



8 October 2010

Dear Parents

Another busy week has come to an end. Highlights this week include a fantastic performance of Indonesian Music composed and performed by Year 7 in today's Musical Assembly. The choir trip to London to see 'Sister Act' on Wednesday was a huge success and particularly pleasing were the reports from the theatre as to how well behaved our pupils had been. I was informed that they were 'a credit to the school'. My thanks go to Mr Drew-Batty for organising such an exciting trip.

Young Darwin Prize Competition

We have received some wonderful news regarding last year's Year 8 pupils whose wildlife documentary films made in conjunction with the John Innes Centre during the Summer Term were entered into the Young Darwin Prize competition. Their entries made it to the short list and only narrowly missed being selected as runners up. However the judges were very impressed with the level of effort and communication skills and all pupils will receive a copy of the book 'Fragile web' as well as a certificate for taking part. Some of the judges' comments were as follows:

'Lovely class books, it looks like you learnt a lot of interesting things' – Dr Honor Gray, Head of Learning, National History Museum

'You did a wonderful job in showing the problem of the missing bees. Especially liked the hat tip to Attenborough!' - Simon Devine, Deputy Director of Content, Central Office of Information, HMG

'Amazing when the blue tit landed on the girl! – Dr Honor Gray

'Great footage of all the birds in your area. Nicely done!' – Simon Devine

A big thank you to Miss Pennell who organised and worked closely with the pupils on this project.

Sport

Each week full match reports can be found on the school's website (News Pages – Sporting Moments)

Pride of place must go to our U11 netball team who were, as the EDP Newspaper quoted 'unstoppable' at the U11 Netball Tournament which took place at Thetford last Friday. The girls scored 43 goals and conceded none! Excellent team work was shown by all our girls but the following pupils should be particularly commended for their outstanding contribution that afternoon:

Louisa Crabtree, Jemma Crossley, Harriet Blake and Evie Andrews.

This week our U9 Girls took part in the U9s Netball Tournament at Brandeston and as this was the team's first match of the season the girls had a very respectable start to their netball careers finishing 7th out of 12 teams. A special mention has to be made of Lucy Reader who played superbly as goal keeper, intercepting the majority of balls. It was a great experience for our year 3 girls - a good start and with 50% of the team new to netball and relatively inexperienced, the girls did very well.

Wednesday afternoon's sporting fixtures saw the U9 boys playing St Felix U9's A side in a thrilling rugby match where the final score was 6-7. Ezra Leverett caught the eye with three tries and James Cowell had a very strong game and was voted 'Man of the Match'.

Boarding Community

The boarder's long awaited Hawaiian Pool Party night finally arrived. Tables were laid out along the poolside, offering fruit drinks with cocktail umbrellas and fruit kebabs. For the musically inclined an array of maracas, tambourines and other exciting instruments had been provided by Mr Drew-Batty. Our boys and girls enjoyed a variety of specially chosen themed music and many took part in the Limbo Dance Competition set up by Mr Worrall. It was amazing to watch just how low some of our pupils managed to go! Everything was set around a backdrop of potted palms (thanks to Louis Drane's mum) and the Surf Shack windows displaying the boards made by pupils the previous week. Meanwhile, in the pool, there was much splashing and laughter, as boarders had fun diving down to retrieve toys or throwing balls across the pool. Many got into the spirit and added to the theme by wearing Hawaiian type skirts and flowers, making a very colourful spectacle. Come and have a look at some of the photographs in the corridor opposite the Medical Room. More photos will soon appear on the school's website (News Pages – Boarders). The pupils were so delighted with the event that, before the night was over, they had all expressed their thanks to the matrons and staff involved, including our catering staff Tracey, Debbie and Kathleen.

Please contact the Matrons a.s.a.p. to book the last remaining places for the following forthcoming themed boarding nights:

'Tragedy Tuesday' on 12 October

You never know what's around the corner! Teamwork observation & detective skills could be of help plus 'what are your first aid skills like?'

'Freezer Night' on Wednesday 13 October

Come and make some tasty frozen treats!

'Pumpkin Night' on Monday 1 November

Our first night back after the half term holiday break. Bring in your carved pumpkin & a torch.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

OTHER NEWS

Netball Pre-Season Training Days at Taverham Hall School's sports hall with coaches from the **Mavericks netball super league** team are on offer during the Half Term October break. Maverick's coaches are coming to Norfolk for the first time and have chosen Taverham Hall School's sports hall as their venue for 2 fantastic days of pre-season netball skills training. Full details will be available soon but please register your interest at the school office to reserve your child's place.

This 2 day course will take place on **Thursday 21 and Friday 22 of October from 10 -3 pm @ £25 per day** and is open to girls from Year 3 to Year 8. Prizes and certificates will be handed out during this course.

BODEN CLOTHING – the school have been given the following special promotional discount code **W146** which can be used by parents when ordering from the new Boden Winter Collection until 13 October.

Finally, today's Open Morning gave our Year 7 and 8 pupils every opportunity to show off the school in their roles as tour guides. They managed this to great effect and should once again be complemented on their confidence and approachability. An ensemble of children impressed prospective parents with their performance on the flute along with xylophone and drumming which added another dimension to a very successful morning. Numbers were extremely encouraging and my thanks go to all the staff, pupils, Friends and governors who played their part in painting the school in a very positive light indeed.

I look forward to seeing many of you on **Tuesday evening at 1900 hours** in the Drawing Room where we will be joined by the Head of Framlingham College and the ex-chairman of the IAPS who will both be talking about the merits of the top two years in Prep Schools.

I do hope you enjoy a relaxing and sunny weekend!

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Girls v St Felix (a)
		PLEASE NOTE: U9 Girls v St Felix has been postponed
14 October Thursday	1615	Prep Swimming Gala v Hethersett (h)