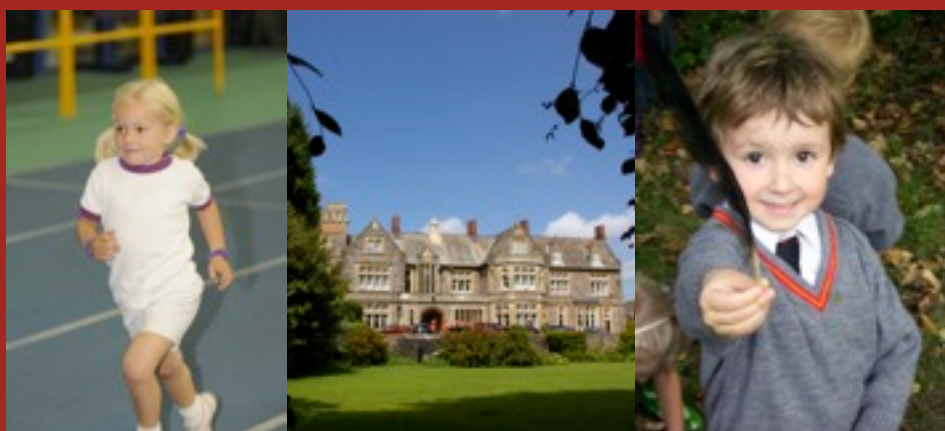




St John's College



## Early Years & Infants School

### Newsletter November 2009

Dear parents,

The Autumn term is well underway, and the pupils have settled well into their new classes and routines.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils, especially the very young children in the Nursery department. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. J Walton

### Young Gardeners



The children enjoyed planting the Spring bulbs kindly donated to the department during the first week in October. Our gardening venture proved to be a big success this year, and we intend to continue and develop a larger area in 2010.

### Storytellers



During the second week in October, pupils from R11 came to our department to read their scary stories to our pupils. Much fun was had by all, and on 5 November, Enid Middleton (a regular storyteller at St John's College) also visited the department to further enthuse our children about reading.

### Visiting R11's Enterprise Week



The Nursery and Infant children thoroughly enjoyed buying items at the R11 Trade Fair on Friday 16 October. Each class had visited beforehand to view the products and listen to each company promote its wares!

### Sports News

This year the Nursery and Infant children are receiving a weekly gymnastics and dance lesson, taught by Mrs. Crawford. This area of the curriculum is being enjoyed by all.

### Book Day

As part of the whole-school 'Book Week', the infants had their own 'Book Day'. The purpose of 'Book Week' is to raise the profile of books and reading in the school. Book Day was a very successful event, rounding off the first half term. A parade was held in the school hall in front of some Junior classes, each child announcing the name of their character over the microphone. For anyone in doubt over the characters of the staff, we were all dalmations! Proceeds from Book Day were used to purchase new books for each class.

### Forest School



Forest School continues to be a successful part of the children's learning. During the Summer holidays new features were added in the form of attractive signs and a log square.

### Christmas Production - 'The Bossy King'

Work is well underway to learn the songs and speaking parts for the Nursery and Infants performance of *The Bossy King*. Nearer the time, any help with costumes from parents will be much appreciated.

### Final Note

As always we are very grateful for your support. Please could your child bring their school raincoat and blazer to school every day. It is vitally important that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. We are a little concerned about the number of different coloured trainers to be seen in the department, and would be grateful if your child would wear white trainers for their P.E. lessons. Thank you for your continued support.

### Dates for the Diary

Tues 1 December	The Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert at St David's Hall, 1pm.
Thurs 3 December	Trip to Brecon Mountain Railway
Tues 8 December	The Christmas Tableau at St Cadoc's Church at 10.30am
Fri 11 December	Sherman Theatre visit (Nursery, R5 and R6)
Mon 14 December	<i>The Bossy King</i> Christmas Production in the school hall, 7pm
Tues 15 December	Nursery & Infant Christmas party
Wed 16 December	R7 visit the Sherman Theatre with the Junior Department