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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:

- /// Year 10 into Year 11 Parents' Meeting on Monday 21st June at 7.00pm
- /// Junior Sports Day on Friday 2nd July, 1.00 -3.30pm
- /// Senior Sports Day on Wednesday 7th July, 1.00—4.10pm

Garter Procession



Eight lucky Year 6 pupils went up to Windsor Castle last Monday to watch the Garter Procession. We were able to stand in our favourite spot in Engine Court where all the action can be viewed! Soldiers marched, Sergeant Majors bellowed and the distance between each soldier was precisely measured. After all the waiting the processions passed by quite quickly, but the girls did see former Prime Ministers, Princess Anne, Prince William, Princes Andrew and Edward and of course Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mrs Milton
Assistant Head, Head of Juniors



On the way back to school, to finish off an exciting afternoon, the girls and Mrs Milton, enjoyed an ice cream!

Juggling a Journalist's Job

Mrs Sally Stevens, Editor-in-Chief of the Berkshire Media Group, came to talk to a group of Year 6 girls on their Literacy topic – Journalistic Writing.

Mrs Stevens explained the role of a journalist and how articles were **created using the five 'W's** – where, when, who, why and what; she also discussed the structure and use of word play (puns and alliteration) in articles.

The children examined the front page of a newspaper, learning the journalistic vocabulary such as: splash, blurb, teaser and filler. They then had a go at designing their own front page **following the style of 'The Royal Borough Observer'**.

The children enjoyed playing around with words to create eye-catching headlines and captions. They learnt a great deal about the job of a journalist and how different journalistic writing is from the creative story writing they had been doing the previous week.

Year 6 and Mrs Perrett are very grateful to Mrs Stevens for giving up time in her busy schedule to help us extend our learning in this area.



Choral Success

Chloe Poulter, Form 8P, is a member of the Taplow Girls Choir led by Choir Director, Gillian Dibden MBE. The girls were invited to take part in Florilege Vocal de Tours, an International Choral Competition, which took place in Tours, France, over the Half Term break. They were also invited to perform a concert in Reims Cathedral. The choir did exceptionally well, taking second place with Hungary taking first place.

"The Cathedral in Reims was spectacular and the architecture was amazing. It was a wonderful place to perform. We were nervous before singing in the competition as we listened to the other choirs and they were very good. We were honoured to be awarded second place. It was a brilliant experience."

Chloe Poulter, Form 8P



Library News

Careers and University

Are you interested in becoming a vet and would like to know more? If so, pop into the library and pick up a copy of the booklet **'Veterinary Science ... for all Walks of Life'**. It is aimed at students of 14-18 years giving them a taste of what it takes to be a vet and the skills needed. Alternatively, take a look at a set of short films on the topic via YouTube www.yuotube.com/vetcarers.

If you are overwhelmed by the number of universities/colleges and courses on offer then do pop into the library to view our Careers section. We now have a wide selection of Prospectus from colleges and universities for 2011 entry. Also there are a couple of very useful guides that can help you sort through the maze, namely **The Times Good University Guide** and **The Guardian University Guide**. The 2011 editions for both will shortly be available in the Careers Library. In the meantime the Guardian has further information on its website at www.guardian.co.uk/education.

Don't forget Open Days at Colleges and Universities Many are now offering these on a Saturday but do require booking in advance. The library has details of a selection of forthcoming open days or, alternatively, check out Colleges and Universities on their websites for specific details and registration information.

Ms Penny King, Librarian

Readathon Winners

As you may know, pupils from the Junior and Senior school this year raised over £600 for Readathon.

This is fantastic as it is great to see so many pupils reading but also raising money for a good cause at the same time – a big thank you to all pupils who took part. There were some outstanding pupils amongst our avid readers. From the Junior School Millie Bate raised over £100 and Shaunagh McSweeney read 16 titles in just three weeks. In the Senior School our Year 7 and 8 pupils have been busily reading, so much so that the following pupils, Harsheena Harji, Sarika Lola, Alycia Lewis, Lauren Johncock and Francesca Pinn all read the same number of titles. We are also pleased to report Harsheena Harji raised the most money amongst Senior school pupils.

We hope to be running Readathon again next year.

Thank you again.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

The Friends of Brigidine are holding a Second Hand School Uniform Sale in the Main Reception area on Wednesday 30th June from 3.00pm - 5.00pm.

Your contributions for the sale would be greatly appreciated. If you are one of the 2010 leavers and your uniform is in good condition, why not donate your old uniform and bags etc. and hand them into the Main Reception area during school hours.

The proceeds from the sale are shared between the Ugandan Mifumi project and fund raising for school projects.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

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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