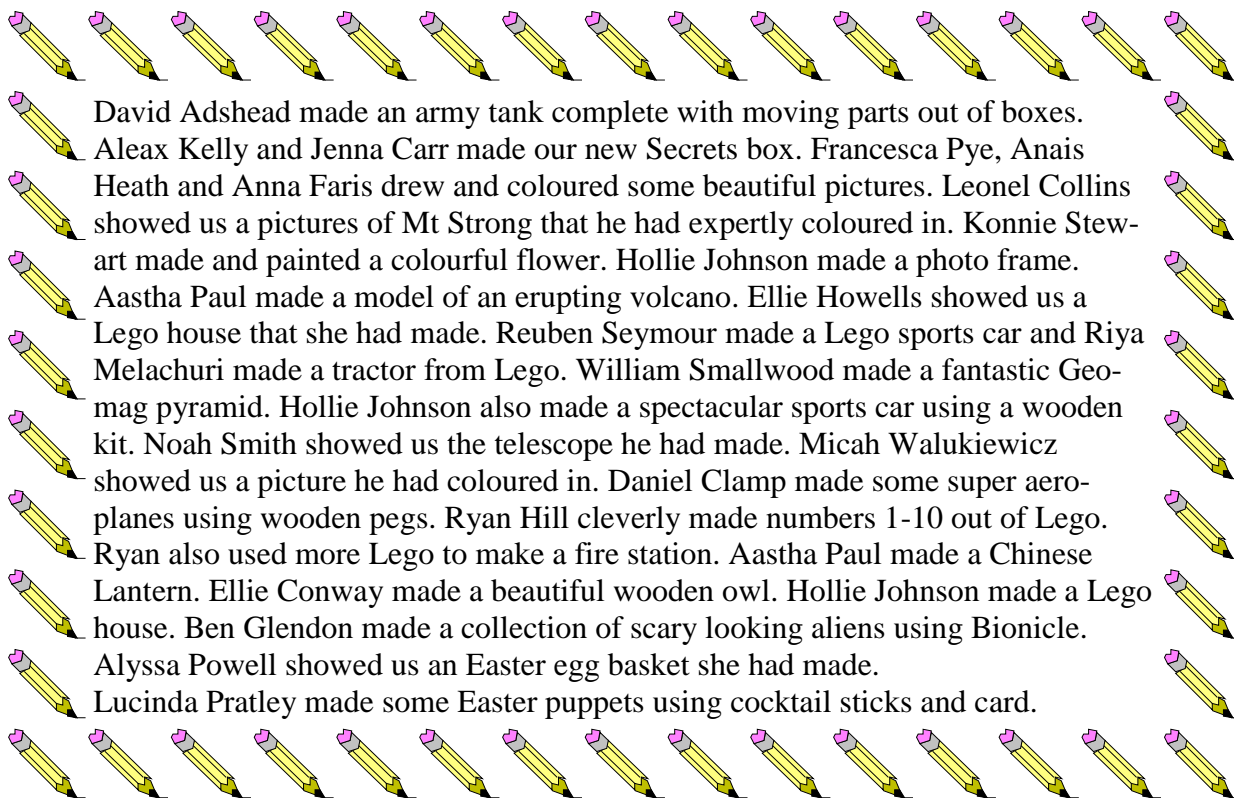
Our third match was the most difficult of all, but ended with a scoreline of 3-1 in our favour. We were really into our stride now and our fourth match was a breeze with an end score of 4-0.

We then played Greenbank school, an opponent not to be taken lightly. Unfortunately we were beaten by 2 goals, with a final scoreline of 4-2.

Our final match ended with a wonderful scoreline of 9-0 in our favour.

The final results for us was fourth place, missing out on third place by just three points. Meredith Davis was named Player of the Tournament for her determined defending and the accurate shooting.

