



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY

The buzz created by this event was felt across the whole school and has had very positive repercussions for language awareness. The day started with a French breakfast of croissants and chocolat chaud for the boarders. All teachers greeted their pupils in different languages. During Chapel service we listened to prayers in Russian, Spanish and French. Food items on the salad bar at lunchtime were labelled in French, Spanish and Italian. Year 8 pupils competed in a French general knowledge quiz and many pupils wore a European hat or badge.

One class learnt to say the longest Welsh word:
Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogeryddchwyndrobyllandisiliogogoch – quite a mouthful!

We would like to thank everyone who supported the event and exposed pupils to a taster of Italian, Spanish, German, Gaelic, Russian, Greek, Welsh and Maltese.

Modern Languages Department

TRAVELLING HOME WITH PARENTS FROM AWAY MATCHES

I hope the following clarifies the position and is reasonable:

- Children may go home after match tea if the team manager/coach has been informed in person by the parent.
- If so, on a Wednesday the end of afternoon reading period will be missed. Encouragement for the boys and girls to read at home that evening would be greatly appreciated.
- Any arrangement to go home with another family must be communicated to the Office on the morning of the match, before departure, by the child's parent(s) – email or letter preferable to a phone call.
- Children returning to Malsis on the bus should be collected at 6.15pm as normal.

Thank you.

Andrew Raikes, Co-ordinator of Sport

'THE CHANGING FACE OF BOARDING' – Saturday 6th October

Every so often we are fortunate to welcome to Malsis a senior school Head who is happy to address an issue that is of interest to parents and staff as well as present in Chapel.

Michael Spens: Headmaster of Fettes College in Edinburgh, one of the foremost co-educational boarding schools in the UK. Fettes is embarking upon the International Baccalaureate in addition to traditional 'A' levels. Prior to Fettes he was a Headmaster of Caldicott Prep School and a Housemaster at Radley School.

I do hope that many will take advantage of Michael Spens' experience and knowledge whilst he is at Malsis. I am absolutely sure the gathering will be of value to parents of children of all ages, even if boarding is not currently on the agenda.

Coffee and home made biscuits available in the Library!

YEAR 7 and 8 PARENTS' FORUM – New Date

I would beg your indulgence in re-arranging this meeting to

Friday 2nd November at 6.30pm.

This is a good opportunity to meet with other parents and air issues of common interest. I look forward to welcoming you to Malsis for this gathering.

C J Lush

JEANS FOR GENES DAY DISCO, FRIDAY 7pm

All children welcome. £4 per child, on the bill. Includes refreshments and prizes as well as music. The more the merrier! All other activities are suspended this Friday.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The weekly Newsletter is available on the school website. From half term we will be emailing it 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.

FIXTURES/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weds 3rd Yr 1 trip to Abbey House Museum
2.30pm Senior/Junior Girls' hockey v Giggleswick (h)
2.15pm 1st XV, 2nd XII & Colts v Giggleswick Junior (a)
2.15pm U9's v Giggleswick & Elleray @ Giggleswick
6.30pm Mini Concert – *see notice for performers*

Thurs 4th
4.00pm U11 girls' hockey v Bradford Girls GS (a)

Fri 5th Jeans for Genes Day 'Get Denimised'
7.00pm School Disco

Sat 6th
9.00am Chapel – Michael Spens, Fettes College
10.30am 'The Changing Face of Boarding', Michael Spens
2.15pm 1st XV v Bramcote (h)

Sun 7th Supper at Malsis, 5.30pm for 6.00pm – boarders' parents please inform the Office of numbers by Friday.

FRENCH TRIP 2008

All pupils in Year 7 should have received a letter and a brochure about our trip to France next June. If for any reason you have not received this information, please contact me via the school office.

Maria Naylor

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – Friday 5th October

Several members of Year 7 (William Downey, Matthew Slingsby, James Bruce and Hector Nelson) talked in Chapel today of the purpose behind this special day. Raising awareness and raising money to support children with genetic disorders is the key.

£1 for the privilege of wearing jeans or a suitable pair of denim trousers will be going to a very good cause. Casual shoes are in order. The top half of the uniform remains the same. Thank you for your support.

'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.

MALSIS TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED: *D to F*

D: Duties Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own possessions and take a pride in the appearance of the school. Part of the daily routine is the tidying of a particular area of the school that is allocated to each house. Rotas are organised and duties are overseen by Year 8 children. The Senior Master inspects all areas and awards points. The winners of the Duties Cup are given a special activity as their reward at the end of term.

E: Exeat An Exeat is a 'leave-out weekend', starting at 1pm on Friday and ending with the return of the boarders at 7.30pm on Monday and at 8.30am on Tuesday for the day children. An important break for the children and staff, an opportunity to recharge batteries.

F: Form Board This travels with the class and is given to the teacher at the start of each lesson. Teachers indicate good and poor work, helpful behaviour and poor organisation on the Form Boards. The Form Boards are collated by the Senior Master at the end of each week. 10 'Goods' on the Form Board warrants a 'Bene' – a notice is posted by the Headmaster. Achievement of more than one bene warrants a mention at the Commendation Assembly.

Form Tutors are responsible for overseeing the academic progress of each child in his or her Form, reviewing the Form Board daily and the Review Card every cycle, liaising with Housemasters and the Headmaster as appropriate, and meeting with parents on occasions.

YEAR 8 : Peer Support Day

On Tuesday members of Year 8 experienced a day quite unlike any other in their time at Malsis. They had Mrs Val Besag to guide them and with Mrs Dowley and Mr Rex to assist. The children explored the nature of peer relations in a school community and how they could have a positive impact, not least by being sensitive to and responding confidently to any unpleasant behaviour.

Strategies for supporting other children and responding within the framework of the school were developed and will be taken further in the weeks to come. The children clearly have a strong sense of 'fair play' and are keen to develop their skills as 'supportive friends'. Very much in tune with the ethos of Malsis.