



# KELLY COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents,

One aspect of school life which is always a treat and a privilege to see, is pupils supporting each other in a variety of situations. This week has been no exception. The inter-house cross-country took place for Years 5 and 6 in glorious sunshine on Wednesday and then for Years 3 and 4 in slightly damper conditions yesterday. Both competitions were a great success, with some tremendous performances. The more able runners competed for the top positions, whilst those for whom cross-country is not their strongest activity, battled hard and showed outstanding determination and commitment to do their very best. It was a proud moment on both afternoons, to see every child supported so enthusiastically by their peers. Congratulations to everyone for taking part and a special mention must go to our winners: Lachlan Fulton (Tamar) and Carys Twyman (Plym) in the under 11 races and Toby Bower (Lyd) and Lottie Trevethan (Tamar) in the under 9 races. Toby's victory over Matthew Twyman (Plym) was very hard fought and came down to about half a metre on the line. Congratulations to them both and to Tamar for winning the House Cross-Country title this year. Many thanks to Mr Broughton, Mrs Sellers and all of the staff involved in putting two very successful afternoons together.

A second example of peer support this week has been evident watching some of the Year 5 and 6 pupils present their ICT projects to audiences from Years 2 and 3. They presented very well and their audiences were enthusiastic and keen to ask questions. Our Year 6 pupils began their interviews at the senior school yesterday and I have no doubt will do well. I have been very impressed with the articulate and confident approach to their practice interviews. Their peers have been very supportive and wished them well as they head off in small groups to the senior school. Well done and thank you. This followed on from Wednesday's assembly on the importance of first impressions, but also trying to look at the depth of a person's character and not simply what is apparent on the surface.

Next week sees the Da Vinci Club visit the Plymouth National Marine Aquarium and the first sports fixtures of the term against Stover and St. Petroc's.

Hope you all have a good weekend - *Matthew Foale*





### **Parent assemblies/talks.**

We are looking to invite more outside speakers into school assemblies to talk to the children about a variety of experiences, careers, adventures or expeditions. If you feel that you would like to talk to the children about any of the above, or similar, please do let us know. You would be assured of an enthusiastic audience!

### **Schools songs of praise**

This year's school songs of praise will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.45am at St Eustachius church. The Choir will be singing 'The Lord's my Shepherd'. The letters with words and consent have been given out. Children will need to be in full clean school uniform by 9.30am. Parental support is welcome to this lovely event.

### **Bath Trip**

The Year 4 History trip to Bath will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012. Parents /Grandparents of all year groups please note the date – nearer the time we will probably offer return seats on the coach for £10 to fill up spaces and so bring the cost down for Year 4 pupils. Plan a shopping or sightseeing day!

### **Science Museum Live Tour**

For any families that are interested, the Science Museum is doing a live countrywide tour calling at Exeter on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011. As we are celebrating Science Week at school this may prove interesting to some. For further information please visit [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/liveontour](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/liveontour).

### **Art Collage/modelling stocks**

We are currently short of the following and would be grateful for any sent in:

- Kitchen roll tubes (not toilet rolls)
- Glossy colour magazines (please check content!)
- Anything with an interesting texture, eg embossed wallpaper.
- Please put bags of the above on a table in the Studio

Many thanks

### Science Prep

Year 5 and 6 have a weekly Science prep:

Year 5 on Tuesday

Year 6 on Thursday

Pupils have a week to complete it, but must bring their yellow prep folders back on those days, whether completed or not. The prep is set on a “carrot” (House Points) rather than “stick” basis.

Over these weeks as Year 6 prepare for entrance exams it should be noted that the prep is not actually compulsory. However, the full set of prep sheets will be an important revision aid for summer exams.

### Parent Rep meeting

Just a reminder that there is a parent rep meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm.

### Clubs

Dance classes start this week with Mrs Chapman on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Football Club will be run on alternate Tuesdays for **Year 3 and 4** and **Years 5 and 6** due to the size and ability disparity.

