

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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End of Term Arrangements

Wednesday, 30th June 7.00 pm - Summer Concert:

We are all looking forward to the Summer Concert which is always a super event. Please note that the concert is a compulsory event for the children in the Prep School and Year 2 and the children should be in uniform. We welcome other families in the Pre-Prep who may like to join us. Please bring along a picnic supper which is eaten during the interval. **All children will be sitting with parents throughout the concert and they have been told this.** The Summer Concert should finish by approximately 9.00 pm.

Thursday, 1st July 6.00pm – Former Pupils' Evening

It's a busy time! To celebrate our 10 years on the Blundell's site former pupils have been invited to spend some time at the School. They will enjoy a 20 minute concert, a welcome from the Head Master, and tours of art displays and photos around the School. Although current parents (who do not have a former pupil as a child) are not invited we would be delighted for parents to come into the Prep School Hall and Atrium after Speech Day to view the displays.

Friday, 2nd July 2.00 pm - Speech Day

Speech Day will begin at 2.00 pm on Friday, 2nd July and we look forward to greeting and listening to the Honourable Timothy Knatchball, the author of "From a Clear Blue Sky." This is an occasion which looks back on the year that has passed and where we hand out prizes to those children who have won an array of cups and awards. We also officially wish Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to their senior schools.

Pupils will attend normal school throughout the morning. Children will then be taken to the marquee by their teachers and will sit together as a group. Please could parents ensure that all children have their blazers and ties with them. Speech Day arrangements for Pre-Prep pupils will be issued in a letter from Mrs. Filmer-Bennett. Please note that there will be no art club for any of the children on the afternoon of Speech Day.

The proceedings in the marquee will take about an hour and a quarter, after which afternoon tea for parents will be served. Children in the Prep School will report to a member of staff, on the playground, where they will be given refreshments. For all the Prep pupils the school day finishes immediately after Speech Day at approximately 3.45 pm. Children are to be collected from their Form Teacher.

CAR PARKING – Those of you who have attended Speech Day before will be aware that there is a limited amount of parking space. Where possible, we suggest that parents and friends share transport, thus reducing the number of vehicles parking at school. It would be very helpful and very much appreciated if you could park where you are directed and not leave too much space between cars. Thank you.

Monday, 5th July 6.00 pm - Year 6 Leaver's Evening

Parents of Year 6 pupils have been invited to attend a Leaver's Evening at 6.00 pm. The Year 6 parents will be able to view their child's art, there will be IT presentations, photo displays and time to meet with the staff and enjoy some refreshments.

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Wednesday, 7th July and Thursday, 8th July 7.00 pm - The Arabian Nights

This is another fabulous occasion and traditionally Year 6 have performed wonderfully to finish off their time here. They have been working really hard on this play and we are sure you will enjoy the show. The plays take place on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July in Ondaatje Hall at 7.00 pm. Tickets are available from the school office for £3.00 per adult and £2.00 per child. Please note that there will be a quick party for the children and some light refreshments for parents of Year 6 pupils at the end of the second night on the Thursday.

Thursday, 8th July

All sports kit and children's belongings in the Prep School are to be taken home tonight. There will be no clubs or Prep, although provision will be made for those children who are unable to be picked up at 4.30 pm.

Friday, 9th July Last Day of Term

9.15 am Leavers Service at Blundell's Chapel, all parents are welcome.

12 noon Term ends for Pre-Prep

12.15 pm Term ends for Prep

2.30 pm Blundell's Speech Day

Year 4 PGL Camp

Year 4 faced the challenge of living together at Beam House PGL Centre with cheerfulness and enthusiasm last weekend. Our thanks to the staff who gave up so much time for this to happen. Everyone survived and all came back to School tired – but happy! They had a great trip and as always these types of activities really help to bond and gel the year group.

Naming of Uniform

With new purchases being made during the Summer Holiday, please could we ask parents to ensure that all uniform is named clearly. If your child's uniform is named it will almost certainly be returned to your child. We have many items which are not named, which unfortunately never find their owners and ultimately we send them on to charities.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open on Monday, 16th August 2010

10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Medicines

We have a collection of medicines in the office which belong to various children. We would be grateful if these could be picked up as soon as possible.

Clay Pots

The clay pots made at the Cafe Event are now ready for collection from the school office.

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Merit Badges

Week Commencing 7th June

Kitty Harvey	White	20 Merits
Serena Hay	Black	75 Merits
Harry Olive	Bronze	120 Merits
William McIntyre	Bronze	
Tabitha Pring	Gold	250 Merits
Clara Greenfield	Gold	
Zara Cameron	Purple	350 Merits

Week Commencing 14th June

Olivia Charteris	Black	75 Merits
Edward Jolliffe	Bronze	120 Merits
Molly Cross	Bronze	
Grace Labdon	Bronze	
Amber Sharp	Bronze	
Sophie Clough	Bronze	
Victoria Davies	Silver	180 Merits
Cara Read	Silver	
Archie Hare	Silver	

Pupil News

Frances Hunt, Ella Davenport and Joseph White were invited to perform on stage with Holly Laird (Britain's Got Talent). They all enjoyed this experience and perhaps it has started them on their way to stardom.

