



RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 3

28th May 2010

Welcome

Already we have reached the half way point of term and our Year 8 pupils will be returning after the break to sit their Common Entrance examinations to their senior schools. I wish them every success for their final revision and for their papers.

Over the last three weeks learning has continued apace both inside and outside the classroom. Pupils have made use of our extensive school grounds for learning in certain subjects, as well as travelling further afield to enhance their studies. Pre-Prep pupils have been to Perlethorpe Environmental Centre and to Austerfield Field Study Centre. In the Prep School, Year 4 pupils have enhanced their topic studies by visiting Mr Straw's House in Worksop, Year 7 pupils have investigated the artwork at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and 8S Pupils have enjoyed a joint Maths Challenge with pupils from Worksop College.

Pupils have also been busy in the area of Performing Arts. Miss Dawn's Ranby House dance students provided a most entertaining dance performance last week. A tribute to Michael Jackson, it was certainly a 'thriller' of a show! Also since the last exeat weekend pupils in Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7 have entertained Lunchtime Concert audiences with their individual music performances.

The pupils in 8S have also provided a two-hour presentation of their work since their scholarship exams. No wonder we are all ready for our half term holiday!

Pupil News

Congratulations to the following Year 8 pupils on gaining awards to their Senior Schools: Caitlin Furniss who has been awarded an Academic Exhibition to Repton School and James Davies who has been given a Sports Award to Worksop College.

Summer Concert – Tuesday 29th June

The highlight of the Music Department's term is the annual Summer Concert, which is being held on Tuesday 29th June at 6.30pm. Although there is no charge for the Concert, space is usually at a premium in the auditorium, so parents wishing to attend should contact the Reception Office by telephone or e-mail to book tickets.

Year 8 Play 'Bugsy Malone'

The pupils in Year 8 are busy rehearsing for their production of 'Bugsy Malone' which will be performed at 7.00pm on the evenings of Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July – during the last week of this term. Tickets, priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children, and which include refreshments, are available from the Reception Office. Rather than sending out a reply slip, we are asking you to please contact the office by telephone or e-mail (office@ranbyhouseschool.co.uk) to book your tickets.

This production will see the Theatre auditorium transformed into the seating area of 'Fat Sam's Grand Slam', a speakeasy in New York in the 1920's. Patrons will be seated at small tables rather than on the usual audience benches. Numbers will therefore be somewhat restricted for each performance - hence we are presenting three performances. We anticipate a high demand and suggest you book early.

Summer Fair

Planning for this year's Summer Fair on Saturday 26th June from 11.00am until 1.00pm is already under way following a meeting of staff and RPG representatives making up the Summer Fair Committee. This will be a usual school day for Prep School pupils with registration at 8.30am as normal. Donations of prizes for the 'Grand Draw' and for the RPG bottle tombola would be gratefully received – please contact the Reception Office. Further details about the event, including a request to sell the raffle tickets contained in the half term envelope, have been provided in a separate mailing.

Midsummer Night's Ball

We would love to see you on Saturday 19th June at the Summer Ball: a few tickets are still available from Mrs Newbold in the School Office. A fantastic five course meal and great live music await!

New Security Locks on Main Building Doors

Mr Willis, Bursar, writes:

During the half-term holiday, new security code locks will be fitted to the main front door and slipper room door. A telephone access panel will also be fitted to the front door to allow visitors to gain entry to the main school building. These measures are being taken as a consequence of our ongoing process of risk assessment at the school and take account of changing regulatory requirements. Further measures are planned for other doors around the school over the coming months.

We are very conscious that such measures remove a degree of freedom of access which parents and friends have become accustomed to. However, we hope that you will understand that we have to adapt to the changing regulatory environment (most schools now use some form of access controls) and the benefits of improved security for pupils will more than offset the drawbacks mentioned above.

For obvious reasons of security, the new door codes will not be published but will be given to pupils verbally.

Chapel

Father Darren writes:

Thank you to all those who have supported chapel services already this term. We enjoyed our Ascension Day here at Ranby House which was swiftly followed by our

Rogationtide celebrations and then of course the Church's birthday at Pentecost when we were regaled with the Headmaster's words of wisdom and the smell of bacon cooking in Chapel as part of his memorable chapel talk.

