



## Junior School Newsletter January 2008

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### Dates for the diary:

Tuesday, 8 January

PC Carol Sullivan in school for the day with R10 and R11 discussing social issues.

Monday, 21 January

R9 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm – 8.15pm

Thursday, 24 January

R8 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm – 8.15pm

Monday, 28 January

R10 & R11 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm - 8.15pm

Wednesday, 6 February

R10 Parents' Assembly, 2.30 pm

Thursday, 7 February

**Junior Swimming Gala** 9.30 – 1.00

Pentwyn Leisure Centre.

End of Half Term.

Friday, 8 February

School closed for staff training.

*Monday, 11 Feb – Friday, 15 Feb*

*Half Term holiday.*

Thurs, 28 Feb. & Fri, 29 Feb.

**Junior and Senior School Victorian Evening**

SJC Concert Hall 7.00pm

Thurs, March 6<sup>th</sup>

**Eisteddfod**

Fri, March 14<sup>th</sup>

R9 Parents' Assembly 2.30pm

Tues, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir**

**Lunchtime Concert** at St David's Hall,  
1.00pm. Box Office Tel. 029 2087 8444

**End of Term**

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

The fundraising in school before Christmas was outstanding. Everybody took full part in Children in Need in some form or another and we raised the staggering sum of **£1,000**. It was a very enjoyable day in school. Mrs Thompson particularly enjoyed the sponsored silence in R9. The **Shoobox Appeal** was again particularly successful and one can imagine the joy of the children who receive these boxes. Thank you very much.

## Nazareth House



The service of **Carols and Readings** given by the **Junior Girls' Cathedral Choir** at Nazareth House on the 16<sup>th</sup> December was outstanding. Not only did the girls sing and read beautifully, their behaviour and appearance was impeccable. I think everybody who was there rightfully felt very proud of them.

## Five Star Rules

Last term we involved all the junior classes in debate and discussion in order to find out what might spoil or blemish the school day for them in lessons, in the playground or generally about the school. We did this in order to formulate a code of behaviour which the pupils themselves had a part in and which therefore had their support.

The pupils had very definite views on what they thought should be included in the code of rules. The uniformity of thought from the youngest to the oldest was striking. We have therefore formulated two sets of five rules which we have called '**The Five Star Rules**'.

We shall be talking about these rules in school but we would be grateful if you could also discuss these rules with your son and daughter at various times. It would also be an occasion to find out if they have any worries or problems which we could solve. Communication is vital.

### 5\* Classroom Rules

- (1) Keep quiet and listen to the teacher.
- (2) Talk quietly to other children and try to keep on task.
- (3) Respect other people, their feelings and their belongings and welcome new pupils.
- (4) Keep the room tidy and put things away.
- (5) Dress smartly, wear the correct uniform and have your hair tied back.

### 5\* Playground Rules

- (1) Respect the personal space of others.
- (2) Remember unkind words and actions can be hurtful. Include everyone in your games.
- (3) If you have a problem or see a problem then tell a teacher.
- (4) Always tell the truth and be prepared to say sorry.
- (5) Look after the equipment and keep the playground tidy.

## Parents' Evenings

Although we operate an open door policy, before half term there is an opportunity to come into school and discuss your child's academic progress as indicated by the assessments which took place just before Christmas. Normally, appointments are at

10 minute intervals and we endeavour to keep to appointed times. If there is need for a longer discussion, it would be appreciated if you could make another appointment at a mutually convenient time.

### Victorian Evening

The **drama production** evening is on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of February. The pupils in the Junior School are taking part in individual plays or poetry recitation or singing. Some of the time this term will be given to rehearsals for this. All the teachers would be very grateful if you could help your child to prepare for this by ensuring that they learn their individual parts. Costumes of a simple nature may need to be provided. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

### Sports Achievements

- A team of four **gymnasts** from R10 and R11 excelled in the **Welsh School Championships**. The girls won the South East Wales heat and won third place in the **National Final**. Congratulations to **Kelly Powling** (R10) and **Lily Element** (R10), and **Natasha Sturrock** (R11) and **Eleanor Dimond** (R11).

- Congratulations to **Connor Martin** (R11) who has received the great honour of selection to play for **Cardiff Schools Rugby**

- Congratulations also to **Kane Tear-Bourge** who has been chosen to train with **Swansea Football Club**.

- R10 and R11 **netball** and **football** teams have made great progress this term, proudly representing the school in frequent fixtures against other schools. Congratulations to all our budding sports stars.



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### Advance Notice

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**\*\*\*First Junior Disco\*\*\***  
**Friday 11 April, School Hall 6.00 – 7.30.**

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With best wishes for the New Year and the term ahead,  
Christine Loveland.

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