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Pupil Achievements

Lauren Hewett ran in her first out of school Cross-Country race on Saturday 2nd January at the Northants Athletics Association County Championships and won two bronze medals in extremely muddy conditions. The first was in the Under 11 Girls’ race and the second in the U11 Girls’ Team for Kettering Town Harriers. Olivia Williams also took part at this event and gained two silver medals.

Well done girls.

From the Head Master

It was lovely to see the children return to school yesterday raring to go and ready for the challenges of the new term, though there were plenty of bleary eyes after the shock of an early wake up! The term has started well, however, and the children and staff are swiftly back into the swing of things.

Flavia and Outspan School

I am delighted to report that the 2016 calendars we sold last term have raised enough money to cover Flavia’s fees for the forthcoming school year (in Uganda the school year runs from January) at Outspan. I was pleased at the end of last term to receive Flavia’s end of year school report and was delighted to see she achieved A grades almost across the board. Thank you so much for your support of Flavia. She wrote me a lovely letter and is totally appreciative of being given this chance to receive an education.

Tigers v Saints

A number of our Years 3 and 4 children are attending a rugby training session, a ‘Q&A’ with a player and then watching the big game at Welford Road tomorrow – I am sure they will have a wonderful time.

Year 8 Charity Work

Our Year 8 children continue to do an excellent job of supporting various charities in raising awareness and funds for those charities. Well done to the ‘Rainbows Hospice group’ who raised a significant amount for Rainbows by cycling around Pitsford Reservoir in the Christmas holidays.

Well done also to the ‘Alzheimer’s Society Group’ who also raised a significant amount doing a supermarket ‘Bag Pack’ at Waitrose in Kingsthorpe last Saturday – including one member of the group expertly packing the Head Master’s own shopping!

Journeys to School

It was clear this morning that there were plenty of difficulties on the roads into school. With more cold weather forecast for next week, please do take the utmost care when driving to school, particularly on the more remote country roads around Spratton, as these are usually not gritted.

Additionally, with the colder weather coming in, please would you ensure that your children wear their jumpers or cardigans and come to school in their school coats.

Thank you

Happy New Year
Music Department

Informal Concert
Our first Informal Concert of the year will be held on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February at 5.30 pm. It will involve pupils from Year 8. Please write this date in your diary.

Regional Festival of Music for Youth
The Boys’ Choir, Choir, Junior Song and Jazz Band will all be performing in the Regional Festival of Music for Youth on Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} March. The date is in the school calendar, but we have not yet been given any official performance times. Please keep this date free.

Exam Success
Congratulations to Ben Brand for passing his Grade 3 drums.

Sport Department

South Northants Cross-Country 15.12.15
The South Northants Cross-Country Championships was a challenging course with a strong competitive field. Our girls and boys took part in the U13 (Years 6&7) and U15 (Years 8&9) age groups. Congratulations to 14 of our runners who qualified for the County Championships which will be held early in 2016.

In the U13 Girls’ Race: Olivia Williams 4\textsuperscript{th}, Florence Hooper 5\textsuperscript{th}, Isabella Lloyd 6\textsuperscript{th}, Jasmine Cassidy 9\textsuperscript{th}, Rebecca Eales 12\textsuperscript{th}, Georgina Hunt 19\textsuperscript{th}, Millie Walters 20\textsuperscript{th} and Mia Darby 28\textsuperscript{th}.

In the U13 Boys’ Race: Jasper Cooper 1\textsuperscript{st}, Archie Dadley 7\textsuperscript{th}, Luca Cinquini-Steel 14\textsuperscript{th}, Samuel Campion 23\textsuperscript{rd}, Dickon Collins 25\textsuperscript{th} and Henry Wheeler 28\textsuperscript{th}.

In the U15 Race (where our pupils ran a year young): Molly Williams 1\textsuperscript{st}, Rose Cassidy 5\textsuperscript{th}, Amy Hoffman 14\textsuperscript{th}, Lottie Thomas 23\textsuperscript{rd} and Izzy Redding 25\textsuperscript{th}.

