



NEWSLETTER

For the week beginning 14th November 2011

In this week's issue: Finton Snowball, Term Dates, Sport, Music Teachers' Concert

From the Headmaster:

Remembrance Day

The whole school gathered together in the playground at 11 o'clock this morning to observe a minute's silence to honour all those who fought in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. The silence was ended by Molly Jaques' brilliant adaptation of The Last Post. Thank you, Molly.

Term Dates

On page 6 you will see the term dates for 2011 - 2013. I hope that these will be helpful for you when arranging your holidays.

Exam Week

Well done to the children for working so hard this week - I am very proud of them all.

Party Thanks

May I say a huge thank you to Kim and Bettina Berknov, for hosting our annual special needs party at their lovely home last night. It was a very jolly evening attended by Finton families, both past and present.

The Week Ahead.....

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		3.30 Parent Reps Meeting 6.30 Music Teachers' Concert in Hall	Audiology Tests		
Reception					
Year 1					
Year 2	2C Class Assembly			2M Class Assembly	
Year 3	2.15 Y3 & Y4 Inter House Netball	3A Class Assembly			4pm Swimming Squad to Swimming Gala @ Ibstock Place
Year 4	4 Y4 & Y5 pupils to Lord Wandsworth College for Maths day.		Trip to Wandsworth Museum (no swimming)		
Year 5				Trip to British Museum	
Year 6	Trip to Cabinet War Rooms		2.15 A1 & B1 Netball v Eaton Square @ Battersea Park		

Birthdays

Monday: Henry (RR) & Miss Barbara ; *Wednesday:* Huw (1A) ; *Thursday:* Charlie (2C) ; *Friday:* Miss Gene; *Saturday:* Phoebe (6K) & Sameer (3A); *Sunday:* Jacob (RE), Eloise (5C) & Eloise (6K)



SHIPWRECKED en FRANCE



On Wednesday morning, Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a performance by the Onatti Theatre Company. 'Shipwrecked en France' is the story of an English boy who, whilst holidaying in France, finds himself miles away from his parents when his dingy is washed down the beach by the tide. Once ashore, he encounters many native French speakers with whom he has to make himself understood. The 45 minute performance proved to be both educational and highly entertaining - shrieks of laughter could be heard throughout. C'était un spectacle formidable!

Miss Emma (R)



FESTIVE FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY

This is an exclusive event for Finton families. Just ring **Barney Jones**, the photographer to book a half hour appointment to photograph your family for Christmas.

Now on Sunday 20th November due to a sell out on Saturday.

Parking in the playground. Photography appointments in the Hall/Gym.

Contact: **07957 581612**

www.barneyjonesphotography.com



Remember to Come!

Music Teachers' Concert
Tuesday 15th November 2011 6.30pm

All parents and children from Year 2 and above are welcome

**A glass of wine and refreshments before the concert from 6.10pm
£5 ticket for the whole family.**

**Ticket money will be donated to the
Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at St George's Hospital
As a big thank you from Finton House!**

Finton House Y4 Football Tournament

On Monday, the Year 4 boys were involved in a football tournament hosted by us. We played three games against different schools in the area. Despite losing the games, we still qualified from our group, but went out in the next round. The whole team played really well, attacking and defending as a team. We had a great goalkeeper in Freddie. Our defence of Oscar and Arthur did brilliantly and were rotated, with Max, Felix and Sam coming in and really helping out. Blaine and Milou had great games in midfield and our goal-scorer, Rupert, also played really well. Well done, Finton!

Mr Marco

Year 6 Football v Eaton Square School

The Year 6 boys played Eaton Square School on Thursday afternoon at Battersea Park. After receiving a pounding over many years, Eaton were taking no chances and fielded their strongest possible team. After a few minutes it was evident that we were not going to win this game, as Eaton were coming at us with relentless pressure. We resisted wave after wave, but Eaton eventually scored and then scored three more before half time. They made some changes at half time and in the 2nd half the game was a bit more even. Gedi replaced Joe in goal and we kept trying hard as a team. Tom and Henry were overworked in defence. Ben, Joe and Freddie all kept their heads up and fought hard. We found it tricky to get the ball to our striker, Edward. In the end the final score was Eaton Square 8 Finton 0.

Mr Anthony

JAPS SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday afternoon, the swimming team travelled to JAPS for a gala. Also joining us and JAPS was Dulwich Hamlet School.

Early in the gala it was obvious it was going to be a 2 horse race, with Finton and JAPS exchanging victories. Once again the Year 3s swam incredibly well and defeated JAPS easily in all their races. Imogen won the breaststroke by a country mile. Molly won the breaststroke and Archie must have really been practising with Molly's birthday flippers, as he beat her in the backstroke. JAPS's real strength is in Year 6, where they won every race. So it was going to be down to the Years 4 and 5 teams to decide the outcome. Finton had some fantastic swims in the afternoon. Emily C-L won her front crawl in a strong swim. Amelie won both breaststroke and front-crawl. The Year 4s were outstanding in the relay races. The Year 4 'b' team defeated the 'A' team easily in the medley relay. They would have done the same in the front crawl relay if not for Amelie. It's all up for grabs now in Year 4. Having so many good swimmers is giving us a real headache. At the end of the gala the crowd eagerly awaited the results as this was going to be a close one. In fact there was only 2 points between the team.

