

Letter from Mr Morris and Staff

Haiti Earthquake Appeal Latest update; an incredible £1823.15!!

PE/Swimming

A reminder that from after half-term Year 3 and 6 will be swapping to P.E. on Tuesdays (they can come to school in their tracksuits and PE kit), and Years 4 and 5 will be having swimming on Thursdays. There will continue to be a swimming squad session on Thursdays for those boys selected for this squad.

Book Week

I draw your attention to the attached letter outlining the plans we have for Book Week, including International Book Day on Thursday when the boys will be taking part in a Murder Mystery!

Arrival of the Viking!

Year Four's Viking topic was really brought to life today by a visit from a Viking! He arrived dressed in animal skins and a woollen Viking tunic. He showed us Viking swords, helmets, spears, chain mail and shields, he went into some detail about each item and then the boys had a great time dressing up as Viking warriors.



He showed us Viking drinking horns, wooden plates and utensils. Some of the boys were able to get a note out of the blowing horns – not an easy task!

He demonstrated coin striking and the way that coins were cut in halves and quarters when paying for items. He also explained the bartering system.

He talked about what they would have eaten and drank and demonstrated lighting a fire with a flint.

His stories and facts made us feel that we had spent the afternoon with a real life Viking and I think that the boys will remember his visit for some time to come.

Orienteering for Year 6

Please note that the date for the orienteering assessment for Year 6, as part of the QE Award scheme, has had to be changed from 5th. March to Friday 26th. February. The boys will be taken to Ashton Court for the exercise, times TBC.

'End Polio Now!'

On Monday 22nd. February, representatives from the Rotary Club will be coming in to lead our assembly, talking to the boys about the campaign to help eradicate Polio. You should find attached to this newsletter a leaflet outlining this campaign. We ask the boys to support this by wearing something purple with their school uniform on this day, and we encourage the boys to donate a £1 to the charity for doing so : a worthy cause.

OUR TRIP TO THE BRISTOL OLD VIC

On Thursday we visited The Old Vic where we had a drama workshop and a tour of the theatre. It was very interesting seeing backstage, particularly because loads of work was going on and you could see the props being made. We got quite scared about rumours of a theatre ghost (Mrs. Macready) backstage but we didn't see anything!

In the workshop we used masks to show how hard it would have been to actually do a play in the Greek times because your face would be fixed in an expression. Your body had to show how you were feeling.



By Solomon Clarke Yr 3 & Ralph Adams Yr5



School Nurse Column

Once again there are several viruses making the rounds including cold, flu and the Noro virus (gastroenteritis)

In order to help reduce the spread of viruses we ask that if your son is unwell that they remain off school. If they have Diarrhoea or vomiting they should stay off until 48 hours AFTER symptoms have stopped. They should also not swim for 2 weeks after.

With your support we will continue to encourage good hand hygiene....those nasty bugs just can't cope with clean hands!

Babysitting: Several of the sixth formers have supplied their names and contact details for babysitting purposes. If you are interested in obtaining a list of potential babysitters please speak to Mrs Macleod. The only involvement of the school is that of supplying the list. The list will only be given to QEH parents and should not be passed on to other parties.

Diary for the Week

Monday 22nd. February

8.50 am. Whole School Assembly, led by Dr. R. Gliddon: 'End Polio Now'.

Boys encouraged to wear something purple with their school uniform, and donate £1 to the campaign.

Afternoon games at Failand for Years 3 and 4.

4.00 pm. Cricket coaching starts for Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 23rd. February

10 am. BSSA School Competition, at Horfield Park swimming Pool

PE lessons for Years 3 and 6

Wednesday 24th. February

8.50 am. Whole School singing practice

Afternoon games; Football coaching for Years 5 and 6 led by Stuart Campbell, captain of Bristol Rovers FC

4.00 pm. Revolting Cookery Club, final session for Year 4 group

Thursday 25th. February

Swimming lessons for Years 4 and 5

2.30 pm. Final of Junior House Poetry Competition (in E1)

4.30 – 6.30 pm. Open Evening for prospective Year 5 pupils

Friday 26th. February

8.50 am. Whole School assembly, led by Mr. Morris

Afternoon games for all, at Failand

Year 6 orienteering assessment at Failand times TBC

6 pm. – 8 pm. Social evening (quiz night) for Ski trip



Star Performers

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| Year 3 | Jonathon Taylor |
| Year 4 | Jonathon Gregory |
| Year 5 | Joshua Linton |
| Year 6 | Chris Turner |



Weekly House Points Trophy

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| 1 | Ramsey | 2 | Hartnell |
| 3 | Bird | 4 | Carr |



Junior Friends' 'Race Night'

This was an immensely enjoyable evening. And not only that the Junior Friends have raised £520, which is an impressive amount in view of the low turnout on the evening. A huge vote of thanks must go to the organisers on the committee, as well as all the parents who turned out on the night.

Sports Update

This week the U11s have busy playing competitive fixtures. On Wednesday they played an A&B side from St John's on the Hill and on Friday they will play Westbury Park in the League. All this on the back of an excellent victory over BGS last Friday, in which the U10s also recorded a solid win. The U10s won 6-2 thanks to some excellent attacking play and strong finishing in front of goal. The U11s victory against BGS was another good performance with the ball being passed around on the floor quickly and effectively, the final score was 4-2.

The matches on Wednesday for the U11s were a physical affair and this upset the rhythm of the A team who lost 3-1 to a stronger team. The Bs, despite a heavy defeat, showed real character and determination and were unfortunate not to be rewarded with a couple of goals.

After half-term the swimming squad take part in the heats of the Bristol School Swimming Competition, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish them luck as they have trained hard. On the Wednesday of the same week, Years 5&6 will get the opportunity to be coached by Stuart Campbell, in the rearranged session from earlier on in the term.

I hope you all have a restful half term.