



Newsletter

7 April 2011

Once again, we are very proud of the achievements of our Year 6 pupils in their entrance examinations to senior schools. A list of all examinations taken is on the page following this. Many decisions have been made, but we are still awaiting final choices from two children. A final destination list will be published as soon as we are able.

At the moment, **Year 6 Paris trip** is under way. They are enjoying bright sunshine and yesterday contacted us from the top of the Eiffel Tower—not that we are envious!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Miss Sarah Dalton** as **Reception Teacher** for Ladybirds from September 2011. Miss Dalton's early childhood was spent in southern Africa but her education was in Cumbria. She is a keen sportswoman and has competed at county level in both swimming and netball—and has maintained a coaching qualification for netball. We look forward to seeing her in clubs and at fixtures too.

September will see **Mrs Sharon Young** join us as form teacher and Mathematics teacher for **Year 5**. Mrs Young is a very experienced Year 6 teacher and has also been Head of PE at Highfield, Harrogate Ladies' College, for the past seven years. With these appointments, the staff might consider a netball match against the girls—we may have a chance of winning!

The parallel Year 5 class will have **Mrs Lynn Hewitt** as their form teacher, working with **Mrs Clare Hart**. Both of these staff members are already known to the children and we are very pleased that they will be with us from September.

After a very hectic term, may I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break. I look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 27 April.

Jane Disney

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 8 Apr	Break up at 12.00 noon for Easter.
Wed 27 Apr	Back to School!
Wed 27 Apr	Reception Musical Concert for Parents in the Gym at 3.00pm
Thu 28 Apr	GSAL Netball Presentation Evening at 7.00pm
Fri 29 Apr	"The Royal Wedding" - School closed
Tue 3 May	Summer Uniform Compulsory
Fri 6 May	2.30pm "Big Momma" - Year 2 Performance in the Gym

CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations to Emma L who achieved Level 4 at Swim Carnegie.

Congratulations to Romilly who was awarded a cup in her ballet exams at the weekend, for being the newcomer with the highest marks.

Happy Birthday to Molly B, Megan B (Y5), Harry H (N), Tom K, Bilal, Sami, Lucinda, Zara, Haayid, Declan, Jessica A, Athish, Hasan, William D, Tilly, Danyal, Ria and Hadeed. Many Happy Returns also to Miss Boyes, Mrs M Broadbent, Mrs Stansfield, Mrs Barnes, Mr Crockford and Mrs Hall (this covers the Easter break—hopefully!).

Florence and Anna played oboe and clarinet with the orchestra in Leeds Town Hall on Saturday in the first 'Loud Leeds' event.'

It was a fantastic day and will hopefully be repeated next year if any musicians or singers are interested.

Photo Galleries to look at on the website:-

- Some more Spring Concert photos from Mrs Sheehy.
- French Trip 2011 (updated daily).
- Year 4 International Buffet
- U9 Netball v Westville House School
- Badminton Festival 2011
- Inter House Hockey
- Inter House Netball.
- Year 4 International Buffet

NOTICE BOARD

Reminder—On the last day of term, tomorrow, please remember that school will close at 12.00pm and there will be no After School Care on that day. All children must be collected by 12.15pm, at the latest.

Lost Property

Freya S in Year 3 has lost her games bag—it is named. Please keep your eyes open for it. Thank you.



RICHMOND HOUSE SCHOOL
11+ EXAMINATIONS 2011

Abbey Grange School

Carla F*

Ashville College

Madeleine B, Carla F, Isabelle G-G*, Oscar H*, Pieris M, Joseph M*, Emily S (Academic), Charles P, Henry S (Music Exhibition),

Bradford Grammar School

Tanvir B (Award), Meg B*, Alexander B-K*, Thomas D*, Carla F, Isabelle G-G, Isabella H*, Maisie L*, Thomas L*, Henry S*,

Fulneck School

Tanvir B (Award)

Gateways

Molly B, Taylor M, Jasmin R (Foundation)

Harrogate Grammar School

Satpal P, Simran P, Alfie R*

Harrogate Ladies' College

Molly B*

The Grammar School at Leeds

Tanvir B (Award), Madeleine B*, Leon D*, Taylor M*, Pieris M*, Satpal P*, Simran P* (Foundation Scholarship), Charles P*, Jasmin R*, Emily S*, Jonathan W*

Ilkley Grammar School

Flora L*

St John Fisher Grammar School

Jonathan W

Woodhouse Grove School

Sam A, Tanvir B* (Academic), Jay B, Meg B, Alexander B-K (Academic), Leon D, Thomas D, Isabelle G-G, Oscar H, Isabella H (Academic), Alfie H*, Thomas K*, Maisie L (Academic), Thomas L, Taylor M, Pieris M, Joseph M, Jasmin R, Alfie R

Wetherby High School

Sam A

* Indicates school chosen

() Indicates award/scholarship

Congratulations to all those who have worked so hard to achieve their results.

We are still awaiting choices from two children.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Richmond Bear –
75th Anniversary Bear**

Richmond Bear is a Limited Edition 75th Anniversary Bear. Richmond is on display in the School Office and in the Reception classroom. Richmond will come complete with his 75th Anniversary badge and will be available after the Easter Break when an order form will be sent out in your child's bag. Richmond is available at £10 each or 3 for £26.



