



# ADCOTE ACHIEVER



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Edition #21

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Every year, the Adcote girls take part in the **Oswestry Music Festival**. This year, the girls amassed a whopping **70 entries** which included: **solo orchestral instruments, band instruments, classical, Musical Theatre and Pop singing, duets and choirs.**

Everyone performed their pieces with confidence and enjoyed hearing the feedback from the adjudicators.

Out of the **31 different categories entered**, the girls collected **11 trophies for first places** and placed in the **top 3 in nearly every category** which is an amazing achievement!

**Poppets, Pops and Chamber Choir** sounded wonderful and got lots of praise from the adjudicator and audience.

### First places

- **Rosina** took the trophy in the **21 and Under Gilbert and Sullivan** category.
- **Mya** placed **1st** in the **'15 and under Popular Music Singing', '18 and under Popular Music Singing'** and **'15 and under Musical Theatre'** categories. The adjudicator asked if she was planning to be a singer as a career and was impressed by her technique.
- **Seren** topped the **'13 and under set piece'** category.
- **Anna-Mae** won the **'9 and under' test piece song** and was determined to win the **'9 and under Musical Theatre'** category. She sang her heart out and walked away with a well deserved **first place**.
- It was **Gracie's** first festival this year. She delivered a completely perfect performance and came home with first place.
- **Alicia** entered **7 classes this year, winning 4 trophies** in the **'11 and under set piece', '11 and under Musical Theatre'** and **'11 and under Own Choice piece'** and finally the **'13 and under own choice'**.

**Second places** for the **vocal categories** went to **Anna-Mae, Ava , Alicia and Ella.**

**Second places** in the **instrumental categories** went to **Alicia, Anna-Mae, Hay-Yee and Seren.**

**Third place** in the **vocal category** went to **Mya, Addie, Daisy, Jessica, Alicia, Anna-Mae, Ella, Seren and Lara.**

**Third place** in the **instrumental category** went to **Odelia.**

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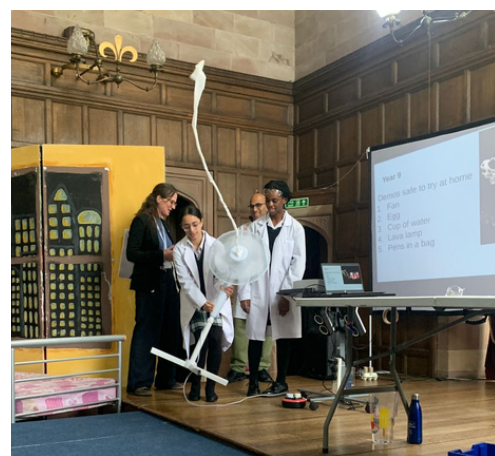
**Hay-Yee** joined the **National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain (NCO)** at their first of two **Project Orchestra Weekends** and played in the **Cello** Section. The event was held at Bolton School Boys Division.

The weekend concluded with an amazing performance by the children including 5 pieces. We have attached two photographs.

The second Project Orchestra Weekend is planned for June.

Huge Congratulations go out to **Alicia** for her performance at the Winners Concert securing herself four trophies.

What an outstanding achievement.



This week we launched **British Science Week at Adcote**. An annual tradition including getting the **Senior** students to stand up and talk about their future aspirations in **Science**. They are our best role models after all and did us proud.

This year's theme is "time", so we celebrated this year's achievement and Year 9 students did 5 demos in 5 minutes. This was brilliant fun and interactive and included audience participation, they all went to plan which was remarkable. The Year 9 demonstrators had only practiced them twice before the live show!

We also launched our two Science week challenges, open to the whole school. The first is to make an accurate 10 second timer using only a paper cup and water. The second is to create an Energy Town that will be sustainable into the future. There have already been some very high scores coming from Junior Prep, the teachers are going to have to up their game! It is remarkably addictive so apologies for the additional screen time requests from your daughters this week.

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Our LAMDA Students are preparing for their LAMDA examinations in June.

**Year 3** and **4** have been busy learning and preparing for their **Stage III** Introductory or Entry level (respectively) **Speaking of Verse and Prose examinations**. Whilst **Year 5 girls** are busy developing characterisations for their Group Acting piece taken from **James and the Giant Peach**.

**Year 6 and Year 7** are honing their performances of two contrasting duologue scenes for their **Grade 2 or Grade 3 Acting** examinations.

**Year 8** have reached the heady heights of **Grade IV** with their more 'angst ridden' **Duologue or Solo Acting** scenes. Alongside the younger students, senior students and sixth formers have their heads down preparing for **Grade V, Grade VI, Grade VII and Grade VIII Speaking of Verse and Prose examinations** - the latter (from grade six upwards) carrying valuable UCAS points, contributing to their next steps into further education in line with the National Qualifications Framework. All examinations are due to be taken in the second week of June, so a hearty '**break a leg**' to one and all!



