



# RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 3

13<sup>th</sup> February 2009

## Staff News

It is with mixed emotion that I report that **Mrs Rachel Slater** will be leaving Ranby House at the end of this term. She has been successful in gaining promotion to the position of Head of English at Nottingham High Junior School; we are sorry to see her leave but wish her well for her new role which starts in April. **Mrs Diana Wardell**, a long-standing member of staff at Bramcote Lorne, has been appointed to teach English from the start of the summer term.

Many congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Ward** on the safe arrival on 31<sup>st</sup> January of Phoebe Grace, a sister for Ava.

Finally our thoughts and prayers are with **Mrs Quinlan** to wish her a speedy recovery after a spell in hospital for treatment following a leg infection.

## Music Scholarship Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have gained music awards to Worksop College:

- Megan Clothier – Fletcher Music Scholarship
- Rebecca Storey – Music Scholarship
- Amelia Hale – Music Scholarship
- Amber-Leigh Huddleston – Music Exhibition

## Calendar Changes

Please note the following additions or alterations to the published calendar:

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm: U11 & U9 Chess v Highfields (away), originally advertised as Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March Year 8 Girls' Netball Trip to Nottingham
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Nottinghamshire County Cross Country Finals at Berry Hill, Mansfield
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball fixtures against Grace Dieu have been cancelled (U13A, U11A, U11B & U10A)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30pm HMC Cross Country Meeting for Years 5 and 6 Boys and Girls at Barlborough Hall

## ICT Acceptable User Policy

*Mr Davis writes:*

In light of the Byron review, DCSF recommendations and a review of our own school policies and procedures, we have decided that, in addition to the technological safeguards that we already operate within the school, educating the children to act responsibly when using technology is also of paramount importance. Details of our new 'Acceptable User Policy' and information regarding the secure online social networking site available to pupils (and to boarding parents) can be found in the half-term envelope.

## Change of Contact Details

The school office would be very grateful to hear from any parents who have recently or who are about to change their contact details. This will ensure that our records are up-to-date. We are very keen to ensure that we have the correct mobile telephone details for parents so that we know you are receiving any Clarion Call messages. Thank you.

## Changing Room Privacy

*Mr Searle (Child Protection Officer) writes:*

We would be grateful if parents could please respect the requests on the signs posted on the changing room doors at the Sports Hall. We ask that parents refrain from entering the changing rooms at times when the children are changing. Your support on this important matter is appreciated.

## World Maths Day

*Mrs Ockenden writes:*

As you may have seen in the calendar, Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> is International World Maths Day. Every pupil in the main school has been registered to take part in this global mental arithmetic event. This note comes by way of encouraging you all to get involved with your children. Immediately after half term, I will be distributing registration details to each pupil in the school. Once they have logged on they can begin practising - at home, at school, in fact anywhere they have access to the internet. The 'real' event takes place during the International date of March 4<sup>th</sup> which for us in the UK means from 11.00am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> until the same time on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. During this time, millions of children all across the world will be taking part in head to head mental arithmetic tests with the aim of setting a new world record for the number of questions answered in a 24hour period. The record currently stands at over 182 million! Do log on to [www.worldmathsday.com](http://www.worldmathsday.com) to see further details - beware, helping your child can become highly addictive!

## 7S Trip to Laxton Holocaust Centre

*Mrs Wilkinson writes:*

Pupils from 7S journeyed back into the pages of history last week, when they visited 'Laxton Holocaust Centre.' Following their study of John Boyne's book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas,' pupils 'experienced' daily life in Berlin for Jewish children as the storm clouds of war gathered over Europe. As a finale to their visit, pupils met Dorothy Fleming, a Jewish refugee from Vienna, who arrived in England in 1939 on the 'Kindertransport' programme. History really did come alive!

**Stop Press!** The BBC filmed our visit for a programme to be shown in April, covering the seventieth anniversary of 'Kindertransport.'

### Red Nose Day

The pupils on the Boarders' Forum are planning to celebrate Red Nose Day on Friday 13th March and raise money whilst doing so. They are inviting all day pupils, who would like to help, to board with them for the night. To join in the fun, day pupils will be charged just £20 - **all** of which will go to the appeal; please book early to avoid disappointment! In addition they will be staging a 'Do Something Funny' Variety Show and will be seeking sponsorship for taking part. Eager sponsorship collectors will be in your area soon. Please contact Mr Searle for further details.

