

# Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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## **Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all!**

### **Snow**

We would like to thank you all for your patience and care during the last few days with the adverse weather conditions. The children certainly enjoyed the snow and particularly pelting Mr Folland with snowballs. He is now plotting his revenge!

Sadly the sport at School has been badly affected, but we hope to get back into the swing of things soon. We did think about some skiing events or snowball contests to replace the football and netball!

### **Year 6 Exams**

We would like to wish all the children in Year 6 good luck with their Entrance Exams on Saturday. They have all worked extremely hard and deserve to get the results they wish for.

### **Fun Run**

Please do join the Fun Run which is taking place at 10.00 am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in aid of Action for Children. Come on parents and children! Entry Forms are winging their way home. Our thanks go to the children and parents for already supporting Mrs May by buying the wrist bands, which can be worn for the term.

### **Parent Business Directory**

The School wishes to re-visit the idea of putting together a Parent Business Directory, which may be of some help in terms of business connections for certain parents and a copy of which would be given to each family. The School office would be pleased to try and put a booklet together and there would be no charge for entry into the booklet. If you are interested in this idea please contact the School Office and a format can be considered and arranged. Any ideas would be gratefully received.

### **Café Event - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am**

For this Café Event we are delighted to have a local Master Butcher in School who will demonstrate the art of jointing and boning various meats, followed by a tasting session. Coffee and cakes will also be served and then we will all have time for a little socialising.

We will be running a crèche for parents who need to bring their children in with them. If you wish to attend, and we hope as many parents as possible will be able to do so, could you please complete and return the tear-off slip at the end of this letter to allow us to know not only the numbers of adults, but also the number of children to ensure that we have enough staff to supervise them safely.

We look forward to seeing you at this event and we would be grateful if you could return the slip below by Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

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## Prayer Meeting

The Staff and Parent Prayer Meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Drama Studio. All parents and staff are most welcome to attend.

## Music Exam Results

We would like to congratulate the children for the following exam results. Some splendid results – the School's music gets stronger and stronger.

Kieran Smith	Grade 2	Piano	Distinction
Jenny Prevett	Grade 1	Piano	Distinction
Tabitha Pring	Grade 1	Cello	Merit
Grace Belcher	Grade 2	Singing	Distinction
Joseph Norris	Grade 2	Singing	Merit
Emily Farmer	Grade 2	Singing	Merit
Max Berry	Grade 3	Singing	Merit
Harriet Nash	Grade 3	Flute	Pass
Molly Horsey	Grade 1	Piano	Distinction
Ella Davenport	Grade 2	Piano	Merit
Arianna Folland	Grade 2	Piano	Merit

## Head Master's Award

This is a special certificate presented to children who have produced an outstanding piece of work. The children also receive five additional merit marks for this.

This week the following children have received this award:

Harriet Nash  
Hannah Carthew  
Arianna Folland  
(For superb pieces of work in Study Skills on reformers)  
Milo Godwin-Coombs  
Sparkle Menzies  
(For lovely projects on things they did in the holidays)

## Date for the Diary

Pig Racing Night  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Blundell's Prep School  
Fun for all the family racing Pigs  
To include Supper and Bar  
Tickets available very soon  
Contact Amber Oliver 01884-232324 for further information

## Morning Drop Off

We have initiated a signing in system for the children entering school before 8.30 am each morning. The children will now be registered by the duty member of staff as they come through the School gate, so that we can ensure that we know exactly who is in the School first thing in the mornings.

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## Razzamataz Theatre Schools

Razzamataz would like to congratulate all of the children who performed in The Exeter Corn Exchange in December for their End of Term Presentation. The following students delighted audiences and rose to the challenge of performing in a professional theatre: Ella Davenport, Imogen Usherwood, Milo Godwin-Coombs, William Usherwood, Frances Hunt, Sophia Fields, Evelyn Hogan.

Razzamataz is running on Saturday afternoons from the Prep School. Extended opportunities include the chance to perform in Abba Mania in Torquay in July / August 2010 and to perform in Her Majesty's Theatre, London in the Autumn Term 2010! If you would like a free trial session for your child please call Anna on 01884 243325 or email [exeter@razzamataz.co.uk](mailto:exeter@razzamataz.co.uk).

## Andy Caddick



### Andy Caddick Testimonial Dinner

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010

7.00pm Drinks reception in Ondaatje Hall, Blundell's School

8.00pm Dinner in Big School

£15 or £125 for table of 10

*'Test Match Special' commentator Vic Marks to interview Andy Caddick (Somerset & England legend) & Guests*

*Bar, Raffle, Auction of Cricketing Memorabilia*

*Proceeds to The Andy Caddick Benefit Fund, Blundell's School Cricket Club plus Charity donation*

*Reserve your place by contacting Rob Turner at [rjt@blundells.org](mailto:rjt@blundells.org) or on 07753897391. Cheques made payable to 'Blundell's School' and sent to Rob at Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon EX16 4DN*

## Missing Scarf

If anyone has found or seen an olive green sequined 'Jigsaw' Scarf which was left in the front row after the Year 3 Nativity could they please contact the School Office.

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## Pre-Prep News

### Congratulations to the following children on their success

#### Certificates of Achievements

Thomas Labdon for working more quickly this term and getting better at doing things which he finds difficult.

Tom Swain for learning to take more time and care with the presentation of his work and for being a very enthusiastic member of the class.

William Venner for joining in discussions well and answering questions. He has also made a big effort to improve his written work.

Edward Brain for being a kind and considerate member of the class.

Tyler Read for working particularly hard in maths last term.

Freddie Labdon for being extremely diligent about completing his reading and spelling homework every week last term.

Evelyn Hogan for trying hard to learn her sounds for RWI and for performing so well in the Kindergarten play.

Phoebe Jerreat for working hard to learn her sounds for RWI, trying hard with her number work and settling so well into her new school.

Aidan Sparkes for trying hard to learn his sounds for RWI and contributing excellent ideas to science discussions.

Millie Evans for trying hard to learn her sounds and contributing to all class discussions now. She is also a good friend to everyone.

John Bishop for being keen to learn and making particular progress with his reading and written English.

Laura Smith for working equally hard and with equal enthusiasm in all subjects. She completes her work to a reliably good standard and enjoys extension work.

Viola West for working really hard at home and school to improve her reading and for working hard to learn her maths facts each week.

Ben Robinson for making a great effort with all homework tasks and working successfully to improve his reading, spelling and maths.

Emma Edwards for her positive attitude to school. She puts effort, energy and a smile into all that she does and she has achieved well in all subjects. Emma also deserves a mention for her speaking, acting and singing in the Year 2 play last term.

#### Golden Book

Sebastian Batten for being so helpful towards his teacher in tidying away not just the things he had been playing with, but the other children's equipment too.

#### Swimming Awards

Emma Edwards – 100 metres distance award.

John Bishop – National Swim award stage 3.

#### Book Track

Laura Smith for reaching the 75 book stage.

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## **Ballet Awards**

Merryn Hogan, Shea Clark, Gabriel Harrison-Kinnaird and Laura Smith for an excellent term's work in ballet last term.

## **Music Award**

Laura Smith gained a merit in her Grade 1 violin examination with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.