



# Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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## Outstanding Independent School 2007/08

Attached to this Newsletter is a letter from Ofsted which once again recognises our achievement in gaining outstanding provider status. We were obviously delighted to receive it.

## New Pupils

We would like to welcome the pupils who are new this term. We hope that they all settle in quickly and enjoy their time with us.

Harry, Jack and Sam Olive (4HI, 3HA, KGK)

Olivia and Beatrice Rhodes (2C and Nursery 1)

Sebastian Batten, Laila Charlesworth, Sophie Packman, Matteo Riezzo, Christopher Ayre, Sebastian Tarrant, Jessica Barnes and Joseph Webber. (Nursery 1)

## Sport

### Extra fixtures

Please note that the following fixtures have been added to this term's calendar:-

|                                     |        |                            |   |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---|---------|
| Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January  | U9A&B  | Netball v Wellington       | H | 3.15 pm |
| Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January | U11A&B | Football v St John's       | H | 2.30 pm |
| Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | U10A&B | Netball v Wellington       | H | 2.00 pm |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | U11A   | Netball Festival @ Maynard |   | 1.45 pm |

### Change of Time

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February

Boys Hockey U10A&B v Queen's A now 2.00 pm

### Team Sheets

To allow our Sports Team to select pupils after seeing their performance during sport's lessons we only post the team sheets on our new notice board the day before matches. It would be unfair to select earlier than this.

### Cancelled Matches

If parents feel it is likely a match will be cancelled the School urges all to call the office. Please can all parents try to follow the following procedures: If it is a home match please ring in after 12.00 noon to find out whether the match is cancelled, if the weather conditions are inclement. The sport's line will also have a message on it **if the match is cancelled on 01884 232416**. If it is an away match then the opposing school will let us know as soon as they are able. We will then ask the children to telephone home. If you know that you are definitely not coming to the match before your child leaves home it would be helpful to let your child know.

## Mumps

Please note that there is a case of mumps in the Prep School. The pupil did not return to school after Christmas so we are hopeful that there is minimal risk to any child who has not been inoculated with the MMR.

## Car Park

**Although the vast majority of our parents drive carefully around our car park some do not!**

**Please, Please, Please** could we remind parents to drive round the car park and park in an appropriate manner. We now have cameras recording all the traffic flow in the car park and have examined footage of this. We still have cars travelling too fast, with some drivers on mobile 'phones. Some cars have been close to hitting pedestrians! Cars parked outside of parking spaces also impede the flow of both the traffic and pedestrians. We will now be forced to contact drivers where we feel there is a necessity to do so.

## Books for Schools

As you may have seen advertised, The Times and The Sunday Times have launched a Books for Schools tokens scheme this term, and we would like to take advantage of this offer!

From January 11<sup>th</sup>, Books for Schools tokens will appear every day in The Times and The Sunday Times. We can exchange these tokens for free books of our choice from a catalogue provided by The Times. There will be 12 tokens printed every week, and with books starting at only 10 tokens, you don't have to be a regular Times reader to really make a difference to our collection. Please collect as many tokens as you can and give them to your child to bring to school. Tokens can be deposited in a collection box in the School Office.

We will be placing our first book order at the end of the spring term, so please make sure we have all your tokens before the Easter holidays begin. We hope to be able to boost our book collections in both the Prep and Pre-Prep libraries through this offer, and will let you know how many new titles we have been able to purchase in due course.

Thank you for your support!

## Late for Registration

Please could you remind your child that if they are late into school in the Prep School they must report to the office before going into School. Most children late do this but the odd one or two do forget and we do need to know that they are in school.

## Notice for Clubs

Can we cordially remind parents that we require a full term's notice for any child giving up a club. In the majority of cases we would prefer a child to stay in the club until the end of the notice period, but do understand that there are times when this is not appropriate. In the case of charged clubs, fees will be charged in lieu of notice as it constitutes part of the specialist member of staff's income.

## Lost Property

If a child loses an item of clothing or equipment please could they initially talk to their class teacher who will help them to locate the missing items.

## Minibus changes

If you have any minibus changes with your child travelling to or from school could we ask that the minibus co-ordinator is contacted on 01884 232378 and a message left. If it is a permanent change please request this, in writing, to the minibus co-ordinator.

## Drama Club Play

The Drama Club play 'Scrooge, a ghost of a chance' will take place in the Prep School Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30 pm.

## Coffee Morning

We are holding our first Coffee Morning of this year on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 8.30 am in the Pre-Prep. We would like to invite all parents to join us for an informal get together.

## Pre-Prep News

### **Ballet awards**

Congratulations to Saskia Grant, Victoria Curgenvin, Grace Chapman and Serena Hay on achieving the ballet awards for excellent work with Mrs Wightmore last term.

### **Certificates of Achievement**

The following children are to be congratulated on receiving their certificates at the end of last term: -

Angus Holmes for settling into his new school and making friends quickly. He has worked hard and made progress in all subjects, especially reading and mathematics.

Grace Chapman for an excellent performance as the Little Angel in her Nativity play last term. She danced, sang and spoke out beautifully; quite an achievement for her first term in school.

Ben Robinson for working extremely hard last term to learn his phonic sounds and to learn to read. He has worked very hard at home as well as in school and was one of the first children to learn his words and songs for the Christmas play.

Jon Robinson for working really hard all last term both at home and at school. He always does his homework and tries his best. He was one of the first to learn his words and songs for the Christmas play.

Mia Butterfield for always putting the maximum amount of effort into everything that she does. She has worked hard in all subjects and has produced some particularly good work in art. She is a sensible and reliable member of the class.

William Holmes for managing to learn a lot of his sounds in the short time since joining his new school and making good progress with his writing.

Mimi Heaton for her contributions to Kindergarten C last term. She has tried hard with all her sound and number work in particular.

### **Golden Book**

Congratulations to Charlie Hutchinson for displaying good manners and consideration towards his teachers at a very busy time last term.

Zoë Labdon and Frances Hunt for being very helpful towards the Nursery children during an incident after lunch one day last term.

Noah Sanders-Dutton for being extremely brave and beautifully behaved following a visit to the nurse at the end of last term.

Elizabeth Curgenvin for looking after a child who was upset. Elizabeth stayed with this child until she was feeling happier, showing great kindness and consideration towards her.

### **National Swim Awards**

Congratulations to Freddie Labdon on achieving his level 2 award and to Grace Labdon on achieving her level 6 award.

### **Duckling Award**

Congratulations to Edward Brain on achieving his Grade 1 Duckling Award.

### **Book Track**

Congratulations to Laura Smith on achieving her Badger award on the Tiverton Library Book Track scheme.

### **Judo Awards**

The following pupils were successful in last term's Judo grading session: -

First White Bar - George Humphries, Charlie Hutchinson, Joss West, William Usherwood, Ben Wright, Freddie Johnston, Ben Gresswell, William Honey, Tom Greenfield, Leo Dummett, Charlie Berry, William Farmer

Third White Bar - Jack Swain, Milo Godwin-Coombs, Harry Charlesworth

Fourth White Bar - George Cochrane, Thomas Keyte

Fifth White Bar - Jasper Pring

Congratulations to all pupils and a special mention for Joss West who was named pupil of the term.

### **Bravery Award**

William Farmer was presented with a bravery award following treatment at the Minor Injury unit at Tiverton and District Hospital. Well done William.

### **Sport's Results**

#### **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Netball v Kelly College      U11A W,      U11B D,      U10A D

#### **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Netball v Kelly College      U9A L,      U9B W  
Football v Kelly College      U9A W,      U9B W