



BRIGIDINE Matters

Diary Dates: // **New Parents' Evening, Thursday 10th June at 7.00pm**

Fortiter et Suaviter

Taylor Sisters selected to the British Alpine Ski Team

Following a very successful ski season with extremely credible results, both Imogen (Form 11G) and Isadora (Form 7P) have been reselected to the British Alpine Ski Team and British Alpine **Children's Ski Team** respectively.

Imogen, who became the English Alpine Junior 1 Champion ends the season now ranked No 1 in Great Britain in her age group for Downhill and Super G and No 2 for Giant Slalom and Slalom.



Imogen



Isadora

Isadora was selected to race at two International races representing Great Britain in France and Slovenia this season and secured a gold medal in the Parallel Slalom Team event at the British Championships against a strong field of 23 teams.

Year 8 raise £800 for Haiti

On a very wet, windy and cold Monday in the holidays, we asked Year 8 to join us as we walked to raise money for Haiti.

We had to walk from the school to The Copper Horse, back to the castle and then finally back to the school; all in all a total of 5 miles. We did get a chance to stop at the Castle and The Copper Horse to have a snack and a picture taking session!

Those involved were: Louise Taylor, Sarah Samorzewska, Jade Basford, Cally Ward, Natasha Vincent, Emily Slatter, Evie Gilbert, Chloe Poulter,

Natalia Brownleader, Freya Kalra, Libby Oke, Natasha Custis, Taylor Gillin and Megan Willis. We all did extremely well and we all managed to make it, although a little tired.

Everyone's family and friends were very supportive and all together we raised £800!

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who sponsored us and those who took part did a fantastic job!

Sarah Samorzewska and Louise Taylor
Form 9M



Sowing seeds

The Reception Class enjoyed a most productive morning at the Squires Garden Centre in Windsor on Tuesday, 18th May. Sunflower and vegetable seeds were sown by all and many amusing comments were shared regarding the not-so-pleasant smelling herbs and flowers! Many thanks to Squires for their hospitality and for the generous gifts that each pupil received. Special thanks to Mr Guise for driving us in the school mini-bus.

Mrs Brenda Baguley
Reception Class Teacher



Peripatetic Concert



This was a concert for Years 1 – 6 girls who take voice and/or instrumental lessons. This concert provides them with the opportunity to perform in an informal environment of parents and teachers.

“30 girls participated and acquitted themselves very well.” Mrs Alison Bersier, Director of Music.

Library News

Armadillo – what is it?

A children's book review magazine called Armadillo has just been launched. It contains a range of book reviews covering poetry, non-fiction, junior, teenage, picture books and graphic books. Book reviews are not just recently published texts but ones you may have missed in the past. The editorial team members come from varied backgrounds and include a teacher, a poet and two authors, Linda Newbury and Adele Geras, whose books are available in the school library. To take a look at the website go to <http://sites.google.com/site/armadillomagazine/>

Red House Children's Book Award Winner

The overall winner for 2010 has just been announced as *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

The winners of the three individual categories are; *The Hunger Games* for older readers, *Mondays are Murder* by Tanya Landman for junior school children and *Bottoms Up* by Jeanne

Ms Penny King, Librarian

Willis and Adam Stower for nursery/reception children. A big thank you to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who helped select, read and vote on the shortlisted titles. For information about the award and other shortlisted titles please go to <http://www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk/winners-for-2010.html>

New Books

If you are a fan of Louise Rennison then you will be pleased to know the library has now acquired a complete set of the **Georgia Nicholson series**. Ms Rennison's next series about a new character, Tallulah Casey, will be published in July.

Wouldn't it be great if you could read about chocolate cake and then actually smell it on the page of a book! Well now you can in *The Adventures of Scratch, Sniff and Mr. Smith*. Produced by www.thesmellybookcompany.com, the books are a great way to introduce children to the sensation of smells whilst having a really good read. There are currently three books in the series, all written by Shibani Mohindra. Copies retail at £5.99 but are currently on offer, three for the price of two, from the Early Learning Centre. These books are a real hit with Year 4 pupils!

World Book Day and Readathon:

A big thank you to all staff and pupils who collected sponsorship for these two charities last term. We are pleased to announce a cheque for £87.95 has been sent to Book Aid to support their work.

Pupils taking part in Readathon beat **last year's total and raised more than** £600 in sponsorship. This is absolutely fantastic and prizes for Readathon will be awarded after half-term.

Thank you again to all for supporting these charities. It is great to see so many pupils hooked into reading.

Junior School Pupils

Friday 2nd July 2010

Keep this evening free for an exciting event!

More details after Half-Term

Second Hand Uniform is required for our next sale at the end of June.

If you have any Brigidine uniform that you wish to dispose of, the Friends of Brigidine will sell it and split the proceeds between the Mifumi project and school fund raising. Please support these worthy causes by dropping off uniform at the Reception Desk.

Many thanks, the Friends of Brigidine

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2010

Term begins: Tuesday 27th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half-Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Term ends: Tuesday 13th July (12.00 noon)

Parents' Day: Wednesday 14th July (8.30am to 4.00pm)

Autumn Term 2010

Term begins: Monday 6th September

Half-Term: Thursday 21st to Friday 29th October

Term Ends: Tuesday 14th December (3.30pm)

Parents' Day: Wednesday 15th December (8.00am to 1.00pm)

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