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HAWKS RUFFLE BUZZARDS FEATHERS

On the 3rd of July, battle lines were drawn at Harrow Way. Rivalries were resurrected and friendships were tested. Yes, it was our annual Sports Day event. There were such events as tug of war, softball and hurdles to distinguish the professionals from the amateurs.

Hawks, who beat the Buzzards in 'the best Sports Day ever' as it has been dubbed, broke a three-year reign of Buzzards championship. On the day, when I interviewed members from each team, I concluded that each house has high opinions of themselves, with one particularly exuberant Year 7 saying, "Kestrels are the best and will win because we are fabulous!" There were many vibrant, multi-coloured banners pre-made by each of the houses, with Kestrels being particularly eye catching and artistic (not that I am biased at all!) All teachers brought in red, blue or yellow clothing to support their chosen team, with Mr Manson even rewarding students with red sweets too! The first winner for Tug of War was Kestrels Year 7 group A, but I had to leave my spectator post at that point, as I was participating in the tug of war myself.



PULL!

By Alfie Smith, Sports Day coverage continued overleaf

IMPORTANT DATES

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Etc.

HOUSE POINTS

BUZZARDS - 2480

HAWKS - 2150

KESTRELS - 1710

THE ATTENDANCE CUP

BUZZARDS - 91.84%

HAWKS - 92.95%

KESTRELS - 93.00%

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After the games, it was the athletics, which included sports such as javelin and long jump. Javelin throws were impressive, long jumps were long and shot putts went as far as if they had been fired out of a cannon. Track events were the final part of the day. Near the end of the track events, I stopped by 'Camp Kestrel', where Mr Manson stated, "It is the best Sports Day I have seen in 6 years. Spirits are high, people are happy, the weather's nice and it's just generally cool."



I now see why the houses are named after birds!

In all, it was a very fun, enjoyable day, and the weather was great too! Mr Serridge reflected, "Sports Day was a great success. The atmosphere throughout the day was excellent. It was great to see the whole school involved in the activities in the morning, followed by the more competitive track and field events. Well done everyone!"

By Alfie Smith

Sports Day began with a minute of silence for the victims in the recent terrorist attack in Tunisia, as a sign of respect to those who lost their lives followed by a pep talk from Mr Peters to get everyone invigorated for the field events soon to start. At break time, Buzzards took the lead, followed closely by Hawks and last but not least Kestrels. Buzzards got off with a strong start completely winning the tennis, short tennis, and tug-of-war. Although Buzzards had a powerful start to the day, Hawks were hot on their tail coming in second!

After a chaotic start to the day, the races were on! The races consisted of 100m, 150m, 200m, 400m, 600m and 800m. They were very high tension and adrenaline-fueled, everyone put their best efforts in to come out victorious and score points for their house.

As the time was closing in on lunch, Hawks caught up with Buzzards and were now in the lead with only a gap of a few points between the two closely competing houses, with Kestrels trailing behind in third.

Buzzards and Hawks were neck and neck all through until the end of the day. The final few races consisting of sprints and relays were the real deciders, at times the points between the two leading houses becoming equal until finally, one pushed ahead and there was an overall winner. In third place came Kestrels, In second came Buzzards, and in first came Hawks! Above all, it was an amazingly fantastic day and everyone had so much fun, making it an unforgettable experience for all involved!

By Jack Tugwell

Final scores

Hawks: 1338

Buzzards: 1283

Kestrels: 1214

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Blood, sweat and tears of toil were put into this month's issue of the Raptor, please consider this before you turn it into a paper aeroplane and/or rip it up.

ANT-MAN: SHRUNK DOWN TO SIZE

Ant-Man could have easily gone wrong, however fortunately the ten-year production wait was well worth it as Marvel has created a superhero movie fit to rival The Avengers.

If I was honest, I was not optimistic for Ant-Man, not because of the ludicrous concept of a man who shrinks into the size of an insect, but because of the production nightmares getting this film made. The original director, Edgar Wright (known for Hot Fuzz, Shaun Of The Dead) had been working on the project since 2006 and quit since having creative differences with Marvel Studios, so it is really astonishing this film got made at all and was such an exceptional movie overall.

New director, Peyton Reed, brings his unique visual style to the project creating one of Marvel's most ambitious superheroes to date, but you can see Wright heavily influenced the script and the storyboards, which does make you wonder what the original script contained. Paul Rudd brings a great deal of realism to Scott Lang, and is by far Marvel's most relatable character and Evangeline Lilly fits seamlessly into the epic plot without being a forced love interest for the main protagonist. However, who really steals the show is Corey Stoll: his performance as the villainous Yellow Jacket as brings just the right amount of charisma to the character without leading it into pantomime territory. This is all undermined by the lack of character development, however is an incentive for some enjoyable and inventive action scenes. It has sort have become a trope in the superhero genre to put as many Easter eggs in their movies as possible and Ant-Man is no exception. Characters from Marvels previous outings make cameos in the film but surprisingly is not forced down your throat, but is integrated into the plot so well that it becomes part of the DNA for the origin of Ant-Man.

