

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Grandparents' Morning for children in Years 3 to 6 Friday, 12th June

After last year's successful Grandparents' Morning in the Pre-Prep we are holding a similar event for the Prep aged children. Although it is not until Friday, 12th June we would like to give as much advanced warning as possible as we realise that many of our grandparents live a distance away. The morning would give them the opportunity to meet with teachers and children, see their grandchildren in lessons, take a tour of the School and meet with Mr Folland whilst enjoying refreshments. An invitation will be sent out at the beginning of the Summer Term.

Parents' Evening Dates

We have a number of parent's evenings coming up in the next few weeks:- letters concerning these have either been or will be sent out in the next two weeks.

N1 and N2	Monday, 2 nd March
KG, Years 1 & 2	Tuesday, 3 rd March
Year 3	Monday, 9 th March
Year 4	Thursday, 12 th March
Year 5	Monday, 16 th March

Please could we urge parents to send back their appointment forms by the deadline date as it is very difficult to find appropriate appointment slots once the majority of the timeslots are set.

Revised School Disco Date: Friday, 13th March 2009

The School Disco which was postponed due to the snow is to now be held on Friday, 13th March with the same timings. Tickets which have already been bought are still valid.

Anyone who is unable to make this date will be given a full refund if they come to the School Office. There are still tickets for sale for anyone who would like to come but has yet to buy a ticket

Lunch Menus

Our lunch menus are available on our website. Our lunch menus are being currently revised by our diet committee which consists of teaching staff, catering staff and pupils. The diet committee is always looking to produce menus which reflect not only nutritious and well-balanced diet but also reflects the likes of the children and seasonal food. Recently the Prep School have been discussing diet and balanced meals in assembly time as well as how to eat them in a well mannered way!

E-mail Addresses

We have received a good number of e-mail addresses from parents and we thank you for your help with this. We would be grateful if anyone who would like to have the newsletter emailed to them and has yet to send in their e-mail address to do so by Friday 6th March at the latest. If we have not received your e-mail address we will assume that you will either come into the school office to collect a hard copy or will view it on either the website or the noticeboard. We will start to send the Newsletter from the start of the Summer Term.

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Science Week: Week Commencing Monday 9th March

There is an environmental theme to Science Week this year culminating with Professor Paradox performing a play for Pre-Prep and then the Prep school about environmental issues. This is always a fun week.

Darwin Day

On Monday, 9th March we will be having a day focussing on the life and work of Charles Darwin. The children will be involved in art, drama and science based activities. Mark Haradon, a story teller, will also be visiting us. **Please could children wear old clothes to School** because they will be painting and creating some really interesting things, including a Tree of Life at the back of the Prep School hall. Also could children bring in a raincoat and wellington boots as we are hoping the children will also take a scientific walk.

Recycling

Up until now we have always recycled paper - with the help of 4HI and Mr Hirst - and this has supported many charities including Guide Dogs for the Blind. As a School Council we thought that we should recycle other materials in school and so, with the help of Devon Recycling, have started to recycle cardboard, plastics, metal and tetra packs. A lot of these materials come from break time and lunch time (cartons of drinks, yoghurt pots, plastic cups and food tins etc). Recycling bins have been put in the dining hall. In the future we would also like to recycle other things such as food waste and glass. Thanks to the Porters and Kitchen staff for helping us with this.

Red Nose Day

The charity the School Council agreed to support this term is Red Nose Day. This is always a fun event and we would like to raise a lot of money to support this charity. Red Nose Day this year is on FRIDAY 13th MARCH. On that day pupils may come into school wearing normal school uniform BUT also a crazy hat! This can be one they have made or one they have bought and please also bring in at least £1 for Red Nose Day. We will be holding competitions with prizes for the best crazy hat in each Form (judged by each Form Teacher) and the best girl and boy crazy hat in the school (this will be judged in assembly by Miss Stone and Miss Butt). We hope you will support us for this event.

