



# KELLY COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents,

In these times of political correctness, it is unusual to see children desperate to wear a 'dunce's hat'! However, this was the case on Wednesday when our Year 1 and 2 children had their Victorian Day. A wonderful array of costumes, together with soup making, chalk board lessons and drill, which were all among the activities covered. My thanks to Mrs Barbour, Miss Harris and the Pre-Prep team for making the day such a success.

Our Da Vinci Club visited the Plymouth Marine Aquarium on Tuesday morning for a 'behind the scenes' look at how it is run, as well as spending some considerable time with the marketing manager. This links in with their current project work which will culminate in the children involved delivering presentations next term. Mrs Jenks and Mrs Short were both full of praise for the children, the questions they asked and the manner with which they conducted themselves.

Our pupil School Council has the first meeting of the term next week and our Year 6 pupils visit the Pre-Prep again for their latest 'buddy reading' session. These sessions prove to be both popular and very beneficial for both the Pre-Prep children and those in Year 6. On a similar note, I must thank those Year 5 pupils who now visit our Nursery children during morning breaks to help out. This has started recently and is in addition to Year 6 helping during lunchtime breaks. Some of our older pupils will also be helping with tours next Friday during our first Open Morning of the term.

There are some additional sheets on this week's newsletter. Firstly, there is a letter from Dr Hawley that went to parents at the senior school this week, with details of the Olympic legacy 50m pool project and secondly, the minutes of Tuesday's parent rep meeting. These minutes make reference to the recent Good Schools Guide visit, the full report of which can be seen on our website.

Four of our biathletes, Flora Germon, Gabrielle Wardle, Archie Trevethan and Jacob Staig are competing in the National semi-finals in Bath on Sunday. Good luck to them all.

I hope you all have a good weekend,

Matthew Foale



### **New Parents' coffee afternoon.**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, we will be holding a short 'coffee afternoon' for our new parents in the school hall. Starting at 3.45pm, this will be an opportunity for parents new to the school to get together and meet some of our other parents. Parents, both new and old (!) are warmly invited.

### **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 is my Shepherd'. The choir children have all been given parental consent forms and copies of the words. Children will need to be in clean uniform by 9.30am. Parental support is welcome to this lovely event.

### **Clubs**

Choir is now on Mondays 1.30- 2pm and Thursday 8.35- 8.55am

Theory Club will be on Thursday 1.30-2pm for Years 5 +6

### **Debating Club**

As from next week Debating Club will be held in first break in the Library on Wednesday instead of Monday.

### **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!

### **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

### **Stratford Trip**

For all those going on the Stratford Trip the final instalment is due on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Year 4 Parents – India Day**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Year 4 will be taking part in an Indian Day. They will not need their school uniform or book bags but please make sure they have a warm coat and outdoor shoes for lunchtime play. Please could they arrive in school in an Indian style outfit.

During the day they will have the opportunity to taste some traditional Indian food. Please contact Mrs Jenks if there are any dietary concerns we should be aware of. Year 4's assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February also has an Indian theme. Most of the pupils will be able to use the same outfit on both occasions. There will be a note in their planners early next week for those who need something slightly different. (School is providing masks for the monkeys). We need a Queen Victoria – could you let Mrs Jenks know if your daughter could play this role from a costume point of view.

### **Letters sent home this week**

Year 4 – Bath trip

English Primary school chess association letter.

### **Lost Property**

Hannah Woodall – Named (HJW initials on label) blue winter coat

### **Future fixtures**

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

U11 Football

A Team- Won- 2-0 – Man of the match- Aidan Lee

B Team- Lost- Man of the match- Tom Ferguson

U11 Netball

A Team- Lost- Player of the match- Elizabeth Clinton

B Team- Lost- Player of the match- Laura Warren

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

U9 Football

Lost 2-1 – Players of the match- Henry Bennett, Finlay Taylor-May, Joshua Bache

U9 Netball

Lost-7-0 – Player of the match- Charlotte Harris

### **Next week's fixtures**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January- U11 Football / Netball V Exeter C.S (Home)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – U9 Football/Netball V St Michaels (Away)

### **PA News**

#### **The Diamond Ball 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Tickets for the ball will go on sale in the next couple of weeks . Tickets bought before the end of term will be entered for the golden ticket draw. The lucky ticket holder will win hair/nails and make up by 'Sisters of Tavistock' on the day of the ball.

We have also had an incredibly generous donation of a real diamond worth over £750 which will be raffled on the night! So put the date in you diary and start organising tables of 8.

#### **Other P.A News**

The P.A has bought a GPS machine for the children to use 'Geocaching' up on the moors. The new trophy cabinet is being built and will be in place in the next few weeks. Finally the T.V monitors for photos and news is being installed in the entrance hall shortly

### **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.