Next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January will be Yrs 3 and 4 with the following Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January for years 5 and 6. Dates for the Club will then be as follows:

#### Yrs 3 and 4

31<sup>st</sup> January

21<sup>st</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> March

No Club on 20<sup>th</sup> March

#### Year 5 and 6

7<sup>th</sup> February

28<sup>th</sup> February

No Club on 13<sup>th</sup> March

27<sup>th</sup> March

#### New dance classes – change of start date to FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY.

As mentioned in last term’s newsletters, I am delighted that Caroline Chapman from Orchard Studios will be starting a new course of dance lessons at the Prep School this term. This new dance club will include a variety of genres, including ballet, tap, choreography and jazz dance. Sessions will run on Friday afternoons in the school hall, from 3.45pm – 4.30pm for children in Reception – Year 2 and then from 4.30pm – 5.15pm for children in Years 3-6. The cost of each lesson will be £3.50, although Caroline will be offering a free trial lesson. These new lessons will now be starting on **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **JANUARY**

If you have any questions, or you would like to put your child’s name down to join, please contact the school office, or Caroline Chapman direct on 07790 523877, or email orchardstudio2@aol.com

### Letters sent home this week

Da Vinci Club visit to Plymouth Marine Aquarium on 17<sup>th</sup> January  
English – high frequency words spelling letter – Year 4,5, and 6

### Lost Property

Pippi Harris- Named Skort

### Sports

Kit requirements for this term for Pre-Prep.

Boys- Football - Stud boots and shin pads

Girls- Netball- P.E Kit

### Pre-Prep P.E and Games timetable.

	Years 1&2	Reception
Monday	Swimming	
Tuesday	Football and Netball	
Wednesday		Football and Netball
Thursday	Football and Netball	Gymnastics
Friday	P.E	P.E

### Inter-House Cross Country

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, the U11 Girls and Boys, and the U9 Girls and Boys took to the 650 metre course to take part in the inter house cross country.

Throughout the four races there were some great shows of character, determination and support. From the first pupils crossing the line right to the last competitor there was a real sense of camaraderie, fun and effort which made this a great competition.

#### U9 Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lottie Trevethan	6.54
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlotte Harris	7.04
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katy Miles	7.12

#### U9 Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Bower	10.12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew Twyman	10.12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Jenks	10.22

### U11 Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carys Twyman	10.06
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Natasha Farrington	10.28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Issy Dunlop	10.28

### U11 Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lachlan Fulton	12.39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Brew	12.50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonathan Hawley	12.56

### Future fixtures

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – U11 Football/Netball v's Stover (Away)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – U9 Football/Netball v's St Petrocs (Away)

### PA News

Thank you to everyone who came to the PA meeting yesterday morning.

### Christmas Fayre

The evaluation of the Christmas Fayre was very positive – definitely something we should do again.

### The May Ball/The Diamond Ball – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012-01-12

This year the May Ball will be known as The Diamond Ball with a theme of 'White tie and diamonds'.

Many exciting items have already been donated for the raffle and auction and others are being sought. If any parent has anything they feel they could offer, it would be gratefully received.

Tickets (£40/head) will go on sale after half term, this includes drinks reception, dinner and dancing at Tavistock Town Hall. Tables at the town hall are for 8 people so start organising soon! Tickets purchased before the Easter holidays will be entered into the Golden Ticket Draw the winner of which will have hair/nails and makeup done by Sisters of Tavistock on the day.

This is a great event and it would be lovely to see you all there.

### Photographs

Photos taken at school Events are now available to view and/or order on the Kelly Prep Parents Association new photobox site [www.photoboxgallery.com/kellypreppa](http://www.photoboxgallery.com/kellypreppa) . All the albums are password

protected to limit access – password Admiral, and the site is maintained by the school office. Prices start from just 24p.

Any monies made by the sale of photos through this site are passed directly to the Kelly Prep Parents Association. If you take any photos of school events, please take them on a memory stick or CD to the school office for uploading.

When using the site, please check your photos before ordering - you will be prompted at checkout, this will ensure they are cropped correctly for the size print/product you have chosen.

### **Year six leavers party**

Following Speech Day, on the last day of the Summer Term it has become a tradition to hold a Year Six Leavers Party.

Emma and I would like to invite any Year six parents to join us for a coffee on Wednesday the 25th to discuss the arrangements.

We will meet in Costa following morning drop off- I quite appreciate many parents may not be able to make this time, so please feel free to 'grab' either of us in the playground for a chat.

Alternatively you can email me with any ideas at [claire@clairecoulton.com](mailto:claire@clairecoulton.com)

All ideas are welcome!

Look forward to seeing you then.

Claire (01579 350672)