



Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Book Fair

Many thanks to all who supported the recent book fair, we hope the children are all enjoying their new books! As a result of the purchases made, the school has gained commission of more than £650 to spend on new reading books for the Prep and Pre-Prep libraries.

Invitation to Parents, 31st October 2008

Thank you to all the parents who have so far replied to the invitation. As it would be helpful to know numbers please could all those parents who have yet to reply either email prep@blundells.org or telephone on 01884 252393 and speak to Beverley Stone. Thank you for your help with this matter. This is a social evening and a chance to mix with staff and Governors if parents so wish.

Mr Folland Away on Inspection

Please be aware that Mr Folland will be away on a School Inspection from Monday 27th October to Thursday 30th October.

Parent Liaison

We are in the midst of firming up our parent liaison group. Each parent who has offered to take on or continue with this role will be contacted early next week in readiness for a meeting with Mr Folland on Thursday 16th October 8.45 am – 9.30 am. We will publish the list of representatives in the next newsletter.

Change in Music Lesson Day

Mrs Small will be teaching on Friday next week instead of Monday.

Tea Time Concert

Thank you to all the pupils who took part in last night's Tea Time Concert. The musicians all tried very hard and played wonderfully well. The next Tea Time Concert will be taking place on Thursday, 6th November at 5.00 pm.

Half Term

Just a reminder that Half Term starts at the end of the day on Friday, 17th October. We realise that Blundell's Senior School break up on the Wednesday, but as a Day School we feel it is necessary to keep to a full week. Clubs, Prep and Owls will run as per normal.

Minibuses

Please note that that the minibuses which collect the children in the mornings and evenings will run on Thursday morning and evening and Friday morning but not Friday afternoon.

Individual Photographs

If you would like to place an order please use the envelope provided with the photo and return to the school office by next Friday, 17th October. Any orders after this date will need to be sent straight to Tempest photography.

Trips and Events

On Tuesday Year 3 will be looking at Tiverton as part of their Geography studies. They will travel by minibus and be accompanied by Mr Folland and Mrs Cracknell. This will take part during the school day. Year 3 will also be taking part in Mummification workshops on either Thursday or Friday.

John Dougherty

The children enjoyed the visit by a story teller and author, John Dougherty. He captivated them with his funny poems and songs and was able to answer their questions about being an author. He spoke very well about story telling, imagination and creativity in writing. He also stayed behind to sign some of his books for children.

Head Master's Certificate

Prep School parents may be aware that the system of commendations has changed this year. Those pupils who have produced an extremely well executed piece of work or have worked extremely hard over a period of time will receive a Head Master's Certificate. This term Annabelle Hibberd and Thomas Gillbard have so far been awarded with this certificate. Well done to them. They also receive 5 merits for this. Mr Folland looks forward to giving more Head Master certificates out to the children as the term progresses.

Monitors

The Prep School is about to re-introduce a monitor system. This has been discussed in assembly and clear roles have been outlined. The pupils in Year 6 have been invited to apply for these positions as monitors. The School **will not** be appointing a Head boy or Head girl. The results of this process will be published in the next Newsletter.

Jeans for Genes day

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day last Friday. We raised £251.12 for this worthwhile charity.

Coffee Morning and Sale of quality second hand clothes

Our next Coffee morning takes place on Friday 19th October at 8.30 am in the Nursery classroom in the Pre-Prep department. We will be selling good quality second hand clothes for adults and children so do come along and support this event. If you would like to sell any items at the Coffee morning please bring them along from 8.00 am on the morning or leave them with Mrs Filmer-Bennett if you are unable to attend the coffee morning.

Bonfire Party

Friday 7th November

Gates open at 6.00 pm with Fireworks at 7.00pm. Tickets are kept at the same price as last year £4.50 which includes a hot dog. Burgers available at an additional charge. There will be an exciting display as in previous years and the traditional bonfire (re-sited)! Come along with the family and enjoy Vin Chaud, Hot Chocolate, Sweetie Bags for a fun social evening. Tickets available soon from the School Office and the Second Hand Uniform shop. We are again this year calling for volunteers to help marshal on the night for a limited time period, please indicate your ability to help below. Please note that children will only be admitted with an adult and adults are expected to take responsibility for their children throughout the event. Parking is likely to be limited, so please park where directed and allow extra time for a walk from the Main school parking area.

