



NEWSLETTER

For the week beginning 5th December 2011

In this week's issue: Y2 Netball, Swimming Squad report, Clubs, Exciting Work Experience

School Development

I was very pleased that so many prospective and current parents were able to attend the meeting with Governors and the architect about the vision, scope, timeframe of the basement development. An information pack will be sent out to all parents about the meeting. The next steps are tendering to contractors and final approval of the Construction Management Plan before work is expected to start in April 2012. Do have a look at the plans and please see me if you have any thoughts or questions.

End of Term Work

It has been a traditionally busy and I hope a 'fizzy' week as we draw closer to the end of term. Alongside a good routine, engaging children in a variety of events and challenges is healthy. Thus the management team is busy as we plan for next term. Getting the balance of events, trips, fixtures, workshops and the dressing up days right is the issue of the day and I would like to reassure all we are looking at this very carefully! Balance is everything and more is not necessarily better. I look forward to sending out the draft clubs list next week and the calendar in the Christmas holidays. As usual, end of term reports will be sent home on the last Friday of term

Children

As ever and most importantly, we are very proud of the way in which the children are involved so wholeheartedly in a range of activities and events: Reception Sharing Afternoon was a joy, Years 2, 3 & 4 behaved beautifully at the theatre and the school is filled with children practising carols, rehearsing plays, decorating trees and still managing to get some hard work in.

Snowball

Great excitement—a Finton party! I look forward to seeing many of you at the Snowball tonight. It promises to be an excellent evening. Many thanks to the superb committee who have thoroughly impressed me with their efficiency and organisation already, and to parents for supporting the event. It is a busy time of year and we are grateful for all you do for the school in so many ways.

Finally

I look forward to the Reception Nativity Play and the Carol Concerts at St Mary Magdalene of next week. Please see times below.

Mr Adrian

The Week Ahead.....

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Last day of Clubs				Last Karate Club Reports home
Reception			9.30am Dress Rehearsal at Church + Y5	1.30pm Reception Nativity Plays (with Year 5)	
Year 1			11am Lower School Dress Rehearsal at Church	3pm LS Carol Concert	
Year 2					
Year 3			1.35pm Upper School Dress Rehearsal at Church (Y5 also attend the Reception rehearsal)	6.30pm US Carol Concert	
Year 4					
Year 5					
Year 6					

Birthdays

Tuesday: Miss Bridget, Miss Maria & Miss Sally;

Sunday: Freddie (6K)



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values



On Thursday 17th November, 5C went to the British Museum as part of their topic on Ancient Greeks. We saw some ancient vases which were prizes from the panathenian games over two and a half thousand years ago. These depicted sporting events such as chariot racing, running and wrestling. We also saw the hand-held lead weights for long jump and several discuses.

There was also a display showing some of the gold medals that will be presented during the London Olympics and Paralympics. We were very honoured to see these, and took some pictures to include on our Olympics notice board at school.

5C



: SLAP WATCH SELL OUT :

Thank you all so much for buying all our slap watches.

We made a huge £335 for UNICEF and we have decided to spend it through their web site's "buy an inspired gift".

We have chosen measles & polio vaccines, emergency water kits for entire families, story time and exercise books and childrens christmas parcels.

It is amazing how much you can get.

Thank you, Meg & Sophie

SCOOTERS & BICYCLES

Please remember to take home your bikes and scooters at the end of term. The school will be unoccupied for two weeks of the holiday and we cannot guarantee that they will not be stolen.

CUPS & SHIELDS

Please remember to bring these in by Friday. We have the staff panto on Monday and Christmas lunch on Tuesday, which gives us little time to get them all cleaned, put in order and ready award out once again.



LOST PROPERTY

House & car keys lost somewhere in or very close to the school.



CLUBS

Monday is the last day of clubs, apart from Mr Anthony's swimming club on Tuesday, Miss Anna's missed netball on Tuesday and Wednesday and Karate on Friday.

Year 2 Netball v Oliver House (last Friday)

This was an eagerly anticipated match as it was the Year 2's first ever competitive game and it was against Oliver House's Year 3 team! Despite this we played very well losing by only 6 points. Our fantastic team work was commented on by parents and staff. Every girl displayed great knowledge of the game as they played a variety of positions during the four quarters. Amelia L and Anna had an eye for the goal and managed to score three goals between them! Hannah, Annabel and Charlotte were impressive in both attack and defence. Iris and Amelia S made some great passes within the game, assisting in moving the ball up the court. Bea took control defensively and asserted herself in this discipline on the court. I was so impressed with our ability to come forward to receive the ball rather than retreat behind the opposition.

The **Player of the Match** was Amelia S, who made some excellent passing and interception throughout the game.

Massive congratulations - I am extremely proud of all of you.

Miss Emma



London League Swimming

On Wednesday, the swimming team took part in Round 2 of the London League swimming trials.

Round 1 had already taken place a few weeks ago. The results will be collated with the this gala and the best six schools in London will be invited back for a final next term.

At the moment we don't know the results and scores but there were some fantastic swims. Imogen in Year 3 still remains unbeaten in breaststroke. In Year 4, both Olivia W and Nina won their backstroke races. We did well in the Year 5 front crawls, with Josie and Emily winning very tight races. In the relays we managed 2nd place on 4 occasions. The Year 3 team got 2nd twice as did the Year 4 team.

We are anxiously awaiting the results. Well done to all of the team on such a long evening.

Mr Anthony

CLUB NEWS



We are so proud of the Strictly gang for their amazing High School Musical Performance on Tuesday. So many teachers, parents and children came to watch and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. A huge thank you to everyone who came and remember to 'Keep Dancing!'

Miss Rachael and Miss Anna

REALLY EXCITING WORK EXPERIENCE FOR SOMEONE



Do you know anyone who has finished university or studies and wants a "gap" experience in Africa?

We can put you in touch with one of our parents, Dave Southwood, whose work is based in Africa and who has many friends and business connections in Africa. He would be happy to arrange some work/travel/Africa experience.

Dave also has a friend who has a place for a management couple in a camp in Botswana close to the Okavango, who would need to have Chef skills and some management capabilities. It is an excellent tick on a CV for the right person.

Contact the office for Dave's contact details.



Georgia's Christmas Crafts

Earlier this year, I held Easter craft sessions for children aged 7-10 years old and I was delighted to get very positive feedback.

I've decided to hold a Christmas craft session where the children will make: Glittery window decorations, cards & gifts and much more..... £15 per child which includes craft equipment, drink & snack. I am an Old Fintonian and my mum will be there to supervise throughout the session. Bring your apron!! BOOK ASAP!

To book call my mother on:

Mobile: 0780 320 4661 Email: lisa.greaves@btopenworld.com

Where: 72 Honeywell Road SW11 6ef

When: Saturday 17th December

Time: 9.45-11.45 (including a snack and drink)

