



RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2

25th January 2010

Welcome

The new term has started in a very positive way, despite the restrictions placed upon us by the snow during the first week. It was refreshing to see the green turf of the front field return and pleasing for the pupils to have the opportunity to start their games lessons. The children were all very sensible and should be congratulated for their co-operation and care to ensure that school operated as fully as possible whilst we were surrounded by snow and ice.

Whilst other year groups are enjoying activities such as the Junk Drumming Workshop organised for Year 4, the pupils in Year 8 are working hard towards their academic scholarship or mock Common Entrance examinations after half term. Certain Year 8 pupils are also attempting music, art, drama and sports awards to their senior schools, so we wish them well with their preparation and performances.

Calendar

Please note the following additions or alterations to the Calendar:

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| Wed 3 rd Feb | 2.00pm U11C 8-a-side Football v St. Mary's, Lincoln U11A's (A) |
| Mon 8 th Feb | 3.20pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th XI Football v Stamford (H) |
| Mon 1 st March | Year 6 Visit to Retford Churches (rearranged from 9 th February) |

Year 8 Positions of Responsibility

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been appointed Cross Country Captains for this term:

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| Girls' Captain | Rosie Haith |
| Boys' Captain | Jack McKay |

Chapel

Father Darren writes:

Since becoming Chaplain here, I am continually amazed at all that we do as a school for those less fortunate than ourselves through working with charities worldwide, nationally and locally.

I can reveal that the collection from last term's Carol Service (a sum of £385) is being sent to the Cedar Foundation, which helps disabled orphans in Bulgaria. Our Director of Studies, Mr Byfield, has become involved with this charity and so it seems entirely appropriate to support the cause, especially after Mr Byfield's recent chapel service in which the pupils and staff were informed about the work carried out.

I would also like to thank you for your support of the Christingle Service and to all those who have

contributed through the cardboard candles in aid of the Children's Society. Again it was a sterling effort and whilst the final total is still being counted, I can safely say that in excess of £600 was raised. Another great effort!

We live in a difficult and troubled world, a world brought sharply into focus through the media. The recent images from Haiti are a stark reminder to us all that we are truly blessed in so many ways and have so much to be thankful for. With so many children being affected in Haiti it seems only proper that we do something as a school to contribute in some small way to ease the suffering following the earthquake. The pupil School Council have responded swiftly and a mufti day and 'fasting from tuck' are two initiatives that will see us do our bit as a school to help those in need in Haiti and lead us nicely into the season of Lent.

Pre-Prep

Mrs. Connor, Principal of Pre-Prep, writes:

Years 1 and 2 visited Gamston Airport to support their topic on Air and Flight. We were taken inside some of the hangers to see the planes and helicopters. Later we watched an exciting mock fire practice and looked at the fire tender. As you can imagine this was very popular! Finally we went into the control room and looked at all the instrumentation there. We are very grateful to Gamston Aviation for looking after us and providing an extremely educational visit.

Pupil Absence

Unplanned absence (e.g. illness): we would be most grateful if you could inform the school as soon as possible if your child is not coming into school for whatever reason. For Prep School pupils, please contact the Reception Office; Pre-Prep parents should contact the Pre-Prep department directly. It is a legal requirement that parents inform the school of any absence. Requests for planned absence must be made, as always, in advance in writing to the Headmaster.

Please also remind your child to sign in/out at Reception if they arrive late or leave before the end of the school day. A signing out system is also in place in the Pre-Prep for those who are leaving early.

Music Department

Mrs White, Director of Music, writes:

Please note the date of the Family Concert on Thursday 11th February at 6.00pm. It promises to be a highly entertaining evening of music given by our 'effervescent' brass teacher and past and present pupils!

Boarding

Mr. Searle, Head of Boarding, writes:

The start of term saw our boarders return excited and keen to enjoy the snow. I must praise their common sense in appreciating that, whilst snow is fun, there are times when restraint is needed to avoid upset – we were happily incident free! I am also delighted to report that Miss Fisher and Mr Sheen, our new Gap Students, have settled quickly into their roles and are already making a significant impact in the houses – we wish them continued success throughout their time with us.

Well done to the following boarders who went to McDonalds and ten pin bowling as their reward for winning the 'Diamonds & Clubs' competition last term: Bethany Barlow, Emily Blackmore, Joe Burke, Jordan Burke, Michael Every, Anna Heatlie-Edwards, William Medlycott, Emily Naylor, Emily Mitchell and Kieran Walker.

Casual or Flexi-Boarding

There is a real community feel to boarding at Ranby House. Boarders enjoy lots of fun and adventure whilst developing qualities such as respect, courtesy and tolerance which are developed by living together in a close community where the needs of others must be appreciated. Life skills are learnt such as self-discipline, motivation, work ethic, punctuality and tidiness. It is therefore really pleasing to reflect on how popular casual boarding has become and to see so many children taking advantage of the fantastic opportunities available. If there are any pupils or parents who may be interested in taking advantage of casual boarding, please feel free to contact me to find out more. My email address is r.searle@ranbyhouseschool.co.uk. It is so easy to do and the children thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Mrs Wilkinson writes:

It was an honour and a privilege for Ranby House School to be invited to take part in the Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration held at Beth Shalom, in Laxton. Taking 'The Legacy of Hope' as the theme for the service, a candle lighting ceremony in memory of those who were killed provided a moving and symbolic moment for survivors of the Holocaust to pass a 'flame' of hope to the next generation.

