

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Entrance Exams

Congratulations go to all the children who have been sitting entrance exams over the past weeks. The children and staff have worked extremely hard towards these. There have been some outstanding performances and scholarships awarded, as well as the equally rewarding sight of seeing hard work and determination pay off for those who find things a little trickier. We wish all those children entering the Music Scholarships good luck for next week.

Friends of Blundell's Prep School Disco

Friday 6th February 6.30 pm until 8.00pm Tickets £2.50

Tickets are available now in the school office. A great fun evening for all Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to enjoy. Drinks and refreshments available for sale on the night.

Come along and bop the night away.

Children Arriving Late to School

Could we cordially remind parents that children should arrive on time to school each morning (By 8.30am). We have a group of children who regularly arrive late which means that they do not always receive important information given to the children at registration. I thank you for your help in this matter and thank all those parents who do ensure that their children arrive promptly. Please could you also remind your child that if they do happen to be late, they must report to the School Office as soon as they enter the building.

Tudor Day

The children in Year 5 were delighted to meet Henry VIII last Friday. The children all entered into the spirit by dressing in Tudor costumes and joining in with jousting and other activities. All had a great day, learnt a good deal and enjoyed a change from the normal routine.

Drama Club Play

Scrooge 'a ghost of a chance' was performed on Monday in front of children and parents. Everyone enjoyed the performance and congratulations go to the children and staff who worked so hard on this production. The children had little time to put this together and many songs had to be performed.

E-mailing the Newsletter

In a bid to save paper and time, from the start of the Summer Term, we would like to start e-mailing the Newsletter to parents. Please could parents **clearly** enter the e-mail address onto the tear-off slip below to which they wish the Newsletter to be sent. For all those who do not give us an e-mail address, a copy will be posted onto the noticeboard, website, or alternatively a copy may be collected from the School Office. Please return the tear-off slip to the School Office by Friday, 13th February 2009.

Associated Board Music Results

Congratulations go to all those children who took music examinations at the end of last term. The results are as follows:

Tatty Vause	Violin Grade 1	Pass
Elizabeth Morris	Violin Grade 1	Pass
Bethany Mettam	Piano Grade 1	Merit
Emily Farmer	Singing Grade 1	Pass
Abigail Gray	Singing Grade 1	Pass
Grace Belcher	Singing Grade 1	Pass
Maxwell Berry	Singing Grade 2	Pass
Georgina Scott	Singing Grade 1	Merit
Amy Cross	Piano Grade 1	Merit
Lucinda Canterbury	Clarinet Grade 1	Pass
Matthew Baughan	Saxophone Grade 1	Pass
Hannah Beggs	Flute Grade 1	Pass
Harriet Nash	Flute Grade 2	Pass

Saxophone for Sale

If you are interested in buying a second hand saxophone please telephone 07792 213818. £220 or nearest offer.

Pre-Prep News

Certificates of achievement

Congratulations to the following children:

Jasper Pring and Dominic Vause for making a huge improvement with their reading.

Toby Hull for making a good effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Estelle Tucker for making an excellent start to the term, concentrating and trying hard in everything that she does.

George Cochrane for making a huge improvement in the standard of his reading, writing and spelling.

Grace Trebble for making a real effort to concentrate and complete her work more quickly and for working particularly hard in Read Write Inc.

Sophie Elstone for trying hard in class and creating some super art work.

Kit Barnes for good progress in reading and phonic work and for producing some excellent art work.

William Farmer for working hard at home and school to improve his reading.

Luli Mountbatten for growing confidence and working independently as well as making pleasing progress in reading and maths this term.

Serena Hay for improved listening skills and good progress in reading this term.

Tom Greenfield for making tremendous progress in maths this term.

Golden Book

Alex Pawson for displaying thoughtfulness in the lunch hall.

Ben Robinson for tidying up the corridor outside the Form 1 classrooms without being asked.

Charlie Berry for leaving an exciting Assembly to do some work without making a fuss.

Sam Olive, Tom Greenfield, Harry Charlesworth, Serena Hay, Alexander Lawler, Elizabeth Curgenven, Victoria Curgenven, Charlie Berry, Viola West and Joss West for playing well and co-operating beautifully during Owls last Wednesday.

Rebecca Hamilton for being helpful to Mrs Pym in Games Club yesterday morning.

National Swimming Awards

Congratulations to Milo Godwin-Coombs on achieving level 3 of the award scheme and to Sparkle Menzies on achieving level 4.

Duckling Awards

Congratulations to George Worcester and Kit Barnes who both achieved level 1 and 2 on the award scheme.

Equestrian success

Congratulations to Grace Trebble and Cosford Vanity for achieving first prize in the Lead Rein show pony event at Bicton Show. Grace has also qualified for the British Winter Championships.

Congratulation to Ben and Jon Robinson on achieving their first rosettes in pony riding.

IT Success

Congratulations to Saskia Grant on achieving her first CD rom Number certificate.

Nursery 2 and Kindergarten Ball Skills Club

It has been suggested that we run a Ball Skills Club for Nursery 2 and Kindergarten children. The proposed club would be held outdoors on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm until 4.20pm and would be run by a member of the Prep School games staff. If your child would be interested in joining the club please contact Mrs Filmer-Bennett.

Tiverton Gazette

A photographer from the Tiverton Gazette will be in school next Tuesday morning to photograph the Kindergarten children for one of their features.

Sport's News

We are very pleased to announce that two of our Year 6 boys have been chosen to play for the South of England Prep School Barbarians who will play against the North of England Prep School Barbarians. Their ultimate aim is to represent the National Prep School Barbarians against the Wales. Congratulations go to Ben Steer and Jack West.

Sport's Results

Wednesday, 14th January

Netball	U11A	v	Queen's	L
Netball	U11B	v	Queen's	L

Wednesday, 14th January (continued)

Netball	U10A	v	Queen's	W
Netball	U10B	v	Queen's	W
Football	U11A	v	Plymouth	W
Football	U11B	v	Plymouth	L
Football	U10A	v	Millfield	L
Football	U10B	v	Millfield	W

Thursday, 15th January

Football	U9A	v	Exeter Prep	W
Football	U9B	v	Exeter Prep	W
Netball	U9A	v	Wellington	L
Netball	U9B	v	Wellington	L

Wednesday, 21st January

Boy's Hockey U11 Sherborne Tournament Lost in the Semi-final
The boys won 5, lost 2 and drew 1 ultimately coming 4th out of 16 teams. It was an excellent performance.

Netball	U11	Bryanston Tournament	Lost in the final of the Spoon
Netball	U10	King's Bruton Tournament	3 rd in the pool group Won 1, Lost 1
Football	U11A	v St John's	L
Football	U11B	v St John's	L

Thursday, 22nd January

Football	U9A	v	St Michael's	W
Football	U9B	v	St Michael's	W
Netball	U9A	v	St Michael's	L
Netball	U9B	v	St Michael's	L

Well done to all the children who have played in a large variety of fixtures over the past two weeks.

E-mail Address for the Newsletter

Name of Family

e-mail address

(only one per family please)

Please return by Friday 13th February at the very latest.