Why I love this movie so much is because it doesn't try and up the stakes of Marvel's last instalment but tries to be a smaller movie in general (no pun intended) by featuring more on the characters and their relationships with one another. This is why Ant-Man succeeds on all levels (well, the ones he can reach anyway) and creates a fun heist movie, which in my opinion is better than Avengers: Age of Ultron.

In a world where there are more superhero films than there are Greek bank notes, it is refreshing to see the new approach Marvel has taken with this movie as they continue to reinvent the superhero genre.

By Jacob Percival



Hi there reader! If you would like to submit ideas, suggestions and articles about anything you want to be heard about or voice your opinion on, email TheRaptor@harrowway.hants.sch.uk for more info.

The Raptor wishes you a lovely and enjoyable summer holiday, we'll see you again in the new term!

SUMMER TV PREVIEW

Suffering from boredom in summer? Let The Raptor tell you what TV Shows are hot in the hottest period of the year to keep you busy!

Ripper Street SEASON 3 – BBC ONE – Summer

Amazon Prime users will most likely have already watched this season due to Amazon saving the show from cancellation last year and airing the episodes of the new season in November last year. People not subscribed to this service will not have to wait much longer as the newest season will broadcast on BBC One over the summer and will be slightly different to what has been aired on the online service and is therefore worth a watch by everybody. Ripper Street is set in the 19th Century in Whitechapel shortly after the infamous Jack the Ripper murders and follows the Police division at this time trying their best to solve murders on the streets of London.

Under The Dome SEASON 3 – CHANNEL 5 – August

Under The Dome is a hit science-fiction drama series based on the Stephen King novel of the same name and follows the residents of Chester Mill as they find that their small town has been cut off from the rest of the world by a transparent dome. Despite the panic that arises from this, the survivors try to maintain a semblance of peace and order whilst trying to uncover the truth. Under The Dome is an epic TV series to say the least with the air date looking to be in late August but it is definitely worth the wait.

Summer Sports

Despite the amazing TV series I have mentioned, there is also some gripping sport coverage over the summer period to keep you busy. These various sporting events include the British Grand Prix on July 5th, the Tour De France from the 4th July to the 26th July and Wimbledon from the 4th July to the 26th July to name a few and are all worth a watch.

Many other TV shows are also worth watching in the summer period these include:

- ◆ Pretty Little Liars (Netflix)
- ◆ Sense 8 (Netflix)
- ◆ Agent Carter on Fox
- ◆ Dark Matter on SyFy
- ◆ Hannibal on Sky Atlantic
- ◆ Dwayne The Rock Johnson's TV Show Ballers
- ◆ Fear The Walking Dead, The Walking Dead prequel
- ◆ Of course The X Factor, Doctor Who and The Great British Bake Off on ITV and BBC One are also unmissable.

Have we missed your favourite TV Show? Email the Raptor team and we may write a review or send us your own review and we will put it in the next issue where we will be talking about the top shows to watch in the new school year!

By Brendan White

AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

In Avengers: Age of Ultron one of the characters says, "nothing lasts forever," and it's a theme in the movie which questions the longevity of the Avengers franchise and quite possibly Marvel themselves: how long can they keep making great movies before the franchise becomes stale? Well, it does not look like it is ending anytime soon as Marvel has once again outdone themselves.

Joss Whedon returns to direct the ensemble and you can see his grubby comic book fingerprints all over this with his trademark witty dialogue and characterisation. Age of Ultron is not just a brilliant comic book movie but also more importantly a brilliant movie in general. The only problem I noticed is it tries too hard to recapture the magic of bringing these iconic characters together on the big screen again, resulting in vast amounts of action set pieces which by the end leave you exhausted. Nevertheless, the positives vastly outweigh the negatives as each character gets their own moment to shine and develop tremendously. Dropped in here and there are hidden Easter eggs that only hard-core fans will find—this overall results in an epic finale that is sure to have you talking about it for days.

Robert Downey Jr gives a great performance as expected, especially as Iron Man is by far the biggest franchise Marvel has on their hands, and sets up nicely the conflict that Captain America and Iron Man will have in the future. The two new additions to the Avengers' roster is Scarlet Witch and Quicksilver, which although they are present in the film, they struggle to engage the audience and feels like they are only in it to serve as plot devices.

Age of Ultron is one of the most inventive superhero movies to date as well as a nice textbook end to phase two of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Marvel's next biggest blockbuster may well be its smallest as Ant-Man shrunk into cinemas last weekend, but can they keep up the high standards they've set with Age of Ultron?

By Jacob Percival