

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Entrance Exams

Congratulations must go to all our Year 6 pupils who took the Senior School Entrance Exams. We are rightly proud of the seven pupils who achieved a scholarship (listed below) – and they will go on to our honours board if places are accepted. We take as much pleasure, however, in seeing some really strong performances from the vast majority and also from those who have found the going tough at times. In the end they managed to pass tough exams and we are sure they will go on to thrive.

A big thank you to all the teachers who have worked so hard in helping the children and to our parents for supporting your children so well at home.

Charlie Brown
Alexander Davidson
Arianna Folland
Archie Fraser
George Hill
Jonathan Lane
Harriet Nash

Good luck to three of our pupils who are taking the Music Scholarship at the Senior School next week: Max Berry, Molly Horsey and Harriet Nash.

Fun Run in aid of Action for Children

A huge thank you to all the children and parents who took part in the Fun Run last Saturday morning. What a lovely atmosphere! Over 90 people attended and enjoyed the aerobic warm up by Jennifer Bricknell, and then a dry but muddy run and a bacon butty and coffee at the end. Collectively they helped to raise £600.00 which will help boost Louiza May's donation to Action for Children as part of her Marathon Run. We particularly enjoyed Mr. White's Santa costume, and Gracie Belcher and Emily Farmer running as a champagne bottle!

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning takes place on Friday, 5th February at 8.30 am in the Prep School Atrium. We had a lovely turn out last time and would be delighted to see this continue.

Blundell's Prep Café Event Saturday 6th February at 10.00 am

As previously advertised, our next Café Event takes place on Saturday, 6th February at 10.00 am. The theme this time is jointing and boning cuts of meat. There will be a demonstration by a Master Butcher followed by a tasting and of course coffee and cakes. Thank you to all of you who have responded so far and we are very much looking forward to as many people joining us as possible. Please do let the office know if you are able to attend. It should be fun!

Business Directory

We have had a very positive response to the idea of a Blundell's Prep Business Directory and the adverts are beginning to arrive in the office. We would like to include as many of you as possible so please do send your adverts in by Friday 12th February.

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Haiti Concert

On Wednesday, 13th January a group of our pupils took part in the Christian Aid Concert in Aid of Haiti held at St. Peter's Church in Tiverton. The concert raised £3,186.00 with a further £700.00 to come in from Gift Aid. Thank you to all who took part.

FOBP Dates

A Prep School disco for Years 3 – 6 will take place on Friday, 5th February 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. Tickets are on sale from the School Office priced £2.50 which includes a hotdog.

Change of date

The Curry and Quiz Night will now take place on Friday, 30th April. More information will soon be released.

Summer Ball

There will be a Ball this year run by the FOBP. This will take place on Friday, 2nd July.

Advance Dates for the Diary

Tuesday, 9th February

Children in Years 3 – 6 will be taking part in the Pancake Races at 3.30 pm and parents will be most welcome to watch the event.

Friday, 5th March

We are holding a Coffee Morning for Year 4 Parents. The children in Year 4 will be baking some treats for their parents to sample with a cup of coffee. An invitation for this event will follow soon.

Friday, 7th May

We will be inviting the parents of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to spend a morning in their child's classroom to have a little taste of what they do in School. An invitation for this event will follow soon.

Head Master's Certificates

Over the last two weeks these have been awarded to the following children for exceptional pieces of work. Work is presented to the Head Master and a certificate and five Merits are awarded and presented in front of the School. This is for outstanding work only, or effort on a considerable scale.

Emily Mettam (Geography project on the River Nile)
Oliver Tribe (Geography project on the River Thames)
Tristan Cox (Geography project on the Mississippi River)
Anna Rose Gabbitass (Geography project on the River Nile)
Marcus Lloyd (Geography project on the Mississippi River)
Emily Farmer (English project on the Charge of the Light Brigade)
Imogen Usherwood (English project on the Charge of the Light Brigade)
William McIntyre (English project on the Charge of the Light Brigade)
Felicity Charlesworth (English project on the Charge of the Light Brigade)
Harry Olive (Study Skills Quiz Book)

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Update on top Merit Mark Awards