### Year 7 Production of 'Oliver!'

The pupils in Year 7 are busy rehearsing for their production of 'Oliver!' which will be performed at 7.00pm on the evenings of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – during the last week of this term. Tickets, priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children – are available from the School Office. Rather than sending out a reply slip, we are asking you to please contact the office by telephone or e-mail to book your tickets.

### Pre-Prep Birthday Skipping

A skipping workshop has been arranged for Pre-Prep children on 3rd March 2009. The leaders of this workshop will teach the children how to skip using a whole variety of skipping games. This workshop is in preparation for a sponsored skip for the British Heart Foundation which we will be holding on the 20th birthday of the opening of the Pre-Prep on Friday 17th April. Donations from the sponsored skip will be split between the charity and a birthday present for the Pre-Prep. Watch this space for more information on further birthday celebrations which are planned for next term!

### Eco-Committee Update

One of the first initiatives of the Eco-Committee is a Poster Competition that is open to all the pupils in the school. Details of the competition can be found on the school website (in the Parents and Pupils section) and entries need to be returned to your child's form tutor by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Class/Form representatives are as follows: Cameron Ho Y2; Ella O'Reilly 3R; Jack Armstrong Williams 3J; Chloe Waring 4E; Imogen Hunt 4W; Oliver Dane 5B; Liam Blood 5R; Emily Naylor 5Y; Jessica Vernon 6S; James Hawkins 6R; Paul McKay 7S; Emily Cox-Mundy 7K; Laura Donaldson 7D; Michael Dunn-Mason 7W; Georgina McIlroy 8A; Chand Muthoo 8B; Isobel Clarke 8C; Oliver Hopkinson 8D.

### Ranby Parents' Group

Many thanks to those parents who provided items for the Bag2School collection last term: a total of £210 was raised. The next collection will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### Individual Music Festival

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in this year's Individual Music Festival. Preliminary rounds, held over a week-long period, were adjudicated by members of the teaching staff. A representative number of pupils were chosen to go forward to the three finals, held on the afternoon of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. These finals were adjudicated by Simon Kerwin and Tabby Clegg, two distinguished musicians who both have backgrounds in brass playing. The finals provided nearly seven hours of entertainment and competition. The results are as follows:

#### Junior Final winners:

Nathanael Durham (guitar); Megan McKay (strings); Ellen Knight (clarinet); Alice McShane (Year 3 piano); Ellen Knight (Year 4 piano); Millie Groves (voice); Megan McKay and Chloe Waring (ensemble).

The overall shield winner was Megan McKay.

#### Intermediate Final winners:

Jessica Vernon (guitar); Millie Marriott (strings); Sophia Durham (clarinet); Grace Easterbrook (flute); Emily Naylor (Year 5 piano); Jessica Vernon (Year 6 piano); James Tarbatt (percussion); Will Clothier (boys' voice); Arabella White (girls' voice); Jessica Vernon, Arabella White, Isabelle Woods and Emma Parkin (ensemble).

The overall shield winners were the ensemble group of Jessica Vernon, Arabella White, Isabelle Woods and Emma Parkin for their performance of 'All Summer Long'.

#### Senior Final Winners:

Alex Rogers (guitar); Amber-Leigh Huddleston (strings); Amelia Hale (clarinet); Alexandra Baxter (flute); Leo Graves (saxophone); Zoe Kealey (Year 7 piano); Amelia Hale (Year 8 piano); Rebecca Storey (brass); Oliver Sibson (percussion); Jonathan Lammas (boys' voice); Caitlin Furniss (Year 7 girls' voice); Lorna Heatlie-Edwards (Year 8 girls' voice); Ciaran Quinlan and Oliver Sibson (Year 7 ensemble); Amelia Hale and Megan Clothier (Year 8 ensemble).

The overall shield winner was Leo Graves.

### Chapel

Many thanks once again to those who raised money in their collecting candles for the Children's Society. A total of £1100 has been raised. A special thank you to one individual, William Hunt (7D), who raised £375 in sponsorship, for the Charity, from his New Year's Day swim in the North Sea at Scarborough!

