

Letter from Mr Morris and Staff

From the Headmaster

Firstly, may I thank all those parents who supported the school on Saturday at the Athletics. It was a wonderful day, well-organised (a big thank you to Mr. Thomas), and some outstanding individual and team performances were witnessed. Well done to those in Hartnell for their victory, but more importantly to all the boys for the way in which they competed and conducted themselves throughout.

May I remind you that tickets for **'The Wind in the Willows'** can be obtained through Mrs. Macleod. Rehearsals are continuing despite the absence of Mr. Hall, who will most likely not be returning this term (suspected prolapsed disk) and the boys are working very hard to ensure that it will be a very enjoyable and memorable production.

I can tell you that Mrs. Russell is out of hospital and recovering well. We understand that her operation was a success.



Sports Update

Congratulations to Hartnell House for their excellent Sports Day victory. It was a very closely fought event, with every run, throw and jump making a difference. Well done also to boys who have set new school records in the a variety of events.

The U8s played their final fixture of the season and beat Colstons to go through the whole school year unbeaten. This is an excellent achievement, of which the boys and the coaches should be extremely proud.

The U9s and the mixed team also played against Colstons, but were narrowly defeated. The U9s have had a difficult season, but hopefully the influx of new boys will strengthen the squad and bring a few more victories.

The U10s and U11s travelled to Taunton on Wednesday and with one ear on the events in South Africa, played Queen's. The U11s played on a lively wicket, which favoured their quicker bowler, and unfortunately after being set a large total, a middle order collapse, brought a heavy defeat. The U10s won a very close game, great bowling ensuring a 30 run victory.

The season ends with U10 and U11 games against The Downs School on Wednesday, and then inter-house cricket.

Charity Cycle Ride

I am taking part in a cycling challenge to raise funds for the Bristol Care appeal, cycling from Bristol to Land's End. This will directly benefit the Haematology and Oncology unit where Ed was treated, and I hope to raise as much money as possible. Any donations people would like to make can be made through my online justgiving page:

Guy Buckland—Year 4 Parent

<http://www.justgiving.com/Guy-Buckland>

Dear Year 6 chaps,

Just thought I would write you a short note to let you know how sorry I am that I am not able to be with you all at the moment. Having had the pleasure of teaching you all for the last two years, I know both Mrs. Russell and I feel very frustrated that we are not able to share these special last couple of weeks at the Junior School with you. Still, there is a lesson to be learnt as always here boys – life can deal you a rough hand when you least expect it! The trick is how you bounce back from it.

Despite the expert direction of Mrs. Russell and I, I know that you will all make 'The Wind in the Willows' a resounding success. Just keep working on all the things you know you've got to improve.

In all seriousness though, just keep working with the same attitude and qualities you've shown in all our projects over the last two years. If you continue to work with your typical enthusiasm, commitment, motivation and good humour then you will make a huge success of the play and, indeed, the bright futures that you all have ahead of you.

I wish you all the very best of luck with the remaining rehearsals. Much as it pains me to say it boys, I am immensely proud of you all.

Mr. Hall

Year five assembly

This term year five have been studying Kenya and the boys chose to put on a presentation to their parents showing what they had learned.

The assembly began with a greeting from two brave Massai warriors at the door to room E1 using the Swahili greeting of 'Jambo' to all who came to watch. The boys then went on to tell the story of Joseph Thomson, the explorer, and how he has travelled deep in to Massai land, been captured and escaped and finally made it back to the UK.

This piece of drama was followed by a power point presentation of historical and geographical information about Kenya and the Massai. The boys showed the parents their bead bracelets they had made under the artistic eye of Mrs Saliveros as well as a model of a Massai enkang that they had built. There was also a demonstration of the Coriolis Effect from two of the boys. This was chance for them to show how they had proved that the idea of water going down the plug hole in different directions depending upon which hemisphere you were in was not true!

The whole class had great fun preparing the presentation and showed just how much they had learned this term!

Diary for the week

Sunday 27th. June

5.30 p.m. 'Lads and Dads' trip to watch 20/20 Gloucestershire v. Middlesex, Bristol

Monday 28th. June - **Charity week starts, in aid of 'The Children's Eternal Rainforest'.**

8.50 a.m. Whole School assembly, led by Mrs. Taylor

Tuesday 29th. June

8.50 a.m. Year 4 Parents' assembly PE for Years 3 and 6

Wednesday 30th. June - **Cake Sale please bring in cakes & money.**

8.50 a.m. Singing assembly for whole school

10.00 a.m. Cake sale run by Y4 in aid of the Children's Eternal Rainforest.

2.00 p.m. U.10 and U.11 cricket v. The Downs (A)

Thursday 1st. July - **Sponsored lunchtime silence Thursday 1st July.**

Swimming for Years 4 and 5

Friday 2nd. July

8.50 a.m. Whole School Assembly, led by Miss Holtham

Mufti Day (wear something connected with 'The Rainforest'!)

p.m. Inter-house cricket tournament (Failand)