



Newsletter

7 July 2011

The 75th Anniversary quiz photographic competition that the children participated in saw them searching around school, trying to spot odd door handles, bits of decoration, particular carvings in the stones. It was amazing how often I heard somebody say, "I've never seen that before", or "when did that appear?" Many of the photographs depicted things that have been part of Richmond House School for 75 years, and I have to admit that some of them were very tricky. The highest scoring sheets were Holly S and Freya S. They obviously did not work together and sibling rivalry is still strong in that household as they handed their sheets in secretly. Congratulations to our two winners. The children all knew this one—how many of you know where this is?



This is the last newsletter of the year, although we still have one very busy week ahead of us, which will culminate with Prize Giving at Leeds Town Hall on Friday at 1.45pm to which you are all most warmly invited.

Jane Disney

Please note that the **Whole School Photograph** will be re-taken next Tuesday at 9.00am. The reason for this is that, on the original day, the weather was too windy and cold for the photographer to be able to take a good shot. Please ensure that your child comes to school on Tuesday in **full summer uniform**. Thank you.

For all children returning to school after the summer holidays, in Years 4, 5 and 6, will you please ensure that your child brings a suitable bag for their books, ie a black or dark green one. Bright coloured bags will not be allowed. From September 2011, all children should be in the new uniform.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 13 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Barbecue
Fri 15 Jul	Prize Giving at Leeds Town Hall at 1.45pm prompt End of school year!!

CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations to Mark RR who achieved his Dolphin 7 swimming certificate, 800m swimming award and BCU one star award in Kayaking.

Congratulations to Frank, William P, Matthew and Helen who have qualified for the GSAL Mathematics Competition, next term.

Congratulations to Jack L and his team who came joint third in the Church Fenton Cricket Club U9 Festival.

Congratulations to John S who was awarded the Animal Friend and Musician Staged Activities Badges at Beaver Scouts. He was also given Beaver of the Month award for his polite manners and willingness to join in everything.

Congratulations to Joseph M who was the inter house chess knockout competition. His prize is a "Winning Chess Tactics" book donated by Mr Rupert Jones.

Happy Birthday to Grace C, Maddie N, Aniya and James S.

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all the children and staff who are celebrating birthdays during the summer holidays.

NOTICE BOARD

Classical guitar teacher is starting in September. Singing lessons available from September. Please collect a form from the School Office.

Please return all **sponsor forms** for Martin House Children's Hospice from Charity Day. These should be brought to the School Office as soon as possible please.

Library Books

Please can everyone check to see if you have any library books at home and return them as soon as possible. All library books must be returned by Friday 8th July.

Miss Boyes

Lost Property

All lost property will be on display outside the pavilion on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Any lost property which is not claimed will be given away to charity.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Parents' Association AGM

The AGM of the Parents' Association will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 8th September 2011, this will also be "Meet the Teacher" night at school. Current members of the committee are asked to attend in order that the executive posts may be filled, and any parents wishing to join the committee will be welcome. A letter and contact details form for any parents wishing to join the committee has been sent out in your child's bag.

Monies raised and donations

This year has seen the raising of almost £5000 for the school and this has helped pay 50% towards the canopy in the Foundation Stage play area, the purchase of the Roly-Pig for Eco School and the purchase, this summer, of bean bags for the library. We are in consultation with school for the purchase of cycle racks to be placed in the upper and lower areas.

David Cockerham—Chair

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that Year 5 had taken their English Speaking Board examinations as part of their Drama curriculum this year and that the external examiners had told me that the standard had been high.

I did not realise just how high, however, and I must confess to doing a little dance around my living room on the evening when I opened the email telling me just how well the children had done!

Congratulations go to each and every child, listed below, for a job very well done.

Mrs Godsave

Helen	- Merit Plus	Joel	- Merit Plus
Sian	- Merit Plus	James	- Merit Plus
Kara	- Distinction	Matthew	- Distinction
Jessica L	- Merit Plus	Ria	- Merit Plus
Anna M	- Merit Plus	Lucy	- Merit Plus
Jonathan	- Merit Plus	Alexander	- Merit Plus
Talia	- Distinction	Jessie D	- Merit Plus
Florence	- Distinction	Charlie	- Merit
Will	- Merit Plus	Olivia	- Distinction
Frank	- Distinction	Oliver H	- Merit
Oliver R	- Distinction	Tom H	- Merit Plus
Canice	- Merit Plus	Kate	- Distinction
Sophie	- Merit Plus	Harry	- Distinction
Billy	- Merit Plus	Anna JS	- Merit Plus
Sam W	- Distinction	Teigan	- Distinction



TEAM TALK

U11s Mixed Rounders

On Wednesday, the Year 6 mixed rounders team travelled to Lady Lane Prep in Bingley. This was a close game with outstanding contributions from Jonny and Sam A. The score ended up 15-11½ to the home team.

Next Wednesday afternoon, it is the Year 5/6 Inter House rounders competition. This is a mixed event, where all pupils in Year 5 and 6 will be participating. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

Athletics

Well done to Frank in Year 5 who competed in the National Prep Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham. Frank gave it his all in the heat, but was unfortunate not to make it to the final. You'll just have to win it next year Frank, when you will be in your own age group!

We are all very proud of his achievement.

Wishing all children and parents an enjoyable summer holiday—see you all next term!

Mr S Lowe
Games/PE Co-ordinator



Reception made a train cake, just like the one that we went on during our trip to the steam station at Ingrow.



Reception found a bear on their Bear Hunt at Abbey House Museum today.



Congratulations to the following children who have been successful in the Young Writers' latest creative writing competition, "Mini Sagas". A copy of the book, "Mini Sagas—Fictional Fun Yorkshire & The North", will be kept at the British Library and further libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland, providing a lasting record of their achievement. We will receive a complimentary copy of the book for school. All the children have been written to separately.

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| "Scared" | Lucy D |
| "Panic" | Florence |
| "My Pig" | Sian |
| "The Griffin" | Sam W |
| "The Night Before" | Teigan |
| "Untitled—Ollie...." | Ollie H |
| "First or Second?" | Matthew C |
| "Pineapple World" | Will P |
| "Jess Meets Aliens" | Anna M |
| "Naughty Nick Builds" | Jonathan M |
| "Fast Friends" | Jessica L |
| "The Trees" | Harry H |
| "Fire" | Anna JS |
| "The Dream" | Frank |
| "Gone" | Talia |
| "A Muddy End to the" | Kate H |
| "The Small Cupboard" | Olivia H |

Well done to you all!

Miss A Boyes

Year 4 trip to Lakeside was a huge success.

These are a couple of photos of how the children spent their time.

More photos will appear on the website over the holidays.





School Journalists

Carla and Leon



Goodbye from Year 6 — 2010-2011

Pozdrav!

This week is our last week as School Journalists (no, there's got to be another newsletter!). As always, there will be a riddle, but the answer is at the bottom this time, but no peeking!

Next week is Prize Day and the Year 6's last week (sob, sob). We will be leaving our dear school to go to a new school, but we are waiting anxiously to see who is getting each prize and if we made a fool of ourselves in the music video!

So long, farewell, auf weidersehen, goodbye, syonara, sbohém, zbogum, desperdida, gudie, güle güle, shalom.

This week's riddle:

Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years. Now, count how many "f's" are in that sentence. Count only once. Do not count them again!

Well done, if you got it right!
Six

Answer: