

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

The highlight of the week has most definitely been the outstanding performance of the Year 6 abridged version of Hamlet, within the Shakespeare Schools Festival. For those of us present, we were wowed by an incredibly mature, clear and precise performance which dazzled and mesmerized the audience. The quality of our young actors and the delivery was pure excellence. Very, very well done to all the cast and also to Mrs. Lyons for her direction, commitment and enthusiasm to the project. We look forward to many more performances in the future.

As we rapidly approach the festive season, there is much to look forward to and I do hope the attached key dates sheet helps you to prepare for the various events.

With best wishes



Greg Das Gupta
Headmaster of St Mary's Preparatory School

HAMLET

On Wednesday evening, twenty young actors stood nervously in the wings of a local professional theatre, waiting for blackout and their show to begin. These young actors were, of course, our very own Year Six students who had been waiting upon this very moment since they began their rehearsal process only six weeks ago. These young actors were about to perform one of the world's most famous plays.

Hamlet, by William Shakespeare!

And perform they did, with the most incredible focus and commitment to character, with an absolute understanding of each and every word they spoke, and with the passion and emotion that belied their years. Each and every member of the cast gave the best of themselves to the production and made myself, their parents and the school exceptionally proud of their achievements.

Each year, The Royal Shakespeare Company offers thousands of children the opportunity to participate in their Shakespeare for Schools festival, performing abridged versions of some of Shakespeare's most famous plays. It is astounding how this facilitates an astute understanding and appreciation of his plays, and gives the children an experience never to be forgotten.

Well done Year Six, you have seriously impressed your audience! Claire Lyons



NEXT WEEKS

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Tuesday	15 th	Explorers, Yr 2 & Yr 3 Parents' Evenings
4.00pm		
Wednesday	16 th	4K Form Assembly – Damant Hall
9.00am		Year 1 visit to Ellis Mill
9.30am		U10 Hockey Tournament at Witham Hall
2.00pm		U11 Rugby/ Hockey v Wellow Hs (h)
2.30pm		BBC Broadcast Evensong
5.00pm		
Thursday	17 th	Y2 & Y3 Parents' Evenings
4.00pm		SHOE BOXES COLLECTION DAY
Friday	18 th	Children in Need – see article
2.00pm		U11B & C Rugby v Hull Collegiate(h)
2.30pm		U11B & C Hockey v Hull Collegiate(h)
7.00pm		FOLMS Beetle Drive
Saturday	19 th	Boarders Coffee Morning for Cancer Research
10.00am		VOICE AUDITIONS
12.30pm		

Lunch menu = week 5



'HAMLET' FROM A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

What a memorable night we had on Wednesday. I don't know who were more excited, the children or their parents. After various excursions to MacDonalds and the Laughing Buddha for tea the children were duly delivered to the Drill Hall in time for make-up. They had quite a wait until they came on to perform in the last slot before the interval. True to form our children represented their school, their teachers and themselves at an astounding level for their age. Their articulate and expressive performance enabled every word to be heard – without a microphone – and their evident absorption in their roles and immersion in their characters meant the audience were left in no doubt as to the meaning of the events unfolding on the stage. What a wonderful opportunity this was for our children to work together, get to know each other and to set their sights really high. Thank you to Mrs Lyons and the dedicated team of staff who have supported the children in achieving such a professional level of performance. Mrs J. Read



LOWER SCHOOL VISITORS

Last week we had some very exciting visitors come to Lower School. White Post Farm from Newark, set up a mini farm on the field at the Stonefield House site and the whole of Lower School were able to visit during the course of the day.

Year 1 were first as their topic during the term has been Food and Farming. They were able to ask many questions, stroke and hold the ducks, geese, rabbits, goats, sheep and even the pony that had come to visit. Some children had never seen, touched or smelt! these types of animals before and they really enjoyed the experience.

During the rest of the day, the rest of the school came in turn to visit and feed our visitors. A wonderful day was had by all.

