



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT MALSIS

Saturday 22nd September

Our speaker in Chapel is Mr Stephen Davidson, Headmaster of Bradford Grammar School.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children's grandparents to Chapel for our service, after which they can have a tour of the school with their grandchild and even sit in on a lesson if they wish! **It is very important that parents contact the Office with names and number of grandparents by the end of school on Wednesday.**

OCCASIONAL BOARDING

If you wish your child to board for 'one-off' night or nights, please make the request directly to me so that she can keep an accurate record of bookings. Thank you. It is also our belief that children who are boarding occasionally towards the end of the week have a far better experience if they combine Thursday and Friday nights or Friday and Saturday nights.

It is fantastic to see so many happy faces upstairs experiencing all the opportunities that boarding provides.

Louise Peel

CURRICULUM DOCUMENT

With the exception of Year 3, who have a Curriculum Meeting with Mrs Elizabeth Green and her colleagues, all other day children will be given a curriculum document on Tuesday to give to their parents.

This is a brief guide to what the children will be studying in each of their subjects this Autumn term. Please engage your children in conversation from time to time; it encourages them, consolidates their learning and supports their teachers.

CHARITY ABSEIL AT BAMBURGH CASTLE

We had a wonderful time. 33 children and 15 staff, parents and friends overcame any nerves they had, put their faith in the abseil crew and descended the 100 feet of castle wall and rock face. Bamburgh Castle must be one of the most spectacular venues in the country for such an event, and we were lucky with the weather. A great many thanks to Mr Marcus Peel for organizing an unforgettable day.

As well as the funds raised at the abseil, the Chapel collection on Saturday 15th September was for 'Hope and Homes for Children'. Malsis children watched a short film on Saturday about the work that they do, largely for orphaned children in countries torn apart by war or the AIDS/HIV epidemic.

Collection boxes will be available in the Front Hall for the whole of this week; children will be encouraged to donate or to sponsor a friend who abseiled by way of their school chequebooks, donations from parents will be very much appreciated.

JUNIOR GREAT YORKSHIRE RUN

Many congratulations to Rory Smith who not only ran in this event at the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield, last Saturday, but raised £100 for Cancer Research in the process. He came 8th in the 8-11 age group. All in all, a very fine achievement.

CHAPEL

Please take a copy of the white 'Chapel Card' from the sideboard in the Front Hall – a guide to services for the Autumn Term

CHOIRS ON SATURDAY - *Polite Request*

The Choir rehearsals start at 8.30am. It is greatly appreciated when the children arrive by 8.25am at the latest. Not only does this allow them to start the rehearsal on time but also to robe in plenty of time for the service. Thanks.

FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 18th Year 3 Parents' Curriculum Evening
Friends of Malsis Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19th 1st XV, Colts XII & U9's v Aysgarth (a)

Thursday 20th Champagne Fashion Evening at Michelle B & Carousel, Barrowford

Friday 21st Book Fair for children

Saturday 22nd Grandparents' Day

LEARNING FRENCH VOCABULARY

Pupils in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 have a weekly vocabulary test in French. There are three differentiated levels of testing:

1. The teacher says the word in French and the pupil writes the meaning in English.
2. The teacher says the word in French and the pupil writes it down in French (like a dictation) and then gives the English meaning.
3. The teacher says the word in English and the pupil writes the word in French from memory.

Each pupil knows which level they are working at. Pupils use their calendars to note down what they have to learn and the date of the test. They have their own vocabulary books which they take home if they are day pupils and parents often help with encouragement and testing (Mr & Mrs Peel as well as our GAP tutors are available to help boarders). Attached is a document about vocabulary learning which parents may find helpful. Please get in touch with your child's French teacher or myself if there are any issues you wish to discuss.

Mrs M Naylor
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

SKI AND SNOWBOARD TRIP TO AUSTRIA

Marcus Peel is once again organising a Malsis and Orwell Park ski trip to Austria. The dates for 2008 are 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 see me for more information or for a booking form.

Marcus Peel

FLU VACCINATIONS

Our School doctor, Dr Pickles, will be here on Thursday 18th October at 9.00am to give the flu vaccination to all those children who have signed up for it. Please return your consent forms to Sister Walters.

PROPOSED FRENCH TRIP

The French Department is organising the annual trip in June to France. Once again we shall be staying at the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy. The trip is open to pupils in Year 7 and parents will be receiving a letter and brochure giving further details before the Exeat.

HOLIDAY SNAPS

We have started a board (in the Main Corridor) of photographs from the summer holidays. A good picture of the family 'en vacance' will add to this display tremendously. Please ask your son or daughter to pass the print to Mr Peel. The more the merrier! Many thanks in advance.

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR CHANGES

17 th Sept ember	No hockey fixture today
26 th September	2 nd XII v Sedbergh Junior School (a)
5 th October	Jeans for Genes Day – theme is 'Get Denimised'
7 th October	Under 10 & Under 9 rugby @ Skipton RUFC
17 th October	1 st XV and 2 nd XII v St. Mary's Hall (away)
31 st October	No rugby v Mowden today (see 3 rd November)
3 rd November	1 st XV, Colts XII & U9 IX v Mowden (h)
15 th November	8.45am Year 6 visit to Hindu Cultural Society