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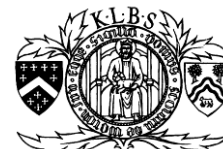
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Newsletter – 24 June 2010

Snack Shack success

The School Council discussed the need for another food outlet in order to reduce queues and help make the canteen a better environment. Plans for the Snack Shack have come to fruition.

The Snack Shack is now open, serving cold food and drinks. Many pupils have started using the facility and have commented on how useful it is in such a central location. We hope to be able to extend the food offer during break and lunch times. If you have any thoughts on what you would like to have available, please talk to your School Council representative and they can bring this up at the next meeting.



Recycling now a reality

The school is committed to becoming more sustainable and pupils from the Eco Group have recently completed an audit in collaboration with South West Energy and Gloucestershire County Council. The results and proposals will be published shortly.



Another key aim is to recycle all our waste. The School Council and Eco Group suggested that we aim to recycle more of our classroom rubbish and as a result we have negotiated a new contract with Biffa our disposal contractors.

They are to recycle all our 'dry waste' for us. This means that all our paper, card, plastic and metal will now go off to be recycled. The kitchens are also going to compost their raw food waste in collaboration with the Horticulture group.

This amounts to approximately 90% of waste produced at school being recycled and will not only help us reduce our environmental impact but also save thousands of pounds each year in disposal costs. In order to make this happen we have invested in 'dry waste' bins for all classrooms and offices and 60 new bins for the outside areas. Red coloured bins are for dry waste and the green coloured bins are for food and non recyclable items.

This will make a huge difference and it is now up to staff and students to ensure the waste is disposed of in the right containers.



PSHE

PSHE Year 8 had an exciting day undergoing Fire fighter training with the Gloucestershire Fire Brigade recently. In small groups, pupils learnt about the dangers of fires by having to rescue a 'baby' in a room filled with smoke and escape safely.



Students entering a smoke filled room

They then learnt resuscitation techniques and first aid basics. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and followed up their learning by creating a fire plan for their own home. Hopefully these have been shared with parents!

The Fire Service is keen for us to publicise the following:

For a **FREE SMOKE ALARM** please call 0800 180 41 40. In a fire emergency dial 999 for assistance.



Practising the recovery position



Practising resuscitation

Year 7 very much enjoyed the presentation given by local dentists Phil Loughnane and Ali Abbasbhai from the Chipping Manor Dental Surgery recently. As well as getting really practical advice on dental hygiene, pupils awareness of the fantastic work that the Surgery's charity Bridgeaid achieve in Tanzania, training dental nurses to staff rural dental clinics and relieve the often severe suffering of many who have previously had no access to a dentist. Later in the year we will be making this very worthwhile cause the focus for fundraising.

On May 13th, Year 9 pupils met with Infobuzz, the Gloucestershire based Drug and Alcohol education charity. The focus was on developing awareness and understanding of the effects of drug/alcohol use and abuse on relationships and society. This gave pupils a vital opportunity to further develop their thinking on these issues.

**KLB Friends Update
The 16th May
'Triathlon & more'**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, despite the weather! The sponsorship is coming in, predicted amount of £3,500 - £4,000 to be split between Wotton Pool & KLB. The Wotton Triathlon website has details of the finishers, their times and photos. www.wottontriathlon.co.uk



Congratulations to all that took part and some photos below might be familiar - Geoff Keen who raised £370 who finished in 2hr 56mins and Tom Cartigny (4th) 1hr 41mins, Richard Timoney 1hr 45mins and Greg Hull 1hr 52mins (on Greg's 18th birthday!)

We also give Denise and Ian Carr a huge thank you for organising the event.



Thank you for your support.

Throughout the year there are a number of fundraising donation schemes to help support KLB Friends: 80:20 club, Not the Lotto, Monthly donations and One off donations.

These make a great difference to our fundraising and many parents contribute. Thank you.

More contributions will make even more of a difference, if you would like details, please email us at: klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk

The May and June draws for the 80:20 club have been made, winners are being notified and will be announced in the next newsletter.

Helpers or future committee members

The last two weeks see the induction evenings for September 2010 Year 7 intake and we provided the refreshments during the 3 evenings. If anyone would like to help at events in the future please do let us know and we will add you to the 'helpers' list. This really makes a difference to our efforts and means you can still be part of the KLB Friends efforts without having to attend the committee meetings.

If you are interested in joining the committee do let us know by emailing us at: klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk or by attending the AGM in October.