Time marches on and there is now only one half term remaining to bring an eventful year to a fitting end. As we begin to think about endings we do of course also think about new beginnings. An important new beginning in the spiritual life of a Ranbian is the sacrament of Confirmation. We are looking forward to the Right Reverend Tony Porter visiting us on the 5th December to celebrate our Confirmation service. This will of course require some preparation which will commence at the very beginning of the new Autumn Term. If you have a child currently in Years 5, 6 or 7 and they would like to consider Confirmation then please do drop me a line.

In the meantime have a relaxing and enjoyable half term in the midst of all those revision timetables, the recitation of Latin verbs and general swatting!

With every blessing, as ever.

Pre-Prep

Mrs Connor, Principal of the Pre-Prep, writes:

It has been a busy first half of the term. Years 1 and 2 have been 'out and about' studying the environment by visiting the Chesterfield Canal and the Perlethorpe Environmental Centre. The Perlethorpe visit was led by the warden there and involved activities on sustainability, recycling, planting seeds and looking at bio-degradable packaging. The highlight of the day was river dipping in the River Meden. Reception children went to a similar centre at Austerfield where they did pond dipping to support their topic on 'Water'. Exciting times!

Boarding

Mr Searle, Head of Boarding, writes:

A gentle reminder to the families of all our boarders that you are all welcome to join us for our Boarding Barbecue on **Sunday 4th July 2010** at 5pm. I will contact you next half term to provide further details and ascertain numbers, so please check your diaries. It would be lovely to see as many there as possible.

Art and DT Exhibition

Miss Khan, Head of Art, writes:

Thank you to everyone who came to the Art and DT Exhibition, which this year was held in the Performing Arts Centre Theatre. There was Artwork beautifully framed from Nursery up to Year 8. The DT work ranged from eggcup holders to jigsaw puzzles; there was work from Years 5 to 8. The exhibition was staged over two days and was well attended. Through the sale of paintings we raised £873.00 for charities determined by the Pupil School Council: the Chernobyl Children's Project (UK) and The Ituna Community Project in Zambia.

Prep School Mouth Guards

During the Autumn and Spring Terms your child will follow a broad-based PE/Games curriculum which will include rugby and hockey. The wearing of mouth guards when

playing these sports is strongly recommended by the sporting governing bodies.

Ranby House follows this advice by insisting that all pupils wear a custom-fitted mouth guard for best protection. This includes pupils of all levels of ability and covers training sessions as well as competitive fixtures.

In order to facilitate this, an O-PRO dentist will visit school on Wednesday 7th July to take impressions for custom fitted mouth guards. The fittings are carried out at this stage to ensure delivery of mouth guards ready for the start of the playing season in September. O-PRO assure us that growth of the mouth will be negligible in two months and it is therefore not a problem to do the fitting at this stage.

For reasons of hygiene and growth it is highly advisable to obtain a new mouth guard annually. You may wish to use your own dentist to provide this service or make alternative arrangements. Children moving from Year 2 into the Prep School will have their impressions taken in September.

If your child **does not require a mouth guard to be fitted** by O-PRO please notify Miss Fox (Matron) in writing by Friday 25th June. If we do not hear from you by 25th June, your child will automatically be fitted with a blue, medium weight mouth guard costing £36.95. This includes a one-year dental insurance should an accident happen whilst wearing the mouth guard. The cost will be added to your end of term bill in July.

We hope that this policy will safeguard and prevent injuries to the teeth and mouth of pupils and enable the high standards of sport at Ranby House to be maintained.

Nametapes

We will be re-ordering the large nametapes for games kit for all pupils already in the Prep School in preparation for the September 2010 term. Nametapes will automatically be ordered for those Year 2 pupils transferring to the Prep School in September.

The £10.00 cost for 20 large tapes will automatically be added to your end of term bill. The tapes will be supplied to you as soon as they have been delivered to school.

If you still have sufficient nametapes for next year and **do not require additional tapes**, please inform Mrs. Bridge in the Reception Office by Monday 7th June.

Ranby Runners

Any parents who are interested in joining an informal fitness run after drop off at school in the mornings are invited to meet up at Clumber Park Coffee Shop at 9.00am on Wednesday 9th June. This is just a 'trial run' to gauge interest. All are welcome to join. For further information, please contact Kathryn Wilson through the Reception Office.

