

# Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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## **Devon County Show 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

We will once again be sharing Blundell's Marquee at the Devon County Show. If any of you are attending the Show we would be delighted to see you there.

## **A Reminder for Sports Day in the Prep School Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Sports Day for the pupils in the Prep School takes place on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and all parents are cordially invited to watch.

## **Non Uniform Day Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Please note that Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June is a non Uniform day in aid of Head South which is the School Council's chosen charity of the term. We hope that your child would like to attend School in home clothes in return for a minimum £1.00 donation.

## **Coffee Morning**

The next coffee morning will be held in the Pre-Prep Nursery classroom on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 8.30 am. Our thanks go to Mrs Donna Hibberd for running these events so successfully over the last few years.

## **Whole School Photograph Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June we will be having the whole school photograph. We would, therefore, be grateful if you would arrange for your child/children to be looking extra smart that day!

Boys should wear their normal trousers or shorts, long sleeved white shirt, tie, and blazer. No jumpers are to be worn. Girls should wear their grey skirt, white long-sleeved blouse, tie and their blazer, not their summer dress or white aertex shirt on this particular day. Please note that blazer's will be done up, and no badges will be worn. Children in Nursery 1 and Nursery 2 should wear sweatshirts, with grey socks or tights. Your assistance with this would be much appreciated.

We will confirm the date that the photograph will go on display in a future Newsletter.

## **Grandparents Morning Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June Years 3 – 6**

We hope that parents of children in Years 3 – 6 have received an invitation for their child's/children's grandparents for 'Grandparents Morning'. We would be grateful if these could be passed on to Grandparents. Could any grandparents who would like to attend please let the School Office know so that we can make sure that they spend time with their grandchild/grandchildren on the morning.

## **Summer Concert: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm**

Please note that the Summer Concert is a compulsory event for the children in the Prep School and we welcome those families in the Pre-Prep who would like to join us.

### **Pre-Prep involvement in the Summer Concert**

We are delighted that all Year 2 pupils will be singing at the Summer Concert this year. In addition all Fiddle Frolics pupils from Years 1 and 2 and all Brass Club pupils from Year 2 will also perform.

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## **Tea Time Concert**

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this concert last week. An excellent event enjoyed by a large audience, with many very confident and talented performances. Again, our thanks go to our parents for supporting these events so well.

## **Effort and Attainment Grades (Prep School)**

The Effort and Attainment Grades for Years 3, 4 and 5 will go home on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Year 6 on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## **Visit from Royal Navy**

Our thanks go to Captain Dutton (Noah's father) and his colleagues from Yeovilton airbase for bringing their Lynx helicopter to visit the children. Every child had the opportunity to climb aboard the helicopter and ask questions of the crew. Each child received a souvenir of the visit and the crew gave generously of their time. It was a very exciting end to our week.

## **Café Event on Internet Safety**

The School received excellent feedback from all the parents that attended this event. We feel that it was enjoyed by all and the session useful and informative. The School will hold further cafe events on other issues and we will inform all parents of these in due course. Some may be aimed at whole School and some at particular year groups. The occasions are designed to be informal, social, with joint contributions from home and School. For any parents who missed this event website links are available on the Blundell's Prep School website.

## **Razzamataz Theatre Schools**

Razzamataz Theatre Schools will be launching their highly popular classes at Blundell's Prep School from September as well as offering Summer Stage Academies. Razzamataz teaches a broad range of performing arts skills as well as giving children the opportunity to gain more confidence, improve team skills and lead an active lifestyle through the arts.

During term time classes will run on a Saturday afternoon from 2:30 pm and Principal Anna Ruddick has places available for children ranging in age from 4-18 years. Anna and her team of experienced performers and teachers deliver a curriculum that features street dance, musical theatre song & dance, pop singing, film and television styles of acting as well as script work.

Summer Stage Academies will be available during the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Children will have a fun packed week of singing, dance and drama based activities and create a show to be performed to family and friends.

To find out more about Razzamataz Theatre Schools and how to enrol – please contact Anna on 01884 243325 or 07739045140 or email [exeter@razzamataz.co.uk](mailto:exeter@razzamataz.co.uk). Details will be on the Razamataz website [www.razzamataz.co.uk](http://www.razzamataz.co.uk) shortly. Please do contact me as soon as possible as space is limited.

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## **Tennis Tournaments in Aid of Save the Children**

Tournaments to raise money for the Save the Children are being held at Blundell's Tennis Courts in June. The Ladies Doubles will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30 until about 8.00 pm. Mixed doubles is to be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10.30 am. Players must be over the age of 14. You do not have to be a fantastic player all standards are welcome!! Entry forms are available from the school office after half term. The cost of an entry is £10 per couple.

