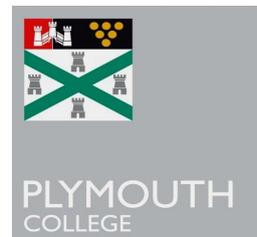


Plymouth College Preparatory School



Weekly Newsletter for 13th January 2017

From the Headmaster

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to 2017 at Plymouth College Preparatory School. I hope that all of you had a happy festive season and as restful a break as is possible at Christmas and New Year. The pupils have come back bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and clearly ready for another exciting term of hard work and enterprise. They should have brought home today the most comprehensive clubs list we have ever issued and as always I would ask parents to get in touch with me should they have any queries about events. We have also sent you this term's calendar and we get underway with key events next week the first of which is:-

Year 4 and 5 Information evening.

Time flies by so quickly and children in both years 4 and 5 have a busy few years ahead of them. To help parents find their way through the minefield that lies ahead we organise this evening which will help explain the following:

- Academic arrangements for Years 5 and 6 in the year 2017-2018
- Arrangements for moving on to the Senior School
- Next Step arrangements for other schools.

Joining me will be Mrs Jo Hayward, Deputy Head of the Senior School, who will talk about life at Plymouth College and be ready to answer any questions you might have. If you have already attended one of these evenings you might feel that you have already got enough information but I do look forward to seeing many of you next Wednesday at 5.45pm in the Conference Room. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please contact me through the school office.

Community Awards

This week the Community Awards were given to:

- Rec: Elita Alsaoub for kindness to others
- Year 1: Dhai Al Bader for being kind and sharing
- Year 2: Melissa Banel for being cheerful and courteous
- Year 3: Chloe Nicholson for a positive and conscientious start to the term
- Year 4: Olivia Hicks for a sensible and positive attitude
- Year 5: Oscar Hart for being kind and having a hard-working attitude
- Year 6: James Webb for being a good role model

Safeguarding Audit

We have arranged a safeguarding audit for Thursday 19th January. Thank you to all parents who returned questionnaires and to the pupils who will be speaking to our visitors next week.

As a school we take safeguarding very seriously and whilst very aware of Independent School Regulations it is always a good idea to get experts to give our policies and arrangements a thorough examination.

Headmaster's Commendations appear on page 2 of this newsletter

Headmaster's Commendations

Ron Lynn in 2AP for earning 10 House Points

Max Andrews in 3CLB for reading 40 books

Chloe Nicholson in 3CLB for reading **60** books

Thomas Lloyd in 3CLB for reading **60** books

Sam Evans in 3CLB for earning 20 House Points

Sienna Kyriacoudis in 3CLB for earning 10 House Points

Reema Bihnam in 4PB for earning 20 House Points

Amie Chung in 3CLB for earning 20 House Points

Olivia Hicks in 4NF for earning 20 House Points

Dixie-Dot Turner-Moore in 3CLB for earning 20 House Points

Jessica Goddard in 5JN for earning 20 House Points

Sid Warriar in 5JN for earning 20 House Points

Max Andrews in 3CLB for earning 20 House Points

Charu Sharma in 3CLB for earning 20 House Points

Matilda James in 3CP for earning 20 House Points

Maggie Haffenden in 3CP for earning 20 House Points

Olivia Irish in 3CP for reading 20 books

Abbey Sweby in 3CP for reading 20 books

Forthcoming Events

Monday 16th January 2017

Friends Association meeting in the Junior Library
9.00am

Tuesday 17th January

NSPCC Assembly for the Whole School
Infants at 9.00am
Juniors at 9.40am

Wednesday 18th January

Years 4 & 5 'Next Step Meeting in the Conference Room
5.45pm

Thursday 19th January

Safeguarding Audit at both the Preparatory School and Senior School
All Day

Friday 20th January

Closing date for completed Scholarship and Bursary Application Forms (including Art Portfolios) at Plymouth College Senior School.