Year 7 Play

Madame Quinlan writes:

Year 7 pupils are busy rehearsing for their end of term performance of "Fiddler on the Roof". I am indebted to parents who are helping their children to learn their lines and song words. I have had some offers regarding a small wooden cart. I still need the following items: old suitcases, small barrels, small-size milk churn, tin buckets, an old-style sewing machine. Please label any items which need to be returned. All the boys, except

those playing Russians, will need to bring in an old pair of trousers, not jeans, and a rough long-sleeved shirt, both of which should be named.

If any parents have a few hours to spare to help with set-painting this would be greatly appreciated.

The performances will take place at 7.00pm on the evenings of Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March – during the last week of this term. Tickets, priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children – are available from the Reception Office. Please contact Mrs. Bridge by telephone or e-mail office@ranbyhouseschool.co.uk to book your tickets.

Schools Trader

A reminder that members of the Ranby House School community can be a part of the online trading website www.schoolstrader.com, a 'free advertisements' website which covers most independent schools across the UK, including us.



Parents, staff and former pupils can trade with each other free of charge - everything from musical instruments and houses to ski gear and holiday homes. The site has been featured in The Sunday Times, as a 'Top 50 website' in The Daily Telegraph and online in 'Which?'.

Ranby Parents Group

Mrs. Levick, Chair of the RPG Committee, writes:

Dates for the Spring Term coffee mornings will be displayed on RPG notice board in Old Gym after half term. The Pre-Prep Easter Party will be on Monday, March 15th 2010 in the Performing Arts Centre. Please look out for the flyers detailing competitions and entertainment. The next RPG meeting will be on Thursday February 4th 2010. If you would like to attend or would like to have an item included on the agenda, please contact your Year Group Representative. Thanks as always for your continued support of the school's Parents Group.

Summer Ball – Saturday 19th June

The members of the Ball Committee are busy with the planning of next term's Summer Ball. Please ensure that the date is in your diary – formal invitations will be sent out shortly after half term. Don't miss out on what promises to be another fantastic event in the school's social calendar!

PE and Games Kit/Equipment

Mr. Pymm, Director of Sport, writes:

In a recent newsletter I requested that all items of your child's P.E. and games kit, and games equipment were clearly labelled with your child's name. It appears

that some children's kit is not yet labelled properly, a situation which has made it very difficult when trying to return lost property to the rightful owners. Please ensure especially that all hockey sticks are clearly named.

Sports Results

Football

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| U11A v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Won 15 - 0 |
| U11B v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Won 10 - 0 |
| U9A v Lincoln Minster | Won 2 - 1 |
| U9A v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Lost 4 - 6 |
| U9B v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Won 2 - 1 |
| U9C v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Lost 0 - 4 |
| U9 Barlborough Hall Festival | Played 3, Won 2, Drew 1 |

Boys' Hockey

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| 1 st XI v St. Hugh's | Won 3 - 0 |
| 3 rd XI v St. Hugh's | Won 10 - 0 |

Netball

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| U13A v Trent College | Lost 13 - 24 |
| U13B v St. Hugh's U13A | Won 17 - 13 |
| U13C v Trent College | Won 17 - 13 |
| U12A v Trent College | Won 9 - 7 |
| U11A v St. Hugh's | Won 10 - 5 |
| U11B v St. Hugh's | Won 5 - 2 |
| U11A v Grace Dieu | Won 10 - 4 |
| U10A v Grace Dieu | Lost 4 - 12 |
| U9A v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Lost 1 - 5 |
| U9B v St. Mary's, Lincoln | Lost 0 - 2 |

Chess

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| U11 VII v Barlborough Hall | Won 5 - 3 |
| U9 VI v Barlborough Hall | Won 6 - 0 |

Years 7 & 8 Group Football

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| 1 st St Dunstan | 3 rd St Benedict |
| 2 nd St Columba | 4 th St Alban |

Years 5 & 6 Group Football

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| 1 st St Benedict | 3 rd St Columba |
| 2 nd St Alban | 4 th St Dunstan |

Years 5 & 6 Girls' Group Netball

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| 1 st St Columba | 3 rd St Dunstan |
| 2 nd St Benedict | 4 th St Alban |

Cross Country

Mr Pymm, Director of Sport, writes:

Ranby House School enjoyed a fantastic result at the recent Bassetlaw area annual cross country event. In the Year 7 boys' race the first seven runners home were Ranbians. The winner, Freddie Haith, was running a year young. All seven boys will now go on to represent Bassetlaw at the County finals at Berry Hill on Saturday 6th February.

In the Year 7 girls' race the first three runners home were all Ranbians and all our seven runners for this race came in the top ten. All seven girls will also go on to represent Bassetlaw at the County finals.

In the Year 8/9 race, Rosie Haith came second and Jack McKay came seventh both qualifying in their respective races for the County Finals.

Huge congratulations to all those who took part in this event: an outstanding achievement, on what was, a very wet and muddy afternoon.

And Finally...

We look forward to a busy fortnight after this exeat weekend with many Prep School children involved in the Individual Music Festival, the finals of which take place throughout the afternoon of Thursday 4th February.

I am sure that all the Prep School pupils are looking forward to representing their Group in the Cross Country competitions on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February. The next Newsletter (Spring Term 3) will be sent home at the Half Term on Friday 12th February.

David Sibson
Headmaster

BRASSED UP!



with

James Stretton and Iain Jackson

Featuring special guest stars of brass pupils past & present

Thursday 11th February 2010 at 6.00pm

All welcome

Entry – Free of Charge (retiring collection)