## **Swimming Years 3 - 6**

Swimming will take place for pupils in Years 3 – 6 from after half term in their PE lessons. Please can you ensure that your child has a predominately dark (Navy/Black) one piece swimming costume or trunks (not Bermuda Shorts), a swimming hat, goggles and a towel. Many thanks for your help.

## **Judo Grading**

The final judo grading of the academic year will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 4.15 pm for Pre-Prep pupils and 5.25 pm for Prep school pupils.

## **Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Please send in any vouchers you may still have. We have so far collected over 16,000 vouchers for Tesco's and over 2,500 vouchers for Sainsbury's. Once all the vouchers are in we will be pleased to announce what we are planning to purchase. Well done and thank you.

## **Drama Club Play 'Beauty and the Beast'**

This was a great success and enjoyed by both the performers and the audience. The pupils have limited time to put these performances together, but they are always enjoyable and the pupils love being involved.

## **Pre-Prep News**

### **Golden Book**

Congratulations to the following children:

Kit Barnes for making a real effort during all Kindergarten play rehearsals despite knowing he would be away on holiday for the actual performance.

Alex Venner and William Usherwood for showing consideration and good manners towards Mrs Kimber.

Luli Mountbatten and Frances Hunt for volunteering to help tidy up after Sibling Club.

Ben FitzHerbert and Taylor Wonnacott for tidying up very nicely at the end of playtime.

Molly Cross and Grace Labdon helping out on the Nursery playground twice in one day.

John Bishop for showing kindness and consideration towards a child in his class who was feeling unwell.

Mia Butterfield for thinking of others and helping another child.

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## **Certificates of Achievement**

Congratulations to the following children:

William Usherwood for making a real effort to focus on his written work, achieving better standards and completing his work on time.

Molly Cross for greatly improving her literacy skills in areas and showing greater confidence when speaking in front of others.

Milo Godwin-Coombs for listening more attentively to instructions during maths lessons and remaining calm when the work gets more difficult.

John Bishop for settling into his new school routine so quickly, making new friends and working hard.

Leo Dummett for working consistently hard all year. He is always cheerful and has a positive attitude towards school.

Ellie Salisbury for making excellent progress with her reading, writing and maths.

Mia Butterfield for making a great effort to improve her handwriting. She is also an extremely kind and helpful member of the class.

Tom Swain, Alexander Lawler and Estelle Tucker for trying really hard to use set one and two sounds in their writing. They did not find writing by themselves easy but they are now trying really hard to work independently.

Eve Nugent for learning all her numbers up to 20, writing all her letters correctly and trying really hard with her reading. She also continues to draw some excellent pictures.

Tyler Read for learning all her numbers up to 20, writing all her letters correctly and trying really hard with her reading. She has shown greater enthusiasm at coming to school each day too.

Abigail Horan for always trying her best in all activities and working independently.

William Venner for working hard in many areas including reading and number work.

George Worcester for trying extra hard with writing this term and putting a huge amount of effort into the whole school day.

Ollie Butler for making great progress especially with his reading and maths.

## **Swimming Certificates**

Congratulations to the following children:

George Worcester and Maisie Cross – Duckling Award Grade 4

Gabriel Harrison-Kinnaird -Rainbow award 5 metres

Alex Pawson – National Swim Award level 1

Gabriel Harrison-Kinnaird and Charlie Berry National Swim Award level 2

Milo Godwin-Coombs – National Swim Award-level 4

Luca Kemp –National Swim Award – level 5

Molly Cross – completed a course with the Piranhas

## **Gymnastics Award**

Congratulations to Freddie Labdon on achieving his British Gymnastics proficiency award level 5.

## **Football Award**

Congratulations to Ben Wright on winning his medal for playing for the Twyford Spartans.

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## Kindergarten Play

Congratulations to all the children in Kindergarten K and Kindergarten C on their fine performance in 'Toby's Ark'. This was a very demanding play and the children worked very hard to learn all the songs and lines which they delivered with great confidence.

## Nursery 1M trips

The children in Nursery 1M greatly enjoyed their visits to Tiverton Museum, St Pauls Church, West Exe Park and to the town library. They behaved very well indeed and we thank Mrs McDowell for arranging these visits.

## Sport's News

Congratulations go to Daniel Pyle, Ben Steer and William Thompson who have all been chosen to play for the Devon County Cricket U11 Squad and to Christian Cabburn who has been chosen for the U10 Squad.

### Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May

U9A	Cricket	v	Millfield	W
U9B	Cricket	v	Millfield	W

### Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

U10A	Rounders	v	Exeter Prep	L
U10B	Rounders	v	Exeter Prep	L

### Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May

U9	Rounders	v	Exeter Prep	L
U8	Rounders	v	Exeter Prep	L