Please deliver to Liz Aubrey-Fletcher, Registrar, at Ford Park by
12.00 noon

FRIENDS DIARY

Dear Friends

Welcome back everybody, we hope you had a fantastic break over Christmas and New Year.

We're excited to be starting a new term as we have some great ideas for the year ahead including cinema and quiz nights, the May Ball, a Halloween party and a Bonfire night. If you have any thoughts on other social events and money raising ideas, we'd be very keen to hear from you. Either find one of us in the playground, send an email to friends@plymouthcollege.com or come along to the meeting on Monday 16th January at 9am in the junior library.

Please remember to bring in your "Bag 2 School" by Tuesday 17th Jan. This really is for a great cause. The clothing will make journeys all over the world, for example, going to purpose built second hand stores in South America and Eastern Europe, or a market stall in East or West Africa, providing valuable employment for importers, warehouse staff, transport companies and stall holders as well as affordable clothes for local people. It's also a good excuse to have a clear out at home and to raise money for the school. We get 40p per kg so please have a look at home and bring in any unwanted good quality clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels or bedding.

Finally, the swap shop continues to be run by some of our lovely volunteers and it will be open on Tuesdays between 3.15pm – 4.15pm and on Thursdays between 3.30pm – 4.30pm. We are always in need of blazers, ties and beanie hats and we're currently over-stocked with boys trousers, shorts and white shirts. Please can you make sure the items have been washed before bringing them in. Many thanks!

Yours sincerely

Emma Edge
Vice-chair

Important Dates:

NEXT MEETING – Monday 16th January 2017 in the Junior Library at 9am

Bag to School Collection – Tuesday 17th January 2017

May Ball – Saturday 13th May 2017

Prep School Open Morning

Saturday 11th March 2017

10.00am—12.00 noon

For all enquiries please contact Janet Learmouth direct on 01752 831911 or email: jlearmouth@plymouthcollege.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVANGELINE AND OSCAR PIPER...

English Trampoline Championships

Three weeks ago Evangeline and Oscar travelled to Coventry for the English Trampoline Championships:-

Oscar was crowned Triple English Champion in the U11 category.

Oscar won his individual event, he also won team gold in the U13 group and competed mixed syncro with Evangeline to also take the title.

Evangeline competed in the mixed syncro (as above) and then came 6th Nationally in the final and won a team silver for the South West.

Luton Diving Cup

Two weeks ago, Evangeline travelled to Luton for a 3 day diving competition. She reached the final on all 3 boards coming away with a Bronze, a 5th and a 6th position competing in a group above her own age group.

South West Championships and GBR trials

Last weekend Evangeline competed in Bath at the South West Championships. She won the U13 Girls' Event as well as taking team silver and Syncro silver.

Oscar travelled to Lillishaw for a 2 day GBR assessment camp. We were due to hear this month if Oscar had made the GBR Junior World Team. We have since been notified that Oscar has been selected for the National Squad.

Congratulations again, Evangeline and Oscar, and well done for such wonderful achievements!

Lost Property

Giulia Baiz in 3CP has lost a named pair of shoes and a named cardigan

Thomas Wills has lost his named rugby shirt

Alicja Kalita in RFM has lost her complete ballet kit: It is in a Peppa Pig Backpack and contains a lilac leotard, lilac cardigan, lilac ballet skirt, tights and ballet shoes.

If you come across any of the above items, please return them to the School Reception desk so that they may reach their owners. Many thanks for your help.

Clubs

As stated, we have sent out the Clubs List for this term, today. However, we already have a couple of amendments; the first because of a duplication—Mrs Pigott's Lego Club for Year 2 will only be held on Thursdays NOT on Mondays.

JAM Club is listed as being on a Monday lunchtime and Tuesday after school. However, the club will not start next week but will begin in the week starting Monday 23rd January.

Please contact us if you have any further queries.