NURSERY NEWS



31 excited Discoverers, Explorers and 9 staff went on an autumn adventure to the Arboretum on Wednesday 2nd November. Our adventure began as we travelled to the park on the school mini buses. The weather was sunny and warm as we ran through the leaves in our wellies! We collected leaves and conkers, saw Percy the Park keeper cutting the grass, watched squirrels collecting nuts and navigated the maze. The lion was very pleased to see us and even said hello! The ducks were also happy to see us with our tasty bread. What a happy busy morning was had by us all, bet you wish you were in Nursery!

UNIFORM SHOP

If you have ordered a winter coat from the School Uniform Shop they have now arrived and are awaiting collection.

LOST

OLIVER DICKSON SMITH shoes from Monday (Fun First Football) - not named, black Velcro size 3
WILLIAM DAUBNEY - named blazer

ARCHIE DAS GUPTA - new school jumper, named

HENRY OSBOURNE has lost his black pencil case – red dragon on it

FOUND

Tie - unnamed - lower school

CANCELLED CLUBS

GUITAR CLUB

There will be no Guitar Club on Wednesday 16th November.

SQUASH

There will be no Squash Club next Wednesday 16th November

STORY & POETRY CLUB

There will be no Story & Poetry Club on Thursday 17th November due to staff training

BROWNIES

There will be no Brownies on Thursday 17th November or Thursday 8th December as Mrs Skelton has Parents' Evening.

VOICE AUDITIONS

NOVEMBER 19TH 2011

If your child is interested in becoming a chorister please call into the Upper School office for an application form for a voice audition.



Y2 AND Y3 PARENTS' EVENINGS

Tues 15th & Thursday 17th November
4pm – 6pm.

Y2 & Y3 teachers not available for clubs on those nights.

There will be tea and coffee in the dining room for parents.



HEALTHY SNACKS IN EYES AND LOWER SCHOOL

We are constantly striving to encourage healthy snacks at break time. The children in Discoverers and Reception enjoy snack time as part of their school day. They share a healthy snack of fruit in the morning and vegetables, breadsticks and some of Mrs Eyre's delicious homemade bread in the afternoons.

We are aware that there is always discussion on what constitutes a "healthy snack" but we would like to continue to promote healthy options adopted when the children start school as the children move into Reception and Lower School. Children should bring fruit, vegetables or dried fruit options to enjoy at playtime. We do ask that no chocolate or crisps should be in school as part of your child's snack and **we cannot emphasis enough that no nut based snacks or food should be in school.** Children in Reception have an afternoon break so a second snack may be brought to school. All children can have water or milk at morning break and water is available throughout the day.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18th November the Lower School will be participating in a colouring competition – please send your child with 50p on the day if they would like to enter please. We will talk to the children about the colouring competition in assembly on Monday.

The Upper School are holding a cake stall during morning break, all proceeds from the sale will go to the Children in Need Appeal. The School Council will be selling these cakes but could we please ask for your expert help and support this event. Please could we ask you to bake or buy some small cakes for the stall, and bring them to school on Friday 18th November (a table will be available in the dining room). Cakes will cost 30p each. If we have a plentiful supply, we will be happy to sell extra cakes to children to bring home for the family, (bags will be supplied). Please remind your child to bring their money on the day.
Your help and support is much appreciated.



3B ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 3B led Lower School assembly. As Year 3 have been learning about teeth and healthy eating they passed on information about how to look after your teeth. After reciting 'Oh I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth' by Pam Ayres they performed a cautionary tale entitled 'Lucy and the Dentist'. Finally they explored inside Lucy's mouth to find out what the different teeth do and how to get rid of plaque. The children had worked hard to learn their words and they spoke loudly and clearly. They obviously enjoyed performing and hope that everyone else did too.



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tuesday 22nd NOVEMBER

Lower School site between 8.15-8.45
for *family groups*

Lower School individual photos at 9.00am

Upper School individual photos at 10.00am



CHRISTMAS FAYRE: FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

There will be a Non-Uniform day on **MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER (PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATE)**, when pupils are encouraged to come in their own clothes – for this privilege we would ask that you send your child with an item for the Christmas Fayre e.g. boxes of chocolates, bottles of drinks, toiletries etc.

Thank you very much for all the offers of help, cakes, donations and raffle prizes we have received to date. All spaces for stalls are now fully booked.

NICK WILLIAMS PRESENTATION

On Monday 21st November Nick Williams will be visiting again to give presentations to both Upper (morning) and Lower (afternoon) children on wildlife.

