



Newsletter

15 September 2011

If you were at the "Meet the Teacher" last Thursday, you will have heard me announce that we have been awarded the Links Mark Certificate. This is a new initiative to recognise excellence and innovation in the teaching of modern foreign languages—so well done Mrs Lucas and Mrs Hewitt! We are fortunate to have two such staff and, because of them, we have been able to extend the teaching of French throughout school and have introduced Spanish to Years 5 and 6 alongside their French. I am sure the children will enjoy these lessons and benefit from them in their future travels.

Many, many thanks must be extended to Messrs Goodall, Winterhalder, Lowe and Pearson for their hard work in erecting our rugby posts last week. I am also told, by a reliable source, that Mrs Goodall was a dab hand with the paintbrush ensuring a set of posts to be proud of. We look forward to using them in earnest soon and continuing to extend our rugby, both tag and contact.

Musical Events—advance notice

- Spring Concert at St Chad's Parish Hall on the evening of Thursday 22 March 2012.
- Summer Concert in the school gym in the afternoon of Tuesday 19 June 2012.

Some children will also be performing at our next Open Afternoon on Thursday 6 October.

Jane Disney

Summer Holiday Photo Competition - Reading in Unusual Places

A quick reminder that any entries for the photo competition must be handed in to Miss Boyes by Monday 19 September. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thu 29 Sep	Nursery "Drop In" from 4.00-6.30pm
Mon 3 Oct	Winter Uniform Compulsory
Wed 5 Oct	RHS Football Tournament 1.30pm
Thu 6 Oct	Open Working Afternoon 2.00-7.00pm
Fri 7 Oct	Charity Day—Jeans for Genes

CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations to Molly B, Alfie R, Emily S and Henry for achieving RHS drama "colours" for outstanding service/performance. Also, to Leon for Music.

Congratulations to Frank for achieving the Bronze Medal in the long jump, and Silver in sprinting in the West Yorkshire League Championships.

Congratulations to Thomas D for achieving Level 2 climbing.

Congratulations to Kate H who achieved Grade 1 Singing with merit.

Congratulations to Florence who passed her Grade 3 Oboe with distinction.

Congratulations to Declan and Mark who both achieved Grade 1 Piano with merit.

Congratulations to Joe S who was awarded his certificate for Initial Speech and Drama by Trinity Guildhall.

Congratulations to Jasper and Jack L who achieved Debut Grade for Guitar, to Sophie S for Grade 1, Jack P for Grade 2 and Frank for Grade 3.

Congratulations to Anna JS who got Distinction in her Grade II Jazz clarinet, with a fantastic total of 136 out of 150!

Happy Birthday to Lucy E, Christopher, Tom P, Mai, Edward L, Malachi, Ella, Daniel C, Ginika, Eimhir, Kai, Dana, Alejo, Daniel T and Georgina. **Many Happy Returns** also to Mrs Wetherop, Mrs Mallinson and Mrs Young!

NOTICE BOARD

We received a letter from Martin House Hospice, please see extract below:

"Thank you very much indeed for this wonderful donation of £2400 that has enabled us to buy a Nippy Ventilator—a vital piece of equipment that will enable our care team to assist children who have respiratory needs. This is a huge amount of money for a school to raise—well done to all of you! We have also received some further donations totalling £191.87 that arrived independently or online, so thanks to Tamsin, Edward H, John S and Stefan."

New **Photo Galleries** on the website include Prize Giving 2011, some outstanding artwork from the summer term 2011 from Years 1 to 6 and Bike Week June 2011.

We are, once again, collecting **Morrisons' "Let's Grow"** vouchers in school. There is a box in the School Office.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The next Parents' Association Committee meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 20 September in Mr Oldham's classroom, Room 6.

All parents, new and old, are welcome and, if you would like to join the committee, this would be a great time to meet the members and see what we do.

David Cockerham—Chair

You can view and order the **whole school photograph**, taken at the end of last term by Tempest Photographers, via their website www.tempest-groups.co.uk. Use the search box on the first screen, then type in Richmond Hose School, select the correct event and use the password **570486** to order.