Jasmine Gee



David Adshead made an army tank complete with moving parts out of boxes. Aleax Kelly and Jenna Carr made our new Secrets box. Francesca Pye, Anais Heath and Anna Faris drew and coloured some beautiful pictures. Leonel Collins showed us a pictures of Mt Strong that he had expertly coloured in. Konnie Stewart made and painted a colourful flower. Hollie Johnson made a photo frame. Aastha Paul made a model of an erupting volcano. Ellie Howells showed us a Lego house that she had made. Reuben Seymour made a Lego sports car and Riya Melachuri made a tractor from Lego. William Smallwood made a fantastic Geomag pyramid. Hollie Johnson also made a spectacular sports car using a wooden kit. Noah Smith showed us the telescope he had made. Micah Walukiewicz showed us a picture he had coloured in. Daniel Clamp made some super aeroplanes using wooden pegs. Ryan Hill cleverly made numbers 1-10 out of Lego. Ryan also used more Lego to make a fire station. Aastha Paul made a Chinese Lantern. Ellie Conway made a beautiful wooden owl. Hollie Johnson made a Lego house. Ben Glendon made a collection of scary looking aliens using Bionicle. Alyssa Powell showed us an Easter egg basket she had made. Lucinda Pratley made some Easter puppets using cocktail sticks and card.

School Council

We have had a very busy School Council this term and achieved a lot. The fruit tuck shop was a very successful and we all enjoy the healthy fruit. We have been all been delighted to meet the pets especially the cute and cuddly guinea pigs, rabbits and hamsters. This will carry on next term. We are all looking forward to the Easter disco and having a good time. We have focused on the standards of behaviour in school. We have also updated the playground rules and behaviour codes. We hope you have a Happy Easter holiday.

Ellie Conway

Teddy awards

Teddies	Awarded to...
Big Ted	Chi-Yan Ng, Otis Dolphin, Cameron Borshik, Armin Yaghmaee
Little Ted	Migi Wong Simmonds, Maxwell Borshik, Jenna Houlier, Megan Barber
Kitty	Akilesh Rathinam, Ruby-Rose Page-Laycock, Thomas-Zane Metcalfe
Pup	Tiri Linn, Nia Nanaton, Francesca Pye, Anais Heath



House News

House	Star
Moreton	Tom Marland, Srivaishnavi Kalavalapalli, Charlie Prosser, Samuel Fuller, Andrew Domville
Dunham	Prithvi Mody, Prithvi Sekar, Lucinda Pratley, Harshita Aribandi, Sam Lewis
Tatton	Arushi Monga, Iyal Kannan, Abby Bamber, Matthew Lewis, Ellie Howells

Pupil of the week awards

Y1	Reuben Seymour, Riya Melachuri, William Ellston, Prithvi Sekar, Harvie Borshik	Y 4	Haaris Shariff,, Oliver Davis, Hollie Johnson, Hannah Head, Callum Ashcroft
Y 2	Laura Head, Thomas Ellston, Nicole Henry, Phoebe Glendon, Anna Ball	Y 5	Thomas Bloor, Caoimhe McGonnell, Rebecca Challis, Harshita Aribandi, William Wilson
Y 3	David Adshead, Simone Lomax, Oliver Carson, Sohum Sen, Grace Smallwood	Y 6	Meredith Davis, Siân Pye, Olivia Ashcroft, Samuel Fuller, Osama Ansari

Swimming Awards

Nicole Henry	20 m
Micah Walukiewicz, Joanna Tower	Stage 1
Daniel Clamp	Stage 3
Ellie Conway	Gold Swimming Challenge

Sporting Achievements

Tom Pye4 was awarded Man of the Match by his football club.

Celebrating Success

Green Certificates - Abby Bamber, Prithvi Mody, Nicholas Coutsavlis, Meredith Davis, Oliver Carson, Mason Gee, Cholan Kayan, Nicole Henry, Milly Alderton, Mikhael Chowdhury, Samuel Fuller, Isobel Babenko, Sohum Sen, Simone Lomax, Philippa Oley, Siân Pye, Jordan Henry, Jasmine Gee, Jenna Carr, William Wilson, Sam Lewis, Tom Marland, Rebecca Challis, Hannah Head, Iyal Kannan, Harshita Aribanndi

Blue Certificates— Rebecca Challis, Sam Lewis, Tom Marland, Heather Bates, Iyal kannan, Caoimhe McGonnell, Harshita Aribandi, Naomi Tower, Arushi Monga, Phoebe Glendon, Jessica Hinds, Cholan Kayan, Eleanor Marland, James Layton, Charu Kayan, Lucy Pratley, Grace Smallwood, Eleanor Conway, Alexander Kelly, Min-Fay Ng

Gold Certificate— Holly Jenkinson, Srivaishnavi Kalavalapalli, Lucy Hinds, Grace Smallwood, Sohum Sen, Shriraj Mody
A Barney Bear certificate was awarded to Leonel Collins

Other Achievements

Bronze Athletics Certificates: Daniel Clamp.

