



The Junior School

Newsletter April 2008

Dear Parents,

The Spring Term has been shorter than usual but a very busy and productive one.

Parents' Evenings

These took place in February and were very useful. Particularly pleasing was the fresh impetus given to reading. The results are very evident when reading is fully supported at home.

Victorian Evening

Everyone enjoyed the Victorian Evening. The opportunity to appear on such an impressive stage in costume, make up and before such an enthusiastic audience will be remembered for a long time. Thank you all for your support.

Dates for the diary:

Friday, 11th April

Monday, 21st April

Tuesday, 15th April

Friday, 18th April

Monday, 5th May

Wed, 14th - Fri 16th May

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May

Friday, 13th June

Mon, 23rd - Fri 27th June

Mon, 7th July

Tues, 8th July

Wed, 9th July

Thurs, 10th July

Junior Disco, 6.00 - 7.30

R11 Parents' Meeting: Geography Residential Stay in Abergavenny - Room 3.1, 7.00pm

Community Liaison Officer P.C. Sullivan with R8 & R9

Spring Orchestral Concert SJC Concert Hall

May Bank Holiday

R11 Residential Study Course in Abergavenny

Half term

R8 Roman Study Day in Caerleon

School Assessments

Lego Electronic Workshop R8 - R11

Junior Sports at UWIC

R11 Parents' Assembly 2.00pm Canteen.

School Trips

End of Term



Jacqueline Wilson

The appearance of this famous children's author at the New Theatre was much enjoyed by the pupils in the Junior School. The pupils returned with many books earned by their success in the quiz about her books. Two pupils Ellie Spencer-Evans and Jordan Ambler who had won the competition for the golden tickets went to a private book signing with the author.

Daniela Mizzen described the event:

'On the 7th March the top years in the Junior School went to see Jacqueline Wilson. To begin with they just played music but then they dimmed the lights and Jacqueline Wilson entered and everyone started clapping wildly. Georgia Barry and I thought it was a dream come true and that we were imagining things. She started talking about her books and her childhood and it was really interesting. Then we had the chance to ask questions ... all in all it was an amazing day.'

Jordan Ambler wrote:

'When I went to get my book signed I was so happy. On the stage she was so interesting and I could not close my eyes even to blink. When I went up to her face to face she gave me loads of detail in her answers to my questions. I would personally give her a five star rating. Seeing Jacqueline Wilson was one of the happiest days of my life and a great experience.'

Sports News

Sports Relief Day was a great success. Pupils had great fun competing in many events, and at the same time, raised more than **£1,000** for charitable causes.

Teams from R10 and R11 continue to represent the school in **rugby, football** and **netball** and have played many matches against local schools. Now also **swimming** has been added to the list with competitive galas against Tockington School near Bristol and Howells in Cardiff.

Kelly Powling has competed with further success in gymnastic events. The popular **gym club** and **dancing** on a Friday will of course continue next term.

World Maths Day

Many pupils took to their computers on World Maths Day to compete against pupils from all over the World in an organised 'Mathletics' competition. R10 was one of the two top classes in the school and the pupils in that year who entered on time have free access to the 'Mathletics' site for the rest of the school year.

Cycling Proficiency

There is an opportunity for R10 pupils to do a cycling proficiency course in school at the end of June. The requirements for this are: cycle in good working order, cycle helmet and a lock for the cycle. There will be no charge for this course and it will take place during the school day.

The Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod this year was on the 6th March. It was again a great pleasure to see the wealth of talent on display. There was beautiful artwork on display, brilliant recitation, wonderful singing and music celebrated on the day. Pupils had also worked hard beforehand at the many competitions.

This year for the first time two pupils were joint Bard. Congratulations to **Natasha Sturrock** and **Daniela Mizzen**. Close behind on points in second place was **Serena Moody** and in third place **Francesca Ford**.

The Cathedral Choirs

The boy and girl choristers had a very busy Easter term, culminating in their joint performance of Fauré's Requiem at St David's Hall, in addition to the services of Holy Week at the Metropolitan Cathedral. On Sunday 20 April, the 11am service will be the Cathedral's first Welsh Mass. What better opportunity for the boys and girls to apply all they have learnt with Miss Rowlands in the Junior School Welsh Curriculum.

May I wish you a very happy summer term.

Mrs E C Loveland.



• St John's College Spring Concert

The Music Department presents a feast of music for Spring, featuring works by Richard Strauss, Humperdinck and Handel amongst other great composers.

Friday 18 April 2008, at 7.00pm
SJC Concert Hall

