



# Quainton Hall School

## Newsletter

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No. 24

Dear Parents,

It's with pleasure and relief that we welcome back our P8 boys after their Adventure Trip to the South of France. Pleasure that they had an enjoyable and adventurous time and relief that they were not affected in terms of safety by the torrential rain and localised flash floods that the southwest of France has been experiencing. We will hear their stories as this week unfolds and I want to thank Mr Bester and Fr Neil for their hard work and commitment in making the trip a successful one.

Mr Still has included elsewhere in this week's newsletter, information and appeals for help with our Summer Fair that will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Summer Fair is an occasion to look forward to – where we can, as a community meet and have fun while raising much needed funds for the school to be able to spend for the benefit of all the pupils here. Please help – either by attending and/or by lending a hand in some way.

The P7 Parent Consultation Evening last week went ahead very successfully and I was able to liaise with and confirm with parents their aspirations and choices for 13+ schools. The gratifying thing for me was how closely parental thoughts about schools seem to be matching staff opinions and suggestions. A key factor is that parents have researched, approached individual schools and shared thoughts and feelings about school choices with their sons. For parents in P5 and 6 it is never too early to do some 'spade work' and visit schools, look at websites and obtain key information such as open days and registration dates. We are always here to offer advice and speak to you about your senior school choices. We have held one very useful parents evening about 13+ school transfer and will be holding another one early in the Michaelmas term so please make a note of the date when you receive your parent calendar.

Mr Ellis shares good news about our participation in the U12 Cricket Tournament at Aldenham last Friday and it is great to see the commitment and enthusiasm that all boys are displaying in their cricket fixtures at the moment.

Please note dates listed below, for your diary, coming up in the next week or so.

Thank you.

EFB

### Calendar Dates

#### Monday 21 June

Prep 7 to Edgware Reform Synagogue (TBC)

#### Tuesday 22 June

am P5NR English Speaking Board Examinations

#### Wednesday 23 June

1415 U13A, B v Merchant Taylors' (A)

#### Thursday 24 June

am Prep 5JR English Speaking Board Examinations

- 0915 New Prep 3 spends morning in Middle School
- 1145 School Mass
- 1315 Nursery Sports Day
- 1900 Prep 8 & Parents Leavers' Dinner: SMH

### **Friday 25 June**

- 0915 Mini Concert (Windband, Orchestra, Fun Choir) (TBC)
- 1400 Pre-Prep Sports Day at Old Millhillians
- 1415 U13A Cricket v QE Boys (H)

### **Junior School News**

Further to my previous article on Sports' Day, I thought it would be helpful to reiterate the arrangements. The children come to school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June DRESSED IN THEIR PE KIT- White t-shirt with blue trim, white shorts, white ankle socks and white plimsoles (NOT trainers). At 11.30, the children will be ready to be collected by you and taken to the Old Millhillians' Ground for a picnic, or you could take them home/out for lunch. Sports' Day starts at 2pm promptly, and lasts for approximately an hour. All children will take part in three races. Let's hope for good weather. We promise you will have a lot of fun! We look forward to seeing you there. ....Just to clear up one little query- it is on the morning of Speech Day that there is no school; on Sports' Day, there is school until 11.30. Thanks for your support this year, Best Wishes,

SMB

### **Pizza Express Trip**

Prep 3 visited Pizza Express in Harrow last Wednesday to create their own pizza. We learnt about making and stretching the dough, spreading the tomato and basil sauce and choosing healthy toppings of onions, peppers, olives, tomatoes, pepperoni and why mozzarella cheese is used. To complete our pizza we sprinkled oregano, grown and dried in Italy, to give it a lovely flavour. The pizzas were baked in the oven at 360 degrees and we ate a delicious hot slice at the restaurant. Our pizzas were truly scrumptious and we took the rest home to share with our families. It was a wonderful way to learn about food technology and we were all awarded our Junior Pizzaiolo Certificates to take home too! Bellissimo!