	Merit Marks Spring Term 2010		
	Drake	Grenville	Raleigh
Week One	Imogen Usherwood 10 Hannah Carthew 8 Addie Chai 8	Molly Horsey 13 Emily Curtis 8	Harry Olive 14 Alix Mountbatten 13 Sparkle Menzies 10 Hannah Crookdake 8 Georgina Pitts 8
Week Two	Tristan Cox 10 Grace Francis 10 Tabitha Vause 8 Marcus Lloyd 7 William Usherwood 7	Emily Mettam 10 Anna Rose Gabbitass 7 Jack Klinkenberg 7	Madeleine Wright 13 Grace Casely 10 Rory Bateman 7 Hannah Crookdake 7 Molly Cross 7 Rebecca Hamilton 7

New Merit Badges, week commencing 25th January 2010

Francesca Hartley	White (20 Merit Marks)
Harry Charlesworth	Pink (45 Merit Marks)
Frances Hunt	Pink
George McIntyre	Pink
Louise Mountbatten	Pink
Ben Gresswell	Pink
William Usherwood	Pink
Sam Willder	Pink
Harry Olive	Black (75 Merit Marks)
Edward Olsen	Black
Sparkle Menzies	Black
Anna Rose Gabbitass	Bronze (120 Merit Marks)
Marcus Lloyd	Bronze
Archie Murray	Bronze
Tom Adams	Silver (180 Merit Marks)
Emily Mettam	Silver
Max Payne	Silver

Keep up the good work everybody!

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Pre-Prep News

Congratulations to the following children: -

Certificates of Achievement

Thomas Russell for trying hard to work independently with his written and numeracy work.

William Venner for concentrating well and making a real effort with his work this term.

Noah Sanders-Dutton for learning all his set 1 sounds for Read, Write Inc. Noah is really trying hard to meet the demands of the Kindergarten curriculum.

Tariq Al-Hussaini for making good progress with his handwriting and learning the sounds for Read Write Inc.

Taylor Wonnacott for making a huge effort to learn his sounds for Read Write Inc, listening to instructions and being a good friend to everyone in the Kindergarten.

Swimming success

Peyton Broke-Smith - Grade 4 Duckling award

Alice and Finlay Williams - 25 m Rainbow swimming award and Stage 3 National plan for swimming.

Alexander Lawler - 10m backstroke Rainbow Distance award

Gymnastic success

Lucie Spencer - Level 7 British Gymnastics award

Equestrian Success

Sophie Elstone for learning to trot on ponies at the Miniature Pony Centre.

Young Writers Creativity Awards

Mia Butterfield, Elizabeth Curgenvan, Freddie Frankpitt, Rocco Hartley, William Honey, George Humphries, Charlie Hutchinson, Jon Robinson, Thomas Russell, Ellie Salisbury and Ben Wright were all successful in having their work published in a National Poetry Competition.

Golden Book

Charlie Hutchinson for displaying good manners and consideration towards others in the corridor.

Year 1 trip to St Nicholas's Priory

Year 1 had a most enjoyable trip to St Nicholas's Priory last Tuesday for a workshop on the Great Fire of London. The children experienced many different opportunities to dress in costumes of the period, to handle artefacts and to take part in a drama session re-enacting the events, which took place as a result of the fire. We learnt a great deal from our day and the children were beautifully behaved and a credit to the school. Our thanks go to Miss Purvis for organising this trip for the children.

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Sports News

Wednesday 20th January

Boys Hockey U11A Tournament at Sherborne lost in the semi final of the plate.

Netball U11 Tournament at Bryanston lost in the final of the plate.

Football U11A v St John's L

Football U11B v St John's W

Thursday 21st January

Football U9A v St Michael's W

Football U9B v St Michael's W

Netball U9A v St Michael's W

Netball U9B v St Michael's L

Friday 22nd January

Boys Hockey U11A v Exeter Prep D

Boys Hockey U11B v Exeter Prep L

Netball U11A v Exeter Prep W

Netball U11B v Exeter Prep L

Netball U11C v Exeter Prep L

Wednesday 27th January

Football U11A v St Michael's L

Football U11B v St Michael's W

Netball U11A v St Michael's L

Netball U11B v St Michael's W

Boys Hockey U11A v Queen's L

Boys Hockey U11B v Queen's L

Thursday 28th January

Football U9A v St Peter's W

Football U9B v St Peter's W

Netball U9A v St Peter's W

Netball U9B v St Peter's W

Good luck to our U11 rugby team who travel to Bryanston School on Sunday for the South West regional festival.