(Written by Christopher Hamilton and Lucinda Canterbury-School council Members)

Friends of Blundell's Preparatory School

Dear Parent

The time of year has arrived when we are seeking to recruit new members of the Friends of Blundell's Preparatory School committee. We welcome all applications in an informal manner and are actively seeking to attract more representation from the Pre-Prep end of the School and from a male perspective, please do feel free to enquire or register your interest even if you are not sure you wish to apply. Details of the Terms of Reference are attached so you can see the constitution. We have places to fill from this Summer Term as a number of committee members will leave in July 2009. An expression of interest slip is attached to this newsletter.

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Terms of Reference

The committee consists of no less than six voluntary members, and no more than twelve, who are also parents of children at Blundell's Preparatory School (12 at present). Each year the committee votes on who is to be the Chairman, Secretary and two Treasurers. The quorum is five.

The Primary purpose is to organise social events for parents, pupils and staff. Admission charges to cover running costs may be made. Any profit may be donated to the school, used to purchase school related items or carried forward to fund the next social event. Charitable donations can also be made. The committee appoints advisors as and when necessary.

The committee runs a second-hand uniform shop, staffed by two committee members. Sales proceeds are apportioned between the parent supplying the clothing and FOBP to be used as above. The treasurers keep appropriate accounts that are audited by independent Accountants. Current and Reserve current accounts are held at Nat West, Tiverton Branch. Two signatures are required for cheques.

Committee members can be removed from the committee by majority vote. Enquiries about the committee's affairs should be made in writing to the Chair in the first instance.

Process of Committee Membership

Election

If you wish to play a part, as a committee member, please contact the present Chair Karen Clark by sending a letter of expression of interest with a brief resume and these will be considered when vacancies become available which should happen during the first half of the summer term. Election by voting by the committee will take place if there are more applicants than vacancies.

Tenure

A committee membership will not normally be beyond 4 years tenure. To be eligible for a post of officer; a member should have served for at least one year, except in exceptional circumstances. Officer posts must be nominated, seconded and voted for by written ballot by all members of the committee on an annual basis.

Resignation

Members due to resign or wishing to resign should do so by the beginning of the summer term.

Meetings

The committee meets at least once per term and often more frequently. Meetings are held at 8.30am on Fridays (or other days by agreement) on the school premises. All meetings are minuted. Voting decisions are by way of majority. Members must be able to attend most meetings.

FOBP Dates for the Diary

13th March Rescheduled Prep School Valentine/Red Nose Day Disco, 6.30 pm until 8.00 pm Tickets £2.50 from the School office.

21st March Easter Fair, Prep School, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, lots of competitions and stalls for Easter gifts

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26th June Prep School Summer Ball, tickets on sale after Easter from the Second Hand Uniform Shop, this is a popular event, so register your interest quickly. Tables of 10 and very limited number of 12 person tables are available.

Pre-Prep News

Certificates of Achievement

Congratulations to the following children on receiving their certificates: -

Tom Swain for taking much more care with his work and making a huge improvement in all areas as a result.

Alice Williams for working hard in many curriculum areas especially in English and number work.

Viola West for working very hard recently to improve her reading and handwriting, making super progress as a result.

Emma Edwards for trying really hard to concentrate carefully on her work and for making super progress with her work.

Eve Nugent for working hard to improve her writing, making a great effort to form her numbers correctly and producing excellent artwork.

Swimming certificates

Congratulations to Anna Maunder on achieving her 5 metre and Grade 3 swimming awards and to William Honey on achieving his level 1 national swim award.

Skiing awards

Congratulations to Alex Curtis on achieving his ski racing medal and to Charlie Hutchinson on achieving 3rd place in his ski race and 1st place in his Ecole Ski Francais group.

Golden Book

Saskia Grant, Lucie Spencer and George Cochrane for spending the whole of their playtime tidying up the Nursery 2 playhouse. They offered to help and did a fine job.

Thomas Russell for being very brave and well behaved on his recent trip to the nurse.

Sparkle Menzies and Serena Hay for helping to tidy up the playhouse on the main playground after half term. They did an excellent job and worked really hard.

Finlay Williams for hanging up all the aprons outside the classroom without being asked.

