



Rupert House School

Newsletter week ending 20th January 2012

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Dear Parents

I do hope that you have been able to access the letters and newsletters that have been sent to you via email since that beginning of the term. If any of you are experiencing difficulty then please do let the office know as soon as possible.

Staffing

I should like to inform parents that Mr Brian Maker will be retiring at the end of this academic year after six years of dedicated service. On behalf of the pupils, parents, Governors and all of his colleagues I should like to thank Mr Maker for all he has done for the pupils in his care during his time at Rupert House and to wish him a long and happy retirement.

We are delighted that Mrs Marie Cooper will be returning to Rupert House School in September 2012 following her adoption leave. Mrs Cooper will return to school as Director of Studies and Head of Maths throughout the school; she will also continue to be part of the Senior Management Team. Before taking her adoption leave Mrs Cooper taught maths in the Upper School and, in her previous school, she was Head of Maths teaching pupils up to 13 years of age and preparing them for Senior School Entrance Examinations and Scholarships. Mrs Cooper is looking forward to returning and Mr Maker will ensure that an in-depth hand over takes place in the summer term. We shall also be recruiting another teacher to work within the maths department alongside Mrs Cooper.

Mrs Helen Mackman, the School Bursar, will be leaving Rupert House School at the end of May 2012 due to the re-location of her family to Cumbria. Mrs Mackman has worked at Rupert House School since January 2004 and, during her time at the school she has managed many projects as part of ongoing improvements to the school premises. In addition, she has ensured the very successful running of the school from a financial and maintenance perspective. Mrs Mackman's position has already been advertised and we are looking to fill this position by the end of term.

Mrs Lisa Guillaud, our Learning Support Teaching Assistant will not be returning to Rupert House School following her maternity leave: her husband has secured a teaching position at Westminster Choir School and, as a result, the family will be relocating to Westminster. Mrs Sarah Knight is currently covering Mrs Guillaud's maternity leave and I shall inform parents if there are any changes to these arrangements.

Parental Expertise

I have been asked by Mrs Nel whether there is a parent who is an Electrical Engineer who would be willing to talk to the Year 3 girls about electricity and electrical fields to further enhance what they will be learning in their Science lessons with Mrs Nel. If there is anybody who does have expertise in this field Mrs Nel would be very happy to hear from you!

Rainbow Book

The following children have been mentioned in the Rainbow Book since January 6th:

Tabitha Bausor, Ellie Smith, Isabel Clarke, Sidney Leedham x 2, Natassja Krajewski, Gabriella Sherwood, Polly Jackson, Katrina Shipley, Hannah Watt, India Sloane, Imogen Palmer, Poppy Jacobs, Charlotte Jonkers, Kitty Williams, Annabelle Roberts, Isabel Esom, Millie Bowater, Sophia Donohue, Annabel Hindley, Claudia Dunn, Daisy de Normann, Ava Sherwood-Rogers, Lily Blake, Grace Smith, Sophie Berry, Jasmine Booth, Maria Plougmann, Sophia Palmer, Harriet Laveau, Florence Wingfield-Digby, India Nall, Georgia Newton, Minty Clarry, Freya Bogdanovich, Freya Bradbury, Christina Tanner and Annie King.

The following Lower School children have been mentioned in the Golden Book for the same period: Lana Guilfoyle, Kate Niland, Millie Roberts, Madeleine Tooley and Rowena Hems.

Achievements out of school

Sophia Donohue in 5L swam for her swimming club in a 2 day gala held in Swindon at the beginning of term. Sophia swam in 7 races over the weekend and attained a time in breaststroke which was within that set to qualify to swim in the County Championships which will be held in March. We look forward to seeing how she gets on. Very well done Sophia!

Martha Collins in 1B has passed her Preliminary Medal in Character Ballet with Special Commendation. Madison Ingoldsby in 2G continues to do very well in her ballroom dancing and has been awarded 3 dancing trophies: Champions of Tomorrow x 2 and Best Achievement Girls under 10. Well done to both Martha and Madison!

Sports Results

Date	Fixture	Team	Versus	Result	Captain / Team Manager	Player of the Match/ Tournament
11.01.12	Netball	Yr 6 'A'	St Helens & St Katherine's	Won 12/3	Margo Case	Annabelle Roberts/ Kitty Williams
		Won 3/0		Natassja Krajewski	Lizzie Rosen	
		Lost 1/3		Lily Blake	Lily Blake/Rosie Roberts	
18.01.12	Netball	Yr 6 'A'	Cranford House	Lost 6/9	Kitty Williams	Sophie Hillas
		Yr 6 'B'		Won 5/1	Polly Jackson	Lizzie Rosen/Annabelle Roberts
		Yr 6 'C'		Won 3/0	Olivia Hatlee	Gabriella Sherwood
		Yr 6 'D'		Won 10/2	Ella Ronan	Aerin Hobbs

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