



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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HOCKEY UPDATE

The senior girls have developed into a formidable team. They are now playing good hockey and the engine of the team is the very fine midfield unit of Paula Cobas, Sadie Milbourn (capt) and Begoña Aranguren.

All of their matches have been unbearably close with just one goal deciding the outcome. Their victory over Bramcote was a nailbiting, hard-fought 3-2 result, but as ever the girls were 'mad for it!'. The 2-3 defeat against Windermere St Anne's on Saturday was equally exciting.

The junior side has evolved from a group of keen girls into a handy outfit of hockey players. After a series of losses they drew 1-1 against Bramcote; a game which most certainly marked their arrival as a team which is now ready to compete.

Demy Dowley

FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday - Year 7 and 8 Examinations

Mon 12 th	9.00am	Year 5 visit to Royal Armouries, Leeds
Tues 13 th	6.30pm	Simon Beaufoy Short Story Competition Launch Friends of Malsis Committee
Weds 14 th	2.30pm	U11 & U10 Primary Schools' hockey workshop & festival (h)
	2.15pm	1 st XV & Colts XII v Packwood (a)
Thurs 15 th	9.00am	Year 6 visit to Hindu Temple
	3.00pm	Individual Swimming Gala
Fri 16 th	12.15pm	Commendation Assembly & Concert (parents welcome)
	1.00pm	Exeat begins

GREY OWL CAMP 4th – 6th January 2008

Places on the 'Grey Owl Winter Camp' are going fast. Please take a leaflet from the Front Hall. Although advertised for children aged 10 and up I know there are some aged 9 who are keen to attend. Please have a word if you think your child is up to it and would like to come.

Marcus Peel

YEAR 8 PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

Monday 19th October at 6.00pm

'OLIVER!'

Tickets for 'Oliver!' are now available and going quickly. Both evening performances are ticketed; Thursday tickets are free of charge and tickets for the Gala Performance on Friday evening are £10 per adult and £5 for children. Seats are limited so book now and do bring your friends along!

The Thursday evening performance is at 7.00pm. The Gala on Friday begins with 'Champagne and canapés' at 6.30pm and the performance is at 7.15pm. The theme of the gala is 'Victorian England' – do dress accordingly if you wish.

The Tuesday matinee performance is not ticketed; just come along for a 2.00pm start. Years 1 and 2 from the Pre-Prep will be attending. Running time is in the region of 2½ hours.

Glenda McKenna

The Malsis Book Club

There has been a limited response to the notice regarding the Malsis Book Club, which with sufficient interest, we would like to launch in January.

The book club will meet twice in the Spring term. Books on the list will include literature read in Years 5 and above in addition to titles suggested by members. We will meet in the library on a Monday night between 18:15 and 19:15 and refreshment will be provided. If there are any parents still interested in signing up for the club, please inform the School Office as soon as possible.

'MOVEMBER'

Several (male) members of staff at Malsis have undertaken the challenge of 'Movember'. Movember is an international movement aimed at raising awareness of mens' health issues and raising funds for related charities. This year all funds donated in the UK will go to the Prostate Cancer Charity and will be used to fund research and the establishment of support networks for men living with the disease.

The staff members involved have all pledged not to shave their upper lip and thus grow a moustache (mo) for the month of November.

Further information will be available in the front hall or feel free to ask questions of any member of staff sporting a feeble attempt at a moustache.

Donations to the Movember fund can be made in the front hall until the end of the month. Many thanks in advance.

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS – Monday 5th November

Perfect weather, good company, tasty refreshments, a huge bonfire and an explosive fireworks display – all appreciated by the children together with many parents and friends.

Thanks to Richard Skillington and Andrew Rex (firework display), Andy Shipley (bonfire and security), and the committee members of the Friends of Malsis (gluewein and burgers). A wonderful evening.

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

It was a pleasure to welcome so many to a service that was moving and memorable. Both choirs sang wonderfully well; boys and girls read prayers and poems most impressively. The children throughout the school appreciated the importance of the occasion and paid respects most appropriately.

British Heart Foundation

The whole school gathered in the Sports Hall and skipped with great enthusiasm for an hour. The atmosphere was great. Now that awareness of heart disease and the pulse rate has been raised, sponsorship money needs collecting. Please leave envelopes in the School Office. Parental support is greatly appreciated.

Chapel Choir and Opus 44

The concert in Keighley Shared Church was equally memorable. The boys rose to the occasion magnificently and joined with the excellent ladies choir to present a feast of choral music. The large audience was most appreciative.

OPERATION OPEN BOOK

Parents of children in Years 3 to 8 are invited to view exercise books and displays, accompanied by their offspring, on Friday 16th November.

- 11.00am – 12 noon
- Collect children from Hanson Hall
- Visit teachers in classrooms
- Coffee from 11.45am, followed by Commendation Assembly and Concert at 12.15pm

I hope this innovation proves to be worthwhile.

THANKS

Thank you to all the Pre-Prep parents who helped with or came to the Coffee Morning last Friday.

HOUSE SWIMMING RELAYS

Congratulations to Montagu. The event last Friday was keenly contested from start to finish. It is good to see the children swimming so strongly and enjoying the competition so much.

EARLY BIRDS & SUNDOWNERS

We move into the new Before and After-School facility for Pre-Prep children after Exeat. This is to be found in Campion House, just inside the back gate.

Traffic: please refrain from driving through the back gate at any time of the day.

Parking: the last 'bay' on the right, opposite the Bootroom door is reserved for parents of Pre-Prep children using the facility between 8.00 and 8.30am and 4.00 and 6.00pm.

MALSIS TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED: J to S

J – L: nothing to report

M: Malsis Commendations: awarded entirely at the discretion of the Headmaster for particularly distinguished pieces of work, performances in any field of school life, or admirable behaviour by a girl or boy. Book tokens are awarded in an assembly before Exeat, Half Term or the end of Term.

Merit Marks: are for good behaviour – notable consideration for others, helpfulness, politeness, good manners – a willingness to 'go the extra mile'. The House Book, in which these marks are recorded by the child concerned, is monitored by the Housemaster or Housemistress. Three Merit Marks usually results in the award of a 'Housemaster's Commendation' certificate which is shown to the Headmaster and can be brought home.

N – O: nothing to report

P: Parents' forums: a gathering of parents of children from a year group or two. There is a chance for parents to talk with each other and Form Tutors informally, the various issues are pertinent to the children in the specific year group(s) or the school in general are aired in a discussion chaired by the Headmaster. Not to be confused with a Parent/Teacher meeting.

Autumn: Yr 3 (Curriculum -Sept), Yr 4 (Oct), Yrs 7 & 8 (Nov)
Spring: Yrs 5 & 6 (February), Yr 3 (March)

Parent/Teacher meetings: one for each year group every year. The focus is academic progress. Parents have individual consultations with subject teachers.

Autumn: Yr 8 (Nov)
Spring: Yr 4 (Jan), Yr 5 (Feb), Yr 6 (Mar)
Summer: Yr 7 (May), Yr 3 (June)

Poor Copies: in response to a poor or incomplete piece of work the teacher may require the assignment to be redone or completed in break. A record is kept. Poor copies are completed in the Seminar Room and supervised by the Director of Studies.

S: Scholarships: Each Public School sets academic papers, which are very much harder than Common Entrance. Scholarships are also awarded to those particularly talented in art, music and sport. Liaise with the Headmaster. Discuss when visiting future schools.