

Parliament Week



Parliament week began with children from Year 6 campaigning in the election for House Captains. All around the school posters appeared trying to persuade



children to vote for one of the candidates. On Wednesday, the election took place. All the children from the Autumn Phase had a ballot paper - the polling station was very busy.



Thursday was debate day. The school was taken back in time 100 years. The day began with suffragettes protesting outside the school - some even chained themselves to the school gate. During the



morning the suffragettes continued their protest by disrupting lessons!



In the afternoon, the school hall was turned into the House of Commons. Then some of the boys debated whether to give girls the vote - again those suffragettes protested. The vote to give women suffrage was passed by a huge margin.



Lady Astor was the first women to take a seat in the House of Commons, Katie took on her role and gave a rousing maiden speech.



With all the children now having the vote, a debate was had on the 1918 Education act which would raise the school leaving age from 12 to 14. After a passionate debate the bill was narrowly beaten.

The election results were then announced and the new House Captains were congratulated.



Votes for Women!