



1 October 2010

Dear Parents

This week has seen some wonderful achievements linguistically, musically and on the sporting front and we begin with the results of last week's National Language Day. The winners who were given their prizes in assembly can be seen below:

French Spelling Competition Results

- Y3 Ben Granville
- Y4 Anna Granville & Lucy Reader
- Y5 Abigail Foster & Madeleine Clements
- Y6 Hugo Jones, George Clements & James Graver
- Y7 Rosie Griggs
- Y8 Katy Larter & Charlotte Caswell

Winning House – HAWKS

Overall results (to be included in the House Points at the end of term)

- 1 Hawks 191
- 2 Crows 169
- 3 Wrens 163
- 4 Owls 161

Mr Drew-Batty's musical treat this week involved having the whole school singing in harmony and at different starting points in random groups, dotted round the Inner Hall! Following the example from the Senior Choir and once the pupils had accustomed themselves to the growling of myself and one or two other male staff in their midst, we made a pretty good fist of it and certainly enjoyed the experience.

Sport

Unfortunately due to inclement weather the girls' matches were cancelled this Wednesday but the younger boys travelled to Beeston where Jabez Cooke celebrated his birthday in style. Jabez had an outstanding afternoon helping the U9A Rugby team to a seven tries to nil victory. The Under 11A side also won comfortably, whilst the first team and Under 9 B sides lost narrowly. Full reports can be found on the website (News Pages – Sporting Moments). Friday's results against Town Close, Norwich School as well as details regarding the girls' Netball Tournament at Thetford will appear on the website in due course.

Visiting Music Staff – Open Evening

On Monday we held our Visiting Music Tutors' evening and we would like to thank those parents who attended this event. The aim of this event was to offer parents the chance of speaking directly with their child's instrumental tutor and to aid communication. The evening was also an opportunity for parents of pupils considering music tuition at the school to meet all the music tutors in the Music department.

Boarding Community

It has been a busy week in the dorms, with many pupils boarding for the first time using their 'Taster Invitation'.

On Tuesday evening our boarders made some fabulous mini surf boards for our display at next week's 'Hawaiian Pool Party', showing off some fantastic artistic skills.

Wednesday was 'Pizza Making and Movie Night' which was great fun. Assisted by our evening cook, Debbie, everyone made their own pizzas in the school's kitchen. The delicious results were eaten in Big School whilst watching a film in 'cinema style' on the large screen. Our thanks go to Debbie for making this such a fun event.

On Thursday the boarders were introduced to 'Sock War' by Mr Worrall. Traditionally, a boys versus girls event is hard fought and highly competitive and our 'Sock War' was no exception. A curious adaptation of paintball, without the mess or nasty bruising, 'Sock War' requires teamwork, commitment and honesty. Our Taverham Hall boarders had all three in abundance and some fairly impressive tactic manoeuvres were on display from both sides in the Big School 'battlefield'. The final score, amazingly, was 12-12!; a wonderful night to be boarding.

If you haven't boarded before and would like to, come and see the matrons and ask for an invitation!

PRE-PREP

This week our Reception children all brought in photographs of themselves as babies and toddlers plus an item of clothing that they wore as a baby. The girls and boys had great fun guessing who was who in the photos and realised how much each of them had grown when they examined their baby clothes.

Year 1 have had a very busy week full of reading, writing, maths and science. Science this week took them on a tour of their bodies and the children learnt about their bones and the importance of our skeletons. They had great fun putting together a skeleton from jigsaw pieces whilst learning which bones connect to each other.

Year 2 had another great afternoon outside in Forest School this week and were very lucky indeed to have a lovely sunny day too! This week the challenge was to build the highest tower from sticks. Each group had to work out how to create a strong structure from the natural materials around them as well as working together. The results were excellent and lots of fun was had.

NURSERY

Our Nursery children have been busy this week preparing the vegetable beds for new crops whilst the older pupils also started a project on the Arctic, exploring melting and freezing.

A reminder for all parents: we welcome any vouchers from Morrison as we are collecting Morrison's Growing vouchers for our garden beds.

OTHER NEWS

Please ensure the winners of the Headmaster's Photographic competition email an electronic version of the photo to the office to enable us to enlarge and frame the photograph as planned.

Individual Photographs took place this week and there is a reminder that photograph orders need to be delivered to the school office **by Friday 8 October**.

Numbers at the parents/staff five-a-side football are fluctuating already so please bring your trainers for a 1700 start every Friday.

Next Friday's Open Morning gives us another opportunity to show off our best assets – the pupils! Please ensure all pupils, especially tour guides in Years 7 & 8, arrive smartly turned out and with beaming faces.

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing weekend with their children

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 October	Tuesday	All Day	Y6 Geography & History Trip to Framlingham Boarders' Hawaiian Pool Party
There are <u>no</u> U9 Boys rugby fixtures on Tuesday as this fixture was played last Friday at Town Close			
6 October	Wednesday	All Day PM 1430	Y8 & Senior Chapel Choir Trip to Sister Act U9 Girls' Tournament at Brandeston U9 B Boys v St Felix (h)
8 October	Friday	AM	Open Morning
12 October	Tuesday	All Day AM 1900	Y5 – 6 Book Talks and Book Fair for all Bag2School Parent Information Evening – Y5 and Beyond (All Welcome – Drawing Room)
13 October	Wednesday	1430 1430 1430 1430	1 st XI & Colts A v Town Close (a) Colts B v Town Close (h) U9 Boys A&B v Gresham's (h) U11 A&B & U9 Girls v St Felix (a)
14 October	Thursday	1615	Prep Swimming Gala v Hethersett (h)