



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK and NEXT

Thurs 22 nd	9.00am	Morning rehearsal for 'Oliver!'
Fri 23 rd	2.15pm	Afternoon rehearsal for 'Oliver!'
Sat 24 th	No Chapel	
	9.00am	Yr 8 Scholars Lecture – Mr Bob Sugden, Oakham School
	10.00am	Rehearsal for 'Oliver!'
	7.00pm	Friends of Malsis Winter Dinner Dance
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Tues 27 th	2.00pm	'Oliver!' matinee performance
Weds 28 th		U13 & U11 7's @ Giggleswick
Thurs 29 th	7.00pm	'Oliver!'
Fri 30 th	6.30pm	'Oliver!' Gala Performance
Sat 1 st Dec	No Chapel – 9.30am registration	
	2.15pm	1 st & 2 nd XV v Cundall Manor (h)
	2.15pm	Colts XII & U9's v Cundall Manor (a)
Sun 2 nd Dec		1 st XV depart for Devon

GIRLS' HOCKEY WORKSHOP

The sun shone on Malsis last Wednesday afternoon as 80 girls from local primary schools arrived to attend our hockey workshop. They were given an exciting carousel of activities from Mrs Dowley, Mr & Mrs Lush and seven 'Young Leaders' from Ilkley Grammar School, Ermysted's Grammar School and Woodhouse Grove.

Most of the girls quickly realised how much fun hockey is and all wanted to come back again next year!

Sixteen Malsis girls acted as guides and were gracious, hospitable and a credit to us all.

Demy Dowley

THE MALSIS BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on **January 10th at 6:15 pm**. Our first book will be **Louis Sachar's 'Holes,'** an excellent novel about youth, justice and friendship. It is a multi-layered book, with much to interest both adults and children.

Six parents have signed up for the club. If there are any other interested parents, please could you contact me directly at mdalrymple@malsis.com.

OLIVER!

The Thursday evening performance of 'Oliver!' is sold out. Please note that although tickets are numbered, seats for the show are not allocated. We have had such a wonderful response that we will be using the balcony seating as well as the seats in the auditorium. Seating will be on a 'first come' basis, so please bear this in mind.

A few tickets remain for the Gala on Friday 29th November - book now through the School Office!

HEADMASTER'S AUTUMN ASSIGNMENT – 'The Colours of Autumn'

Almost fifty children submitted entries for this competition. I was delighted with the originality and quality of what was on view. Judging was extraordinarily difficult. Nonetheless, the following top prizes were awarded:

Yrs 3 and 4: Prize Winner – Faye Milbourn
Distinction Prize – Adam Butcher
Distinction Prize – True Curran

Yrs 5 and 6: Top Prize Winner – Sarah Pope
Distinction Prize – Amber Mullins
Distinction Prize – Freya Pearson

Yrs 7 and 8: Top Prize Winner – Albert Hadcock
Distinction Prize – Douglas Johnson
Distinction Prize – Begoña Aranguren

Distinction and Merit certificates will be awarded to all who entered next Monday at the school assembly. Well done to all concerned.

The winning entries will be displayed in school. **All other pieces of work should be collected from the Library on Thursday and Friday evenings this week at 6.15pm.** (Some of the foliage has seen better days!) Thank you

OPERATION 'OPEN BOOK'

Friday saw a significant number of parents respond to the invitation to be shown exercise books and displays by their children. Many children have told me how much they enjoyed this opportunity, so have a number of parents.

I promised in an earlier newsletter to run this arrangement several times before possibly revising how we go about it. Any feedback would be most welcome to facilitate fine-tuning next year.

OLD BOYS RETURN – Saturday 17th November

Forty-five Old Boys, the most senior of whom entered the school in 1945, returned to Malsis on Saturday night for a special reunion. They had all attended Malsis Hall School in the 1950's, and clearly had fond memories of those who taught them, the friends they made and the games they played.

Several returned to Malsis for the first time since they had left to go to their senior schools, some were meeting up with people they had not seen for over fifty years. There was a buzz of conversation; the affection and loyalty towards their old school was almost tangible.

We were fortunate to welcome Reg Gadney, son of their Headmaster, Bernard, a legend in his lifetime as an international rugby player and inspirational headmaster. All in all, it was a remarkable event.

MALSIS COMMENDATIONS

At the Commendation Assembly before Exeat the following awards were made:

Edmund Irvine-Fortescue and Robert Radcliffe
for their speeches in 'The Big Debate'

Charlie Austin *for his performance in the Under 12 rugby victories over Giggleswick and Moorlands.*

Ferdy Reynolds and Edmund Irvine-Fortescue
For their singing in Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Pie Jesu'

Certificates of Commemoration for Chapel Reading were awarded to all who contributed to the Remembrance Service.

Congratulations!

PARENTAL INSIGHT INTO SENIOR SCHOOLS

Stemming from a discussion at the recent Year 7/8 Parents' Forum, I would like to propose that a list of parents with older children currently at senior schools and those with sons or daughters in Year 8 registered for entry in 2008 might be drawn up.

The intention is to give parents who are at present searching for the appropriate senior school for their child a chance to be aware of which parents they might talk to for an informed, parental perspective on a particular school.

If any parents do not wish to be included upon this list for any reason, please contact Debbie Goodson as soon as possible. It will be published at the end of term and distributed to parents with reports.

ABRSM MUSIC EXAMS

The children performed well in these exams on Tuesday. Thank you for your support in ensuring plenty of practice and a little sleep over the Exeat.

We will inform you as soon as the results arrive.

ROCK SCHOOL

The MeRP Rock School on Exeat Monday was hugely enjoyed and very productive. Mr Peel was joined by Martin Donald who has been recently engaged in the West End production of 'We will rock you'. Messrs. Reynolds, Park, Rose, Cobas and Johnson made a fine line-up as they rocked almost around the clock. Next Rock School: Monday 10th March 2008.

PARENTS' ADDRESSES

I am aware of the sensitivity these days about data protection, but many parents have asked for the list of parents' contact details to be made available. In the past I have been reluctant to do this.

However, I now propose that such a list (addresses and home telephone number only) be included in the end of term mailing. I will repeat this proposal in three newsletters before the end of term giving parents every opportunity to contact Claire Lodge in the Office if they do not wish their details to be included. I hope this is considered both responsible and reasonable.

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

To allow the huge number of children involved in 'Oliver!' to have a lie-in on Saturday morning, registration will take place at 9.30am. If any parents of day children have to drop off at 8.45am I will be in the Front Hall to receive and take care of them.