

Whole School News

Years 1 - 6 Judo Grading Tuesday, 27th February

Judo Grading is due to take place on Tuesday, 27th February at 4.20 pm for the Pre-Prep Pupils and 5.20 pm for the Prep school children. Parents are very welcome to come and watch this in the Prep Hall.

Reception - Year 6 Easter Holiday Course 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th March

There are still places available on the Easter Holiday Course. Each day has a different theme and you may book individual days or all four days. Further information is attached.

All Parents Summer Ball Saturday, 30th June

Please 'Save the Date' for the FoBP Summer Ball taking place on Saturday 30th June, 7.00 pm - 1.00 pm. The Ball includes a Welcome drink, Dinner, Live Music, Disco and Dancing. Tickets will be available very soon.

Years 1 - 6 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 2017, notice is required by the First day of the Summer Term. If you wish for your child to start a new or different instrument, a letter will be sent home 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.

Prep News

Staff news Gareth Richards

Mr Richards will be leaving us in July after 6 years working in the Prep and Pre-Prep Departments. He has been a tremendous asset to the School and has driven the successful implementation of the Accelerated Reader Scheme as well as many new initiatives within the English Department. Having worked overseas before coming to Blundell's, Mr Richards is heading off to Dulwich College, Singapore and we wish him and his family the very best for this exciting new adventure. We will have the opportunity to thank him for all that he has done during the summer term.

Years 3 - 6 Signing out after matches

Please can we remind parents that children must sign out in the Office if they are leaving after a match but before the end of the school day so that we can ensure that every child is recorded.

Years 3 - 6 Residential Trips

Just to remind parents that the permission form and payment for the Residential Trips is due in today. Thank you to those parents who have sent this in and could we urge other parents to send this in as soon as possible and by Tuesday, 27th February at the very latest. After this date we will be confirming how many children will be attending with the venues.

Year 5 - 6 House Matches Monday, 26th February

The Year 5 and 6 House matches are taking place on Monday, 26th February at 3.30 pm. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.

Years 3 - 6 World Book Day Thursday, 1st March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in the Prep School on Thursday 1st March. The children are asked to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the best costume! The children will continue with their normal timetable on this day.

Years 3 - 6 Prep Disco Friday, 2nd March

The Prep Disco is on Friday 2nd March. Tickets are £5 and the price includes a hot dog tea (gluten/milk free & veggie options available). There will be the usual sweets and glow products on sale; your child may bring a small amount of spending money. Tickets may be purchased in the school office.

There is also an opportunity for children to have their face painted by Jazmine the 'Disco Glitter Artist'. If your child would like to have their face painted a ticket will need to be purchased in advance from the office. The ticket will cost £3 each and your child's name will be added to the reverse of the ticket. The ticket will need to be handed in on the evening and without this it will not be possible for your child's face to be painted. There are only 50 tickets available so they will be issued on a first come first served basis. It will not be possible to purchase a face painting ticket on the evening.

Years 3 - 6 Roving Bookshop Monday, 5th March

As an extension to World Book Day, the Roving Bookshop will be visiting the school on Monday 5th March. This is a company that we have used before and I can assure you that it will supply us with a really wonderful range of top quality literature for the children to choose from. There will be a wide range of books available for children of different interests and reading levels.

The children who would like to buy books will be taken by their teacher to visit the book shop during the school day and will be able to select and purchase books of their choice. **If you would like your child to buy a book on that day, please send in some money, to your child's Form Teacher, in the envelope supplied.** We will be sending home the envelopes on Friday 2nd March so that it will serve as a useful reminder for you. The school receives commission from the sale of each book which enables us to purchase some new books for the school so it is a very worthwhile venture.

Years 3 - 6 Enrichment Meeting Monday, 5th March

We are inviting all children in Years 3 - 6 to join us for a History Enrichment session taking place on Monday, 5th March. This will take place between 4.45 pm and 5.30 pm and is an optional event for those children who are 'intellectually curious' and an opportunity to discover more about a subject that may not be covered within the planned curriculum. This third session is being run by our Senior School Head of History, Richard Moore and his colleague, Cathy Flavelle and they will be looking at the topic of 'History through time. How do historians use chronology?' We would welcome any child who feels that they would be interested in this and are happy for them to miss their normal club to attend these sessions, if that is what they would like to do. We would ask that they inform their form teacher during Monday morning registration if they intend to come along.

Choir Members and selected Spring Concert Wednesday, 14th March

As you will be aware our choir and selected instrumentalists will be performing in the Spring Concert 'Blundell's at the Zoo' which is taking place in the Great Hall at Exeter University on Wednesday, 14th March. Each child performing has been allocated two complimentary tickets. These will be sent home soon. If you wish for further tickets then it is possible to purchase them from the Senior School Office at a price of £7.50 each. There is no charge for students under the age of 18. Please contact Heather Vincent via boxoffice@blundells.org should you require any further information on tickets.

Pre-Prep News

Nursery - Year 2 Pre-Prep Party Friday, 2nd March

Tickets are now on sale for the Pre-Prep Party, which takes place on Friday, 2nd March. Professor Bumble will be leading the proceedings and there will be lots of games for the children to enjoy. The tickets are priced at £5 and include a snack supper (gluten/milk free & veggie options available). Tickets are available to purchase from the School Office. If you would like your child to stay in school between 3.40 pm and 4.30 pm when the party begins please let your child's Form Teacher or Mrs Filmer-Bennett know in advance of this event.

Nursery 1 - Year 6 Roving Bookshop Monday, 5th March

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The children from Reception and Years 1 and 2 who would like to buy books will be taken by their teacher to visit the book shop during the school day and will be able to select and purchase books of their choice. If you would like your child to buy a book on that day, please send in some money in the envelope supplied. We will be sending home the envelopes the day before the shop visits so that it will serve as a useful reminder for you. The school receives commission from the sale of each book which enables us to purchase some new books for each classroom so it is a very worthwhile venture.

If the parents of children in Nursery 1 and 2 would like to buy books for their children, the books will be available for purchase from 8 30 am until 4 45 pm.

I know that the Bookshop will be bringing many picture books of universal appeal so I would encourage you to come and have a look. Similarly, if the parents of the older children in the Pre Prep would like to help their children choose the books they wish to purchase, please feel free to bring them along during these times.

We will be sending home a leaflet with the children today which will give you some more information about the Roving Bookshop. It also includes a special Prize Draw which your child might like to take part in.

We hope that your children will enjoy looking at the books available at the shop and we hope that you will continue to help us in encouraging them to develop an appetite for reading.

Nursery 2 and Kindergarten MultiSports Club Wednesday, 7th March

MultiSport Club on Wednesday, 7th March has been cancelled due to the Nursery and Year 2 Parents' Evening. Children who normally attend this club are welcome to stay in After School Club instead.

Nursery 1 and 2 Café Event Friday, 9th March

Our next Nursery Café Event is coming up on Friday 9th March for parents and children in Nursery 1 and 2. The event begins at 2.15 pm and finishes at 3.40 pm. This time Ruth Lawrence from Party Pieces will be joining us. She will be entertaining the children in the Pre-Prep Hall with stories and songs set on a farm. This will be followed by a delicious tea in the Nursery Hall. Do come and join us for this special event.