### Sports Results

#### Football

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v S. Anselm's (H)	Won 1 - 0
1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Grace Dieu (H)	Won 7 - 0
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v S. Anselm's (H)	Lost 0 - 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Grace Dieu (H)	Won 13 - 0

3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v S. Anselm's (H)	Won 5 - 0
U11A v The Elm's (H)	Won 5 - 3
U11A v Birkdale (H)	Drew 2 - 2
U11A v Grace Dieu (A)	Lost 0 - 4
U11B v Birkdale (H)	Lost 1 - 2
U11B v Grace Dieu (A)	Lost 1 - 6
U9A v Birkdale (H)	Lost 2 - 5
U9B v Birkdale (H)	Lost 3 - 7

### Boys' Hockey

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Foremarke (A)	Lost 0 - 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Foremarke (A)	Lost 1 - 9
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Foremarke (A)	Lost 0 - 1

### Netball

U13A v St. Hugh's (H)	Won 34 - 4
U13A v Hymers (H)	Won 19 - 3
U13 A VS. Anselm's (H)	Lost 11 - 15
U13B v St. Hugh's (H)	Won 9 - 7
U13B v Hymers (H)	Lost 5 - 7
U13B v S. Anselm's (H)	Lost 6 - 16
U11 v S. Anselm's (A)	Lost 11 - 15
U11A v St. Hugh's (A)	Won 14 - 4
U11B v St. Hugh's (A)	Won 5 - 2
U11 Tournament at Foremarke	Played 4, Won 1, Lost 3
U11/U10 v S. Anselm's (A)	Lost 4 - 5

### Inter-Group Cross Country

A huge thank you to all the parents who braved the elements and supported the group cross country event this week. Although congratulations are due to those individuals who came first, second or third in each race, it is the placings of the whole team which has a bearing on the overall group result. The results are as follows:

Junior Boys		Junior Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	St Benedict	1st	St Columba
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Dunstan	2nd	St Dunstan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Columba	3rd	St Benedict
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Alban	4th	St Alban

Intermediate Boys		Intermediate Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	St Columba	1st	St Dunstan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Dunstan	2nd	St Columba
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Benedict	3rd	St Benedict
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Alban	4th	St Alban

Senior Boys		Senior Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	St Columba	1st	St Alban
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Benedict	2nd	St Dunstan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Dunstan	3rd	St Columba
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Alban	4th	St Benedict

The individual results for the first three finishers are below.

Junior Boys		Junior Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Phillips (C)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mia Main (A)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Brown (D)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Stocks (C)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joe McCallion (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Victoria Searle (A)

Intermediate Boys		Intermediate Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alister Smith (D)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Emily Mitchell (C)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Henry Pymm (C)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Philippa Wilson (B)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oliver Dane (D)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ellie Jackson (D)

Senior Boys		Senior Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Guy Durdy (C)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Annabel Strawson (A)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harry Strawson (A)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rosie Haith (A)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jack McKay (D)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jaime Armstrong (C)

### County Cross Country

Once again Ranby House pupils have been very successful in a local Cross Country event. Of the twenty three Ranbians who took part, fifteen pupils were successful in qualifying to represent Bassetlaw in the County Finals to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Berry Hill, Mansfield. The qualifiers (with their positions in the district championships) are as follows:

Girls (Year 7 and below)	Emily Mitchell (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Philippa Wilson (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Rosie Haith (4 <sup>th</sup> ) Caitlin Furniss (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Ellie Jackson (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Boys (Year 7 and below)	Alister Smith (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Henry Pymm (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Jack McKay (5 <sup>th</sup> ) Oliver Dane (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Girls (Years 8 and 9)	Annabelle Strawson (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Boys (Years 8 and 9)	Guy Durdy (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Harry Strawson (4 <sup>th</sup> ) James Dane (10 <sup>th</sup> ) Tom Cundy (12 <sup>th</sup> )

### Years 5 & 6 Group Netball Competition

1st	St Benedict
2nd	St Dunstan
3rd	St Alban
4th	St Columba

### Notts U13 & U11 Girls' Mini Hockey Championships

Congratulations to both teams who represented the school in this county competition.

The U13s, having won two of their three first round matches, faced Newark in the semi-final, which ended in a 1-1 draw. Sadly they lost on penalty flicks 2-3.

The U11s, having won all four of their first round matches, beat S.B.U (a club from Southwell) 4-0 in the semi-final. Against Beeston Gold in the final, they drew 1-1, but lost on penalty flicks 2-1.

### And Finally...

The next Newsletter (Spring Term 4) will be sent home at the second Exeat Weekend on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

*David Sibson, Headmaster.*