Sports Results

Cricket

1 st XI v Foremarke Hall	Lost by 8 wkts RHS 100/5, FH 101/2
1 st XI v S. Anselm's	Won by 67 runs RHS 110/7, SA 94
1 st XI v Trent College U13A	Lost by 13 runs RHS 110/7, TC 110

1 st XI v Witham Hall	Draw RHS 172/9, WH 123/4
2 nd XI v Foremarke Hall	Lost by 9 runs RHS 97/5, FH 128/7
2 nd XI v S. Anselm's	Won RHS 95, SA 94
2 nd XI v Trent College U12A	Drew RHS 110/7, TC 185/5
3 rd XI v S. Anselm's	Won by 8 wkts RHS 58/3, SA 57 AO
3 rd XI v Trent College U12B	Lost by 20 runs RHS 128/8, TC 148/5
3 rd XI v Witham Hall 2 nd XI	Lost by 86 runs RHS 98, WH 164
U11A v Foremarke Hall	Lost by 9 wkts RHS 92/6, FH 93/1
U11A v S. Anselm's	Draw RHS 93/6, SA 52/5
U11A v Witham Hall	Won by 38 runs RHS 145/2, WH 107/6
U11A v Birkdale	Won by 19 runs RHS 102/8, B 83/7
U11B v Foremarke Hall	Lost by 1 wkt RHS 67 AO, FH 69/9
U11B v S. Anselm's	Lost by 1 wkt RHS 135/5, SA 139/4
U11B v Witham Hall	Won by 26 runs RHS 112, WH 36/6
U11B v Birkdale	Won by 3 runs RHS 82/7, B 79/7
U11C v Foremarke Hall	Lost RHS 234, FH 333
U11C v Wellow House	Lost RHS 175, WH 252
U11C v Witham Hall	Won RHS 96/5, WH 92/7
U9A v S. Anselm's	Lost by 3 runs RHS 235, SA 238
U9A v Birkdale	Lost by 37 runs RHS 299, B 307
U9 v Witham Hall	Lost RHS 170, WH 186

Rounders

U13A v Grace Dieu	Won 14 - 0
U13A v S. Anselm's	Won 10 - 8½
U13A v Witham Hall	Lost 8½ - 18
U13A v Wellow House	Lost 8½ - 14
U13A v Foremarke Hall	Lost 12½ - 9½
U13A v Hill House	Won 12½ - 11½
U13B/U12A v S. Anselm's	Lost 12½ - 9½
U13B v Witham Hall	Drew 14 - 14
U13B/U12 v Foremarke Hall	Won 12½ - 12
U13C v S. Anselm's	Won 19 - 14½

U13C v Wellow House	Lost 14 - 21
U13C v Foremarke Hall	Won 17 - 12½
U13D v Foremarke Hall	Lost 14½ - 15½
U12A v Hill House	Won 20 - 7½
U11A v Grace Dieu	Won 20 - 7
U11A v S. Anselm's	Lost 12 - 13½
U11B v Grace Dieu	Lost 5 - 19½
U10A v Grace Dieu	Won 12 - 5
U10A v S. Anselm's	Lost 11 - 12½
U10 v St. Mary's, Lincoln	Won 16½ - 5½
U9A v St. Mary's, Lincoln	Won 12½ - 3½
U9B v St. Mary's, Lincoln	Lost 8 - 8½

Chess

1 st VIII v Kings, Grantham	Lost 6 - 2
U11B v Mattersey Primary	Won 3½ - ½

Many congratulations to the following pupils who have been presented with rounders or cricket balls respectively for their achievements this term in school matches: Harriett Cundy (5 catches in one match); Emily Cox-Mundy (5 rounders in one match); David Bates (5 wickets in one match); William Walker (88 runs, not out); and Samuel Routledge (66 runs, not out).

Inter-Group Rounders Results

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

Athletics

Mr Pymm, Director of Sport, writes:

Worksop College Prep Schools Athletics Event

What a great first half term it has been for the Ranby House Athletics Squad. In the Worksop College event our U12 Boys, U13 Boys and U13 Girls were victorious. Congratulations to the following pupils who came first in their events:

Under 12 Girls: Philippa Wilson (800m and High Jump); Madeleine Foulds (300m); Madalyn Davis (Long Jump).