In the U15 Boys’ Race: Henry England 12\textsuperscript{th}, George Cook 23\textsuperscript{rd} and Johnny Oliver 27\textsuperscript{th}.

Well done everyone.

Fixture Amendments & Cancellations

Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} January
1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} & 4\textsuperscript{th} VII Netball v Oakham are all Home matches.

Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} February
U11 A&B, U10 A&B Netball v Swanbourne are all Home matches.

Sunday 6\textsuperscript{th} March
U10 Rugby 7s & U12 Netball Tournaments at Oakham are cancelled due to lack of teams entered.
Year 8 Charity Work

On Saturday 2nd January, the Year 8 fundraising group for The Alzheimer’s Society, being Jennifer Wilson, Hugo Hunt, Alex Summers, William Salvesen, Samantha Robinson-Forster and Christian Hutchinson, together with family, assisted shoppers at the Waitrose Kingsthorpe branch with packing their groceries.

Many of the customers commented on the children’s courteous-ness which was a great reflection on the school. It was a very busy day in the store and everyone was kept fully occupied.

The children all said how much they enjoyed themselves and, thanks to the generosity of the many customers, we raised a staggering £706.40 for The Alzheimer’s Society.

Well done to all and thank you also to the parents who gave up their time.

On Saturday 19th December, Lauren Duke, Riya Mehra, Tabitha Cunningham, Katie Newton and Jacob Morris did a sponsored cycle around Pitsford Reservoir and raised £1698.75 for Rainbows Hospice.

Well done everyone and thank you for all your support.

Eco-Reps

Spring Term 2016
YEAR 3
Kammad Nwajiaku
Alice Mackaness
Josephine Lloyd

YEAR 4
Henry Slater
Shanaya Jasinarachchi
Hebe Lowin

YEAR 5
Emma Fowkes
Sophie Lloyd
Henrietta Watson

YEAR 6
Matthew Wilson
Jacob Hull
Pippa Hemsley

YEAR 7
Elyia Britton
Lauren Baucutt
Tom Hampden-Smith
Marcus Aldrich

YEAR 8
Katie Newton
Isabel Redding
Noah Carpenter

Cancelled Clubs

Tuesday 12th January
Years 3&4 Drama Club
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.
## Lunch Menu for Next Week

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<td><strong>Meat Main Course</strong></td>
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## School Diary for Next Week

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<td>Year 8 Ski Trip Meeting for pupils and parents in Hunter Hall</td>
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Happy New Year to you all!

You could sense the excitement in the air as we all came back together again on Thursday morning. It was a delight to see the children’s faces, alight with excitement, as they eagerly described new toys and gadgets, and festive family outings, barely pausing for breath as they did so! Wiggling tongues through gaps, a surprisingly high number of children were also proudly displaying their missing teeth - we decided that mischievous Christmas elves must have been giving them an extra sneaky wobble on the night that Santa visited!

The teachers have been busy over the holidays and the classrooms are looking bright and cheery as a result. With fresh themes in mind, many engaging new displays and imaginative role-play areas are emerging, all designed to spark curiosity and ignite the children’s interest in their new topics.

To help keep you informed about your child’s future learning, class teachers will be sending home topic overviews next week. The topic overviews provide an outline of opportunities designed to inspire learning and develop the children’s knowledge, understanding and skills across the curriculum. The teachers plan creatively, with many subjects interlinked to heighten educational experiences. Great forethought is also given to building in opportunities for taking the children’s learning outdoors and to ensuring that we enable ICT to be used as a valuable tool for communicating, supporting and extending the children’s thinking. When we consider all that the children took on board within their learning journeys last term, the next few months promise much to look forward to!

If the songs from the Christmas plays are still going through your heads and you would like to see those magical Nativity moments once more, then the DVD of ‘A Miracle in Town’ by Reception and Year 1, and ‘A Tale of Two Birthdays’ by Year 2 is still available to order. The DVDs are priced at £15 each and order forms can be found in the Pre-Prep entrance. Completed forms can be returned to your child’s class teacher. Thank you.

I look forward to speaking with you as the term unfolds and, as always, if I can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Fiona Sanchez
Head of Pre-Prep