



Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Friday, 20th November 2009

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, 5th December 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Please come and support this worthwhile event. This year we will be raising money for Balloons, a local charity which supports children who have lost a parent. The Bazaar this year has over 25 stalls, which will mean there is plenty of choice to find that perfect gift for Christmas. Father Christmas will be in attendance and there will also be an activity craft room for children. We would be grateful for donations of second hand toys, books and DVD's, hamper prizes for the raffle and cakes for the cake stall. Many thanks.

Home Clothes Day - Friday, 4th December

On Friday, 4th December we are inviting children to come to School in home clothes to support the charity Balloons. Balloons is a local Charity which offers support to those children who have suffered loss or bereavement. This was the charity chosen to be supported by Maxine Mallinson. For a minimum donation of £1.00, the children in the Prep end of the School may wear clothes in the colour of their house and the children in the Pre-Prep clothes of any colour.

Missing Uniform

We are still having lots of missing uniform. Could we please ask that children's uniform is checked and that any items not belonging to your child are returned to school.

Dropping Off

Please can we remind parents not to drop children off before 8.00 am in the morning. We are grateful for your help with this.

Boot Lockers

We are pleased to say that we have now installed 150 sets of boot lockers behind the school, so that the children can bring in boots and wellies for use at break times on the grass. This will free up space and add to a great deal more enjoyment for the children at play times. We now need to make the area secure with a sealed door and then we will be in a position to ask children and parents to organise appropriate footwear that can be left in school. We will be in touch soon!

Café Event

Thank you to those parents who contributed to the café event last Saturday morning. Parents' contributions were excellent and the whole event was very worthwhile, with some useful thoughts and open discussion on friendship and bullying. We would like to point out that the session was not held because we feel we have issues developing, but no school can be complacent. This is an area of school life all parents and schools need to be acutely aware of and it should be at the front of our minds. Another Saturday café event will be arranged for next term.

Missing Glasses

One pupil has lost a pair of glasses in their case at school. Please could anyone inform the office if they have spotted the glasses anywhere.

Year 3 House Matches

It was great to see the Year 3 boys enjoying their house rugby competition this week, after sickness lead to its postponement before half term. The standard was excellent and the boys have improved tremendously. The winners were Grenville.

Morrisons Tokens

Thank you everyone who has helped collect over 2000 tokens. We are 'purchasing' a mini greenhouse and a water butt.

Coffee Morning

We are holding our Coffee Morning on Friday 27th October from 8.30 am in the Prep Atrium. We would like to invite all parents to join us for an informal get together.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to these very well attended meetings. We hope that you were able to benefit from some positive and helpful feedback about your child. If you do need to speak to a member of staff about your child then please do contact the school office who would be happy to help. Just to remind you that Year 6 Parents' Evening is due to take place on Monday, 7th December.

Pre-Prep News

Certificates of Achievement:

Maisie Cross for making a big effort with her work this term. She has made super progress with her reading and worked hard to improve her letter formation and handwriting.

Sophie Elstone for making a big effort with her work this term. She has made super progress with her reading, worked hard at maths and has written some super stories and poems.

Nathan White for concentrating really hard to complete his work. He is always conscientious and is often the first to finish.

George Worcester for working diligently in all areas of the curriculum this term. He has made good progress with reading and conscientiously done his homework every night.

Elizabeth Honey for trying very hard to learn her sounds, trying hard with all classroom activities and for always being willing and smiling.

Evan Thomsett for trying hard to learn his sounds, finishing work on time and joining in Circle Time well. He makes a really big effort in Kindergarten and is always willing to give something a try.

Victoria Curgenven for trying hard to finish her work on time, learning all her sounds and using them in her writing. Victoria is a good friend to everyone and is always kind and considerate.

Eve Nugent for writing some super stories, working independently and making super progress in reading.

Swimming Awards:

Rainbow Swimming Award 25m – Charlie Berry. Florence Chapman has gained her 5m award.

Rainbow Distance Award – Grace Chapman 10m backstroke.

Golden Book:

Ollie Butler for showing kindness and thoughtfulness towards another pupil.

Edward Brain and Freddie Labdon for being incredibly polite and thoughtful towards a member of staff.

Equestrian Event:

Alexander Fewtrell for helping with all the horses for three hours at the Ashill Fun Ride.

West Midlands Theatre Group visit

Children from Kindergarten to Year 3 greatly enjoyed the production of Wizard William last Friday. It was hugely entertaining and engaged the children across the age groups. Our thanks go to Mrs. Connolly for organising this event.

Sports News

Wednesday, 11th November

Hockey	U11A	v	Maynard	L
Hockey	U11B	v	Maynard	W
Rugby	U11A	v	Queen's	L
Rugby	U11B	v	Queen's	L
Rugby	U10A	v	Queen's	W
Rugby	U10A	v	Queen's	W

Wednesday, 18th November

Rugby	U11A	v	St Michael's	W
Rugby	U11B	v	St Michael's	W
Hockey	U11A	v	St Michael's	D
Hockey	U11B	v	St Michael's	W