



# Newsletter

13 January 2011

A belated Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I do hope that you and your family were not too badly affected by coughs and sneezes over the holiday and are managing to keep to some of your New Year's resolutions. Now that we are all back together, we must do our best to keep germs at bay. We will continue the successful "catch it, bin it, kill it" regime of last year with tissues and hand cleaner available to the children. Please will you assist us by ensuring your child brings a coat each day and gloves, hat, scarf, wellies if weather conditions deteriorate, so that he/she can keep warm at break times. Please help us to look smart by ensuring that these garments and also school bags are in appropriate colours, such as dark green or black.

May I also request that shoulder length hair is tied back in a ponytail or plait. We have, unfortunately, been experiencing many outbreaks of head lice and, whilst only daily vigilance and action will eradicate them, hair that is kept "out of the way" will make the migration of the lice from person to person more difficult! Many thanks.

One of the things that makes Richmond House corridors look so good is the artwork. For the past 18 years, we have had the dedicated input of Mrs Edwards, who has helped children develop new skills and nurtured their love of art. Unfortunately, Mrs Edwards has decided to "retire" in July. We will be very sorry to see her go, but wish her the very best for the future.

*Jane Disney*

## NOTICE BOARD

### Foundation Stage Open Morning

On Friday 21 January, from 9.00 to 11.00am, we are holding a Nursery and Reception Open Morning for prospective parents.

Please spread the word to family and friends with young children and remember that, for every child you recommend, we will give you £50 towards branded uniform costs, upon their registration.

### VLE

This is now accessible from the Homepage of our website. Simply click on the "log into the VLE" button and enter your login details, as usual.

Romilly is appearing in **Jack and the Beanstalk** at the Carriageworks, opening night tonight, Thursday 13 January. She has been rehearsing for the past two months and would love to see some of her friends in the audience.

### Lost Property

Charlie D has lost his tracksuit bottoms which are 8/9 years and named. Please check your child's clothes and, if found, return to Charlie or to the School Office. Thank you.

## CELEBRATIONS!

**Congratulations** to Sebastian and Julian C on the arrival of their baby brother, Gabriel, born on 23 December weighing in at 4lbs! We wish the family much happiness and luck.

**Congratulations** to the following children who were awarded the Effort Prizes for Autumn term:

Year 3	Tamsin	James M
Year 4	Romilly	Frankie
Year 5	Joel	Sian
Year 6	Isabella	Oscar

**Congratulations** to Joseph P for achieving British Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 7; to Olivia H for Level 3.

**Congratulations** to John S for achieving Level 2 Top Rope Climber at the Leeds Wall.

**Congratulations** to Sam A who completed a swimathon, with his friends, at Sports Therapy just before Christmas. He swam 400m and raised £51.20 for Candlelighters.

**Congratulations** to Jessica A for achieving her Kellogg's ASA Rainbow 100m swimming award. Also to Lorcan for achieving his certificate for 400m. Orla was awarded the Duckling award for Grade 5.

**Congratulations** to Kate H for passing her Grade 1 piano examination with merit. Also to the following children who passed their piano examinations: Molly B (Grade 1), Henry (Grade 1), Charlie P (Grade 2), Maddie B (Grade 3), Holly S (Grade 1).

**Happy Birthday to** Samuel W, Leon, Tamsin, Emma L, Joshua R, Sam B—and to Mrs Walton and Mr Barnett.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Mon 17 Jan</b>	Paid Activities start
<b>Fri 21 Jan</b>	Foundation Stage Open Morning 9.00am—11.00am
<b>Fri 11 Feb</b>	Lower & Upper School Discos More details to follow



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Spring Masquerade Ball

This year, the Spring Ball will have a Masquerade theme and will take place on Saturday 7 May at Aspire, in Leeds.

It will be priced as last year at £60.00 per ticket, so please pencil this date into your diaries.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Two sales will take place on Friday 21 January and Thursday 3 February 2011, between 3.00pm and 4.00pm in the red brick pavilion. If you have any items of uniform you wish to sell, please label them up accordingly and bring them into the School Office.

**David Cockerham—Chair**

## Christmas Celebration

Many thanks for your generosity—we raised £200.36 for Martin House Children's Hospice, and also £200.36 for Children in Need.

It never ceases to amaze me how charitable our children can be at Richmond House School. On our return from the holiday, four girls approached me to say that they had raised money for Martin House by carol singing over the festive period. Megan, Anna, Sophie and Jessica, all in Year 5, raised a total of £39.93 for the charity and had a great deal of fun doing it too. Well done to all of you.

**Mr Oldham**



## TEAM TALK

### Match Result

Our Year 4's were very excited to play their first netball match on Wednesday. We started off very strongly with Frankie scoring two goals and then Sophia scoring two goals. At half time, we were leading 4-1. Unfortunately, in the closing minutes, Froebelian scored three goals to make the final score a 4-4 draw. Our team should be very proud of their efforts and I was particularly pleased with our good footwork—well done, girls!

### Fixtures

There have been some alterations to the fixtures on the calendar, due largely to problems that have occurred at our oppositions' schools.

