



Fortiter et Suaviter

BRIGIDINE Matters

Uniform Shop Summer Holidays 2010 Opening Hours

Friday 16th July 11.00am—3.00pm

Monday 19th July 11.00am—3.00pm

Wednesday 1st September 11.00am—3.00pm

Friday 3rd September 11.00am—3.00pm

Diary Dates:

⚡ PGL Certificates Evening in the Dance Studio on Thursday 15th June at 7.00pm

⚡ **Year 10 into Year 11 Parents' Meeting** on Monday 21st June at 7.00pm

PGL

Once again, pupils from Years 4 - 7 had a wonderful time at the PGL centre in Wales. The weather was kind with only a little rain and lots of sunshine. We all laughed, sang, thoroughly enjoyed all the activities and, at some point, pretended to be 'peas on a fork!' (An explanation from the participants will be necessary to explain that phenomenon!) Next year is booked, with letters winging their way home very soon!

Mrs Thalia Milton,
Assistant Head, Head of Juniors



Comments from Years 4 to 7:

"Amazing."

"The most brilliant school trip ever."

"So sad I can't go next year."

"Brilliant."

"I achieved so much, far more than I thought I could."

"The high activities were so scary, but I loved it."



Peas on a fork (?)

Year 7 Theatre Visit

Melissa Nyambayo, Form 7P, evaluates Twelfth Night at the Triangle Theatre, London.

I have chosen the set as my evaluation. There **wasn't really much of a set, it was just a few microphones, the sound system and a few laptops. They didn't hide the sound systems, which was a good thing.** For me, first impressions let it down as there were different actors coming on stage and there was not much order. They were all getting their props ready and, in my opinion, it looked really bad, but the actual play was so good that you can really forget about that.

There was a lot of audience participation such as when we could throw balls on to **Toby's head. Some of the actors had two roles and I don't think that really worked.** At the end, when the two twins meet, they only had one female actor playing them. I think **that if you didn't know the story you would have got lost half-way through.** Overall, I think that it was a really good play; it was really interesting and funny and you felt that you were acting as well. I would recommend it to anyone who loves a great laugh and wants to see a theatre production.



Library News

Ms Penny King, Librarian

News from Ed Wicke

Following on from his very successful day at Brigidine last Autumn, the author and storyteller Ed Wicke will be taking part in Rhythms of the World, a two day event held at Hitchin Priory in Hertfordshire 24th and 25th July. Ed will be in residence on Friday 24th July. For further details about the event see <http://www.rotw.org.uk/>.

World Cup 2010

We are sure it hasn't escaped your notice that an important competition will be starting on Friday 11th June: the World Cup in South Africa. The author, Tom Palmer, has teamed up with the National Literary Trust to use the World Cup as an opportunity to promote reading; see <http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/worldcup> for more details. Also, take a look in the library and see our football display. How many books can you spot on the theme of football? In addition, the author Tom Palmer will be writing, and publishing on the web, a football detective story to celebrate the World Cup. Tom will be producing a chapter a day starting on Monday 7th June so just go to the link http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/reading_the_game/tom_palmer_world_cup to follow the story.

The Guardian's Children's Fiction Prize 2010

Readers will be pleasantly surprised to learn that five out of the ten titles which have been nominated for this year's Long List are suitable for children of ten years and younger.

The Long List:

Prisoner of the Inquisition by Theresa Breslin (Doubleday, £12.99). Age: 12+.

Now by Morris Gleitzman (Puffin, £6.99). Age: 9+.

Unhooking the Moon by Gregory Hughes (Quercus, £6.99). Age: 11+.

The Ogre of Oglefort by Eva Ibbotson (Macmillan, £9.99). Age: 8+.

Sparks by Ally Kennen (Marion Lloyd Books, £6.99). Age: 9+.

Lob by Linda Newbery and illustrated by Pam Smy (David Fickling, £10.99). Age: 8+.

Ghost Hunter by Michelle Paver (Orion, £10.99). Age: 10+.

White Crow by Marcus Sedgwick (Orion, £9.99). Age: 13+.

The winner will be announced in September. In the meantime, young people of 16 years and under are invited to be a young critic. All you need to do is to produce a 200-word review about one of the eight Long Listed titles and send it to the Guardian by 16th July at the latest. Remember to include your name, age and school. Full details and application forms are available from guardian.co.uk/books/childrensfictionprize2010 or, alternatively, from the librarian. Good luck!

MERL Spectacular, Saturday 12th June

The Museum of Rural Life, based at the University of Reading, will be holding its annual event this Saturday 12th June. Korky Paul, the illustrator of the Winnie the Witch books, will be demonstrating his craft which may be of particular interest to our younger pupils. Further details about the event can be found at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/merl/>.

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)

Spring Term 2011

Term begins: Thursday 6th January

Half-Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Term ends: Thursday 7th April (3.30pm & 4.10pm)

Parents' Day: Friday 8th April (1.00pm to 7.00pm)

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