



# MALSIS SCHOOL

## The Newsletter

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### THE BIG DEBATE

The Big Debate will take place in the Hanson Hall **tomorrow night**, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm. The motion of this year's debate is 'Are we destroying the planet?'

All parents are most welcome– 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 10<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.00pm. We are singing alongside Opus 44.

Tickets, priced at £5.00 each, are available from the School Office. Please make cheques payable to Rotary Club of Keighley. Money to be raised for two charities Malsis is closely connected to: Multiple Sclerosis and 'Hope and Homes for Children'.

### FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm The Big Debate

#### Weds 31<sup>st</sup>

2.00pm U12 girls' hockey v Ripon (h)

2.15pm U11 XII & U9 IX v Ghyll Royd (h) *not in calendar*

#### Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

2pm, U13 & U11 boys & girls @ IAPS North West Cross Country Championships, Stonyhurst *not in calendar*

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 visit to Bradford Industrial Museum 6.30pm  
Year 7 and 8 Parents' Forum

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am Chapel, with music from Loretto School  
10.20am Loretto School Concert  
2.15pm Colts XII & U9's v Mowden Hall (h)

**YEAR 7 and 8 PARENTS' FORUM**  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6.30pm, Headmaster's Study  
All Welcome.

### BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT – 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Once again we will have an awesome display, this year masterminded by Mr Richard Skillington and Mr Andrew Rex. Whilst in no way is this a public event, we do invite all friends of Malsis in the broadest sense: friends and families of boarders and day children are most welcome – Pre-Prep and 'Big Malsis'.

- Arrive 6.15pm for bonfire and refreshments in the Farmyard (burgers, hot dogs etc) – cash required by adults and friends.
- Parking, as directed, will be around the main school building and on the drive.
- No entry via the 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch for safety reasons.
- Entry only via the Farmyard or down the main steps to the Sports Hall.
- Fireworks at 6.45pm; display will last 20-25 minutes, after which you may return towards the farmyard for more refreshment.

Other key points:

1. Children will have had a light pasta supper at 5.45pm.
2. All children must wear Wellington boots or walking boots and a waterproof coat together with tracksuit bottoms over their school clothes plus fleeces, hats and gloves, if cold. These items should be at school or brought in on Monday morning.
3. If there are any day children not attending the fireworks, they should be made aware of this and report to the Front Hall for collection at 6.15pm.
4. Parents wishing to meet up with their children before the fireworks should do so at the door to the bootroom.
5. At a suitable time after the event a bell will be rung for boarders to go back inside.

### GLENALMOND CHORAL WEEKEND

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October thirty girls and boys from Malsis School Choirs travelled north of the border from Cross Hills for the Glenalmond School Choral Day. The long journey into Perthshire was broken by a stop at the New Lanark World Heritage Centre where the children not only spent the night but also learned about living and working conditions in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century cotton mill town.

However, the highlight of the expedition was undoubtedly the choral service for which the choirs prepared not only with rehearsals back at Malsis but also, on the day, with Bob Chilcott who composed much of the music that was sung. Bob Chilcott has an international reputation not only for singing with 'The Kings' Singers' but also for writing choral music that is particularly accessible to young people.

It was a unique opportunity for the children which they all relished

### RUGBY – THIS TERM, SO FAR

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV under the coaching of Mr Skillington and captaincy of Ben Stewart, are making good progress, after two early defeats they achieved a fine win over Giggleswick and were very spirited in a 44-24 defeat by a huge Bramcote side. Congratulations to Scott Rogers on his selection for the West Yorkshire Under 13 team.

Mr Anderson's Colts team have got steadily better and more organised, all their games have been very closely fought with narrow defeats at the hands of Aysgarth and SMH, a draw with Sedbergh JS and a good win against Giggleswick.

The Under 9 team, under Mr Archer, have continued the success of last year's side with good wins in all their matches apart from a 25-30 defeat by Aysgarth. Sam Stewart and Patrick Mullins have been to the fore.

All the sides can look forward to games against Mowden, Packwood and Cundall Manor in the second half of term, and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV have the excitement of a trip to the West Country.

*Andrew Raikes*

### SKI AND SNOWBOARD TRIP TO AUSTRIA

The date for the 2008 Malsis and Orwell Park ski-trip is 28<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

### MEDICATION

If your child is given medication by your G.P. which needs to be taken during school hours, please bring in the whole packet with the dispensing label showing the dose and your child's name. Regulations require that I need to see this before I can administer any doses. On receipt of medicine I will take out the doses needed for school and keep them in the medical store. This means that medicines do not have to be transported to and from school daily. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

*Sister Julie Walters*

### JIGSAWS AND BOARDGAMES

Do you have any board games or jigsaws (60 – 200 pieces) at home that aren't being played with any more? We would be very grateful for any donations. Please leave them with Claire Lodge in the School Office. Thank you.

*Elizabeth Green*

### MERP COOKERY DAY

A few places remain on Mr Peel's 'Cookery Day', Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 4pm. Cost £35.00. For children aged 9 and upwards – see Mr Peel for more information.

### NEW FIXTURES FOR CALENDAR

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** U11 girls' hockey v St Mary's Hall (a) 2.00pm (*fixture moved from 31<sup>st</sup> October*)

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

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> December** – U9 rugby v Skipton RFC (h) @ 11.00am

Please come along and support the teams!

### 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 CROSS COUNTRY

No mention in the Newsletter before Half Term of this event. Apologies. The weather was kind to us – it was indeed a big event (400 runners from 18 different schools) and it went very well.

Congratulations to the Under 11 Boys who won their race with Ben Howell first home. James Bruce ran incredibly well too. Well done to the rest of the team: Rory Smith, Sam Stewart, Patrick Mullins, Adam Waring and James Cutter. A first victory for a Malsis team since the event began in 2000.

### SWIMMING GALA v WESTVILLE HOUSE

On the eve of Half Term our boys and girls swam for all they were worth. Lots of personal best performances. Great improvements in race technique. Tension mounted as the relays brought the gala to an exciting climax. Against some very capable swimmers we just secured victory overall with fewer Malsis competitors suffering disqualification because of faulty take-overs.

Well done to all!

### GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT APPEAL

If anyone has a copy of the local Yellow Pages which is surplus to requirements (age and condition immaterial), the Geography Department needs at least 8 copies to help with a piece of Yr 4 work on 'Settlements and Services'. If you can help please hand one in to Claire in the school office. Many thanks!

Some of our junior geographers have been so impressed with a MS Powerpoint slideshow I showed them recently – fantastic photographs with accompanying music – that many have asked them to email it to them at home. I am quite happy to do this, but the easiest way is for you or your child to email a request to me at school ([dmorgan@malsis.com](mailto:dmorgan@malsis.com)) and I will reply to you with the attachment. This avoids confusion over home email addresses and disappointment when previous attempts have failed to arrive. Year 5 children in particular seem quite taken with the 'Geography is Fantastic' slideshow, and I am sure parents would enjoy it too.

*David Morgan*