

## Letter from Mr Morris and Staff

### From the Headmaster

This week has been very busy, with several football matches being played, preparation for the poetry competition for the senior boys next week, and also the music competition, not to mention the Evening of Music and Poetry next Thursday, and also the Book week events. The Murder Mystery Day was a huge success, the boys really enjoying the problems they had to solve. Without realising it they did a great deal of history, maths, and literature, but in a very different way from normal. And had fun in so doing! You can read more in this newsletter, and also on the website, where there are more photos.

Next week will be equally busy, as the diary of the week on the reverse of this page indicates.

### Murder Mystery Day ??



### Junior boys solve murder!

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, as part of World Book Week, QEH Juniors held a murder mystery day. Based on the theme of Ancient Greece, the boys spent the whole day working in mixed age-range teams to solve '12 labours' that led them to the culprit.

The day began at 8.45am when the boys entered E1 and were greeted by the gory scene of a murdered professor, Dr. Helen Istic (aka Mrs. Saliveros). It appeared that she had been murdered by someone desperate to get their hands on a valuable Greek artefact that she kept locked in her safe.

Throughout the morning, the boys pieced together the story of the murder, undertaking a wide range of investigative activities that included studying fingerprints, deciphering coded and secret handwritten messages, chromatography and making plaster-casts of suspicious footprints.

By the afternoon, the list of suspects had been whittled down to just three from a possible ??????. Close questioning of the final three about how the artefact had originally been discovered soon made it clear that there was one suspect determined to hide the truth, a suspicious caretaker called Phil De Bins (aka Mr. Hall).

The case concluded back at the crime scene where the safe was successfully cracked and the motive for the horrific crime was revealed to all. Finally, the cold-blooded murderer was led away in handcuffs to a rousing chorus of boos from the young detectives of QEH. Before being led off to meet his fate, Mr. De Bins was heard to say "I'd have got away with it if it wasn't for those pesky kids!"

The boys had a fantastic day and many of them are now convinced that a career in crime fighting is for them! The day was organised superbly for the school by Bryan Hallett of Murder to Measure and our very own Cath Saliveros.

[www.murdertomeasure.co.uk](http://www.murdertomeasure.co.uk)

### School Nurse Column

#### Lost Property

If your son has lost any of his school kit please ask Mrs MacLeod in the school office and she will try and locate it. All lost property ,if named, will be handed back to your son. Unnamed items will then be passed on to Mrs Burns. If you would like to enquire as the whether Mrs Burns has any items that may belong to your son, please contact her by phone on 0117 9303062 or by email [nburns@qehbristol.co.uk](mailto:nburns@qehbristol.co.uk) with a description of the item.

There appears to be several reports of lost items at present. Therefore, with this in mind can all parents check their sons kits over the weekend and check that they have no additional items. Also please ensure that all items are clearly named.

### Sports Update

We have had another excellent week on the sports' field with some fantastic team performances in, at times, some testing conditions.

Last Friday the U11s played the current Coronation Cup holders Broomhill in the much-anticipated replay. The weather was atrocious, but the team performance was excellent and in a very exciting game, the boys were able to win 3-2. Next up is Clifton College. On Wednesday the league squad played BGS and, despite leading for much of the game, drew 1-1. It was another very good game and a strong performance from the team.

On Monday, the U8s and U9s played matches against The Downs School at Failand. The U8s continued their impressive season, recording two convincing victories; the As won 5-1 and the Bs won 5-0. The U9s were less fortunate and were held to a 2-2 draw despite being 2-0 up. The Bs are starting to play with a little more determination but they were beaten by a strong Downs team.

This Friday, the U8s and U9As will play against Clifton High School and, next week, the U11s, U10s and U9s will all play against St Johns on the Hill. Full reports next week.



### Star Performers

Year 3	Harry Walker
Year 4	Alexander Trowsdale
Year 5	Arthur Farley
Year 6	Owen Potter



### Weekly House Points Trophy

1	Hartnell
2	Bird
3	Ramsey
4	Carr

### Diary for the Week

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. March

8.50 a.m. Whole School assembly., led by Mr. Leighton

4 – 6 p.m. Parents' meetings for Year 3 & 4

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. March

8.50 a.m. Parents' assembly for Year 5

9.20 a.m.- 3.00 p.m. Year 3 Science trip to @Bristol

4 – 6 p.m. Parents' meetings for Years 3 & 4

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. March

8.50 a.m. Junior School Music Competition

12.15 p.m. Round 2 Inter-house Chess Trophy

2.15 p.m. U.11 A and B v. St John's-on-the-Hill (A)

U.9 & U.10 Mixed Team (H)

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. March

1.15 – 2.00 p.m. Years 3 & 4 Presentation on Learning by Andy Salmon

2.15 – 3.00 p.m. Years 5 & 6 Presentation on Learning

4.00 p.m. U.11 football v. Clifton HS (A)

6.00 p.m. An Evening of Music and Poetry, in QEH Theatre

(We would recommend that boys are picked up by 4 p.m. this afternoon, and returned to theatre by 5.50 p.m. latest)

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. March

Whole school assembly, led by Mr. Thomas