



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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OPEN MORNINGS AT SENIOR SCHOOLS

Autumn is not only the season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness' but also the season of senior school open mornings. Hardly a day goes by without the Headmaster's post containing a poster or an invitation to such an occasion. These are currently displayed in our Front Hall.

It is certainly wise to plan ahead, and I am very pleased to meet with parents to discuss the next step beyond Malsis for their son(s) or daughter(s). Of course the children can accompany you on any Open Morning visits, but please take a look at our calendar first in order to avoid prior commitments, and also bear in mind that a first visit to a senior school is often best undertaken without the young. Schools are only too happy to welcome you back for a second, more individual visit. Children being dragged around lots of schools is something to be avoided at all costs – it is in nobody's interests.

Clearly some schools require registration earlier than others, but by the age of ten or eleven it is much clearer the type of school in which the individual will thrive during his or her teenage years. It is possible to narrow it down; indeed making a decision becomes very reassuring for the child and a source of motivation. Boys and girls start to develop a sense of belonging and a greater sense of direction once they know where they will be heading.

Once again, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me on this subject one day soon.

LOAVES AND FISHES WEEKEND

28th September – 1st October - Sharing what we have so that others may eat.

Please help the children to fill the shopping bag they will be given at the Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday. No perishable items please. These groceries will be used to feed those who are needy and unemployed.

In advance, a big thank you.

HELP CREATE A HUGE STIR

Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September 11am – 12noon

Join the world's biggest coffee morning in the Library.
Parents and friends welcome.

Macmillan Cancer Support

GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT MALSIS

It was indeed a special day at Malsis last Saturday. Forty children were delighted to welcome sixty grandparents to school. We began in Chapel where Mr Stephen Davidson, the Headmaster of Bradford Grammar School, encouraged us to make the most of our good fortune and treasure the friendship of those around us. At his instigation Edward Hutchinson read from the thoughts of Eleanor Roosevelt: 'Beautiful young people are accident s of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art', was one couplet that was particularly appropriate for this occasion.

After coffee the children were able to take their grandparents on a tour of the school and then into a lesson. Some of the most senior members of the Malsis community experienced their first ever ICT lesson, whilst others rolled their sleeves up for art, re-discovered their singing voices or joined the young in a variety of drama games. Some rekindled painful memories of struggling with maths but found that their grandchildren were on hand to give them advice. Lunch and coffee were the ideal opportunities to reflect upon a most enjoyable morning for young and old.

Grandparents are, of course, always very welcome at all Malsis events: chapel, concerts, plays and matches.

iHola! Buongiorno! Guten tag! Shw mae! Latha math! Bonjour!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On Tuesday 25th September Malsis will be celebrating languages all day long. Teachers will be revealing their secret language skills.

Children and staff coming to school in 'a foreign hat' will win a special sticker.

Between us all we speak a multitude of languages – lets show them off on Tuesday!

Muchas gracias Grazie mille Danke schön Grazi hafna Merci

'FRANKIE FLEA' – Pre-Prep Summer Production

Chris Bolland has once again produced a wonderful DVD of the Pre-Prep drama production. If you would like to buy a copy please let Claire Lodge in the office know.

DVD's are £3.50 each, covering the cost of production and giving a little bit of profit to the Pre-Prep.

REPORTS AND REVIEWS

This term we report back to you about the academic progress of your children as follows:

Saturday 6th October: 1st Reviews
(all subjects, all children, except for Year 3)

Friday 19th October: Year 3 Reviews
(slightly later in order to allow a little more time for children to settle in and for a review to be meaningful)

Saturday 10th November: 2nd Reviews (except Year 3)

End of Term Reports (all subjects, all children)

n.b. These dates have been amended slightly

As always reports and reviews are intended to be the start of a dialogue: between teacher and pupil, between Form Tutor and child, and at home between yourselves and your children. It is our intention that the reporting is meaningful and encourages children to take some responsibility for their learning by setting targets for the way ahead.

MALSIS TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED: *A to C*

Some schools, particularly some of the older ones, seem to have their own language which makes it difficult for the uninitiated to fathom what is going on. We do not go this far, but there are various terms that you may hear your children use that need a little explanation. This week: A to C.

A: Nothing to report

B: Bundle: games clothes hanging in the changing room, wrapped together by tying the arms of the games shirt. Reasonably tidy when done properly.

Bene: Ten 'goods' on the 'Form Board' from teachers who feel that a child has been positively engaged or behaved helpfully or produced a pleasing piece of work in a lesson.

Bad Copy: Very rare – even worse than a 'poor copy'. The teacher's response to a particularly poor piece of work or a series of 'poor copies'. To the Headmaster for a chat and a consequence! 'Poor copies' require the piece of work to be redone in break, supervised by the Director of Studies, Mrs Naylor.

C: Commendations: Children can be commended to the Headmaster for academic work by a teacher for one of the following reasons: Excellent work, improvement, neatness or effort. These are recorded on the piece of work, on the Form Board and are presented to the Headmaster who thoroughly enjoys seeing the children and their work. They are a powerful incentive to promote further high quality work and excellent effort.

'House Commendations' take the form of a certificate awarded at Friday's House Meeting for some praise-worthy contribution or the accumulation of 'Merit Marks'. At the discretion of the Housemaster or Housemistress.

Clubs: Clubs and activities take place in break and in the evenings after supper. A 'Club' implies some form of commitment and regular attendance by a child or group of children.

Conduct Marks: The opposite of 'merit marks'. Conduct marks are given for poor conduct: bad manners, inconsiderate behaviour or silliness. The House Books in which these are recorded (as are merit marks) are monitored by the Housemaster or Housemistress to whom the child must also report.

TESCO SPORTS FOR SCHOOL VOUCHERS

We are collecting Tesco Sports for School vouchers; please drop any you have in the collection box in the Front Hall. Thank you!

Demy Dowley

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR CHANGES

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 v Mowden (h)
15 th November	8.45am Year 6 visit to Hindu Cultural Society

FLU VACCINATIONS

A final reminder that Flu Vaccination consent slips should be returned to Sister Walters as soon as possible.

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

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.

FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 26 th	Pre-Prep Harvest Celebration, 10.15am, Hanson Hall U11 girls' hockey v Cundall Manor (h), 2.30pm 1 st XV, 2 nd XII, Colts XII and U9's v SJS (a), 2.00pm
Thursday 27 th	U12B girls' hockey v Casterton (a), 4.00pm
Friday 28 th	Parents of new children (Yrs 4-7), Meet the Staff, 11.00am – 12noon Coffee morning for Parents and Visitors (Macmillan Cancer Support), 11am – 12noon Harvest Thanksgiving, Hanson Hall, 12noon

UNIFORM

Unfortunately the Malsis Tog 24 jackets in sizes 9-13 will not be in stock until 25th September. It will take a further 7 days to have 'Malsis' heat applied to the back of the jackets and they will therefore not be available in the shop until 2nd October.

Please contact Joan Ibbotson (01756 799333) to order your jacket so that Top Marks are aware of the numbers required. Thank you.

Ingrid Lush

DANCE

Mrs Andi Nydza will be offering dance as an evening activity on Fridays, starting after the Exeat

Andi, who has a dance school in Bingley, joined us at the beginning of term and also takes a weekly dance session with the Pre-Prep children.