Pre-Prep News

Congratulations to the following children

Swimming awards

Grace Chapman – Grade 1 Kellogs/ASA Water skills award.

George Durham – Grade 1 Duckling award

William Luxton – Grade 3 Duckling Award

Sophie Packham – Stage 1 National Plan Award.

Judo Championships

At the 31st Annual 2010 Judo Championships William Honey was awarded a gold medal and Rocco Hartley a bronze medal. Well done to both boys.

Equestrian Award

Millie Evans for riding a pony at Crealy.

Hot Air Balloon ride

Ottilie Davy for experiencing a hot air balloon ride in Egypt.

Certificates of effort

Matthew Tribe for trying hard to learn all his sounds and making good progress in maths and drawing.

Thomas Russell for effort in all his activities, especially in maths and reading.

Freddie Frankpitt for trying really hard with his written work and reading.

Freddie Labdon for working particularly hard at home with his reading and spelling homework and trying really hard with independent writing.

Elizabeth Curgenvin for super story writing this year.

Rocco Hartley for effort with his joined handwriting and using his phonic knowledge to help with his story writing.

Charlie Hutchinson for some super ideas for riddle writing.

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Leo Dummett for working hard in all subjects all year. He has achieved especially well in maths and improved his English writing.

Charlie Berry for improved literacy skills, phonic knowledge and improved handwriting skills.

Ben Robinson for working hard all year on his joined writing.

Thomas Labdon for super story writing and good concentration.

Gabriel Harrison-Kinnaird for working extremely hard in every subject and concentrating well.

Toby Hull for working tremendously hard in every area of the curriculum throughout the year and displaying a very positive attitude to his work.

Abigail Horan for working hard in every subject throughout the year. She has put a great effort into all that she does and been a valuable member of the class.

Nursery 2 play

Thank you to everyone who attended the Nursery 2 play, Bella Bella Cinderella. It was a very confident performance which the children greatly enjoyed. Our thanks go to all the staff who helped and to Mrs Hulse and Mrs Pym for all their hard work in bringing it together.

Pre-Prep Sports Day

The weather was glorious, tea was delicious and the children displayed great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. The only disappointment was the inability of some of the dads to distinguish between walking and running in the fathers' race resulting in our first ever disqualifications! We are looking for a big improvement next year dads! My thanks go to all who participated both on and off the field and to the Pre-Prep staff for all their preparation in the weeks leading up to Sports Day and for their help on the day.

Nursery 1 trips

Thank you to everyone who has accompanied the Nursery 1 children on their various outings this term. They have been a great success and they would not have been possible without your help. The children are off to Tiverton Museum next week followed by their final outing to Kia Ora Farm the following week. My thanks go to Mrs McDowell for organising these exciting events for the children and to all staff for their help too.

Summer Concert

Just a reminder that all Year 2 children will be participating in the Summer concert next week, Wednesday at 7.00 pm. They will need to be in their school uniform and given that it will be a late night for them we will organise a quiet day for them the following day. We hope to see you all there.

Year 1 play

Just a reminder that our final play of the year, The Gingerbread Man by Year 1, will take place next Tuesday 29th June at 2.00 pm. We look forward to welcoming family and friends to that performance.

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Class Swaps morning

All the children greatly enjoyed spending time with their new teacher yesterday. It was a very exciting time for them all and every child seemed very relaxed and excited about the transition to the next year group in September. We have a good number of new pupils joining us for the next academic year and it was lovely to welcome a good number of them to school yesterday too.

Speech Day

Just a reminder that the Pre-Prep children from Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will be singing at the start of this event. Nursery children will enjoy a normal school day. Further details will be sent out via a letter from Mrs Filmer-Bennett next week.

Pupils' work

We usually send this home with the children at the end of term. However we are due to have our next ISI inspection soon so will need to keep the work for inspectors to peruse. As soon as the inspection is over we will send the work home with the children.

Sports' News

Tuesday, 15th June

U8 Rounders v St Peter's	W 2	L1
U8 Cricket v St Peter's	W2	L1

Wednesday, 16th June

U11A Rounders Tournament at Millfield	D1	L4
U11B Rounders v King's Hall	L	
U10A Rounders v King's Hall	L	
U11 Cricket v Tidcombe	W3	

Thursday, 17th June

U9A Cricket v Stover	W
U9B Cricket v Stover	L
U9 Cricket v West Buckland	L

Monday, 21st June Sports Day

The results for this have been sent as a separate attachment to this newsletter

Wednesday, 23rd June

U11A Cricket v Wellington	W
U11A Rounders v Mount House	L
U11B Rounders v Mount House	L

Thursday, 24th June

U9A Cricket v Exeter Prep	L
U9B Cricket v Exeter Prep	L
U9A Rounders v Maynard/Exeter Prep	W