Under 14 Girls: Sophie Parker (100m A and 200m A); Sarah Angel (100m B); Emily Mitchell (800m A); Eleanor Payne (800m B); Rosie Haith (300m B); Laura Donaldson (Tennis Ball); and the relay team of Sophie Parker, Emily Mitchell, Philippa Emmans and Sarah Angel.

Under 12 Boys: Harry Riddle (100m and Long Jump B); Oliver Dane (800m A); George Finlay (800m B); Tom Wilkinson (400m A); Samuel Routledge (Cricket Ball A); Alex Morris (Cricket Ball B); and the relay team of George Finlay, Oliver Dane, Freddie Haith and Harry Riddle.

Under 14 Boys: Thomas Horner (100m A, Long Jump A and High Jump A); Jack McKay (100m B, 200m A and Long Jump B); Rhodri Edwards (800m A); Paul McKay (400m A, 200m B and High Jump B); and the relay team of Rhodri Edwards, Paul McKay, Jack McKay and Thomas Horner.

Oakham School Athletics Event

We again enjoyed success at the Oakham School event, winning the U12 Boys, U13 Girls and U13 Boys events, and coming runners-up by just one point in the U12 Girls. The match was very competitive and gave our athletes a chance to see how well they had progressed since the Worksop match. Two new school records were set, in the Year 7 Girls 300m by Emily Mitchell and in the Year 6 Girls 300m by Philippa Wilson. Congratulations to the following pupils who came first in their events:

Under 12 Girls: Eleanor Payne (200m A, 800m B and Discus A); Emily Mitchell (300m, 1500m & Long Jump); Philippa Wilson (300m B and 800m); Elienor Pickles (Shot and High Jump); Gabriella Dunn (Discus B and Javelin A); Philippa Emmans (Javelin B).

Under 13 Girls: Sophie Parker (100m A); Sarah Angel (100m B); Kate Shacklock (Long Jump B); Eleanor Riddle (Discus A and Shot B); Laura Donaldson (Javelin A and Discus B); Anna Heatlie-Edwards (Javelin B); and the relay team of Sarah Angel, Sophie Parker, Kate Shacklock and Rosie Haith.

Under 12 Boys: Oliver Dane (800m A); Aggi Smith (High Jump A and Triple Jump A); and Henry Pymm (Triple Jump B).

Under 13 Boys: Thomas Horner (100m A, 200m B, Long Jump A and High Jump A); Jack McKay (Long Jump B and Triple Jump B); Paul McKay (High Jump B).

QEGS, Wakefield Athletics Event

On a very hot day, thirty Ranby House U11, U10 and U9 boys and girls had the chance to compete on a tartan track at Thornes Park Stadium in Wakefield. There were some excellent performances and lots of personal bests were achieved. Oliver Dane also beat the Year 6 400m school record, taking over two seconds off the 1993 record of 63.6. Congratulations to the following pupils who came first in their events:

Under 11A: Harry Riddle (200m); Oliver Dane (400m); Samuel Routledge (Cricket Ball); and the relay team of Tom Wilkinson, Freddie Haith, Oliver Dane and Harry Riddle.

Under 11B: Conor Jones (200m); Philippa Wilson (400m); George Finlay (High Jump); and the relay team of Samuel Routledge, Alexander Firth, George Finlay and Conor Jones.

Under 10A: Joel Phillips (200m and 400m). We look forward to the second half of term, with Sports Day and the National IAPS Qualifiers at Leeds. We hope to see some more school records being beaten and many of our athletes qualifying for the national Prep Schools Event in Birmingham on Monday 5th July.

Chess

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded their Chess colours this term for their commitment and contributions to the game over the years: Oliver Sibson; Andrew Whyte; Maximillian Wilson.

Well done to Charlie Furniss in Year 3 who qualified for the Gigafinal during the recent Megafinal at Nottingham High School. Rudra Mutalik (Year 4) and Cameron Ho (Year 3) narrowly missed qualification by half a point each.

And Finally...

Enjoy your half term holiday! The next Newsletter (Summer Term 4) will be e-mailed home and available on the school website on Friday 18th June at the start of second exeat.

David Sibson
Headmaster