

NEWSLETTER 19 – February 3rd 2012

Important weather information: Some of the school's water pipes were frozen today and as a result only the toilets in the juniors were operational. If the situation remains unchanged we may need to consider partially closing the school as the health & safety of all is always our main consideration. We will keep you informed through the school's text messaging service.

The severe weather policy remains in place: For up-to-date information check www.bathnes.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Local radio stations should also announce any closures. If in any doubt, phone school between 8.00am & 9.00am – please do not send children to school unless you are certain we are open. Should weather conditions deteriorate during the day we suggest you set out early to collect your children. If you intend to collect other children, as well as your own, we need to know from their parents that such an arrangement has been made.

Well done to

- the *Rhythmic Gymnasts*, aka Grace's parents and ex-pupil Madeline's parents, who won the FoFGs Olympic Quiz last Friday. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this event. It really was tremendous fun.
- our swimmers Lucinda, Roberta, Laura, Jessica, Megan, Sam, Bruno, William and Seb who represented our school swimmingly, coming 7th out of 15th schools! Jessica won a silver medal for her very impressive 25m butterfly and the girls freestyle relay team got bronze. Very well done everyone!



Thank you

- for all your purchases in the book fair so far. We are sorry that the book fair didn't arrive on time, but it will be with us until Wednesday 8th and open after school every day.
- to everyone who has returned the pink Parent/School Communications Questionnaire. The Governors will be looking at these shortly so if you have not already done so, please hand in the completed form to Lucy C., Sarah H. or the school office asap.

Olympic Update

- Our Olympic Value this week was Inspiration and what an inspiring week we had.
- Next Thursday is Olympic Bike-It Day so please bring your bikes or scooters to school. Bike It Jim will be helping us learn more about the Velodrome and Olympic cycling events.
- This Term's Olympic efforts will culminate in next Friday's not-to-be-missed Olympic assembly in the Hall (2.30pm) – all welcome!
- Wednesday saw the most amazing Olympic activities ever! The juniors went to Writhlington where they enjoyed belly dancing and hip-hop, made biscuits and kites, whilst our infants played hosts to the Reception class and years 1 and 2 from St Mary's and had a mini Olympics, tasted fruit, learnt about London and made 'flag' hats Well done and thank you to all the staff for organising this successful collaboration event. See photos below.

Reminders and notices

- Your child has been given a letter from Bike-It Jim regarding an Olympic cycling challenge. They can become a Sustrans-hero by completing 21 cycling tasks. All pupils entered into the scheme will receive certificates and medals and several lucky winners will be draw at the end of the Summer (you can even win a Razor scooter!!)
- The first day back after Half-Term sees the start of book week with bedtime stories (infants) and olympic quiz night (juniors) on Monday 20th at 6pm – all in pyjamas and with a mug! Each quiz team will need 4 children, two from Class 3 and two from Class 4!; Friday 24th is dressing up day, so start thinking of a character.
- In the bookbags you will also have found a Yellow Moon arts & crafts catalogue. We get 20% commission on any purchases you make!
- Keep bringing in "as new" second-hand clothes for Time is Precious. Thank you!
- There is no Hockey club on Monday, nor on the first day of Term4. Hockey will resume on 27th
- Tomorrow is the Time is Precious' Nearly New Baby & Toy sale at Paulton Rovers. Do go along and support our chosen Charity of the Year.

Time Is Precious
Nearly New Baby & Toy Sale

Saturday 4th February 2012
10:30am - 1:00pm
Paulton Rovers Football Club

£8 per table
To book a table or to donate items, please call 07792 899772

School dinners

Please note that the vegetarian option on the week 1 menu has changed from veg curry to veg pizza.

Term 3 Diary Dates:

Sat 4th 10.30-1pm Nearly New Baby & Toy Sale at Paulton Rovers in aid of Time is Precious
Mon 6th no hockey club
Thur 9th Olympic Bike-It Day
Fri 10th 2.30 Olympics Celebration Assembly in the Memorial Hall

Term 4:

Mon 20th – Fri 24th Non-fiction Book Week, including book swaps &
Mon no hockey club
6.00 – 7.00 Class 1 & 2 Bedtime Stories-bring a named mug for your hot chocolate
Class 3 & 4 Quiz Night

Fri Dressing-up day – come as any book character

Thurs 23rd Year 5 cycle training starts

Tue 28th 1.30-2.45 & 3.30-4.30 parent/teacher consultations

Wed 29th 3.30-6.00 parent/teacher consultations

March:

Thur 1st 7.30pm *Friends* meeting (rescheduled from 23rd Feb)

Tues 6th 7.00 governors meeting

Weds 14th Class 4 – area cross country

Weds 21st dance club – Dance Umbrella – The Forum, Bath

Thurs 29th 11.00 Easter assembly – St. John's Church

2.30pm end of Term 4 & Friends Easter Fayre – Memorial Hall

Fri 30th **SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY 3**

Bookings are now being taken at Paulton Pool for February Half-Term swimming lessons. Call 01761 411890 or email swim@paultonpool.org.uk

Olympic Exchange Day

Emily, Laura and Shayla showing off American hip-hop and street dance. Joh, wicked!



Jake, Aaron and Oliver enjoyed making and decorating Olympic Ring biscuits



Well done to Thomas, Alayah and Ashleigh who were a true inspiration to others in terms of behaviour and helpfulness.



There is now not an infant in either of our two schools who does not know what there is to see and do in London. They are fully prepared for London 2012!



Bollywood dancing, inspired by India.