



Junior News

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Dear Parents,

What a tremendous week it has been, one of those very special weeks that I, and I am sure many pupils, teachers and parents will never forget. It began last Friday with the Year 3/4 Athletics Sports Day when once again the weather was very kind to us, enabling the children to demonstrate their athletic skills in the sunshine. The children responded with tremendous enthusiasm to the different challenges of the seven different track and field events: the sprint, 200m run, turbo javelin throw, rounders or cricket ball throw, hurdles, high jump and long jump. There is no doubt that we have many budding athletes among our student body but what impressed me more than anything was the effort every pupil put in regardless of ability and how happy they all looked while competing. The final exciting House relay events involved all the children, first of all in the 'dash' relay with the teams running to and fro in front of the main spectators' stand passing on batons to the new runner. This made it all the more exciting as the skill of handing over the baton was very influential in determining the fastest teams. The 4x100m relays followed and were very exciting indeed, I think a large number of spectators (including myself) went home a little hoarse that evening. Just prior to the relay events, there was a magnificent House parade; with the Junior School Brass Band leading the way and the colourful House Flags flying in front of each of the four groups of children it was a sight to behold and no doubt the parade stirred up the children's fierce allegiance to their House. Nicol House gained the most points for all the events making them proud overall winners of the Sports Day. At the end of each event, the children who gained first, second and third place were awarded gold, silver and bronze stars and all the children received medals that reflected how well their House team did in the relays. The boy and girl in each year who had amassed the most points in the seven individual events were awarded special medals recognising their outstanding athletic achievements. I congratulate Year Four pupils, Iman Alayyan and Jamie Mellor and Year Three pupils, Charlie Dean and Jack Norton for this exceptional achievement.

The sporting success of all our pupils and teams was celebrated at our Sports Prize Giving which was held in the David Russell Theatre on Wednesday morning. Our guest of honour was U19 England netball player, Alex Sinclair who spoke with passion about her commitment to netball; she made reference to the fact that she had had to overcome a major injury to her knee and that she had had to work very hard to regain her place in the England Squad—she told the children that they must not give up whenever they are faced with a set-back. Alex awarded individual prizes and House cups representing all the sports; she said how very impressed she was that the fine sporting achievements of so many pupils was being recognised. Our U11A and B netball squads were delighted to join Alex at lunch when they barraged her with questions about netball and her experiences.

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A number of the girls now have the aspiration to play for England - I am sure they have the skill and ability as long as they maintain the determination.

Another, very well known sporting celebrity visited the school on Wednesday. We were thrilled when Dee Caffari attended a Year 3/4 assembly to return 'Flat Richard'. Dee is the first woman to have sailed solo round the world in both directions. Most recently Dee has set a new record for sailing around Britain and Ireland in the fastest time and did so with an all female crew, except of course, Flat Richard. The Year 3 and Year 4 pupils had sent Flat Richard to Dee to bring her luck on her voyage. During the assembly this week Dee told the children all about her experiences and delighted the children when she presented them with Head Teacher Awards, blue and green badge colours, team sport colours and music exam certificates. Those awards will have undoubtedly been made all the more special for having been present by Dee.

One special event that took place this week was so amazing that I am not sure that any words I use to describe it could possibly do it justice! The event I am referring to is the Year 6 production of 'Alice in Wonderland' which was performed at a matinée performance on Monday and at evening performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. Held at the New Theatre Royal and involving every single Year 6 pupil it was, in every possible way, a truly magnificent experience. With scenery, props, stage set and costumes that could have come straight from a West End theatre and with the most spectacular display of acting, dancing and singing it was quite simply OUTSTANDING! One of the theatre employees, who has been working at the New Theatre Royal for 20 years said that it was the best young persons' performance he had ever seen on that stage. An e-mail from one of the members of the audience sums it up so well: "...I have to admit that I am no lover of musicals and the thought of going to see a load of 11 year old kids doing Alice in Wonderland filled me with dread. How wrong I was. The show was spectacular to say the least: such a difficult subject was executed so skilfully that every moment was a joy. Without a doubt there were some fantastic individual performances, but the whole company should be congratulated for pulling off such a great achievement. The show was so full of colour, humour and happiness that all the children seemed to sparkle in front of the audience. The whole evening was a lovely celebration of all the children's time in the Junior School".

As you can imagine I am so proud of all the pupils and the teachers who contributed to this wonderful production, I shall never forget it! On that note I wish you all a restful (and, with regard to the Year 6 pupils and the 'Alice' production staff) a recuperative weekend.

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Cameron Clarke** for superb number bonds work, **Megan Fisher** for her outstanding effort and achievement in dance this half term, **Rufus Hornsey** for fast recall of number bonds and superb money work in mathematics, **Isabel Herbert, Jack Norton, Molly Renton, Benjamin Thomas and Emily Whitehead** for their outstanding effort in dance this half term, **Louise Shannon** for super independence with her sewing project, **Amun Laly** for super effort with his handwriting, **Oliver Wisbey** for carefully following instructions in mathematics, **Henrietta Clare** for joining in the Beach Clean, **James Clare** for collecting litter during the Beach Clean, **Charlotte Dean** for collecting lots of rubbish in the Beach Clean, **Loren Dean** for collecting lots of rubbish on the Beach Clean, **Matthew Holloway** for an outstanding presentation about his favourite author, **Thomas Leggett** for collecting the most litter during the Beach Clean, **Thomas Row** for taking part in the Beach Clean, **Adam Stokely** for picking up the most litter during the Beach Clean, **Amy Stokely** for collecting litter on the Beach Clean, **Harry Tyacke** for collecting litter during the Beach Clean, **Charlotte Webb** for picking up lots of litter on the Beach Clean, **Ryan Webb** for picking up lots of rubbish in the Beach Clean, **Tom Shahrn** for excellent independent writing about sports day, **Sofia Goodale** for a super drawing of sports day, **William Hartridge** for super drawing and writing about his favourite sports day races

