



Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Friday, 14th November 2008

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 6th December 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Once again this will be taking place in the Prep Hall and Atrium. This year we will be raising money for Shelter Box. This charity provides boxes which will provide shelter and warmth for up to 10 people for a prolonged amount of time. They are sent to areas where floods, earthquakes wars etc have occurred. We hope that as many of you as possible can come along.

Come along and buy those last few Christmas gifts, a whole range for all the family, crafts, Ceramics, Wreaths, Useful Stuff, Surfboards, Cupcakes, Children's Tombola are just a few of the stalls together with Art activities, come and visit Santa in his Grotto, and bring a camera for that all important photograph memory. Get your car cleaned by a forthcoming Tour pupil, face painting and a chance to have a cup of tea with friends.

We would however be grateful for donations for the following:-

Cakes (only on the day before or the day)

2nd Hand books, videos and DVD's

Toys and bric a brac

Hamper items for the raffle

Friends of Blundell's Prep are looking for a few helpers to undertake one hourly stints in assisting with the Art activities, please complete the form below and hand into the School Office. Many thanks.

Christmas Dates

Further information on the following dates has already been issued or will be issued nearer to the date.

Friday 28th November

Wednesday 3rd December

Friday 5th December

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Saturday 6th December

Monday 8th December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Year 2 Christmas Play

Year 1 Christmas Play

Kindergarten Christmas Play

Festival of Carols (Choir members performing)

Christmas Bazaar

School Carol Service (**All Prep pupils to attend**)

No Prep or Clubs in the Prep School.

Owls will run as normal

Nursery 1 and 2 Christmas Play

Christmas Pantomimes and Nativity

(All Prep pupils performing)

Pre-Prep Christmas Party

End of Term Pre-Prep 3.30 pm, Prep 3.50 pm

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to these very well attended meetings. We hope that you were able to benefit from some positive and helpful feedback about your child. If you do need to speak to a member of staff about your child then please do contact the school office who would be happy to help.

Tea Time Concert

Well done to all the children that performed at last week's Tea Time Concert. Many children took part playing a variety of instruments. It was particularly pleasing to see the group ensembles and duets showing how well the children perform together.

Coffee Morning and Quality Second Hand Sale of toys and books.

Just a reminder of the next coffee morning which will be held in the Nursery classroom next Friday 21st November at 8.30am. Quality second hand toys and books will be on sale. If you cannot attend the coffee morning in person and would like to sell some goods on the morning, please leave them with Mrs Filmer-Bennett.

Children in Need

The children were delighted to receive a surprise visit from Pudsey Bear on Wednesday of this week. He visited the Pre-Prep Assembly and then toured the Prep School before setting off to visit other schools. It was good to see so many children supporting the Appeal today by coming into school wearing their spotted accessories. Thank you to all who have supported this event.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox this year in support of this appeal. As a school we sent 100 boxes through for distribution to children abroad in time for Christmas.

Change of Day

Please note that Hannah Day will be unable to teach her piano pupils on Tuesday 25th November but will be in on Friday 28th November instead.

New Prefects

Congratulations go to the following Year 6 pupils who have been chosen as School Prefects.

Isobel Phillips
Oliver Mitchell
Christopher Hamilton
Jack West
Alice Smith
Lydia Gibson
Jenny Mettam

Staff have given this a good deal of thought and all prefects will have specific roles and responsibilities. Parents will hopefully see some new initiatives from the children taking shape over the course of the year.

Friends of Blundell's Prep

Thank You

To all of you who very kindly supported the Quiz Night and the Fireworks Night, we had a tremendous turnout for both events and collectively have raised nearly £1500 which will go towards lighting in the School Hall on the newly erected lighting rack which will help with a whole array of performances both in Drama and for Musical concerts. A special thank you to all our helpers on the night who ensured we had a smooth running and safe event for all to enjoy.

Dates for the Diary 2009

6 th February 2009 6.30 pm until 8.00 pm	Prep School Disco - Year 3 to Year 6
27 th February 2009 5.00 pm until 6.30pm	Pre-Prep Party Drama based activity theme – Nursery to Year 2
Friday 26 th June	Summer Ball (Save the date now and register your interest)

Pre-Prep News

Golden Book

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

Emma Edwards for being extremely kind and thoughtful towards others during Mr Folland's Assembly

George Cochrane for litter collecting around the playground during his playtime

Tyler Read for tidying up at playtime without being asked by an adult

Molly Cross, Rebecca Hamilton and Dominic Vause for regularly devising games for the Nursery children to play whilst they are on Nursery duty each Friday. They are always kind and thoughtful

Mimi Heaton for being extremely helpful towards Mrs Filmer-Bennett at the end of the Bonfire Party by helping to pick up litter and tidy the playground

Swimming Award

Congratulations to Anna Maunder on achieving her Grade 2 Duckling Award

British Gymnastics Award

Congratulations to Grace Labdon on achieving her Proficiency Award level 4

Visit from West Midlands Theatre Company

The children in Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 greatly enjoyed a visit from the West Midlands theatre company. They performed a wonderful production of the Golden Dragon which was very entertaining and included a lot of audience participation. Our thanks go to Mrs Connolly for organising this event.

Free Bookstart Treasure Chests for three year olds

Once again we have been able to secure packs for our three year old children. These contain books, crayons and stickers and are provided to support a love of reading at an early age. The packs will be distributed next Thursday 20th November.

Toys in the Pre-Prep

We are having increasing numbers of children bringing toys into school each morning. Can you please remind your child that only books or artefacts related to a particular topic being covered in the classroom should be brought into school. We will also remind children of this in school too.

Sports News

Wednesday 5th November

Rugby	U11A	v	Millfield	L
Rugby	U11B	v	Millfield	W

Thursday 6th November

Rugby U9 Festival at St Michael's both the A and the B Teams won
Netball U9 Festival at St Michael's neither team reached the finals

Friday 7th November

Hockey U11 Tournament at Exeter Prep won jointly with Wellington

Wednesday 12th November

Rugby	U11A	v	Queen's	W
Rugby	U11B	v	Queen's	L
Rugby	U10A	v	Queen's	W

Thursday 13th November

All matches cancelled

Please note that if we are holding a home fixture and the weather looks inclement then please call the school if you are unsure as to whether the matches are going ahead. If an away fixture is cancelled then the School will try to contact you, particularly if we know you are planning to attend.

Christmas Bazaar

I am able to help with the Art Activities between the following hour

(Please delete as appropriate)

10.00 – 11.00 11.00 – 12.00 12.00 – 1.00

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