

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Snow

Thank you to all our parents for their tolerance and help through recent difficult weather conditions. We only close the School as a last resort and do understand if children are unable to make it in or are late due to adverse weather conditions.

Art Club

Mrs Sarra will be away from school on Friday 13th February so there will be no Art Club for Pre-Prep or Prep school children on that date. We hope that this does not cause any inconvenience. Children are still welcome to stay for other after school provision.

Judo

We apologise for the cancellation of Judo last week due to the snow and just a reminder that there will be no judo this week, Tuesday 10th February as noted by Steve Walter on his start of term letter. Children are still welcome to stay for other after school provision.

Tea Time Concert and House Music

A very enjoyable Tea Time Concert took place on Thursday evening. Well done to all the children who performed. The House Music competition will take place later this week and there will be an opportunity for parents to hear some of this at the next Tea Time Concert which will take place on Thursday, 5th March at 5.00 pm.

Pancake Races - Tuesday 24th February

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to watch all the Prep children take part in the Inter House Pancake Races which will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 3.20 pm. There will be two races Junior Race (Years 3 and 4) which starts at 3.20 pm and the Senior Race (Years 5 and 6) which starts immediately after the Junior Race. Children may be taken home after all the races have finished however we do ask that they report to the school office to inform us of this arrangement before leaving.

Books for Schools

Please remember to send in your Books for Schools tokens which 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!

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
in conjunction with
FRIENDS OF BLUNDELL'S

PRE-PREP PARTY

with



Friday 27th February
5pm to 6.30pm
Pre-Prep Hall

TICKETS £4
includes party bag tea

A party run by professional actress, Kate Dinnin, based around themed stories which the children help to create.

Kate Dinnin is a Children's Entertainer and trained actress with West End credits ranging from 'Blood Brothers' to 'Phantom of the Opera'.



She uses her unique blend of experience to provide drama workshops for children, giving them confidence and allowing them to explore theatre and performance in a fresh and fun way.



The Pre-Prep Party will take place on Friday, 27th February. Tickets are available from the School Office or please send in the tear-off slip at the end of this letter.

FOBP advanced date

The Summer Ball will take place on Friday 26th June. More details will follow.

Head South Update



Lost Property

The lost property box is now located opposite the school library. Please remind your child to check in this for lost items. Named uniform is returned to your child but any unnamed items which remain in the box for longer than 3 weeks will be sent to a local charity.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held on Friday 27th February. This is an informal gathering for parents to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. We look forward to seeing many of you there from 8.30am in the Nursery Two classroom.

DON PASQUALE

A performance of Don Pasquale, the comic opera by Donizetti is to be given in Big School on the evening of 26 February 2009 by The Garden Opera Company, the nationally renowned touring opera company.

Donizetti's comic masterpiece has a freshness which never falters. First performed in 1843, Don Pasquale's folly at an attempted marriage is unravelled in time for his nephew's nuptials. The opera sparkles with wit and the most enchanting music, it is deliciously funny and compassionate and well suited to The Garden Opera Company's talented professional musicians.

We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to stage the charity event in support of the Devon Community Foundation, where all funds raised by ticket sales will benefit local community groups. In addition, Devon Community Foundation match the sums raised so each pound is worth double for local causes in the community, they have made a difference to so many local people in need already and this is just one evening where your support could go so much further.

To date, the Devon Community Foundation has awarded almost £6 million in grants to small groups and projects across the county, supporting volunteers on the frontline in helping to change local lives for the better. Groups supported include everything from help for the homeless to lunch clubs for the elderly and from clubs for children with disabilities to support for people with mental health problems. An advisory panel of senior Blundell's pupils will be involved in considering applications for grants which are made through the sums raised and they the School are delighted to be able to host this event providing the facilities to host this most entertaining evening for such a worthwhile cause.

Please do come along and support the event, tickets are available from The Bursary, Blundell's School, Blundell's Road, Tiverton, EX16 4DT, or phone 01884 232309 or email bursar@blundells.org, priced at Adults £20 and Children under 16 £10.

“The small touring opera company without equal in Britain” – Opera Now

Pre-Prep News

Certificates of achievement

Eliza Lloyd for working and trying hard in everything she does in Kindergarten but particularly with her reading, writing and number work.

Alexander Lawler for improved concentration this term resulting in an improvement in all areas of the curriculum especially reading, writing and number work.

Alex Pawson for working really hard to improve the fluency of her reading. Alex has also put a lot of effort into her writing.

Finlay Williams for trying hard to join in Circle Times. Finlay has also produced lovely handwriting and has made a big effort learning his sounds. Finlay has grown in confidence with his maths too.

Ollie Butler for trying hard to become more independent. Ollie is also managing to read whole words on his own having successfully managed to begin to blend the sounds. Ollie has achieved well in maths too.

Swimming Awards

Congratulations to the following children: - Eve Nugent – Rainbow Swimming award for 5 metres. Holly Nugent – Rainbow swimming award for 100 metres. Finlay Williams – National plan award, stage 1. Finlay and Alice Williams – Puffin award. George Worcester – Duckling award grade 3.

Golden Book

Harry Charlesworth – for being particularly helpful towards a member of staff.

Grace Labdon and Rebecca Hamilton – for tidying everything away in their classroom following an art activity without their teacher even asking for their help. This was particularly thoughtful.

Hannah Al-Hussaini – for showing consideration towards another child in her class. This is typical of the thoughtfulness Hannah shows quite regularly.

Great Fire of London Workshop

The Year One children greatly enjoyed a very interesting trip to St Nicholas Priory in Exeter for a workshop on the Great Fire of London. This added another dimension to their classrooms studies on this history topic and we hope to make it an annual event for Year One children.

Nursery 1 Double Decker Bus Ride

The children in Nursery 1 greatly enjoyed their trip to Tiverton Parkway Station on a double decker bus. This is a popular trip every year because so few children experience travelling by bus. Their behaviour was very positively commented on by those who came into contact with the children and we thank the parents who helped on out the day, making the trip possible.

Sport's News

Due to adverse weather conditions not all fixtures have taken place. The following, however, did take place.

Wednesday, 28th January

Football	U11A & B	v	St Michael's	L
Netball	U11A & B	v	St Michael's	L
Boy's Hockey	U11A & B	v	Queen's Taunton	W

Sunday, 1st February

Rugby U11 SW Regional Festival at Bryanston. The boys came second out of four teams and therefore qualify for the National Finals. Well done lads.

FOBP Pre-Prep Party Friday, 27th February 2009
Name of Child _____ Form _____

I require _____ tickets

Total enclosed £ _____ (£4.00 per ticket)
(cheques payable to Friend's of Blundell's Preparatory School)

Contact Number on the evening _____