

1 Four pupils, Victoria Plume, Amy Flanagan, Louise French and Alice Pearn, travelled to the British Mini Inter-Schools One-Day Event.

There were 400 competitors taking part and thirty-six teams running.

All the girls completed creditable tests in the **blistering** heat and Louise gave the best dressage test of the day on her new horse. ☐

Victoria, in the strongest Group A, was unlucky to be just out of the **ribbons**; she was placed 11th. In Group C, Amy was 4th, and Alice in Group D was 5th. The most important result was that of how the team **fared overall**. They finished in third place, a truly excellent performance.

2 Seventeen cadets enjoyed a "flying experience" when they had the chance to sit in the **cockpit** of an aeroplane and take off into the blue.

The cadets were able to practise the basics of flying. ☐

4 The last day of Spring term saw over fifty West Buckland Preparatory School children rush out into the playground, armed and ready!

Each carried a secret weapon in the form of a **skipping rope** to enable them to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

They worked in teams to provide a display of non-stop skipping for several hours, and during that time learnt about cardiovascular fitness. ☐ The skipping rope performance was being held at its pick when unexpectedly the headmaster joined in.

By the end of the session, over 300£ had been raised in the **bid** to help the community.

The children can be highly praised for the **accomplishment**!

7 It was quite an achievement to have six West Buckland School athletes selected to represent Devon Schools at the South West Schools' Athletics Championships on 17th June.

Emily Hooper and Isabella Stoaate won the senior girls' 800 metres and the 1500m. Junior Jenny Milsom beat her personal best by 8 seconds. ☐

To follow on from these successes, Isabelle and Rob have been picked to compete at the Nationals which will be held in two months. Best of luck!

3 Congratulations to Ben Bouquet, a 15-year-old student who has successfully won a place in the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain.

For his two rounds of auditions, which were held in Bristol, Ben performed extracts from *Henry V* and a modern Italian play, then sang a popular song from the musical '*Oliver*'.

The NYT is patronized by such famous actors as Michael Caine, Sir Derek Jacobi and Sean Connery. Training is going to be provided soon by some of the top directors in the world of stage and film and Ben is looking forward to it.

He is no stranger to drama success. ☐ He has also gained Honours in several examinations with the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts), and recently took a lead part in the school's production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

5 Under Coach Dennis Morgan, West Buckland School Judo squad have gained great success this year, winning 7 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze medals.

6 15-year-old Chris Bouldon, has won a Royal Air Force competition to design an RAF Combined Cadet Force website. ☐

Chris has been computer literate since he started West Buckland School where he joined the 'Web Weavers and Hackers Club' and started constructing websites. He has helped make a school CCF and Sports web page, which is being constantly improved by him, he also set up his own company, 'Microweb.'

8 West Buckland School students pulled together to move six and a half tons of Sea King Helicopter and raised £2,500 for their efforts. ☐ The students worked well together and supported each other to avoid being hurt in any kind of possible accidents. Nearly fifty students and staff made it a real team effort to raise funds for their rugby and netball tour to South Africa for three weeks in July.

9 West Buckland School Jazz Orchestra played a major role in the launch of BBC Music Live, when they took part in Jazz on the River as part of Barnstaple's 6th Annual Jazz Festival. ☐

Fill the gaps in the newspaper articles with a sentence (A-H).

- Sarah Poyner commented "It was a memorable life-time experience" whilst Piers Barber said, "Great fun, a super opportunity to try aerobatics, handle the controls, and feel on top of the world!"
- The girls then had to ride **crosscountry**, although the **course** was not particularly big, it had its **tricky** moments.
- The local BBC Radio Devon, with presenter John Govier, **broadcast** them live.
- Last November he won three awards at the North Devon Drama Festival for poetry, acting and news reading.
- In just three days he produced a site which impressed the judges.
- In blustery but dry weather, they hauled the aircraft for over a mile along a runway, with the aid of two long ropes and a lot of muscle power.
- They enjoyed the exercise and improved their fitness levels.
- Sophie Lidstone's long jump booked her a place and Rob Watson won the 100 and 200 metres respectively.

Read the newspaper articles again and say who ...

- won the senior girls running competition.
- gave the best dressage test of the day.
- won three awards at the drama festival.
- won a competition to design a website.
- raised funds for a rugby and netball tour.
- won seven gold, four silver, and six bronze medals.
- beat the personal best record.
- practised the basics of flying.
- participated in a Jazz Festival.
- raised money for the British Heart Foundation.
- has been picked to compete at the Nationals.