Summer Fair Street Party

This year's Summer Fair will have a street party theme to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Richmond House School and will take place on Sunday 26 June between 12.00noon and 4.00pm. The sun has been booked and all the favourite games, stalls and a balloon race, plus a look at the school through the years will be available. More details to follow, so please book this date in your diary.

Mr David Cockerham—Chair

I am arranging dates for walks and camping trips, as I wrote in my last correspondence, and they are the following: two walks will be organised Saturday 14 May and Saturday 4 June. Both walks will be about six miles long and will be within one hour's driving time from Leeds. I will provide details later. At the same time, I am attempting to organise the annual camping trip to Woodlands, as last year for dads and children, for Saturday 18 June. I am awaiting confirmation from the campsite before we can begin to make bookings.

With regard to the wild camping trip in the Lake Districts, Cumbria, there are two dates: Friday 15-17 July - this would mean leaving after Prize Giving, late afternoon, and driving to the Lakes to return on Sunday. The other date is Friday 22-24 July to return on the Sunday. If you are interested in this event please email me at poldham@rhschool.org

Wild camping will involve a small expedition among the hills of Cumbria with opportunity to visit the local public amenities. Some equipment will be needed for this plus a rucksack. I have plenty of extra kit and, between us, I am sure we can find more. I particularly enjoy small expeditions. They are not very difficult but you have to be aware that you will carry some weight on your back. If you have not done it before it is extremely worthwhile as the mountain scenery is beautiful and you do get a deep sense of achievement when you finish.

If you are interested but want to find out more, please contact me at by email or speak with me at school.

Mr P Oldham



TEAM TALK—No 1

Netball v Westville House

Last Thursday the U9s travelled to Westville House in Ilkley. They were looking to repeat their strong performance against Bronte House and they didn't disappoint, winning 10-6. The home side did improve during the game and came back strongly in the 3rd quarter. However, Ciara rallied her team well and our girls put the game out of sight with some well finished goals. This was the last fixture for us this season, having finished unbeaten all year. Well done girls!

Mr S Lowe—Games/PE Co-ordinator

Report

Last Thursday, the U9 netball team played Westville House. It was an extremely successful game, with the final score being 10-6 to us! The scorers were Sophia, scoring an amazing 7 goals, Molly, Ciara and Aimie who also scored some good goals! There was some excellent defence and magnificent quick passes, which won us the game. This season, we have never actually lost a match.

Ciara S



TEAM TALK—No 2

U11 Primary School Badminton Tournament

On Saturday 2nd April no fewer than 17 pupils from RHS took part in the 2011 Primary School Badminton Festival at John Smeaton Leisure Centre.

We had 4 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams entered and the players rose to the occasion by winning the girls' section and coming third in the boys' section. The teams were as follows:

'A' Team - Sian, Helen, Maddy.

'B' Team - Simran, Isabelle, Carla.

'A' Team - Joel, Frank, Tom H, Jonathan W.

'B' Team - Dan H, Jack P, Tom K.

'C' Team - Ollie H, Alfie H, Jonathan M.

'D' Team - Canice, Tanvir, Charlie P

Our 'A' Girls won overall in their section and our 'A' Boys came 3rd overall in their section.

Well done to a lot of our children who were competing for the first time ever at badminton.

Special thanks must go to the organisers, Mr and Mrs Kelly, and all the parents who assisted and supported the players throughout the day.

**Mr S Lowe
PE/Games Co-ordinator**





TEAM TALK—No 3

Inter House Swimming Gala—2011

In a very close and intense swimming gala, the young swimmers of Richmond House School did themselves proud. It was a very exciting competition.

In the early stages, Almscliffe looked to be uncatchable, with some very strong performances in the breast stroke. However, Brimham started to win and come second in a lot of their races, especially in the back stroke and front crawl, and Chevin were also creeping up on points.

In a nail biting finish, everything came down to the final medley relay. Almscliffe started the strongest and had a good lead. However, Brimham and Chevin were closing in and literally, with the front crawl leg of the race to come, it was very even.

Chevin ran out winners of the medley race, which changed the overall scores. Almscliffe, who had been in the lead from the start, now had to wait for the final scores.....

Brimham	135 points
Almscliffe	134 points
Chevin	125 points

Huge thanks must go to all the children who participated in the gala (virtually all Upper School) and especially those children who covered for an absentee or changed races at the last minute. All swimmers were vociferously supported from the balcony by the few unable to participate. This was a huge TEAM effort by all involved, team spirit was a priority and it was team achievement that mattered.

Thanks also go to the staff who supported the gala—I could not have done it without you! Photos are on view near the Office area.

Mr S Lowe
PE/Games Co-ordinator

Year 4 International Buffet

To mark the end of the Year 4 writing topic based around holiday destinations, the children and their parents enjoyed a relaxed and enjoyable lunch together. Parents were invited to make either a starter, main course or dessert for the buffet that had to be a dish from the country that their child had been writing about.

The overall result was an eclectic mix of dishes that were beautiful to look at and absolutely delicious.

The children and parents had a wonderful time. This event brought families together and enabled everyone to experience a warm, fun and friendly atmosphere that we will remember for a long time.

Thank you to everyone that helped but especially to all our parents that delighted us with their culinary skills. More photos will appear on the website shortly.

Mr Oldham

