

Letter from Mr Morris and Staff

From the Headmaster

Thank you to all those parents who supported the Questionnaire Feedback meeting earlier in the week. I hope it proved to be a worthwhile and profitable meeting. I felt it was positive and very encouraging for us all. 50 questionnaires were completed and returned, making a very healthy 65% return rate, which through experience is high. The 'headline' result was as follows;

Overall Satisfaction

70% of the returns were 8 or above (very satisfactory), and the average score was 8.28 (out of a possible 10).

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If anyone would like either an electronic or a hard-copy of the presentation given on the night that outlined the results please let us know.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at Sports Day on Saturday. It starts at 11 a.m., with all boys involved in a 'round-robin' of field events, so all boys should be at Failand by 10.45 a.m. latest. The final track event for the Junior School, will be at 1.33 p.m., with the presentations immediately afterwards. It is always such a wonderful day, so we hope for good weather!

Sports Update

This week has seen the U10s and U11s play against Kingswood in two good games of cricket. The U11s lost by 96 runs, beaten by a very good side. The U10s lost a close game by 5 runs. There are signs of improvement in both teams and I am hopeful that when the boys travel to Taunton next week, these improvements will continue.



Well done to all who swam in the swimming gala on Thursday and particularly well done to Hartnell, who won the event by 1 point!

Thank you also to all the parents who took time out to support the boys, I know they appreciated it.

REMINDER

JUNIOR FRIENDS' SUMMER BARBECUE - Friday 25th. June, at Failand starting 6 p.m. Please note that After School Club that afternoon will be up at Failand from 3.45 – 6 p.m., so pick-up will be from there. No boys will be coming back to school after games that day.

Sports day lunch/tea arrangements – refreshments will be in the marquee. Parents are very welcome, and the boys will be provided for as well.



Weekly House Points Trophy

1	Bird
2	Hartnell
3	Carr
4	Ramsey



Star Performers

Year 3	Ben Sealey
Year 4	Barney Capes
Year 5	Ralph Adams
Year 6	Andreas Richardson

School Nurse Column

History shows that Sports Day always proves to be fantastic weather. With this in mind, please remember to ensure your son has plenty of sun protection which should be reapplied throughout the day. A hat is also a good idea. We also ask that you remind your son to drink plenty of fluids throughout the event and enjoy a good breakfast in preparation.

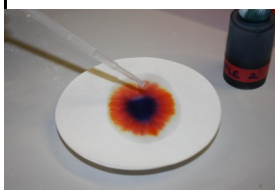
Enjoy the day and good luck to all the boys.

Charity Week

The school will be holding a Charity week starting Monday 28th. June, in aid of 'The Children's Eternal Rainforest'. There will be a series of fund-raising events throughout the week, including a mufti day on the Friday, a sponsored silence one lunch-time and a cake stall. We want to encourage as many boys as possible, if not all, to become fully involved in this wonderful cause.

Year 6 Forensic Science Day

On Tuesday this week, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic forensic science day at @Bristol. In the morning workshop the boys had a go at using several different forensic techniques: they had a go at making moulds and casts of their fingers; they took fingerprints and learnt how to spot similarities



between samples; they compared inks using chromatography and used microscopes to compare hair samples. They then applied

all their newly acquired skills to a case study and successfully identified a thief!

The boys found the afternoon session fascinating. They learnt all about DNA and how it makes us who we are. Along the way, we were given some mind boggling facts and figures by Neil from @Bristol. For example, if all the DNA from the 1 trillion cells in your body was unravelled, it would stretch to the sun and back 600 times!

The boys then had a go at extracting some of their own DNA from saliva samples. Neil took them through quite a complicated scientific process in order to do this: they added an enzyme to their saliva sample to break down the cells in it and release the DNA; they then heated the sample to 56 degrees to assist the enzyme in breaking down the cells; finally they added salt solution and ethanol to the sample. The boys were amazed as strands of their very own DNA appeared before their eyes in the test tubes.

It was a super day and the boys really enjoyed doing some very practical, meaningful and thought provoking Science.

Mr Hall

The Living Rainforest

On Wednesday 16th June Year 4 went to the Living Rainforest in Newbury as part of their study of tropical rainforests. The children experienced the heat and humidity of a real rainforest environment. They saw many rainforest plants and animals. There were snakes, tortoises, turtles, piranha fish, catfish,



Goeldi monkeys, mini-beasts, a crocodile and a toucan called Hoppy – to name but a few! Many of the plants had enormous leaves, some of them

with drip tips to direct the flow of water in the rainforest. The plant life included banana plants, cocoa plants, Bromeliads and Orchids. As with a real rainforest, it was teeming with life and there was something interesting to see around every corner.

The guides were extremely informative and we all learned a lot about our topic and I had the pleasure of being told that Y4 were one of the most well behaved, interested and interesting groups, that the guides had shown around. Well done Y4.

Mrs Richards

School Diary

Monday 21st. June

Whole School assembly, led by Mrs. Richards (Rainforests)

2 p.m. U.8 and U.9 v. Colstons prep (at Failand)

Tuesday 22nd. June

8.50 a.m. Year 5 Parents' assembly

Wednesday 23rd. June

8.50 a.m. Singing assembly

U.10 and U.11 v. Queen's School, Taunton (Away)
Return approximately 6.30pm

Thursday 24th. June

10 a.m. Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala (University Pool)

Friday 25th. June

'Shuffle Up Day'

6 p.m. Junior Friends' Summer Barbecue at Failand (including final matches of the QEH Junior World Cup)

Sunday 27th. June

2.30 p.m. 'Lads and Dads' at Gloucestershire CCC ground (20/20 v. Middlesex)