



St John's College



Junior School

Newsletter July 2010

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy year in the Junior School and it must not pass without some recollection of some outstanding events.

The Eisteddfod

This year we celebrated St David's Day a little earlier than usual because of our great preparations for the Snow Queen. This did not affect the quality of the entries nor our enjoyment of the day. The artwork, recitation, written and musical entries were of the



highest standard.

The **Bard** this year was **Soichiro Kikuchi** and he was a well deserved winner. Runner up Bards were Andrea Mizzen, Gabrielle O'Sullivan and Hope Tranter.

The Snow Queen

I think that all who took part in, and who came to see the Snow Queen, will have difficulty forgetting the show. Every member of



the Junior School truly put in a fantastic effort and enjoyed every moment. I leave **Jack Mann** to describe the event: *'It all started on 7th September when the Junior School was informed of its newest and most glamorous project so far – the*

amazing drama performance of the well known story of the Snow Queen. With the big night just six months away, we had to get busy: learning the songs, auditions for parts, judged by top judges – Mrs Loveland, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Firth and Mrs Howell. The next day the results were announced, scripts given out and the learning and hard work started. Every Tuesday in the autumn term we practised. At first it took over two hours to run through the whole play and the deadline was only one hour. Would we do it in that time? Well we did. Then followed the dress rehearsal. Everyone had scoured their wardrobes or got out their needle and thread for costumes, then in the hall with the stage, the lights and backdrops. We were shaking in our boots as the Big Night loomed ominously over us ahead.'

Zak Martin said: *'On the night it was into school by 6.00 p.m. microphones, make up. It was great fun and a lot of people laughed. Everybody enjoyed it.'*

Crucial Crew

On 12th March, R11 visited Crucial Crew in Treforest. This is a Police Safety Facility which is a mock-up of a town and teaches children about dangers they could meet in everyday life.

Charlie Williams (R11) wrote: *'The second activity was our favourite. It was about what to do in a fire. We had to crawl through a room full of smoke. It was very scary. It was though a great experience and we would love to go again.'*

Junior Disco - 29th April

Daniel Harding: *'The Disco, the highlight of the Junior School social calendar, took place the first week back after Easter. From 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Girls and boys danced and chatted and ate sweets. DJ Stirling – what a dancer! Michael Jackson just could not compare.'*



R10 Parents' Assembly - 7th May

It was a pleasure to see so many parents able to attend the Parents' Assembly to celebrate the achievements of R10. The children spoke about their fears and also performed Longfellow's Poem 'Hiawatha'.

R11 Residential Stay in Abergavenny: 19th - 21st May

This year there was lovely warm weather to enjoy the many outdoor pursuits at the Residential Centre in Abergavenny. The pupils were beautifully behaved and were a pleasure to be with. Pupils learnt many skills to reinforce geography and science in school. They always seem to come back more mature and confident and as if ready for the Senior School.

Caerleon Roman Museum

R8 have been studying the Romans this term. They enjoyed a Roman Day in School when R7 came to listen to their talks and to view the work that they had produced. This was followed by a day in Caerleon, where they visited the Baths and the Amphitheatre. In the Museum they enjoyed activities led by the Museum Education Department. Their teachers were very happy with the way they conducted themselves. Well done R8!

Botanic Garden of Wales R8 & R9

All the pupils enjoyed pond-dipping on a hot day in the beautiful surroundings of the Botanic Garden. A visit to the Hot House with its plants from all over the world was especially interesting.



R9 have clearly honed their gardening skills since with the help of the Nursery and Mrs Cooper they have been commended for their beautiful wheelbarrow in the Cardiff Wheelbarrow Competition. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Sports News

Kane Teear-Bourge has been chosen to train with Bristol Rovers. Both **Kane & Charles Williams** have been chosen to play for **Cardiff Schools** next season. This is a great honour for the school and we wish the boys every success.

Junior Sports Day 2010 - Tues 6 July

Sports Day on 6th July at UWIC was a great success enjoyed by pupils, parents and teachers. Well done all who took part.

De la Salle was the Champion House this year.

Kane Teear-Bourge (R11L) won the title of Champion Athlete for the boys. **Rachel Evans** (R10C) won the title of Girls' Champion Athlete.

Sport Relief

The Junior School raised **£50** on Tuesday, 16th March from Beat the Goalie - Mrs Loveland was in goal. Well done to everybody who participated.

Junior School Golf Competitions



Congratulations to Niamh Crean of R8 who won the putting competition. R10 & R11 Golf

Competition winners were Olivia Evans & Lily Morris in driving and putting for gold competitions. Well done girls.

We are extremely proud of the girls' netball team who won the entire netball competition for the second year in a row and remain



unbeaten in CSA sporting history. We are equally proud of the boys who scored several truly outstanding goals and came through to be victorious as winners of the Football Plate.

Spring Orchestral Concert – Wednesday, 28th April at 7pm

Congratulations to the Junior School pupils in the Training Orchestra, Flute Choir, Junior Girls' Choir and the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, as well as soloists, for some outstanding performances. There are some very talented choristers and musicians in the Junior School.

First Holy Communion - Sun 13 June

The children taking their First Holy Communion were a great credit to the school. The Cathedral Choir sang Parry's *I was glad* at the service, and the children had a very enjoyable reception at the Park Plaza in the afternoon.

Joint Charity concert with the Schola of the London Oratory School at St Peter's Church, Roath - Sat 3 July

The choristers joined forces with the Schola of the London Oratory School in an outstanding performance that raised funds for Cardiff-based cancer charity, Tenovus.

Junior Girls' Choir Concert at Nazareth House - Wed 7 July

On Wednesday, 7 July the Junior Girls' Choir performed at Nazareth House. The residents look forward very much to their coming and this year were delighted by the professional way the girls sang. As usual the choristers were beautifully behaved and were a credit to the school.

Academic Year 2010 - 2011

Our thoughts are now turning to the next academic year. We shall be welcoming R7 into the Junior School. They are spending the first week in July working together with R8 in the new building on a project on India. R7 and all new junior parents are invited to a meeting to meet myself and Mrs Firth on Wednesday, 7th July at 4.00 p.m. in room 3.1 in the New Building.

We shall be saying goodbye to R11, who will be joining the Senior School, at the Parents' Assembly on the afternoon of Thursday, 8th July. They will be performing a short play 'The Undertaker's Apprentice' and receiving Achievement Certificates.

The new term will start on **Monday, 6th September.**

The teachers of the Junior School wish you a happy and restful holiday.

Mrs E. C. Loveland.

Easter Concert given by Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir

at St David's Hall, Cardiff, 1.00pm - Tues 23 March

The Cathedral choristers gave a magnificent performance of Bach's St John Passion to a large audience in March. The opening chorus was especially thrilling!

Choir Schools Association Sports Festival

Magdalen College, Oxford - Wed 24 March

Congratulations to the choristers for their wonderful achievements at Oxford in March. They sang splendidly with the 150 choristers from the cathedral choirs of Bristol, Exeter, Hereford, Llandaff, Wells, Worcester, and the choristers of Tewkesbury and Magdalen College, Oxford.