



RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2

7th May 2010

Welcome

A spell of better weather has contributed to a most positive start to this term. The pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, whether it be to enhance their studies, to enjoy some fresh air at break times or, for the boarders, a chance to build dens in the woods.

Pupils of all ages have been delighted to see their artwork mounted, framed and displayed in our annual Art and Design Technology Exhibition. Also on display were finished pieces of DT work from pupils in Years 5 to 8 showing the variety of projects undertaken over the academic year. Thank you to those parents who contributed to the school's charitable giving by buying their child's artwork. The Pupil School Council will be making the final decision as to which charities the money raised will be given.

Pupil News

Congratulations to the following Year 8 pupils on their appointments for this term:

Cricket Captain Matthew Browning
Rounders Captain Molly Halmshaw

Calendar

Please note the following additions or alterations to the Calendar:

Mon 10 th May	3.15pm Years 7 & 8 Group Rounders – rearranged from 3 rd May
Thurs 20 th May	9.00 – 11.00am 8S Maths Team Challenge at Worksop College
Wed 26 th May	2.30pm U10 Rounders v St. Mary's, Lincoln This match is a home fixture.

Chapel

Father Darren writes:

Many thanks to all of you who came to support our procession of palms immediately before the Easter holidays and also to those who attended our first Eucharist of the summer term when we, as a school, celebrated Easter, blessed our new Easter candle and renewed our baptismal promises.

That first Eucharist of term has kicked off a busy liturgical term for us here at Ranby House. School life and the vagaries of the school calendar mean that I quite often have to bend the church year to fit in with a busy prep school; this term however providence has allowed a slightly more conventional approach!

So we will be keeping Ascension Day on Thursday 13th May at 8.45am and will be welcoming, from the parish of Retford, Revd Charlie Moloney who is coming to

preach at the service. We then have our Rogation walk on Sunday 16th at 2.30pm and this is swiftly followed by our celebration of Pentecost on the 22nd May when the 'guest' preacher will be our Headmaster! So a busy Chapel indeed over the next few weeks and as ever you are warmly invited to join us. Take care and God bless!

Rogation Walk

All are invited to join us for this special event, especially day pupils and their parents who wish to stretch their legs along the Chesterfield Canal before a well-earned tea and service at Ranby House on Sunday 16th May. Meet at Ladybridge (on the road from Babworth to Sutton) at 2.30pm – or come to school at 2.00pm for a lift to the starting point.

School Photograph – Wednesday 12th May

The photographers are coming on Wednesday morning to take our annual school photograph. Prep School boys will need to wear white shirts and all Prep School children should of course wear blazers (which will need to be 'buttoned-up' for the photograph). Girls should be dressed in summer uniform, please. We would be most grateful for your assistance in this respect so that the photograph is a great success. Pre-Prep children should wear their normal school uniform.

Uniform after First Exeat Weekend

Please note that summer uniform should be worn from Monday 4th May when the children return from exeat weekend. We encourage boys to wear short-sleeved shirts and short trousers; ties and blazers must worn. For girls, it is a summer dress, or for Years 7 and 8 only, a blouse and skirt. If girls wear sandals, please ensure they have a full heel and toe (and a flat heel which does not exceed 1½"/4cm in height); white ankle socks should be worn (no tennis/sports socks, please).

A reminder also that every pupil must have a school water bottle and a school baseball cap, which they will be required to use for games and at playtime on sunny days. These are available new from the School Second Hand Shop, priced £3.50 for the hat and £3.00 for the water bottle.

Summer Fair

Planning for this year's Summer Fair on Saturday 26th June is already under way following a meeting of staff and RPG representatives making up the Summer Fair Committee. Donations of prizes for the 'Grand Draw' and for the tombola would be gratefully received – please contact the Reception Office. Further details about the event will be provided in the next newsletter.

Day Pupils interested in Boarding

Parents of current day pupils whose children are interested in boarding will be interested to attend the 'Boarding at Ranby' Open Evening which has been arranged for Monday 10th May at 6.30pm. There will be an opportunity to meet the boarding staff over refreshments, tour the boarding houses and meet some of the boarding pupils to find out more about boarding life at Ranby House. Our boarding provision is very flexible: we offer full, weekly, occasional and flexi-boarding, the latter being very popular at the moment with many pupils boarding for one or two nights each week. Day pupils may stay for a cooked tea with the boarders at 5.10pm and an opportunity to complete their prep before attending the Open Evening with their parents. We would be grateful if you could contact the Reception Office to inform us if you are planning to attend, although this is by no means a requirement of attendance.

Open Morning

On Saturday 15th May, the school is holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and their children. Starting at 10.30am, there will be an opportunity for visiting families to meet senior staff and to tour the school with pupil guides. An invitation to this event has been included in the exeat envelope; we would be very grateful if you could pass this on to any friends or family members who are considering an independent school education for their child.

