

QCJS Weekly Newsletter – Friday 28 November 2008



Speeding and Car Parking

This morning I was, once again, horrified at the speed with which several parents drove into school, and I am very concerned that there is going to be an accident with one of your children. Not all parents are adhering to the **5 mph** speed limit which is enforced on all school roads. Please may I remind all of you who deliver your children to school by car that it could be your child who is at risk if you drive too fast, so please slow down! For those of you who drive 4 x 4 vehicles, I have to point out that the speed bumps are not there to be used for off-roading practice but to slow you down to 5 mph!

A reminder also for parents to please NOT park on the pavements and verges around the school. This not only obstructs the visibility of the children and causes obstruction, but also damages the grass at this time of the year. Please use the allocated parking spaces.

Junior, Pre-Prep and Nursery Open Morning – Tuesday 2 December Between 10.00 am and 12 noon

Don't forget we are holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 2 December for prospective parents who may be interested in their children joining Queen's. Lessons will be taking place as usual so it will be an ideal opportunity for them to come and see us all in action on a normal school morning. Please spread the word!

PRE-PREP AND NURSERY

Seat allocation for 'Songs and Carols by Candlelight'

Please make sure you have returned your slip for seat numbers to your child's class teacher by Monday 1 December. We are not issuing tickets but do need to know how many people will be attending so we can organise the seating correctly.

Somerset Waste Action Partnership day

Yesterday, all of Pre-Prep enjoyed a special assembly run by the SWAP team who emphasised the importance of 'Recycling, Reducing and Reusing' to reduce rubbish in our landfill sites. This was followed by workshops for each year group. The reception children had fun making Christmas decorations from recycled Christmas cards, Year 1 enjoyed mask making and Year 2 loved their paper making workshop.

Next Week

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| Monday 1 st | Our Christmas Post starts - Please remind your child to write the child's name and class of who they are sending it to clearly on the envelope and post it in the Christmas Post box in the entrance hall.
Pre-Prep are going to watch the Year 3 Christmas Play in the afternoon.
There is no Construction Club today. |
| Tuesday 2 nd | Open Morning for prospective parents from 10.00 am – 12 noon. |
| Wednesday 3 rd | 8.40 am in the Birchall hall, a musical assembly for our young musicians.
Parents are welcome to join us for this.
Last swimming session for this term for the Reception children. |
| Thursday 4 th | Last swimming lesson for Year 1.
Last Tag rugby club. |

JUNIOR

Jazz Night Success!

Senior Choir were thrilled to be asked to perform at the Senior School Jazz Night on Monday evening in the Queen's Hall. A Queen's Jazz Night is always an exciting occasion and to be taking part in Year 5 or 6 is a real honour. The children sang two upbeat numbers; *Scoo be doo song* and *Hey, Mr Miller* and had a truly fantastic time. They were lucky enough to have Jonty Hedges on drumkit, Rev Blackhall on bass, as well as Mr Quick on keyboard to accompany them. Just watching the faces of the audience afterwards said it all. A brilliant performance, well done!

Housepoints

A special mention goes to Luke Cuthbert who is the first child in the school to be awarded a Silver Centurion this year. Very well done Luke.

Well done also to the following children who have been awarded their Bronze Centurion certificates this week: Jessica Brown, Sophie Hale, Olivia Hoskins, Edward Jobson, Beth Alexander, Eleanor Brandwood, William Brown, Sebastian Granville, Louis Kohlman, Emily McGregor, Cameron Willetts, James Winter, Jason Baldacchino, Henry Cole, Rebecca Handford, Myles Hoar-Hewitt, Louie Haffenden, Lucy Hughes, Nicholas Hummel, Fergus Longbottom, Georgina Longbottom and Freddie Ruthven.

Anti-Bullying Week Poster Competition

The standard of the entries was very good and it was hard to pick the winning entries, but the tough decision was made as follows:-

3SH	Christopher Adams
3PW	Daisy Fox
4AC	Pippa Hoyle
4AM	Juliette Orme-Dawson
5SB	Hope Mahlich
5VM	Elliott Trotman
5AO	Bethany Seager
6PAC	Amelia Wotton
6PD	Charles Ling
6BH	As this class had been spending their time working on their assembly the prize was awarded to Sophie Hale for her contribution to the assembly.

SPORTS RESULTS

Girls	U10A	U11B V U11A	U11C V U11A
Hockey v St Peter's	Won 1 - 0	Won 6 - 3	-
Hockey v St John's	-	-	Won 5 - 0
Boys	U10A	U11A	U11B
Rugby v Exeter Cathedral	-	Lost 0 - 7	Won 20 - 15

U11 County Hockey Champions!

v Taunton	Won 2 – 0
v Wells Cathedral	Won 5 – 0
v Hazelgrove	Won 2 – 0
Semi-Final v Millfield	Won 1 – 0
Final v All Hallows	Drew 0 – 0 then extra time still 0 – 0 so penalty flicks had to decide the winners. Won 3 – 1.

