



Rupert House School

Newsletter week ending 25th November 2011

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Dear Parents

Communication with Parents

I am pleased to be able to inform all our parents that, with effect from January 2012, all letters, forms, etc will be sent to you via email. In order for this to happen as smoothly as possible we therefore need to have up to date email addresses for both work and home for all parents. Up to date telephone numbers and a preferred highlighted contact number would also be most helpful. A green form will be given in hard copy to all parents today and I ask that everybody fills them in and return them to Mrs Shanahan by Friday 2 December.

New Nursery Pupils Induction

We welcomed our new Nursery starters in to school on Thursday 10 November. The Friends of Rupert House invited the 'new' parents to the Pavilion where they had the opportunity to meet each other over a cup of tea whilst their children were busy back at school doing art and craft activities, playing and also making new friends! We are looking forward to seeing the children in January.

Rupert House Maths Challenge

Also on Thursday 10 November we hosted a Maths Challenge for pupils in Y5 from 7 local schools. Millie Bowater, Isabel Esom, Emerald Aston, Sophia Donohue, Lucy Evans and Claudia Dunn represented Rupert House. The afternoon was spent doing a variety of maths puzzles, problem solving and quick fire mental maths questions. All the pupils had tremendous fun and thoroughly enjoyed spending a whole afternoon devoted to maths! Thanks go to Mr Maker and Mr Buchanan who was the Quizmaster.

Remembrance Day Service

Everybody in school gathered on the playground at 10.55 for our annual service to observe the 2 minute silence in remembrance of those who fought and are fighting in wars around the world. Standing in total silence the children listened attentively whilst Margo Case read 'For the Fallen' by Lawrence Binyon, this was followed by the Last Post played by Mr Woodhouse, our woodwind teacher. The children stood for two minutes before Mr Woodhouse played 'Reveille'. Thereafter they walked back to their classrooms to continue with the day's work.

Guest Speakers in School

There was great excitement in the Lower School last week when a soldier appeared in the playground dressed in camouflage. Mr Smyth, father of Jessica in Year 3 and Annabel in Year 1 had very kindly responded to my request for parents to come and talk to the children about their jobs. Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous time exploring all the artefacts Mr Smyth brought into school. They tried on different uniforms, learnt about campaign medals and investigated the contents of all the pockets of Mr Smyth's kit bag. Even greater excitement was to be had when he showed them how to put up a temporary shelter to sleep under! Many thanks go to Mr Smyth for giving up his time and for making the day so special for the children.

Guthren, a Viking Lady

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Forest School dressed as fierce Vikings! Guthren, a rich Viking lady then told the girls many facts and stories about life in the time of the Vikings before they tucked into a Viking feast! Thank you, Guthren!

Show your spots, let's raise lots

On Friday 18 November everybody in school came dressed in spots in aid of Children in Need. A special assembly was held to remind the children of how their donations help children in this country and further afield. In order to

raise even more funds all the children decorated a wristband with brightly coloured spots. A grand total of £394.07 was raised during the course of the day – thank you and well done to everyone.

Rupert Rag

For those of you who are new to the school, the Rupert Rag is an email publication which gives parents, staff and other associates of the school an opportunity to advertise within the school community. Private and charity advertisements are free of charge but if you wish to advertise a business or service, there is a £10 fee which goes to the school charity. We do not accept business advertisement from third parties and in order to keep a fresh feel to the Rag, we do not like to place the same advertisement more than a couple of times a year.

Usually the Rupert Rag comes out the week before half term or the end of term but as there were no advertisements for the first half term, it was not published. Mrs Moberly has recently, however had a spate of enquiries and she will be publishing the next Rupert Rag during the first week of December. Please send your advertisements to rag@ruperthouse.oxon.sch.uk . For business advertisements, please put the money in an appropriate envelope in the box in the hall.

Please keep the advertisements small. They may contain links to a websites or an email address and you can provide them in Word or Publisher format or just put the wording in an email and leave Mrs Moberly to format it appropriately.

Parking and traffic issues

I have received complaints from local residents with regards parking and traffic issues. The secretary of Adam Court Limited has complained about cars, especially large 4 x 4s, turning on their forecourt. This is contributing to the wear and tear of the brickwork. This has been observed on a regular basis and when this has been pointed out the parents' response has been extremely negative. Adam Court is a private property and notices at the entrance quite clearly point this out.

Yesterday we received a complaint from Northfield House regards a parent who had parked on the front of their property. We do know who the offending driver was.

Morning Drop off at the front of school

When you have dropped your child at the front of the school please do not wait for them to go through the blue door before driving off as this is causing traffic jams for other road users.

Achievements out of school

Madison Ingoldsby in 2G participated in a Ballroom Dancing Competition held by The National Association of Teachers of Dance in Daventry . Ten different dance schools attend this competition which is held twice a year. Madison attends The Broadway Dance Centre run by Francis Dawson. Madison danced the Waltz , Quick Step ,Cha Cha Cha and Jive and achieved the following results:

1st with partner in the 6 – 12 age group.

2nd in Solo's in the 6 – 12 age group

4th with partner in the 6 – 12 age group.

2nd in solos in the 6 -12 age group.

George Carter who plays rugby for the Henley Hawks U8 A Team was a member of the team who won the Maidenhead Tournament in October.

Ella Carter who attends StageWorks successfully auditioned for a place singing and dancing alongside West End star Michael Courtney in 'A Night of Musicals' which performed at the Kenton Theatre in October.

Well done to Madison, George and Ella!

Since the last newsletter the following children have been mentioned in the

Rainbow Book

Jessica Whittingham, Freya Bradbury, Charlotte Jonkers, Annabel Hindley, Claudia Watts, Sidney Leedham, Isobel Benster x 2, Eleanor Waldron, Ella Ronan, Annabelle Roberts, Claudia Dunn, Tabitha Bausor, Sasha Scott, Isabel Esom, Isabel Clarke, Ruby Millard, Millie Hughes.

Golden Book

Jemima Brewer, Mia Rosai, Oscar Newton, Jessica Brindle and Florence Clerehugh.

Sports Results

Fixture	Team	Versus	Result	Captain / Team Manager	Player of the Match/ Tournament	
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Matilda McCartney		9th			
	Year 1	Isabel Wilson	15th			
	Year 3	Poppy Butler		24th		
		Nicole Donohue		13th		
		Zara Lake		9th		
		Amelie Judge		14th		
		Jessica Smyth		32nd		
		Annie Williams		37th		
		Grace Wilson		17th		
	Year 5	Natalie Cooper		47th		
		Annabel Hindley		1st		
		Daisy de Normann		14th		
		Sasha Scott		49th		
	Year 6	Charlotte Jonkers		18th		
Ella Ronan			6th			
Netball	Yr 5	St Mary's	Won 15/0	Daisy de Normann	Ava Sherwood Rogers	
	Yr 6	"	Won 15/0	Sophie Hillas	Charlotte Jonkers	
Hockey	Yr 6 'A'	Crosfields Yr 7	Won 3/0	Kitty Williams	Sophie Hillas	
Hockey	Yr 5 'A'	Crosfields	Drew 2/2	Jessica Whittingham	Annabel Hindley	
	Yr 6 'B'	Crosfields Yr 6 'A'	Lost 7/0	Aerin Hobbs	Grace Smith	
Hockey	Yr 5 'A'	St Mary's Yr 5 'A'	Lost 1/3			
	Yr 5 'B'	St Mary's Yr 5 'B'	Lost 3/0	India Broughton	Claudia Watts	
	Yr 6 'B'	St Mary's Yr 6 'A'	Won 3/0			

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