**50 students** went to **Birmingham Resorts Arena** to take part in the **Young Voices concert**. The first half of the day was spent rehearsing the songs the girls have been learning in their music lessons and at break-times. This was followed by a concert where the girls got to experience singing with over **5,000 people** in the audience. The girls loved the street dancers **Urban Strides** and were blown away by **13 year old drummer, Nandi Bushell** who was an inspiration, having already played with **Lenny Kravitz** and the **Foo Fighters** to name a few!

Here is what the girls said about the day:

*"Young Voices was really great, it was the best day ever. I liked the dinosaur song"* **Amelia, Year 3**

*"It was my first ever Young Voices ever and it was brilliant. I loved all of it"* **Harriett, Year 4**

*"I loved that I got to dance with my friends and Mrs Candler"* **Daisy, Year 4**

*"It was my first time, I loved singing with my friends. There was fire on the stage and I loved Urban Strides dancing"* **Jazmin, Year 4**





Last week over **80 parents**, students and staff joined together in the **Great Hall** for a fun packed **Burger and Bingo** night, hosted by **The Friends of Adcote**.

The evening began with delicious **burgers**, prepared by **Pauline** and **her kitchen team**. Followed by the iconic Adcote brownie, lemon drizzle cake and chocolate chip cookies.

The main event consisted of four rounds of Bingo and a final quick fire **'reverse'** Bingo. There were plenty of prizes on offer for the usual line or full house with the additional twist of **prizes awarded to the craziest table with the best dance moves every time YMCA was played**.

The hall was filled with singing and laughter as players, young and old, enjoyed this ever-popular game together.

The purpose of the evening was to raise funds for the new library renovations. With everyone's generous support we were able to **raise over £500**. A phenomenal result.

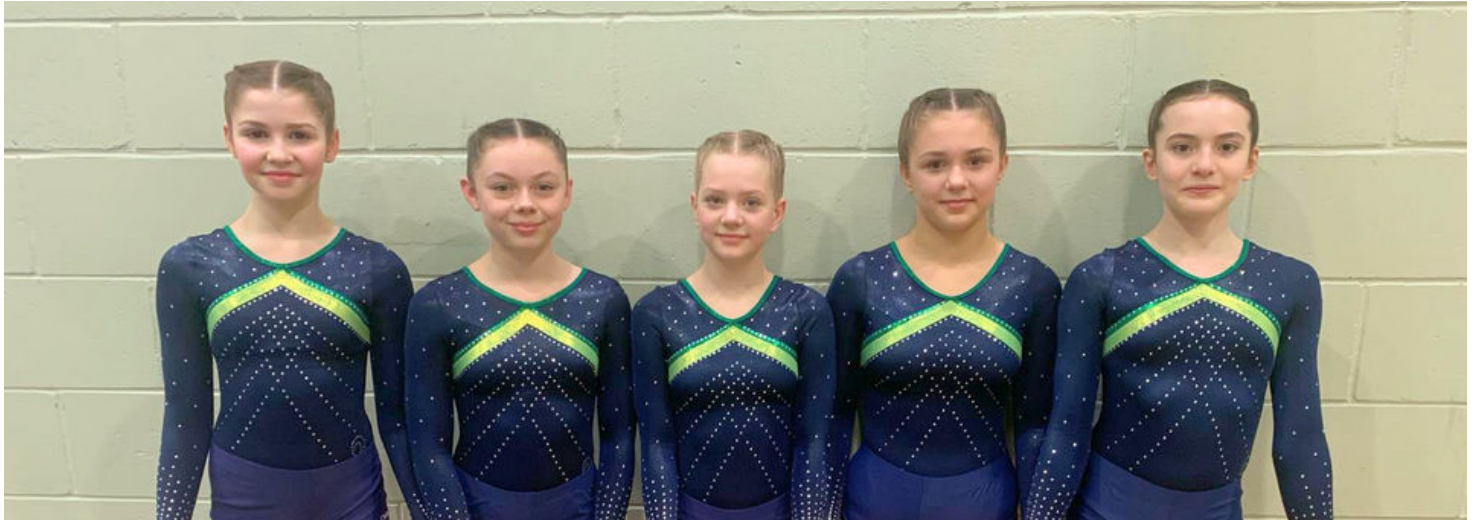
The **Friends of Adcote Committee** would like to **thank** all those that made this such a fantastic evening, including the site and catering teams. And a particular thanks goes to those who attended and joined in with such energy, making this a truly memorable event.



**Year 8** have created some fantastic Upcycled denim clothing using a range of decorative textile methods.

In Textiles, Years **3 & 4** have been working on their Indian inspired sashes. They've looked closely at traditional colours and motifs.