HCM & PM



## **Haileybury Art Competition**

Congratulations to the six boys who had their paintings selected for the Haileybury Art Competition on the theme of Myths, Mysteries and Magic. Bradley H, Samir C-A, Anuj M were awarded first place Certificates of Merit and Inesh P, Niraj M and Kunal P were awarded second place certificates in their respective age groups within the Quainton Hall entries. Well done boys it is a fine achievement. The boys awarded first place certificates will go forward to the main competition and those results will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on July 1st at Haileybury.

The judge for this year's Art Competition was Jason Marks, Head of Art at Haileybury. He commented that "All the members of staff of the Art Department were hugely impressed with the quality and diversity of responses to the theme of 'Mythical Creatures'. We were presented with a most astonishing bestiary! We were particularly impressed with the formal components of Art and Design, such as colour and line, within the imaginative compositions."

The boys will be going to the Awards Ceremony after Sports Day to receive their certificates. They can also expect a "veritable extravaganza of entertainment set to the theme of Myths, Mysteries and Magic, which will be sure to enrapture all. Central to the festivities will be the guest of honour, best-selling author Nick Toczek." It all sounds very exciting and we are looking forward to our trip to Haileybury next week!

HCM

## **OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL SUMMER SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL**

Most of Prep 6 and 7 took up the invitation to attend this event, despite the long coach journey and, as usual, a great time was had by all, especially the drama group. Other activities on offer were a science challenge, in which a murder had to be solved, a chance to compose some music on the theme of Outer Space and multisports. Many former QHS pupils showed up at some stage and all looked well and happy, if a little embarrassed in front of their mates! The goody bags given out to all pupils at the end of the day proved very popular, especially the battery-free torches.

GPB

## **U12 Cricket finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Aldenham Festival Every Man did his duty**

This was a good effort by all concerned. QHS played against Davenies, Heath Mount, Devonshire House and Westbrook Hay winning 3 games and losing to Davenies by 6 runs – we also “gave” them far too many wides, which at 3 a go in this competition was not wise! Our best batsmen were Kunal P and Keval A, although James F finished “top of the averages” since he was only out once! Best bowlers were Vaibhav – valiantly playing on despite not being very well and Kunal. Ajodeji cut off many a four and James F took the vital catch to remove Westbrook Hay’s mighty hitter, and only real batsman. The last match was particularly exciting as we tied with Westbrook, but won by having taken more wickets.

The squad was – Kunal P, Runako C, Ayodeji A, Dashant P, Keval A, Vaibhav D, Frederick D, James F, Bhavik C, Nikolas M, Matthew B-S, Rishi T, and Jash G

MAE

### **Prep 7 v The World... well Aldenham U13!**

This looked on paper to be a big ask. 13 boys from Prep 7 against a genuine selected cricket team, but on the day we actually won and had good fun too. Special thanks should go to the Aldenham staff which included an old friend to QHS in the form of Mr Fleet, since with MAE they conjured a fair game.

Prep 7 bowled first and everyone had a go, including Oluwaseyi S and Mark M, who had a joint over! Anuj M and Frederick D were the pick of the bowlers and there were memorable run outs by Mark and Vaibhav D. Aldenham scored 84 in their 20 overs – could we get 84?

It soon became apparent that we could due to the fact that unlike our bowlers the Aldenham boys couldn't bowl straight and so gifted us many extras. Vaibhav, Keval and Kunal all retired not out and we reached the target with eight overs to go. So it was a great victory and a real bonus for the boys who played well, behaved well and therefore enjoyed the day.

MAE

### **Mini-Concert**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am there will be an end of term concert by the orchestra, band, fun choir and soloists to which ALL PARENTS are welcome. This will be the last opportunity for boys in Prep 8 to play so some good support would be welcome.