Pre-Prep News

Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children whose names have been entered into the Golden Book: -

George Humphries for holding doors open for staff and children as they went to lunch.

Mia Butterfield and Jasper Pring who are always very helpful in Sibling club when it comes to tidying up at the end of each session.

Saskia Grant for showing kindness and consideration towards another child on a walk in the school grounds.

Sam Willder for looking after a younger child when he fell over at playtime and playing with him until the bell went to go back into class.

Freddie Labdon for being a good friend to a new pupil in the School.

Ben Robinson for being gentle and patient while teaching a younger child cricket.

Swimming Certificates

Congratulations to the following children: -

Milo Godwin-Coombs – Rainbow swimming award 25 metres and National swim award level 2

Rebecca Hamilton – Level 9 National Swim Award

Freddie Johnston – Level 2 National Swim Award

Sophie Clough – Level 7 National Swim Award

Evelyn Hogan – Grade 3 Duckling Award

Emma Edwards – Grade 4 Duckling award

Alexander Lawler – Grade 3 Duckling award

Leo Dummett and Tyler Read – Level 1 National swim award

Ben Wright – Rainbow swimming award 5 metres

Grace Trebble – successfully completed a course with the Minnows

Charlie Berry – successfully completed a course with the Eels

Reading award

Congratulations to Tom Greenfield for achieving his Team Read certificate as part of the winning team in the summer Reading challenge.

Gymkhana success

Congratulations to the following children: -

Sparkle Menzies who was awarded three rosettes, a first, fifth and clear round at the Rose and Crown gymkhana

Frances Hunt who was awarded 5 rosettes, a second, fourth a fifth and 2 clear rounds

Jasper Pring who was awarded four rosettes, a third, fifth, special and clear round at the Witleigh Show with his pony Minnie

Grace Trebble who was awarded three rosettes, a 1st in the Bending race, 2nd in the Potato race and a clear round on the jumping circuit.

Book Week

Thank you to Mrs Connolly and all Pre-Prep staff for organising such a wonderful Book week for the children last week. It was great fun and the children gained a great deal from the experience. Thank you to all parents for supporting the various activities throughout the week and, in particular, for supporting the Book Fair.

Sports News

Another busy sporting fortnight went ahead with as many of the children in years 4, 5 and 6 involved. They played well with good sportsmanship. The highlights were the U10 Hockey Team winning the tournament at Exeter last Saturday and the U9A Rugby Team winning the King's Hall Festival. The U9B's were also excellent in this tournament losing only to the Exeter Cathedral A team. The defeat of the U11A Rugby Team at the Downs School on Saturday was their first defeat this year, they are an excellent team. Well done to all the children.

Wednesday 1st October

Rugby U11 A, B and C v St Peter's all teams won
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Thursday 2nd October

Rugby U9A v Exeter Prep Won
Hockey U9A v Exeter Prep Won
Hockey U9B v Exeter Prep Lost

Saturday 4th October

Hockey U10 Tournament @ Exeter Won
Rugby U11 A v Downs School Lost
Rugby U11 B v Downs School Lost
Rugby U11 C v Downs School Drew
Rugby U9A v Downs School Won
Rugby U9B V Downs School Won

Wednesday 8th October

Rugby U11A&B v Plymouth College Won
Hockey U11A&B v Plymouth College Won

Thursday 9th October

Rugby U9A Rugby Festival @ Kings Hall won 4 out of 4 matches
Rugby U9A Rugby Festival @ Kings Hall won 4 out of 5 matches

Please note that the Senior House matches are taking place on Friday 17th October at 3.15 pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

John O’Groats to Lands End, Tuesday 7th July – Sunday 19th July 2009

Next Summer Mr Davenport, Mr Folland and Mr Cross will cycle from John O’Groats to Lands End, over 1000 miles in just 13 days. They will be raising money for the Devon Air Ambulance and the School.

They would like to use a slogan to help promote fund raising and any ideas for this would be gratefully received. A prize will be given to the author of the slogan used.

SLOGAN:

Written by;

Friends of Blundell’s Preparatory School Bonfire Party

Child’s Name.....Form.....

Please supply Tickets at £4.50 each

I enclose cash/cheque made payable to Friends of Blundell’s Prep School amounting to
£.....

Bonfire Night Marshalling

I am able to help marshall on Bonfire Night Early Evening 6.00 – 6.45 6.45 – 7.30* Please delete as appropriate.

Name:..... Phone Number