The final score was JAPS 244, Finton 242 and Dulwich Hamlet 144.

Well done to the whole team.

Mr Anthony

Individual Swimming

Congratulations to Emily C-L (Y5), who competed in the Ealing Development Swimming Gala last weekend against 9 other swimming clubs.

She achieved 3 personal bests and won a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke.

Well done, Emily!

Mr Anthony



UPPER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Well done to all those girls who competed in the FH cross country race on 3rd November. The Year 3 girls began the event with a very fast start. The Years 3 & 4 girls ran one full lap and one small lap around Trinity Fields, approx. 1000m.

The Finton House Year 3 girls' team consisted of: Issy H, Imogen P, Molly J, Maddy M, Amelia H and Emma K. They came an amazing 1st place – with a total of 113 points.

Shortly after, the Year 4 girls consisting of Anna S, Eadie L, Olivia W, Imogen A, Olivia D and Eliza W lined up at the start. Against a very tough field of competition our girls all ran their very best, finishing in overall 4th place.

Next came the big guns... With the distance doubling to 2000m, (2 full laps), around Trinity Fields for the Years 5 & 6 girls the nerves started to kick in! The Year 5 girls, Ella H, Alannah, Ella M, Poppy H, Lara K and Issy P, all ran great races, but sadly, the Broomwood girls stormed their way around the course and had a clean sweep win leaving our girls in 4th position overall – a very tough race with some extremely talented runners amongst our girls.

Then finally, Year 6 took to the start line. With some of our best runners in the school in this race we knew we had a good chance of doing well. The team consisted of: Eloise O'S, Grace A, Ellie S, Mia M and Anna W. What an exciting and dramatic race this was. With Eloise leading from the start and Grace having to sadly pull out, it was down to the other girls to work their way up the field into strong positions. With all the girls performing brilliantly the Year 6 team finished in a very close 2nd position, with Broomwood winning by 1 point!!

I was so thrilled with all the FH girls' efforts – they all ran like true elites with passion and determination, and showed great support for each other as a team, encouraging each other the whole way. A huge well done cross country runners!

Miss Anna

SLAP WATCH

**On sale Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November
in the playground**



unicef



Meg and Sophie (6S) will be selling these in the playground,
from 8.15 to 8.45 on Wednesday and Thursday

They cost £8 each or £15 for two. ALL the money goes to UNICEF:
United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

They make wonderful Christmas gifts, so don't forget to bring in some money!

LOST PROPERTY—please bring to the Office

- Startrite Roadrunner trainer 10.5F with SP on the tongue
- Black scooter with red handles



A quick note from the Committee...

Tickets for the Snowball are selling out fast, but don't worry if you haven't applied for yours yet. Just leave your form and cheque in the office. We'll also be selling them in the playground next Wednesday and the Wednesday after. Tickets will be sent out the week before the party.

It's shaping up to be an amazing evening – those of you who have already been to the Town Hall will struggle to recognise it on 2 December, as it is being transformed into a snowy white wonderland, thanks in large part to the generous assistance of Fisher Productions.

The Tree of Cheer offers the opportunity to buy stunning presents at a price at least 50% less than their true value and, while you are shopping there, your husband can be trying his luck on our luxury tombola, tossing rubber turkeys into a net at Top Turkey, or just propping up the bar with some friends. If you tire of shopping, you can always put your feet up in our chill-out zone and catch up on the gossip. Delicious food prepared by Full Stop Catering will be served around 8.30pm and then from 10pm the dancing will start, with tunes played by our celebrity DJ, Dan Perry. Please note that the evening will end at 12.30pm, as we have a strict curfew of 1am.

Raffle tickets will be sold on the night, and we'll also send some home in school bags, hopefully from next week. You can of course also place a bid at our Silent Auction stand to win one of our many fabulous prizes, including an amazing opportunity for one adult and two children to spend a day with "Azazel" on the set of the forthcoming X-Men movie, due to start in 2012. Meet the special effects and make-up teams and watch behind the scenes. A wonderful chance to experience life on a movie set!





TERM DATES 2011 - 2013

Autumn Term 2011

Term Begins	Thursday 8 th September
Half term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Long Weekend	Friday 25 th to Monday 28 th November (inclusive)
Term Ends	Wednesday 14 th December

Spring Term 2012

Term Begins	Wednesday 11 th January
Half Term	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 22 nd March

Summer Term 2012

Term Begins	Thursday 19 th April
Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 7th May
Half Term	Monday 4 th June – Friday 8 th June
Term Ends	Thursday 5 th July

Autumn Term 2012

Term Begins	Thursday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October
Long Weekend	Friday 23 rd – Monday 26 th November (inclusive)
Term Ends	Thursday 13 th December

Spring Term 2013

Term Begins	Tuesday 8 th January
Half Term	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February
Term Ends	Friday 22 nd March

Summer Term 2013

Term Begins	Wednesday 17 th April
Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 6th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May
Term Ends	Thursday 4 th July

The Pedometer Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the pedometer event before half-term. Ninety two parents, children and staff participated. During our Walk to School week our Year 6 survey showed that 81% of children walk, scooter or bike to school, which is very encouraging and I am sure we gained some brownie points from Wandsworth Council!

Miss Bridget