



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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MALSIS POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Yrs 7 & 8 Chris Turner and Georgina Procter
Yrs 5 & 6 Adam Waring
Yrs 3 & 4 Emma Sharp

Congratulations to the above on their winning entries in a competition held at Malsis to celebrate National Poetry Day.

THE BIG DEBATE

The Big Debate will take place in the Hanson Hall on Tuesday 30th October at 5:30pm. The theme of this year's debate is 'Are we destroying the planet?'

All parents are most welcome. Please encourage the children to think about the issue at home – there is a floor debate open to young and old.

Marcus Dalrymple

CHAPEL CHOIR and OPUS 44 CONCERT

Please come along and support the Chapel choir at the concert to be held at Keighley Parish Church on **Saturday 10th November** at 7.00pm.

Tickets, priced at £5.00 each, are available from the School Office. Please make cheques payable to Rotary Club of Keighley.

ANDREW JOHNSON, STONYHURST COLLEGE

I do hope that many of you will be able to come along on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm to hear Andrew Johnson, Headmaster of Stonyhurst College tell you about his fine school. The talk will be in Library and will finish at around 7.00pm. As always, children are most welcome to stay for supper and Clubs.

'OLIVER!'

Please encourage the children to use their Half Term holiday to practice their words for 'Oliver!' Everyone should be word perfect when we return to school.

Attendance at every rehearsal after Half Term is absolutely essential. Thank you for your support.

Glenda McKenna

THANKS

Thanks to all parents who have displayed or distributed material in relation to our Open Morning last Saturday. There was a pleasing turn-out. Please emphasise to any friends who are interested that opportunities to look around exist throughout the term, at a mutually convenient time, not just on Open Mornings. 'Any day is an Open Day' to steal the catchphrase of one of the schools in Ilkley. It is true of Malsis as well!

FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 16th

6.00pm Andrew Johnson, Headmaster of Stonyhurst College, presentation to parents (School Library)

Thurs 18th

4.30pm Swimming Gala v Westville House (h)

Fri 19th

12.15pm Commendation Assembly & Concert
(all welcome)

1.00pm Half Term begins

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter after half term will be emailed to parents for whom we have an email address in order to save on printing/paper. Please notify the Office of your address (if we do not already have it) and keep us up-to-date with any changes. Thank you.

A copy of the newsletter can also be downloaded from the school website.

NEW FIXTURES FOR CALENDAR

Weds 31st October – U11 XII & U9 IX v Ghyll Royd (h), 2.15pm

Sat 1st November – 2nd XII v Cundall Manor (h)

Thurs 22nd November – Swimming gala v Ghyll Royd (h)
U9, U10 & U11 teams, 4.00pm start

Sun 9th December – U9 rugby v Skipton RFC (h) @ 11.00am

Please come along and support the teams!

CY MAGAZINE

I am afraid that I have received notice that this admirable venture has had to cease. Sales for the magazine were increasing and news was spreading, but just not fast enough, and the company has run out of money.

I am asked to pass on thanks to parents for supporting by taking out a subscription last year. Titan Publishing, which produced DK Find Out, has bought the subscription list and will be sending children their magazine instead of CY. If you have any queries do feel free to email the head of IS Publishing, Kate Scarborough, at info@cymagazine.co.uk

FOLLOW UP TO THE YEAR 4 PARENTS' FORUM – Music Lessons

After Half Term the Music Lesson timetable will be posted on the Department's page on the website every week.

Music lessons during games will be posted separately on the noticeboards in the changing rooms.

The music timetable is posted in the Hall, on the Music Noticeboard and in the Form Rooms. Teachers will ask who has a music lesson at the start of each lesson.

INVITATION BOARDING WEEKEND

Those with a desire to experience a weekend at Malsis with a view to becoming a more regular boarder are very welcome to contact Marcus or Louise Peel to make arrangements to do so.

We have a number of beds for boys and girls – first come, first served.

MALSIS TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED

To be continued after Half Term.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Thank you to all children and parents who have contributed to the various fund-raising events we have had so far this term. We have raised sum tremendous sums of money:

The Bamburgh Castle Abseil raised £730 for Hope & Homes for Children.

Jeans for Genes Day raised £238.60

The Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £185

Marcus Peel

EXERCISE BOOKS TO BE VIEWED BY PARENTS

Following a number of worthwhile discussions, I have decided to implement the following for a trial period:

- During break (11am – 12noon) on Fridays at the start of Exeats, teachers will be available to show parents their child's exercise book in their classroom
- Parents will be escorted by their child/children who will be able to talk about the work that has been undertaken recently and show off commendation.
- Parents will also be able to view any displays of work in the classrooms or in the corridors.
- Books will not be available after 12noon; parents are most welcome to attend the Commendation Concert and Assembly from 12.15pm after a quick cup of tea or coffee in the Library.

Only in exceptional circumstances will books be available to take home. A teacher or tutor may initiate this, believing that further parental support and knowledge will benefit the child. Requests from parents should be discussed with the Headmaster.

Reasons for this include the need for members of staff to have books available to them to mark and correct work, over weekends, exeats and half term. There is also the potential for children not returning with the valuable learning resources.

Books are not sent home when they are complete because some have to be used for revision or inspection purposes.

It is worth remembering that exercise books will often be used by members of staff to inform discussion at Parent-Teacher meetings.

I hope the above information, in conjunction with the curriculum document, further enables parents to develop an understanding of their children's activities and progress in the classroom.

HOUSE RELAY SWIMMING

Every child in the school swam in the House Relays on Friday, everyone did really well and there was lots of good team spirit. Children swam one relay length, either medley or freestyle and at the end we had a cannon (11 swam in relay). The competition was won by Montagu, with Gadney second, Coates third and Lund fourth.

Mr Peel presented the winning House with the cup and congratulated all the children on an event that was enjoyed by all.

Do, please come along and support the team swimming in the Gala against Westville House on Thursday.

Nikie Arthurs

SKI AND SNOWBOARD TRIP TO AUSTRIA

The date for the 2008 Malsis and Orwell Park ski-trip is 28th March – 5th April. The trip is open to anyone connected with either school, past or present and parents are most welcome. Costs are £850 for adults and £800 for children. Please let me know if you wish to attend as soon as possible as I must decide very soon if we have enough numbers to make the trip worthwhile. Thank you.

Marcus Peel