

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Parent Business Directory

Thank you to all parents who have sent in advertisements for our forthcoming Parent Business Directory. If anyone else would like to be included, please send in adverts by Monday morning (15th February) either via email prep@blundells.org or by dropping a hardcopy into the School Office. A copy of the Parent Business Directory will be sent to each family in School and also will be sent to the families of new children at their time of registration. We hope that the Directory may be useful to those families who are moving into the area.

Teatime Concert

Our latest Teatime Concert took place last Thursday before a packed audience. The children sang and played a variety of music on a number of different instruments and the overall quality for children so young was wonderful. Well done to all those children who took part.

Café Event

Our latest Café Event took place last Saturday and was well attended. The audience was treated to a display by two master butchers who demonstrated the many cuts of meat a lamb could be divided into. Their very humorous and informative talk was enjoyed by all and the feeling was that many parents would be purchasing something a little different when going to the butchers. At the end of the event the cuts of meat were auctioned off to raise money for Haiti. An extremely generous £240.00 was raised which will be added to our collection for non-uniform day tomorrow. Below is a picture of Mrs Murray learning to tie her knots!



Pig Racing

Our equestrian fraternity have organised a 'Pig Racing Evening' on 26th February to raise money for equestrian events. Tickets are on sale from the School Office at a cost of £8.00 each. Please come and join in and have a little flutter on the pigs.

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Pancake Races

Although the afternoon was rather chilly the children soon warmed up by running round the course tossing pancakes.

The Junior Tournament was won by Grenville with Raleigh the runners up.

The Senior Tournament was won by Raleigh with Drake coming in second.

Next year we are seriously considering a Parents Race!

House Music Competition

All at the Prep School enjoyed participating in the annual House Music Competition this Thursday, with great displays of singing and playing – and much waving of props – from each of the Houses in turn. We were lucky enough to have Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rhodes return to school as guest judges for the competition, and after much deliberation they finally pronounced Grenville the winners!

Jersey Sports Tour

We would like to wish all those children taking part in the Tour to Jersey all the best for next week. The children will enjoy a five day tour playing rugby, netball and hockey – a great experience for all. They are pictured below with their sponsors Mr Trevor and Mr Lockwood. A sincere thanks to both.



Missing Games Lessons

Could we cordially remind parents that if their child is unable to take part in a sports lesson they must bring in a note from their parent please.

Missing Shoe

Unfortunately we have a boy's shoe which has gone astray. The shoe is marked clearly under the tongue and belongs to W. Hall-Tomkin. If anyone knows where this shoe is hiding please could you let the office know.

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Update on top Merit Mark Awards

	Merit Marks Spring Term 2010		
	Drake	Grenville	Raleigh
Week Three	Imogen Usherwood 11 Addie Chai 7 William McIntyre 6 Amber Sharp 6 Milo Godwin-Coombs 6	Emily Mettam 10 Isabella Fraser 7 Mayla Lee 6 Ed O'Brien 6 Sophie Clough 6	Alix Mountbatten 9 Rafe Oliver 9 Zara Cameron 8 Thomas Mortiboys 8 Sparkle Menzies 7 Cara Read 6 Lily Mackay 6 Samuel Willder 6
Week Four	Jack Olive 16 Charles Cameron 8 Victoria Davies 8 Emily Farmer 8 Imogen Usherwood 6		Archie Hare 13 Madeleine Wright 12 Flic Charlesworth 11 William Hall-Tomkin 9 Jasmine Mackay 9 Oliver Tribe 9 Sparkle Menzies 7 Tom Adams 6 James Lewis Paroussi 6 Tom Greenfield 6

New Merit Badges, week commencing 1st February 2010

Luca Kemp	Pink	45 Merits
Olivia Charteris	Pink	
Joseph Horsey	Pink	
Molly Horsey	Bronze	120 Merits
Imogen Usherwood	Purple	350 Merits

A remarkable achievement, well done to Imogen, who is only the second pupil to gain a purple badge. Can she go all the way to a 500 merit Prep badge? Good luck.

New Merit Badges, week commencing 8th February 2010

Jonathan Lane	White	20 Merits
Alexander Venner	Pink	45 Merits
Jack Swain	Pink	
Jack Olive	Black	75 Merits
Sophie Clough	Black	
Rebecca Hamilton	Black	
Charles Cameron	Bronze	120 Merits
Gus Gresswell	Bronze	
Archie Hare	Bronze	
James Lewis Paroussi	Bronze	

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Luke Beach	Silver	180 Merits
Jasmine Mackay	Silver	
Madeleine Wright	Silver	
Maxwell Berry	Gold	250 Merits
Flic Charlesworth	Gold	

Keep up the good work everybody! Effort and Attainment grades go home today for the Prep School children and looking at the effort across the school, the children are clearly putting in a significant amount of effort.

Pre-Prep News

Congratulations to the following children

Certificates of Achievement

Alex Curtis – for trying really hard during maths activities and getting full marks in all his number fact tests so far this term.

Charlie Hutchinson – for working hard to join his handwriting.

Edward Brain – for working really hard in the Read, Write, Inc group and making good progress.

Finlay Williams – for making super progress with his handwriting.

Swimming success

Sophia Fields – Grade 4 Duckling award and 20m Rainbow swimming award.

William Luxton – Grade 2 Duckling award

George Worcester – 10m Rainbow swimming award.

Holly Nugent – Stage 4 National swim plan

Bethany Keedwell and Evelyn Hogan – Stage 2 National swim plan

Gabriel Harrison-Kinnaird – Stage 3 National swim plan

Golden Book

Alex Pawson and Rocco Hartley for playing beautifully with the Nursery children whilst they were on duty.

Nursery 1M bus trip

The children had a most enjoyable trip to Tiverton Parkway Station last week. They had a lot of fun travelling on the bus and were able to remember many aspects of their journey. Our thanks go to Mrs McDowell and everyone who came along to help.

Coats and Jackets

Some children have coats and jackets which are missing buttons and zips. The weather has been very cold of late and the children really need to be able to do up their coats for warmth. Could I please ask that you spend a few minutes during half term just checking your child's coat/jacket and make repairs where necessary? Hopefully Spring is just around the corner and the children will not have to wear them for too much longer.

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Sports News

Tuesday, 2nd February

St Michael's Relays

Our Boys' Team came 2nd and our Girls' Team came 3rd out of thirteen teams. Well done to all those children who took part.

Wednesday, 3rd February

U10A Boys' Hockey v Queens D

U10B Boys' Hockey v Queens W

Thursday, 4th February

U9A Football v Millfield W

U8A Football v Millfield L

Friday, 5th February

St Petroc's Cross Country

U11 Boys 1st

U11 Girls 3rd (Laurie Dawkins 3rd)

U9 Boys 1st (Jack Klinkenberg 1st)

U9 Girls 3rd

With 23 schools taking part this was a great achievement for our children.

Wednesday, 10th February

U11A Netball v Taunton W

U11B Netball v Taunton W

U11C Netball v Taunton W

U10A Netball v Taunton L

U10B Netball v Taunton L

Terrific performances by the U11 girls, well done.