



Summer Term 2010

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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**With this newsletter: Summer fete flyer
Letter re: Year 6 French Trip**

Dear Parents,

Last Friday was a very successful Mufti Day, with boxes full of contributions of toys and jars of sweets for the School Fete. Thank you all for your generosity and I know that these stalls are set to become even more wonderful than usual.

I have heard that the Upper School Disco in the Vineyard Hall was a great event. I am sorry I was unable to be there, but understand that there would not have been room on the dance floor! Some great dance routines were on show and some very tired, but happy girls had to be prised out at the end. Thank you to Mrs Graham, Mrs Hollywood and Mrs Selkirk for organising such a fun evening for the girls.

We were enchanted this Monday by Reception P's assembly. The girls were acting – and remembering their lines – reciting poetry and singing, with great determination and enjoyment. It is difficult to believe that some of these girls were nervous and shy at the beginning of the year, as there is such confidence and poise now. Well done, everyone.

We have been informed that we will be visited by the inspectors from the Independent Schools' Inspectorate next week, as part of a full standard inspection. It is over 6 years since we were last inspected so a visit is overdue! The inspection is in two parts: the initial visit on the 18th and 19th May and a follow up visit on the 21st to 23rd June. We are looking forward to meeting them and to showing off our school. I know that parents of all girls in the school, and also the girls just in Years Five and Six, have been sent a link to a survey questionnaire about the school. Can I encourage you to complete them by Sunday evening please? The individual results are not seen by the school, but the overall results will be.

As a result of the visit by the inspectors, we have changed the dates of the exams. Exams for girls in the Upper School will now take place on Monday, Thursday and Friday. There are minor changes to the order of exams and the girls affected have been given new exam timetables.

There is a sense of growing excitement among Year 6 as they prepare for their trip to France next week. It will be a very early start on Sunday morning, but it will be worth it as they arrive in time to start activities on the first day. We look forward to hearing all about it and to their return on Thursday evening.

Gill Linthwaite

SUMMER CAMPS

'The University of Westminster' is running holiday clubs at the Chiswick Sports Ground from 26th July - 20th August, for both full and half days. Further details can be found on the table by the playground door.

MUSIC EVENING - YEARS 3 - 6

On Tuesday 8th June, at 7pm, there will be an evening of music. We hope that parents will put this date and time in their diaries so they can watch their daughters perform. The evening will involve the school orchestra, small group and solo musical items. Girls wishing to perform solos should add their name to the list in the Music room. As time for the concert is limited, auditions may be held, or older musicians may be given priority over younger ones. Please continue practising or refresh old pieces that you know you can play well!

A. Parkinson

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION STALL THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who supported our Make-a-Wish stall at the Richmond May Fair. The team who helped on the day included Serena, Lucy, Lauren, Hannah, Clare, Susannah, Freya, Sophie D, Sophie C, Anna, Larissa, Ines and Alice (Yr6), Charlotte, Clemency, Maddie, Alexia, Ella B and Clara (Yr 3). We raised over £500 which will help make a REAL wish come true.

Thank you so much from Isabel M and Anna M.

SUMMER FETE 22nd MAY

As usual, parents are kindly asked to bake a cake, or batch of cupcakes, which may be sold on the cake stall for the forthcoming summer fete. Ideally, we would like you to bring your cake to school on Friday 21st May at either morning drop off or afternoon pick up. A table will be set up in the playground for you to leave your baking on. Where possible we would ask that you bring put your baking on plates or in boxes that can be recycled. If this isn't possible please ensure that your tin etc is clearly named so that it can be returned to you.

Alternatively, please deliver it to the cake stall when you arrive at the fete. Any efforts to decorate your cake in line with the Alice in Wonderland theme (e.g. Eat Me!) would be much appreciated and please remember that we are unable to take products with nuts or nuts products. Many thanks.

RECEPTION H ASSEMBLY

Parents of girls in Reception H are reminded they are invited to join their daughters for Assembly on Tuesday 18th May and stay for coffee afterwards.

RAFFLE TICKETS

If anyone requires more raffle tickets please feel free to pop into the office and see Mrs Haines who has spares.

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Emma F who has won a prize for her art work in the Richmond Borough in Bloom 'Design a Poster' competition. Part of her prize included attending a presentation tea party with the mayor which was also attended by Mrs Linthwaite and Emma's family. Well done Emma.

FORM REPS MEETING

Please could we have a form reps meeting this Monday (17th May) straight after drop off in the library. Only one rep from each year group need attend as it is only a quick meeting to go through plans for the fete. We will also need to be quiet as there will be school exams on.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you there.

Lucinda and Kate

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Please note that next weeks' photography club on Tuesday 18th May is unfortunately cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

This goes to Isabel Mathers for her brilliant catching in the rounders match.

YEAR 6 ROUNDERS MATCH v THE UNICORN SCHOOL

The A team played first and their fielding improved although there was some confusion in backing-up. There was some room for their improvement in their hitting but luckily our opposition gave away some rounders for obstruction. Finally the A team **won 10 – 6 ½**.

The B team then played and fielding, bending down behind the ball was a bit of a struggle. However, their hitting improved but the direction needed some control. There was spectacular catches from Isabel Mathers and Alice Buckley. Well done the final score was a **loss of 2 ½ - 7**. This is just the beginning!

YEAR 6A and YEAR 5A ROUNDERS v PUTNEY PARK

The Year 5A team started fielding a little tentatively, but improved and the back-ups were spectacular. Many of the opposition were caught out by our brilliant catchers! However, our hitting in the first innings needed some improvement, but a special mention goes to Sarah Hobson for her backstop throws. Finally our better fielding helped us **win 13 ½ - 6** rounders.

The Year 6A team played well at the beginning. In the second innings, Hetty made some great throws from backstop and Clare was an extremely reliable catcher at 2nd post. Sophie continued to bowl well. Also, Larissa and Susannah made some brilliant catches. There was some risky running, but overall it paid off and we **won 12-7** rounders.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS ROUNDERS MATCH

Just to confirm that the mothers and Year 6 girls rounders match will take place on Thursday 17th June between 3pm and 4pm at ODP. Full details will follow closer to the time though for those concerned.

LACROSSE SUMMER CAMP

There is a lacrosse Summer camp running for 3 weeks across the summer holidays at the Civil Service Sports Club in Chiswick which I believe a number of OVS girls attended last year. It is open to girls who are 9 years old and over. Please contact the office for further information if you are interested.

FORTHCOMING OPEN MORNINGS

We have details of a number of forthcoming open days which are taking place on the 6th, 9th and 13th October at St James Senior Girls' School. Please contact the office if you are interested in getting further details.

COOK/ALL ROUNDER

Available for Holiday Work at Half Term and during the Summer Holidays

19 year old enthusiastic sporty family girl (three sisters) all attended the OVS currently studying Architecture at Oxford Brookes looking for short term holiday work helping families with cooking/child care.

- Leiths Food and Wine Certificate (merit)
- Driver (clean licence)
- Strong swimmer (surfer)

CV and references available on request

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