Finlay is always willing and helpful.

Form 2 Trip to Exeter Cathedral.

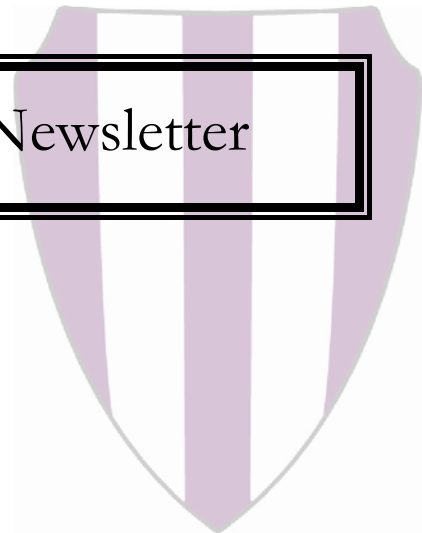
Both Form 2 classes enjoyed a most interesting trip to Exeter Cathedral just before half term. They were given a tour of the cathedral and spent time in the Chapter House designing their own shields with symbols, stained glass windows, mosaics and working on some wonderful brass rubbings. Our thanks go to Mrs Connolly and Mrs Lennox for organising such a wonderful trip.

Sports' News

Wednesday 11th February

U11A Netball	v	Taunton Prep	L
U11B Netball	v	Taunton Prep	L

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U10A Netball	v	Taunton Prep	L
U10B Netball	v	Taunton Prep	L

Wednesday 25th February

U11A, Boy's Hockey	v	Wellington	W
U11B, Boy's Hockey	v	Wellington	L
U11A Netball	v	St Peter's	W
U10A Netball	v	St Peter's	W
U10B Netball	v	St Peter's	W

Pancake Races

Junior	1 st	Grenville	Senior	1 st	Grenville
	2 nd	Raleigh		2 nd	Raleigh
	3 rd	Drake		3 rd	Drake

Junior House Matches

Football

Year 3

1 st	Grenville
2 nd	Raleigh
3 rd	Drake

Year 4

1 st	Raleigh
2 nd	Grenville
3 rd	Drake

Netball

1 st	Raleigh
2 nd	Grenville
3 rd	Drake

Tour to Jersey

The children had a fabulous time playing rugby, hockey and netball fixtures against Jersey and Guernsey teams with a mixture of results. Mr Swain, who led the tour, cannot give high enough praise for the children who were superbly behaved and were wonderful ambassadors for the School.

 Friends of Blundell's Preparatory School – Expression of Interest Committee Membership

Name:.....Address:

.....Contact Numbers:.....

Child(ren) names and ages in the School

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Please delete as appropriate:

I would like to register my interest to become a member of the Friends of Blundell's Prep School Committee

I would like to speak to someone to gain more information about the possibility of being a member of the Friends of Blundell's Prep School Committee Please return to Karen Clark via the School Office as soon as possible but by the latest March 27th 2009.

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CHARITY SPRING FAIR

IN AID OF DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

Devon Air Ambulance Trust



Wednesday 4th March 2009

10am to 3pm

Cadeleigh Arms

Cadeleigh, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8HP

Bag yourself a fabulous Spring bargain from

BAUER LIFESTYLE

Accessories, cashmere, silver & leather goods all at amazing trade prices

ROSE BLACK ACCESSORIES

Luxurious scarves and accessories

USEFUL STUFF

Gardening tools, housewares and outdoor accessories

PHOENIX CARDS

New designs for 2009



ANGEL CERAMICS

Beautiful ceramic designs

USBORNE BOOKS

Vast choice of children's books

TEONI'S COOKIES

Mouthwatering cookies, cakes and gourmet gift packs

WRAPARATTZI

Gifts with a twist: a range of distinctive gifts beautifully presented



Food and drink served throughout the day.

10% of all proceeds will be donated to Devon Air Ambulance in support of 'Head South' - Headmasters Nick Folland and Ian Davenport and Deputy Head Richard Cross - in their quest to cycle from John O' Groats to Land's End.