

QCJS Weekly Newsletter – Friday 16 January 2009



Happy New Year to you all!

Welcome back to a new term and a special welcome to our two new 'Gappies', Claire Allen and Eleanor Turnbull both from Australia, and to Mrs Wade who returns from her maternity leave.

I am absolutely delighted to congratulate our long-standing speech and communication teacher, Miss Margaret Way who, as many of you may have read in the Somerset County Gazette, has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Carol Service collection in aid of Open Door

The sum of £418.17 (and a chocolate coin!) was collected at last term's Carol Service. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Pre-Prep Staff News

As you may know, Mrs Warner was due to retire from teaching at the end of this month. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances she has had to bring the date forward and will not be returning to teach in Year 1.

Mrs Warner will be calling into Pre-Prep to say goodbye to the children and we do plan to invite her into school to present her with a leaving gift. If you would like to contribute to this gift we will be collecting money from now until Friday 23 January. We will then be inviting Mrs Warner in for a presentation on Friday 30 January at 3.00 pm and you are all welcome to join us for that in the Pre-Prep entrance hall.

Calendar

On Tuesday all the children were given a printed version of this term's calendar to bring home- please let Julie or Sarah know if you need an extra copy. This lists the events, matches and important dates for the coming weeks. Any amendments to this will be posted on our website (www.queenscollege.org.uk) and detailed in the QCJS weekly newsletter which is e-mailed to you on a Friday (and which is also posted on the website and school noticeboard).

Music

Congratulations to Madeleine De Havilland for achieving a merit in her Grade 1 clarinet exam, Masanori Kimura for achieving a distinction in his Grade 2 piano exam and to Carmen Tsui for passing her pre grade piano exam.

Housepoints

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded their Centurions at the end of last term:-

Silver: Jessica Brown, Matthew Keogan, Jade Hughes and Jasmine Stanhope-White.

Bronze: Madeleine De Havilland, George Thresher, Carmen Tsui, William Downs, Ella Kohlman, Charles Ling, Poppy Midgley, Oscar Webb, Alexander Olie, Amelia Wotton, Madeline Beaumont, Harry Hughes and Jack Mason. Well done to you all.

Sport

Girls		U10A	U10B	U11A	U11B
Netball Blundell's	v	Lost 1 - 5	Lost 4 - 9	Won 19 - 5	Won 7 - 1
Boys		U10A	U10B	U11A	U11B
Hockey v Wells		Won 5 - 0	Won 1 - 0	Won 4 - 3	Drew 1 - 1

A note from the Games staff

During **very cold spells** please could all parents ensure that their children have appropriate cold weather clothing with them in school. The full school tracksuit is advisable along with extra layers. Sport specific base-layers are ideal, though normal thermals or T-shirts are fine. In addition gloves will help to keep hands warm, although these should ideally be relatively thin so as not to lose feeling for a Hockey stick or Netball. Hats may also be allowed in extreme conditions, though no silly ones please.

Reminders

Please could parents remember not to park or drop children off in the staff car park by the front entrance door as this is such a small area and can easily cause obstruction for both staff and parents trying to leave the site.

<u>Next Week</u>				
Sat 17	1.30 pm	U11 Hockey v Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club	(H)	
	1.30 pm	U10B Hockey v Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club	(H)	
Sun 18	10.30 am	Temple Family Service		
Mon 19				
Tue 20	4.15 pm	Activities start		
	8.00 pm	PSA Committee Meeting in Senior Conference Room		
Wed 21	2.00 pm	U11 A&B Hockey v Taunton	(H)	
	2.30 pm	U11 A&B Netball v Exeter Cathedral	(A)	
	2.45 pm	U10 A&B Hockey v Taunton	(H)	
Thu 22	2.00 – 5.15 pm	Year 5 to see Pinocchio at The Brewhouse		
Fri 23				
Sat 24	10.00 am	U10 A&B Netball v Exeter	(H)	
	1.30 pm	U11 A/B Hockey v Cheddar Valley Hockey Club	(H)	

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