ICT Acceptable Use Policy

Parents of Prep School pupils will find enclosed in their exeat envelopes a revised copy of the school's Pupil Acceptable Use Policy which was referred to in the last newsletter. This document has been updated to include a new section on the safe and proper use of hand-held games consoles and MP3 players with which it is now possible to access the internet or take and store photographic images. We would be grateful if parents could once again read through the document with their children, ensure that all sections are signed and dated and then return the document to the Reception Office or child's Form Teacher/Year 8 Tutor by Wednesday 12th May.

Music Examination Results

Congratulations to Kate Brothwell who was awarded a distinction in her recent Music exam.

Reminder Team Photographs - Spring Term

Parents are still able to order team photographs from the Spring Term. Order forms were in the end of term envelopes. The form should be sent directly to the photographer, please. Spare order forms are available from the Reception Office.

Ranby Parents Group

Mrs. Levick writes with a couple of reminders:

Bags2School collection: children will be bringing blue bags home this week. Please fill as many of these as you can and drop them off at our collection point on the morning of Tuesday 18th May 2010.

RPG Tennis Tournament on Friday 28th May:

Non-players are very welcome to join the players for lunch. Please see the flyer in the exeat envelope for further details.

Midsummer Night's Ball on Saturday 19th June:

We would love to see you at the Summer Ball: application forms for tickets are available from Mrs Newbold in the School Office. A fantastic five course meal and great live music await!

Sports Tour to Holland 2010

A reminder to the parents of those taking part in this forthcoming tour that the sum of £70 should have been paid by 15th March 2010. Further instalments are required as follows, please: £80 to be paid by 15th May 2010 and £70 to be paid by 10th July 2010. Please make cheques payable to 'Woodard Schools (Notts) Ltd - Ranby Scholars A/C'.

Regional Final of the Schools Mini Hockey Championships at Cannock HC

Mrs. Bott writes:

This was a super display of skilful hockey by our Under 13 girls who were representing Nottinghamshire. Throughout the day, they battled tirelessly against a variety of teams from other areas of the Midlands.

Unfortunately, we were unable to score two goals against King's School which would have placed us in the semi-finals. We tied on points with Shropshire but they progressed further on goal difference.

The girls should all be extremely proud of their achievements.

Results:

- v Leicestershire (Loughborough High) Lost 0 – 1
- v Northamptonshire (Spratton Hall) Drew 0 – 0
- v Bedfordshire (Bedford High School) Won 1 – 0
- v Worcestershire (King's School) Won 1 – 0

U11 Cricket Festival at S. Anselm's

Congratulations to the U11 team who were tournament winners. They won all four of their preliminary matches, before beating Spratton Hall by 3 runs in the semi-final and Birkdale by 2 wickets in the Final. The boys played really well and performed superbly as a team.

Bassetlaw Junior Schools Orienteering Festival

Mr. Parkinson writes:

Ranby House School Orienteering Team performed very well at the recent Bassetlaw Junior Schools Festival, held in Kings' Park, Retford. Nine schools entered and tried out two training exercises before being timed around a course of ten controls set out in the park. Running in pairs Ranby House children did very well and managed to fill 5 of the top 10 positions.

Individual Results were:

1 st	Philippa Wilson and Madeleine Foulds
4 th	Victoria Searle and Abigail Speight
5 th	Huw Brown and Thomas Clough
8 th	Mollie Heslop and Eleanor Cooley
10 th	Daniel Cragg and Alan Brown
12 th	Oliver Dane and Matthew Betts
17 th	Amy Johnson and Millie Groves

Well done everyone who competed and to the many parents who came along to show them support.

And Finally...

Enjoy your exeat weekend! The next Newsletter (Summer Term 3) will be e-mailed home and available on the school website on Friday 28th May at the start of the half term holiday.

David Sibson
Headmaster

Sports Results

Cricket

1 st XI v Pocklington	Won by 6 wkts Pocklington 53, RHS 57-4
2 nd XI v Pocklington	Lost by 15 runs Pocklington 79, RHS 64
2 nd XI v St. Hugh's 1 st XI	Won by 7 wkts RHS 54-3, SH 52
3 rd XI v Worksop College U14C	Lost WC 102-8, RHS 92
3 rd XI v St. Hugh's	Won RHS 73-1, SH 72-7
U11A v Lincoln Minster	Lost LM 157-4, RHS 57
U11A v St. Hugh's	Lost by 3 wkts RHS 86, SH 87-7
U11B v St. Hugh's	Won RHS 96-2, SH 72-7
U9 v Lincoln Minster	Won RHS 324, LM 267
U9 v St. Hugh's	Won RHS 306, SH 277

Rounders

U13A v St. Hugh's	Won 19½ - 5½
U11A v St. Hugh's	Won 18½ - 9
U9 v St. Hugh's	Lost 6 - 13

Inter-Group Rounders Results

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