This tournament was about as good as it gets! The 9 girls involved in this (Rebecca Wilde, Flora Hood, Olivia Hoskins, Elen Falkingham, Rebecca Handford, Atalanta Stanhope-White, Isobel Goodwin, Joanna Wallace-Beecham and Heidi Parsons) have worked tirelessly all term and in fact, all of last season as well to reach for and obtain this goal. There are a few adjectives which describe this little group: talented – extremely, dedicated – absolutely, focused – completely, brave – totally, and on the day, mature beyond their years. Penalty shoot outs are the worst way to win or lose such a hard fought tournament and everyone felt sorry for All Hallows but in reality the best team with the most talent and skill did win the day. Well done girls!

U11 IAPS Western Division Hockey Tournament at St Anthony's, Leweston

Just for a change the U11 squad ventured away for a tournament! This one was divided into three groups, the winners of each group automatically qualifying for the National finals. Our group matches started later in the afternoon so we nearly had to resort to anti-freeze to keep a few players alive as it was so cold!

The result for our Round Robin were:

v Forres Sandle Manor	Won 1 - 0
v Dumpton	Won 1 - 0
v Kelly College	Won 5 - 0
v Colstons	Won 3 - 0
v Chafyn Grove	Drew 0 - 0
v Millfield	Drew 0 - 0

We were the outright winners of our group earning a place in the National Finals at Hatfield, Hertfordshire next Wednesday to represent the West of England. The U11A team have now finished their regular season unbeaten, and in the course of the two tournaments over the past four days have not conceded a goal in regular play. A special mention to the highly efficient, queen of the paperwork Mrs Camera, who has been a superb organiser, physio and giver of TLC in both tournaments- her only hitch being when her contact lenses steamed up in the cold!

Blundells' U9 Hockey and Rugby Festival

Hockey

The ten girls who represented the School yesterday played brilliantly and behaved wonderfully. We had 4 group matches with the results as follows:

v St Michaels	Drew 0 - 0
v Exeter Prep	Won 1 - 0
v St Peter's	Won 2 - 0
v Stover	Won 1 - 0
Semi- final v Blundells	Drew 0 - 0
Final v Wellington	Drew 0 – 0

The final result was therefore a draw and the organisers declared us joint winners. Well done!

Rugby

v Wellington	Lost 0 - 10
v Millfield	Lost 0 - 15
v Blundell's	Lost 0 - 15
v Exeter Cathedral	Lost 0 - 10
v Stover	Won 5 - 0

Some tough matches but an invaluable learning process.

Karate

Congratulation to Louie Haffenden who has attained his green belt in karate.

Parents Can Compete Too!

Congratulation to Mr and Mrs Still who completed the Jersey Half Marathon. Mr Roger Still ran it in 1 hour 40 mins and Mrs Linda Still in 1 hour 50 mins. They deserve to be very pleased with themselves and I understand they are now looking forward to the next one!

Reminders

Dance

Friday 5 December will be the final Tap, Ballet and Modern Dance lessons of the term.

Year 3

As you will have noticed from the calendar, the Year 3 Christmas Party takes place on Monday 15 December between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. Please would Year 3 parents sign up on the list outside the Year 3 classrooms if you feel able to make a contribution to the party food this year. Many thanks.

<u>Next Week</u>			
Sat 29	2.30 pm	U11 Rugby v St Michael's	(A)
Sun 30			
Mon 1	1.30 pm	Christmas Post starts today Year 3 Christmas Play rehearsal to Pre-Prep, Nursery and Year 4 children	
Tue 2	10.00 am – 12 noon	Open Morning for Prospective Parents in Junior, Pre-Prep and Nursery	
Wed 3	8.30 am	Year 3 Musical Assembly	
	2.00 pm	U11 A&B Hockey v Wellington	(A)
	2.00 pm	U10 A&B Hockey v Wellington	(H)
	2.30 pm	U10 Rugby v St John's	(H)
	2.30 pm	Year 3 Christmas Play in the Birchall Hall	
	4.15 pm	U9 A&B Hockey v Wellington	(H)
Thur 4	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Rotary Club's OAP's Christmas Party in the Birchall Hall	
Fri 5	all day	Years 5 and 6 Day of Dance Last tap, ballet and modern dance classes	
Sat 6	11.00 am	U9 A&B Rugby v Taunton	(H)

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