

Whole School News

Junior Scholarship Day

Last Friday our Year 2 children enjoyed an exciting day in the Prep School and had the opportunity to take part in sessions of Art, Music, Drama, Sport and Food Technology along with some academic assessments. They all worked very hard and we are pleased to announce that Mimi Griffiths, Patrick Taylor-Ross and Nathan Winchester have been awarded a Junior Scholarship. Well done to all of the children who took part.

Sport Relief

Friday, 18th March

Sport Relief this year is on Friday 18th March and the school will be supporting this wonderful event fully as always. We will mark the occasion with a non-uniform day in which the children are allowed to wear any clothing or outfit with a sporting theme in return for a £1 donation which will go directly to Sport Relief. On this day we shall also be running the annual Larkman Cup and collection boxes will be available at this event for further donations from visitors. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Sports Dinner

Saturday, 23rd April

Information about this event is attached to this iLetter.

Easter Tennis Course

Information about this is attached to this iLetter.

Easter Service

Thursday, 24th March 9.30 am

The Easter Service is taking place on Thursday, 24th March, 9.30 am at Blundell's Chapel and will be attended by children from Kindergarten to Year 6. All parents are welcome to attend. It will last for about 40 minutes.

End of Term dates

Term ends on

Thursday, 24th March

Pre-Prep 3.30 pm (and siblings in the Prep School)

Prep 3.45 pm

Please note that there are no Clubs, Owls or minibuses running on this evening.

Start of Term date

The first day of the Summer Term 2016 is Tuesday, 19th April.

The School will be open on Monday, 2nd May for a normal school day (Bank Holiday).

Office Hours during the Easter Holiday

The School is closed from time to time in the holidays for annual leave. If you have a query in connection with the Fun @ Blundell's holiday courses please contact Mr Swain on (01884) 232416 or fun@blundells.org

Sainsbury Vouchers

Please note that we are collecting Sainsbury vouchers and would welcome any that parents may have.

Judo

Please note that Sensi has decided to run an additional judo class next week (Tuesday, 15th March) for both Prep and Pre-Prep children.

Prep News

Notice for Music Lessons and Speech and Drama Lessons

Please can we remind parents that if your child wishes to cease Music or Speech and Drama lessons for the Autumn Term 2016, notice is required by the First day of the Summer Term. If you wish for your child to start a new or additional instrument, an invitation to do so will be in an iLetter during the first half of the summer term. Please note that you cannot swap from one instrument to another, a term's notice must be given.

Staff News

We are pleased to announce that Mr Gareth Richards and Mr Dan Morris will be taking over the roles of English and Maths Co-ordinators in the Prep Department. They are taking this on from Mr Lee Moore and Mr Kerr who have run these departments fantastically over the last few years. Mr Richards and Mr Morris have some innovative ideas which the children will benefit from over the next few years.

House Cross Country

Monday, 21st March

This will take place on Monday, 21st March. All of the children in the Prep School will take part and parents are welcome to attend. Please note that no child may be taken from the course. **All the children must return to school** and will be released by their Form Teacher from the gate at 4.30 pm.

EAG's

Effort and Attainment Grades will be sent home on Wednesday, 23rd March.

Year 6 Outdoor Learning Day

Monday, 14th March

On Monday, 14th March, Year 6 will take part in an Outdoor Learning Workshop. Please could they wear warm, old, home clothes with wellington boots and a raincoat.

Year 5 Outdoor Learning Day

Thursday, 17th March

The children will be going to Exmoor where they will be involved in Ranger led activities. They will need to wear walking boots or wellington boots, school tracksuit with the skin underneath (if your child suffers from the cold also the black top), hat and gloves. They will also require a small back pack to carry lunch (provided by the school), hat and gloves, water and a plastic bag to sit on. We recommend that sun cream is applied before coming to school and/or a small bottle of sun cream is carried in the back pack. The following link has information about what the children will be doing.

<http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/learning/the-moorland-classroom/about-the-moorland-classroom>

Pre-Prep News

Honours Board

We very much enjoy celebrating all the children's achievements each week. Our Friday assembly gives us the opportunity to do this so that the children feel special in front of their friends and teachers. To date we have duplicated this in our Honours Board which is sent home fortnightly. We have, however, instead of sending the Honours Boards decided to invite Pre-Prep parents to an assembly and coffee morning each half of term. The two dates for these will be noted on the on-line calendar on the website, in the small termly calendar which is sent home and in the iletter when appropriate. We hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Visit to Kindergarten for Nursery 2 Parents

Thursday, 17th March at 9.15 am

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery 2 parents to our Kindergarten classes next week. If you have not yet let us know that you wish to attend then we would be grateful if you could email on prep@blundells.org. If you are not able to attend and would like to visit the Kindergarten classes prior to your child moving up in September please contact Mrs Filmer-Bennett who can arrange a mutually convenient time for your visit.

Nursery Music Café

Friday, 18th March from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mervyn Bedford to our Music Café event. Mervyn runs Muiskgarten musical workshops which nurture the whole child through a multi-sensory experience. Children will be able to experience a wide range of musical styles and concepts in a fun, nurturing environment that

builds confidence and inspires creativity. If you would like to join us and have not yet let us know please let us know by email on prep@blundells.org.

Games Club

There will be no Games Club for the children in Years 1 and 2 next Friday the 18th of March due to the Larkman Cup.

Year 1 and 2 House Matches

Please come along and support the children in their House Matches next Tuesday afternoon, 15th March from 2.15pm. Tea for the parents will be served afterwards in the Nursery foyer.