Silver Athletics Certificates: Daniel Clamp, Akhash Rathinam.

Arion Yaghmaee completed a World Maths Day challenge.

Late Stay Awards

Tanya Aggarwal for being cheerful and helpful.

Anna Mao for being well-behaved and helpful.

Jasmine Gee for helping younger members of Late Stay to settle in.

Holiday Projects— Shreyas Verma (Egypt), Nicole Henry (Holiday diary and 'Tell the Time' book), Milly Alderton (Paris), Jessica Barnsley (Van Gogh), Anna Mao (Isambard Kingdom Brunel)

Shreyas Verma was presented with a certificate for hot air ballooning.

Isobel Babenko was awarded with a Level 2 in Gymnastics. Jason and Hector Salathé were awarded medals for the orienteering competitions that they have recently taken part in. Sohum Sen was awarded certificate for KYU Karate—Grade 8. Arushi Monga was awarded a merit in R.A.D. classical ballet examination. Samuel Peacock received a Snowsports Academy award from the Chill Factor. Ben Glendon received Head-teacher's praise for writing in his diary at home. Holly Jenkinson won a Road Safety colouring competition .



Then we come to Ugly, skilfully played by Hector Salathé, with just the right amount of naivety and innocence to get the audience feeling really sorry for him as he dealt with the cruel taunts of his brothers and the unwanted attentions of that sneaky cat. Ugly mistakenly thought that devious feline, expertly played by Jasmine Gee, wanted to be his friend, while all the time she was scheming to make him crispy and aromatic for her lunch! Jasmine was suitably stealthy and cat-like in the role, using her velvety smooth singing voice to good effect.

I'm sure you'll agree that Matthew Lewis, in his role of Greylag, flying officer of the band of geese, eggshibited all the skills necessary for a career in the military. Great characterisation, Matthew. The moustache suited you! Greylag was assisted by the very attractive flight attendant, Dot, played so well by Isobel Babenko. She also demonstrated talents for a possible future career, as well her eggsemplary talents in singing and acting.

Charu Kayan was eggsquisite in the role of Penny, the delicately beautiful and elegant swan who was rescued by Ugly, and then revealed to him that he was also a swan.

Didn't Sam Fuller play a fabulous Bullfrog! Such a smoothie, such a charmer. He eggsuded great stage presence and had the audience in the palm of his hands. The part of Jaybird, the smarmy roving reporter, was ably played by Osama Ansari, who certainly looked the part in his shiny suit. Now we know what Osama wears when he goes out on a Saturday evening!



I've mentioned the principal characters, but of course there are many others involved, all of whom did a splendid job. The Year 5 children played supporting roles as hens, swans, geese, etc. The Year 3 children were the goslings, and I agree entirely with their leader Greylag who described them as 'a fine body of geese'. The Year 4 children were delightful as the froglets, and we all loved them – warts and all.



It was a happy ending when we found out that Penny and Ugly had decided to be different and stay on the duckpond rather than fly away, and that the Turkey was eggstatic that he'd made it through Christmas. It was a hugely eggshilarating production from the 'hentrance' to the 'eggzit'.

We're full of admiration for the multi-talented Mrs Niland, who directed the show and painted the farmyard backdrop, and to our very hard working Mrs Ellston who was sound engineer and assistant producer. We're grateful for help with make up and the making of costumes to: Mrs Babenko, Ms Teader, Mrs Hull, Mrs Gee, Mrs Head, Mrs Challis and the Year 6 children. Thanks also go to the Art Group, led by Mrs Moores, for the making of props. We thank all the staff who helped backstage supervising the children in the dressing rooms, and the P.A. for their time spent organising and manning the bar.

Margaret Leslie
(with apologies for the egg references).