The **Under 13** team travelled down to **Haberdashers School** in **Elstree** near London to take part in the **ISGA 5 Piece Gymnastics Competition**. As with the previous weekend competitions the standard of gymnastics was amazingly high.

“Our girls performed some **beautiful routines** and some **strong vaults**, but for me the highlight of the day was **the way they performed their group floor routine**. It was beautifully in time and well synchronized, definitely the best I have ever seen them perform it.” **-Mrs CC**

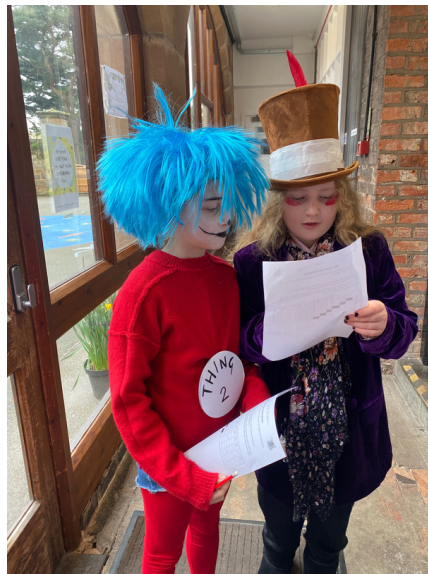
We only missed out on a medal for our group floor by one place. In the overall team placings we placed **9th** out of **16** schools taking part.

Individually, Addie was our highest placed gymnast coming in 13th position. I was very proud of our girls and their performances.



The Maths club were building and looking at 3d shapes and their properties. The club has become extremely popular. The girls were tasked with making a cylinder, sphere, cube, cuboid, pyramid and prisms. We talked about cross sections of prisms in preparation for next week when we will cover volume. Our Maths club is about developing a love for Maths and exploring how we use it in our everyday lives.





Adcote was transformed into a wonderland of fictional characters on **World Book Day** with teachers and staff dressed up as the weird and the wonderful! As always, the girls engaged with the day with enthusiasm and good humour. From **giant chickens to gangsters, hobbits and sharks**, we saw it all...

Break-time saw the students running round to solve "**Who stole the chocolate**" and "**Who kidnapped the Headteacher**" as part of the adventure and crime theme, whilst students brought their gift wrapped books along to the book swap. Everyone left with a new book to spark their imagination.

We also launched our **sponsored read** which will run **until Wednesday 20th March**. This has been organised through **Usborne books** and launched by **Kath** in the **World Book day** assembly. We will also be holding a book fair on **Wednesday 20th** with Usborne books where students can purchase books and spend their **World Book Day** tokens. Letters with details for this will be sent out.

We appreciate all the effort parents, staff and students have gone to in making this a fun filled day.





## HOUSE EASTER BAKE OFF

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

It's time to get your bake on!! Cakes, brownies, cupcakes, tiffin – whatever you like! The theme is 'Easter'.



Please bring your entries to the Food Room on the day. Each entry will get a house point plus extra points and prizes for winners!

Label your entry with your name, form and house. We look forward to seeing and tasting your creations!



## FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

JOIN THE FUN!!



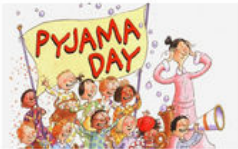
### JUST DANCE

Break time in the Great Hall  
£1 to join in the fun



### SOAK THE TEACHERS

Lower Prep in the Junior Playground  
Year 7 and above by the minibuses  
Throughout lunch time  
£1 for 3 sponges  
£10 per bucket



### PYJAMA DAY or WEAR RED

Wear your own pyjamas for the day - why not wear Red Pyjamas?  
£1 per person

### CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE

50p for a ticket, £2 for a strip  
Draw will be made on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Tickets for sale during the week - break time in the Dining Room



The Friends of Adcote  
Cherished Shop 'Pop-up' event



## Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am – 11.30am

Prices are 50% less than buying new.  
Help support the school, the environment, and your pocket!

Parentkind  
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# CLEAR BEAR ADVENTURES

Today is a special day, as CLEAR Bear is spending it with Xiaoxi before she returns to China.



Trousers have arrived!  
Approved by our girls!  
Available to purchase now from School Shop Direct:  
<https://schoolshopdirect.co.uk/product-category/schools/schools-adcote-school/>

## FORTHCOMING DATES

11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March: School musical - Grease

9<sup>th</sup> March - U13B Team Netball Tournament

9<sup>th</sup> March - U9 and U11 House Netball

12<sup>th</sup> March - U13 A & B Netball Vs Packwood

13<sup>th</sup> March - Staff Vs Leavers Netball

13<sup>th</sup> March - Senior House Netball

15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

15<sup>th</sup> March - EPQ Presentation Evening

15<sup>th</sup> March - Boarding Committee Meeting

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