

PLYMOUTH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Plymouth College Scholarship Examination

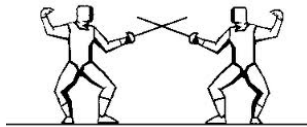
I am sure we all wish Year 6 the best of luck for their scholarship examination at Plymouth College Senior School this Saturday. Elsewhere in this newsletter, parents will find a reminder of the arrangements for the day and a personal message from Dr Wormleighton the Headmaster at the Senior School.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to the pupils who performed so well in the Plymouth Youth Music Service 'Viva La Musica' on January 21st. They played their violins with great confidence and are to be commended on achieving such a high standard. They were: Isabel Humphery, Joanna Sells, Isabella Charlesworth, Zoe Lancaster and Olivia Dibb. We should also congratulate Isabella for speaking so well and Mrs van der Vliet for coaching them to such a high standard.

More Congratulations!

Congratulations to Taylor Ashby who took part in the British Youth Qualifiers (fencing) at Millfields School, Street, on Sunday 29 January. The competition is held to select the top 4 from each age group to represent the South West at the British Youth Championships held in Sheffield on the 5-7 May. Taylor entered the 'U12 Girls' Epee' and finished 2nd overall in her category guaranteeing her selection to represent the South West in Sheffield. Taylor fences with the Plymouth Fencing Club. Well Done, Taylor!



School Comms

The frozen weather this week has led to matches being cancelled. We have started using the School Comms system to send out emails telling parents of any changes. We do hope parents are finding this service valuable. If there are any parents who have not given us an email address that is suitable, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Swimming Gala



We will be holding the Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala on Tuesday 7th February at 11.00am. You should all have been notified of the change of time for this event. Please note that there are very limited

parking spaces at Ford Park so would suggest that parents use other City car parks in the area.

We look forward to a fun event.

Worry Box

We do hope that all our pupils would feel happy to talk to any of their teachers about any worries or concerns. However, there may be occasions where they are hesitant about how to initiate a conversation. We have introduced a Worry Box which is situated on the landing just past Reception. Any pupil in the school can write their worry down and post it in the box which will be checked every week.

I am sure parents are aware that they are welcome to bring their worries to us in the conventional fashion!

M & M Productions

This theatre company will be coming into school on Friday 10th February at 1.30pm to perform 'Peter Pan' for the whole school. We would like to thank the Parents and Friends Association who are covering the cost of the performance.



Spoken Poetry Competition

All pupils who have qualified for the spoken poetry finals should receive a letter giving final instructions at the beginning of next week

COMMUNITY AWARDS

This week the Community Awards were given to:

- Rec: Ghadeer Al Mazrouei for having a positive attitude
- Year 1: Estella Rowlands for being kind and helpful
- Year 2: Joanna Sells for working hard on her tasks, in and out of school
- Year 3: Oliver Smith for a positive attitude
- Year 4: Tom Jordan for a cheerful and positive attitude
- Year 5: Elizabeth Wilcox for helpful and considerate behaviour
- Year 6: Thomas Cosby for helpful and polite behaviour

HEADMASTER'S COMMENDATIONS

- Daniel Coles in 3PA for reading 40 books
- Hemish Mahajan in 3PA for reading 60 books
- Emillie Avakian in 3PA for earning 20 House Points
- Siddhid Warriar in RWT for his wonderful holiday diary
- Chloe Bersey in 1JW for her wonderful picture
- Isabel Humphery in 2JM for earning 20 House Points
- Loyd Atwill in 2JM for earning 20 House Points

FRIENDS' DIARY

Just a reminder of some important dates for your diary....

- Wine & Wisdom evening at 7.30pm tonight – if you haven't got your tickets already you can pay at the door!!
- Committee Meeting at 9am on Monday 6th February – everyone welcome!
- May Ball at HMS Drake on Saturday 12th May – tickets on sale next week!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND FIXTURES

Monday 6th February

Year 1 & 2 Parent Consultations begin

Tuesday 7th February

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala at Ford Park 11.00am

Wednesday 8th February

U11s A & B Football v Mount House A 2.30pm

U11s A & B Netball v Mount House A 2.30pm

Thursday 9th February

Music Scholarship auditions at Ford Park – a personal time should now have been confirmed

Year 4 to visit Plymouth Pavilions to see 'Horrible Histories – The Terrible Tudors' 10.30am

Year 5 to visit Plymouth Pavilions to see 'Horrible Histories – The Vile Victorians' 1.30pm

Spoken poetry competition for Yrs 5&6 5.30pm

Friday 10th February

M & M Productions to perform 'Peter Pan' for the whole school 1.30pm

OTHER ITEMS

Year 6 Entrance Exams

To those in Year 6 who are sitting the Entrance Exam for the senior school on Saturday - a message from Dr Wormleighton:-

"Taking examinations is never fun but I want you to enjoy the day with us and to give of your best. I wish you every success in what you are trying to achieve but always remember that one is at one's best when not feeling too tense or nervous, so try to relax, read the questions carefully and do your best to give full answers. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday".

Please remember:

Attend in your own clothes

Bring a pen, pencil, rubber and a ruler

The exams start at 9.55am and finish at 2.00pm

Parents to drop off and collect from the Meade-King Hall

Video Player

We are sorry to have to inform the infant parents of the sad demise of the video player in Infant Aftercare. We have many videos that we will no longer be able to watch unless there is a kind donor who has a player that they do not use and would like to offer as a gift. The children would be delighted to know they will be able to watch a huge variety of films!

RESULTS

Wednesday 1st February

U11s A team Netball v Blundell's (W) 15 – 3

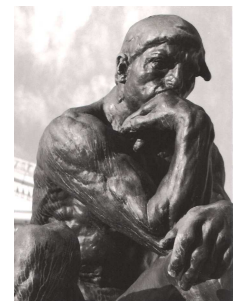
U11s B team Netball v Blundell's (W) 9 – 1

All other matches were cancelled this week due to icy conditions affecting the pitch.



Quiz Night

Tonight
In the School Theatre
Start at 7.30pm



If you do not already have your tickets, but wish to come along, you are able to purchase your tickets at the door.