



## Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

4th December 2009



### Writing Week

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the children were very surprised to find a silver canoe with a parachute attached had landed in our school field! This was the start of our writing week. All the children from Reception to Year 6 have been involved in different forms of writing based on the curious landing of the canoe. Children have been busy interviewing members of staff to produce police incident reports, newspaper articles and podcasts which we hope will be broadcast by Marlow FM. To help the children understand the different forms of

writing, they had help from the experts – Paul Mansell from Marlow FM came in to work with the Year 3's and give them tips for making a good radio broadcast and the police have been helping the Year 5's write authentic police reports! News reporters from Marlow Free Press also worked with the Year 4 children on their news articles!

We also had a visit from the Poet James Carter who entertained Key Stage 1 and 2 with performances of his poems and Years 1 to 6 had the opportunity to take part in writing workshops with him.

The children looked fabulous dressed up as book characters in final assembly on the Friday. It was particularly rewarding as the children shared some of their work and talked about what they had learnt from the week. It was lovely to hear that a lot of the children felt more confident about their writing and also found that writing can be fun!

We also revealed to the children how the canoe came to be there!

All in all, it was a very exciting and inspiring week with some fantastic writing thrown in for good measure!

We are working very hard to try to make sure the children's work is up on the Moodle site – we will let you know when it is ready to be viewed!

Hopefully we'll let you know how much we raised for the BoB Sponsored Read in the next newsletter as we have a lot of money to count!

Thank you to the teachers who helped set everything up very early, in the pouring rain, on a very dark Monday morning! Also, thank-you to all our parents and visitors for supporting this week and making it such a success!



### Bags 2 School

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Bags 2 School initiative this year. We collected 1080kg of goods which raised £432.00 for the school.



### KS1 Xmas Concert

Don't forget to get your tickets for the KS1 Xmas concert. It is being performed on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December (Please choose the day that suits you best). All these performances are at 1.30pm. This year it is called 'Born in a Barn'. Y1 and Y2 have been working very hard and are looking forward to performing for you!



### Foundation Stage Nativity

The Foundation Stage have also been working hard on their nativity concert. Don't forget to come and watch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am!



### **Carol Concert**

Don't forget to get your tickets for the carol concert by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please come and join us on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm for an evening of fun around the Christmas tree! Mince pies and mulled wine will be on sale and we can enjoy singing traditional carols, listening to the choir and bands and watching children streetdancing and performing in French!



### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas post box is now in the entrance next to the Office. Please could you remember to put first name, surname and class on the envelopes of the Christmas cards that are posted in the post box – we have many children with the same first names and it would be a shame if the cards didn't reach the correct person.



### **Xmas Parties**

Individual letters from all classes regarding arrangements for the Christmas Parties will be going out in the next couple of weeks. A reminder that the party day is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and the children need to wear their uniforms to school and bring party clothes to change in to.



### **School Calendars**

Anyone who didn't manage to obtain a school calendar at the Bazaar, please ensure you order and pay the school office by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.



### **Farewell**

Thank you and farewell to Mr Wall, the violin teacher, who will be retiring shortly. His last day at Burford will be next Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> December).

### **Ufton Court**

Year 4 had another fantastic trip to Ufton Court last week. They thoroughly enjoyed staying overnight in the Tudor house and took part in many activities such as a Tudor banquet, Tudor dancing and entertainment, a Protestant raid, making wattle and daub fencing and doing brass rubbings. The children were very well behaved and knowledgeable and were a credit to the school!



### **Year 1 National Gallery**

Following their class work on self portraits this term, the Year 1 children visited the National Gallery in London on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The children had a tour of the gallery and looked at four paintings in detail. They then had a chance to find a portrait to draw. The children learned lots about different paintings and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



## Year 2 Dance Festival

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Year 2 visited Sir William Borlase's School to take part in the Marlow Schools' Dance Festival. All the children danced extremely well and really enjoyed themselves. A special mention must go to Joshua Robinson and Ella Edwards in Elm Class and Maddy Hill and Cameron McIndoe from Chestnut Class who were named the best dance performers by Specialist Dance Students from Borlase. Amman Bukhari and Juliet Taylor in Chestnut and Daniel Hunt and Lamiaah Jhetham in Elm Class were awarded certificates for endeavour by the dance teachers.



## Achievements

The following piano pupils competed in the Marlow Music Festival and all did really well!

Commended 84-86%

Distinction 87-89%

### Duets:

1. Anna Branch & Charlotte Wright	Commended	Silver medal
2. Harry Allpass & James Branch	Commended	Bronze medal
3. Alisha Maddocks & Ronja Cordes	Commended	
4. Harry Allpass & his sister Georgia	Commended	Silver medal
5. Charlotte Wright & her sister Sophie	Commended	

### Piano Solos:

1. Amy Barlow	Distinction	Silver medal
2. Matthew Crane	Commended	Silver medal
3. Alisha Maddocks	Commended	Silver medal
4. Ronja Cordes	Commended	Silver medal
5. Lewis Fox	Commended	
6. Harry Allpass	Commended	
7. Josie Nash	Commended	
8. James Branch	Commended	
9. Laura Williams	Commended	
10. Anna Branch	Commended	
11. Emma McNamara	Commended	

Well done to them all!

Congratulations to Naomi Desmond for passing her Stage 2 swimming exam and William Desmond for passing his Stage 5 swimming exam. Well done to Jack Quartermaine for passing his yellow tag in Taekwondo.



## New or amended dates in bold

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert 1.30 – 3.00
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Clic Sargent concert – Royal Albert Hall
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	OAP Xmas Party 1.30 – 3.00
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert 7.00 – 8.30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 SATS Meeting to Parents 2.30 – 3.15</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity for parents 11.00
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 1.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 SATs meeting for parents 2.00 – 3.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Forum

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	'Dragons in Europe' visiting Y3 am only
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	'B' Factor Final PM
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	End of first Half-term
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Term Starts
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Forum
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	LKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 PGL to Osmington Bay
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Forum
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 PGL to Barton Hall
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	End of first Half-term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Term starts
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 1.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 3.00 (inc. picnic lunch)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	11+ meeting for Y5 parents 7.00 – 8.00pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Helping Parents Tea Party
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer music concert
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Concert 1.00 – 3.00pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	UKS2 Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm
	Term Ends 1.30pm

### **Academic Year 2010/2011**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Training Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Term starts
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	First half-term ends
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Term starts</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	End of first Half-term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Term starts
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Term ends
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of first half-term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Term starts</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term Ends

**Yours Sincerely**



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**Headteacher**

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