Well done to the following children who achieved their Judo grading in July 2011

Ria	Blue + 2
Jonathan M	Blue + 3
Jack G	Green
John S	Green
Lucien	Green
Otto	Orange + 1
Jacob W	Green
Sebastien C	Orange
Joshua R	Orange
Emma L	Yellow + 2
Joe S	Yellow
Daniel T	Orange
Katie P	Orange + 1
Madeline N	Yellow
Remy	Yellow
Mark R-R	Yellow + 2
Scarlett G	Yellow + 2
Charlie D	Blue + 3
James G	White + 3
Leala	White + 2
Luke	White + 2
Joseph R-R	White + 2
Ashaz	White + 3
Kai	Yellow + 2
Oscar H	Brown
Alex B-K	Brown + 2
Satpal	Brown + 2
Simran	Brown + 2



TEAM TALK

Inter House

Congratulations to the following children who achieved awards last term.

	Boys	Girls
Athletics Rounders	Jonathan W	Simran Jasmin Isabelle G-G Maddie B
Cricket	Thomas L	

The Year 3 girls made a great start to their Netballing futures despite little coaching and understanding! What they didn't know was more than compensated for in enthusiasm and determination. They should be very proud of their **1-1 result against the Gateways squad** that included some Year 4 players.

The Year 4 girls had a tough time against a large squad from Gateways. Their 5 pairs of legs did not stop running all match and they were unfortunate not to score more goals. Their 8-2 defeat does not reflect the effort applied by the girls but is definitely something they can improve on.

Mrs Young was delighted at the huge support from parents and thanks those that introduced themselves...she will endeavour to match faces to pupils!

Thanks must also go to the Year 5 pupils Holly and Sophia who helped team manage the Year 3 teams.

Mr Simon Lowe
Games/PE Co-ordinator



Welcome to our new teachers



Miss Blount (3B) and Mrs Young (5Y)



Miss Rushbrooke (1R) and Miss Dalton (Ladybirds)

MASHAM



Dan H was awarded U9s Player of Year at Adel Cricket Club. He wanted to bring in the trophy, but as you can see from the picture we felt it was a bit too big!



Dad's Football

A group of Richmond House dads (and friends) play football (5 and 7-a-side) every other Friday evening at "Goals" on Kirkstall Road. If you would be interested in playing, please contact Andrew Price on 07775 586565 or email andrewbprice@btinternet.com.

Walk from Masham Saturday 24 September

This walk is 6-7 miles long, but is relatively flat allowing for easy rambling in the gentle valley of the River Burn. It will begin in the Theakston Brewery town of Masham, where sampling its fine ale is required for adults and the wonderful original sweet shop for the children, heading towards the village of Fearby and the Black Swan.

Given that England will be playing rugby early in the morning, an 11.30am start should allow for the game to be seen.

If you are interested in coming along please let me know by email at poldham@rhschool.org as soon as possible and I will communicate further details next week. I do hope that many of you will be able to join me and my family on the first walk of the year.

Mr P Oldham



School Journalists

Kate H and Frank P

As you all know, we have come back to school and we are your new School Journalists, Kate and Frank.



Interview with Mrs Young—5Y

Q: "What are your first impressions of RHS?"
 A: "I really think this school is bright and a happy, colourful school."

Q: "What was your favourite lesson when you were a little girl? And now?"
 A: "Well, when I was a little girl, I really enjoyed Maths and PE and now, well, I still like Maths and PE!"

Q: "What brought you to teaching at this school?"
 A: "The quality of the teaching is very good and my past schools have played here, and I see potential. I **love** the big playing fields."

Q: "What other schools did you teach at?"
 A: "I used to teach at many schools including Highfield in Harrogate, Harrogate Grammar School and an outdoor pursuit centre in Durham."

Q: "Do you like your new class and, if so, why?"
 A: "Well, it's basically the same, they're very polite and well mannered. They're cheery and lovely students to teach, so happy children as well!"

Thank you, Mrs Young.

Interview with Miss Blount—3B

Q: "Why did you join this school?"
 A: "Because I came to visit and I was shown around by some very polite children and was very impressed."

Q: "Where did you teach before?"
 A: "I taught at Queen Elizabeth's in Blackburn."

Q: "If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?"
 A: "I'd be a travel agent."

Q: "What is your favourite thing about RHS?"
 A: "The children because they're very polite."

Q: "When did you first become interested in ICT?"
 A: "I started using computers at school because it made it easier to do my work."

Q: "What is your first impression of the children at this school?"
 A: "They are polite and work hard!"

Thank you for your time, Miss Blount.

Fact or fiction?
 Miss Blount would be a travel agent if she wasn't a teacher?
 We'll reveal next time!

Fact or fiction?
 Mrs Disley threw the discus at school?
 We'll reveal the answer next time!

Fact or fiction?
 Mrs Disley's favourite food is Sea Bass?
 Answer next week!

If you haven't noticed, there are new pictures in school, and the stairway from the ICT suite has been painted!