Children wishing to buy photos or calendars will be able to purchase these items on the day. We request they bring the correct change please. Photos £1 each or 3 for £2.50. Calendars at £5 each.



WANTED



Gill Eyre is looking for a kind donation of a single bed to be used in the new First Aid Room located in Reception on the LS/EYFS site. If transport is a problem, collection can be arranged.



BOXES ARE BEING COLLECTED ON FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2011

They should be handed in to Room 3 on the Upper School. Early Years Foundation Stage and Lower School to the Reception Office on Winnowsty Lane.

A request is also made for a cheque, payable to Samaritan's Purse to the value of £2.50 or cash, to assist in the transport of the gift. Thank you for your support in this very worthwhile cause.

CHRISTMAS MARKET CAR PARKING

PARK IN THE PLAYGROUND OF LINCOLN MINSTER SENIOR SCHOOL
PRIOR BUILDING, UPPER LINDUM STREET (OFF WRAGBY ROAD), LINCOLN LN2 5RW

ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM THE CATHEDRAL



CAR PARKING OPENING TIMES:



FRIDAY	2 nd Dec	5pm to 10pm	£3.00 per car
SATURDAY	3 rd Dec	8am to 10pm	£5.00 per car - ALL DAY
SUNDAY	4 th Dec	8am to 8pm	£5.00 per car - ALL DAY

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOLS HOST PROJECT.
A CHARITY PROJECT HELPING THE PEOPLE OF RAVITA IN ROMANIA**

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL



BEETLE DRIVE & HOT SUPPER

Friday November 18th 2011

Senior School Refectory

7:00 pm for a 7:30 start - 9:15 finish – play in pairs, fun for all ages!

Prices: Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) @ £25.00

Adult tickets @ £8.50 each

Children's Tickets @ £6.00 each

Ticket request forms available from the office



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Once again, the Friends are selling refreshments from the Upper School dining room (on Eastgate) and in the courtyard during the Christmas Market. **We need your help!**

If you could spare a couple of hours during Saturday or Sunday (3rd & 4th December) to sell refreshments, **please contact Sally Mundy on 07976 772493** or email sallymundy7@googlemail.com

Many thanks.

FORTHCOMING NOTICE

Thursday November 24th

9.00-12.30 Yr 6 to Senior School

Taster Morning

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER NURSES



**Saturday, 19 November 2011
10.00am to 12.00 noon**



Upper Prep School on Eastgate

The boarding community are holding a fund raising coffee morning for the Macmillan Cancer Nurses. It is approaching one year since the school lost Mrs Maltby and the boarding pupils and staff thought it appropriate to organise such an event to promote awareness and raise funds for the specialist Cancer Nurses. The Macmillan Nurses provide high quality, up-to-date cancer information for cancer patients, their families and carers. They are funded almost entirely through the generous voluntary donations of their supporters.

Tea and Coffee will be served, along with cakes prepared by the boarders and there will be a raffle.

Please come along to support this event if you can.

HOCKEY

U9B v St. Hugh's

Monday's match was so much fun, despite losing 4-0 to St. Hugh's! It was a wet afternoon but we played our best, with some really good runs by Tamara who was moving up and down the pitch so fast we could hardly keep up with her! We did almost score a couple of goals but we were unlucky and they didn't quite make it in.

Ella Lyons

U9C v St. Hugh's

It was a brilliant match against St. Hugh's on Monday 7th November. In the first half St Hugh's scored 3 goals and we defended the goal really well. In the second half we worked our very hardest to get a score but St. Hugh's managed to get 2 more goals. Everyone did amazingly well in the match. Thank you to Mrs. Howard for her top tips on sweeping to the side. Well done! Final score – St Hugh's 5 SMS 0

Maryam Hill

U10 v Ranby

We won the toss and got first pushback, Katy passed it to a wing but Ranby tackled and shot. Isla used her great defending skills. At the end of the first half Ranby were in the lead. The second half Ranby scored again. Zoe and I tried our best to stop them. Gwen shot an amazing goal.

The final score 1-7 to Ranby
Felicity Waddingham



CANCELLED FIXTURE

Please note that the match on Friday 2nd December has been cancelled