MAE

### **UNDER 11 TEN-10 CRICKET TOURNAMENT**

It is often difficult to reproduce winning form from a year earlier and to defend successfully a title which was won by a great team effort, and so it proved on Saturday, when we lost both our matches, to St John's and Orley Farm, the eventual winners. We can take a little comfort from the fact that ours was the strongest group and, at our best, we could have beaten both opponents, but it was not to be. The bowling and fielding held up well, but once again the batting failed to deliver and not enough runs were scored.

My thanks to all the boys who gave up a Saturday to play and especially to the parents who supported the event.

GPB

### **U9 A v Buckingham Prep**

This game showed a much improved effort from the U9A team who demonstrated how good communication can be so effective.

We played a game of pair's cricket – every time a wicket is lost you lose 5 runs and each pair bats for 2 overs.

We gained 86 runs in our innings and only lost 3 wickets, a special mention must go to Daniel P for his three 4's and his wonderful 6. Another mention must go to Joshua B-S for his great communication with Dawud A.

Unfortunately, we lost to Buckingham Prep by 20 runs, this was due to our bowling – without the immense number of wide and no balls we would have won as Buckingham Prep only managed to gain 45 runs off the balls they hit and they also lost 5 wickets.

So practise, practise, practise with our bowling and we shall be smiling!!

CE

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are now coming to the end of the school year and the best way to end the year is for us to have a FANTASTIC SUMMER FAIR!

This year the Friends of Quainton Hall have decided to hold their annual Summer Fair on a Friday. Kindly therefore mark the Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3.30-8.00 p.m. in your diary. We have lots of wonderful stalls for you to browse and we hope to see as many of you as possible. From about 6.00pm we will be running meat and vegetarian barbecues.

### STALLS

If any parents or family members would like to hire a stall, please obtain a booking form from outside the school office or from Mrs. Jesh Persaud. Stalls are £10.00 for QHS Families and £20.00 for families/friends outside the school.

### HELP REQUIRED

As we have quite a few stalls this year, the Friends require lots of help in running everything. Please get in touch with either Mrs Persaud or Mrs Harrison (both PP2) and register yourself to help on one of our stalls, even if just for a short period. Any help given is greatly appreciated.

### MUFTI DAY – also Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Please note that MUFTI DAY will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to coincide with the Summer Fair. If you choose to come to school in your own clothes on that day, we ask for a donation of a bottle for our Bottle Tombola. This should be the sort of bottle which you or your parents might be happy to win as a prize. This Tombola is always one of our best money-spinners, so lots of bottles of wine or spirits please!

### CAKES

One of our traditional stalls is Miss Berry's cake stall. Those of you who have been lucky enough to eat one of her cakes will know how delicious they are. However, we cannot expect Miss Berry to bake all the cakes for the Cake Stall. Therefore, we are asking the children to bake a cake of any sort and bring it in either on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> July or on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> July together with your bottle of wine or non-alcoholic beverage(s). Please note, there is very limited fridge space and would therefore ask that you/the children try not to use fresh cream where at all possible.

We are also asking for Raffle Prizes, sweets, second hand books and videos, and international food as donations.

Watch out for more requests for help during the next two weeks, the FQHS Committee cannot make this a success without the input of a large number of QHS parents.

The Friends of Quainton Hall have raised many thousands of pounds over the years to improve the facilities around the school, most recently by installing Interactive Whiteboards, refurbishing the School Library and helping to pay for the refurbishment of the Pre-Prep playground – let's not stop there! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Fair and thank you for all your support.

Mrs. Jesh Persaud and Mr. Mike Still (on behalf of the FQHS Committee)

# Quainton Hall School Summer Fair

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010  
Time: 3.00 - 7.00 p.m.



Lots of family fun - stalls galore!

BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Bottle Tombola, Miss Berry's Cakes, Soak the Teacher, Name the Giant Dog, Penalty Shoot-out, Lucky Dips plus many more.

Bring the whole family, aunties, uncles, grandmas and grandpas all welcome!



**Bring Lots of Change!**