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Sienna Bentley (x2), Dominic Chew (x2), Isobel Gumm (x2), Thomas Ross (x2), Matthew Cheung, Harry Davis-Marks, Yasmin Deter, Charles Elliott, Isobel Fraser-Harris, Roame Leaver, Alice Leonard, Callum Penry, Alexandre Sautreau, Emma Watkins, Luca Williams

English Homework: Joseph Kooner-Evans, Harry Minall, Eleanor Wilson

Maths: Taylor Barrington-Clark (x2), Madeleine Alcaraz, Joshua Atkins, Hannah Coyle, Douglas James, Oliver Lilley, Naeve Molho, Charlotte Ross, Benjamin Thomas, Emma Watkins, Tom Woolas

Science: Aelfred Hillman, Douglas James

Geography: Max Bird (x2), Douglas James

History: Mia Austin, Harry Davis-Marks, Joseph Hunter, Ajay Patel

French: James Blake, Matthew Cheung, Alice Leonard, Henry Ling, Kelvin Shiu, Emma Watkins, Tom Woolas

RS: Harry Davis-Marks, Lotte Hayward, Henry Percival, Jack Silver

ICT: Harry Davis-Marks

Spelling: Harry Davis-Marks, Henry Elphick-Smith, Eleanor Wilson

Reading: Raunak Mukherjee

Diary Entry: Joseph Kooner-Evans, Eleanor Wilson

Dance: Jack Anson, Rumaanah Cassamo, Dominic Chew, Aelfred Hillman, Arshan Varzandeh

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Oscar Hamilton (x2), Sophie Jennings (x2), Victoria Toh (x2), Harry Tolcher (x2), Sofia Goodale, Alex Ly, Asef Mahir, Nathan McBride, Meha Patel, Tom Shahrn, Noah Stocker, Alia Alayyan, Nikhila Behari, Tara Bell, Tilly Bell, Brynmor Bidwell-Richards, Claudia Bishop, Susannah Boydell, Abigail Brader, Jacob Bund, Edward Campkin, Joshua Chipper, Cameron Clarke, Louis Crocker, Annabel Cunningham, Emily Curwood, William Davis, Holly Fisher, Matilda Goldman, Matthew Grandison, George Gregory, Harry Hellyer, Poppy Herbert, Erik Hillman, Emma Holmes, Rufus Hornsey, Charlotte Howard, Jack Stewart, Grant Jackson, Edward Lovatt, Robert Mitchell, Benjamin Nash, Emily Nelson, Charlie Pereira, Ben Priory, Joseph Russell, Ethan Simmonds, Henry Simmons, Kian Souhani, Adam Stokely, Daisy Summerskill, Oliver Thomas, Matthew Walton, Jessica Werfalli, Oliver Wisbey



SPORT

SATURDAY SPORT

HILSEA GAMES

There will be practices for **KEYSTAGE 2 PUPILS** at Hilsea this Saturday from 0930 to 1045. Saturday morning games are voluntary. There will be cricket for the boys and rounders for the girls as well as tennis for both boys and girls if numbers permit.

NO FIXTURES—Saturday 11th July

WEEKDAY SPORT

POLITE NOTICE

There are occasions when weekday games sessions have to be cancelled even when the weather would appear to be fine. We strongly recommend that you make it a weekly habit to telephone the games line number on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The date is always stated on these occasions to ensure that there can be no misunderstanding. It would be appreciated if you could avoid ringing the Junior School Office for this information to leave the office free to deal with other communications.

ANSWERPHONE SYSTEM

In the event of uncertainty due to inclement weather please check above sports arrangements using the answerphone system. Please phone the School on Saturday morning from 8.00 a.m. On weekday games days please phone from 1.30 p.m. **The number to ring is 02392 364266.** In **EMERGENCIES ONLY** please ring the following number: **07738 958314**

SPORTS RESULTS

Boys' Cricket:

U11A	Norman Court	Won by 133 runs
U10A	Norman Court	Lost by 5 wickets

Girls' Rounders:

U11A	St Ives	Won 16.5-11.5
U11B	St Ives	Won 13-9
U11C	St Ives	Lost 5-9
U10A	St Ives	Won 21.5-11
U10B	St Ives	Won 16.5-12.5
U9A	Barrow Hills	Won 9.5-6
U9B	Barrow Hills	Lost 10-12
U8A	Barrow Hills	Won 9-5.5

TRINITY GUILDHALL STRING EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have all passed their exams:

INITIAL

Pass - Alexandre Sautreau, Katheryn Richardson
Merit - Nancy Fenton, Bella Barrington-Clark
Distinction - Daniel Garcia Tarifa

GRADE 1

Pass - Benny Wong, Emily Pereira
Merit - Helen Jackson, Ethan Creamer, Georgina McTear, Tom Ross, Cameron Manson, Frederike Rademacher, William Lewis
Distinction - Adam Boxall, Hector Bonnin, Sabrina Leung

GRADE 2

Merit - Louie Duncan, Louis Goldman, Kimiya Erfanmanesh, Ahrash Nazaripour,
Matthew Llewhellin, Isabel Boden, Michaela Clancy
Distinction - Alexander Butler

GRADE 3

Pass - Jevon Subramaniam, Sophie Parekh, Jude Corker
Merit - Zachary Choppen, Matthew Roberts, Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell,
Nicholas Graham
Distinction - Emily Tandy

GRADE 4

Merit - Catriona Ellis

ALICE THE MUSICAL