The U11A and B football match against Highfield will now be played at 3.40pm, at home, on Tuesday 1 March **not** Tuesday 18 January. The Fulneck U11 football and U11 netball matches will now be played at 3.00pm on Wednesday 2 February at 3.00pm, at home. The football matches against Froebelian, away, on Wednesday 26 Jan will now start at 4.00pm. Wakefield Girls' have cancelled our U11 netball fixtures on Wednesday 2 February.

### Next Week's Fixtures

On Wednesday 19 January, our U10A and B hockey teams will play Westville House, at home, starting at 2.30pm. Players may be collected after team teas at about 3.45pm. On Thursday 20 Jan, our U11A and B mixed hockey teams will travel by minibus to Wakefield Girls', leaving at 3.30pm. We should return at about 6.00pm. I would be grateful for a parent volunteer to travel in the minibus. The next Leeds Schools' cross country race is on Saturday 22 January at Prince Henry's, Otley. Girls should meet near the start at 9.30am and boys at 10.15am. Runners have full details. Good luck!

**Mrs A C Milne  
PE/Games Co-ordinator**



## Malham Cove Walk – approx 5 miles

**Date: Saturday 29 January**

After the success of the walk last term, I have arranged a second walk at Malham.

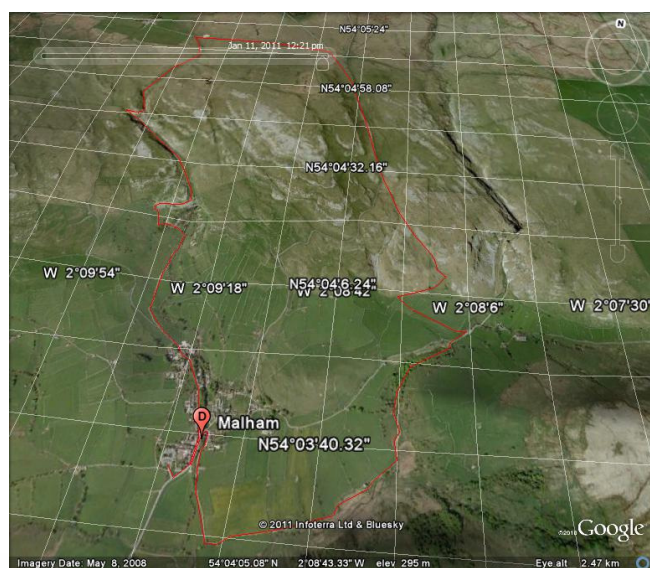
Malham and Malham Cove are situated between Skipton and Settle. It is 34.5 miles from school and should take about an hour to get to the start by car. The walk will begin at 10.30am leaving from the Dales centre. There should be plenty of parking available in Malham itself, although early arrival often helps with this.

The walk will take us up into Malham Cove – a limestone cliff, over limestone pavings, up to Malham Tarn and return via Janet's Foss (home of the Queen of the Fairies).

If you are interested in attending this walk, please email me to confirm your participation at [poldham@rhschool.org](mailto:poldham@rhschool.org) as it will help with future correspondence.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there.

**Mr P Oldham**



Could all Year 4 children please bring a small, clear, plastic bottle into school before 4 February in order to make a thermometer during Science lessons. Bottles may be brought into school and stored. Nothing larger than a 330ml bottle, please.

**Mrs Blackie**



**School Reporters**  
**Isabella and Flora**



Hello—we're Flora and Isabella. We are your new school journalists and we hope you enjoy our page every week—we will be doing a riddle every week for you.

For the Year 6's, the first of the entrance examinations to senior schools start this week—Harrogate Ladies' College was on Monday, and the Woodhouse Grove exam is on Saturday.

Good luck to everyone!

Happy New Year to everyone. What's your new year's resolution? We'd love to know, so tell us. If you do, we might put it in the newsletter next time. We already have Mrs Wetherop's—she said she wants to recycle more—and we personally agree (save the planet!). Here are some of the teacher's resolutions:-

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| Mrs Godsave   | "Go to bed earlier"                             |
| Miss King     | "To be consistent in my running"                |
| Miss Barker   | "To go to the gym more"                         |
| Mrs Barnham   | "To listen to classical music"                  |
| Mrs de Bethel | "To take my dog for a walk before I go to work" |
| Mrs Disley    | "To be kind to my friends"                      |
| Mr Heaton     | "Not to talk to children!"                      |

Well done to all the children who took part in matches yesterday.

**Riddle**  
There's a man in a room with no windows, no door. All that's in the room is a table and a mirror. How does the man get out of the room?  
Answer next week.....



You may be aware that we have registered on the **ECO Schools Project**. Last term saw the arrival of our roly pig composters and currently we are undertaking a survey of our energy usage. The ECO Schools Committee is anxious that we should apply for the first level of award—the bronze, this term. Consequently, they need your help. See →

**ECO News**

We would like Richmond House to be a school where we have healthy snacks and use less packaging.

From next Monday, 17 January, please think about the amount of fat, sugar and salt in your snack. Try to bring things like fresh fruit, vegetables like carrots, cheese, breadsticks, Snack-a-Jacks. Crisps and chocolates will be banned!

It would also be good if you used reusable bags or snack boxes to cut down on waste and rubbish. Remember to put your name on your container.

From 24 January, the Snack Police will be in action, so watch out!

So, get healthy, help the planet and help us get our ECO Bronze.

**Lucy and Sam**  
**ECO Committee**