If you have any suggestions for future events, or would like to find out more about what we do or how to support us further, please email us using the above address.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting vouchers if you have any please would you send them into school as soon as possible. Thank you

Lorgues Exchange

The French pupils from our French exchange school in Lorgues, the south of France were pleasantly surprised by the lovely weather they experienced during their stay with their English partners. They enjoyed excursions to London and Bath and particularly enjoyed their visit to Oxford as they were accompanied by their English partners. The beautiful green countryside was appreciated by all. Many thanks to our English families for hosting our French exchange partners so generously and offering them such fun activities at the weekend, especially as they arrived in the middle of the half term holiday this year.



In France we enjoyed a town trail in Saint Tropez, scrambling to the ruined castle in the picturesque village of Grimaud, a visit to Cannes and a wonderful day in the magnificent Gorges du Verdon. The Fernand Leger museum in Bio near Cannes was admired by our pupils, some of whom had studied his art in class. Buying souvenirs at the market in Lorgues gave us all a good opportunity to practise our French.



This year marked our second exchange visit to Lorgues. It is very encouraging to see that a few of our pupils have already arranged to revisit their French partners this summer!
Mrs E Caldwell

KLB Athletics Team Dominate at District Match!

Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 Athletics teams who recently entered a District competition at Rednock School on 26 May 2010. Eleven other schools from across the district attended the event so the level of competition was particularly high. The Year 9 girls fought off strong challenges from Farmors and Stroud High School to win their competition. It was a fantastic effort finishing in the top three in nine out of the ten events, winning the long jump through Libby Musty and coming home first in the relay.

The Year 9 boys managed to match the success of the girls, winning their competition by four points from Marling School. Highlights include Joe Avis winning the Javelin and a further 5 second place finishes.

Notable successes in Year 9 were a stunning 12.8 seconds for Abi Medd in the 100metres and 27.7 for the 200metres. Libby Musty jumped an amazing 4.64metres in the long jump. Lizzie Honeybourne threw a best of 24.56metres in the discus coming second! The relay team of Libby Musty, Abi Medd, Kayleigh Madden and Maddy Hopkinson won.

The Year 10 Boys had a day to remember winning 6 of the 10 events and winning the overall competition by some margin. Winners included George Salter, Ali Gibson, Matt Pain, Alex Massey and the relay team.

The Year 10 girls came up against a very strong side from Stroud High School who were runaway winners, however the girls still performed brilliantly to take second place ahead of 9 other schools including Deer Park, Farmors and Rednock. Jess Tymms was impressive in winning the 200meters, and the relay team came a close second. The relay team of Emily Smyth-Roberts, Jess Tymms, Brooke Gardner-Wollen and Addy White came a close second.

Year 7 and 8's will hope to repeat some of this success at the junior match at Farmors this week. Up coming events later in the term include the County Championships at the Prince of Wales Stadium on 23rd June and Sports Day on July 1st.

Year 10 Sport Leaders

Twelve sport leaders assisted at the North Nibley Primary School World Cup Sports Day on Thursday 10th June. Pupils, parents and teachers at the school were full of praise for our students.



Primary Multi-skill Festivals

We hosted two multi-skill festivals on our school fields for a number of our local feeder primary schools in late April and mid May. On both occasions the events were ably assisted by our Sport Leaders.

Year 7 and 10 Trip to Castle Quarry Outdoor Education Centre

A group of twenty four Year 7 and 10 students visited Castle Quarry Outdoor Centre at Tytherington on Monday 14th June supported by KLB staff. Over four

hours the students had a go at canoeing, shooting and archery. The same group will return to the centre next Monday to experience climbing, tunnelling, zip wire and a further session of canoeing.



The sun shone on the Year 8 and 9 South Cerney Trip

On Friday 11th June a group of Year 8 and 9 students, supported by staff from KLB were taken to South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre on a Big Lottery funded trip. After a site tour and safety talk, the group were jetted out by speed boat to an island. Here their group task was to build a raft to enable them to return safely ashore. This team building experience was great fun and I am happy to report most of the rafts built survived the journey with only a few of the students having an early bath!

After tea, the group reassembled and went on a Kayak experience. Some even braved the slippery slide activity. The first day ended with a game of football against a local scout group who had pitched up on site, followed by a camp fire.

On Saturday the group were split into two groups. One half was taken canoeing and the other half experienced sailing on the fun boats. After lunch each group swapped activities. The party returned, tired, but full of wonderful memories on Saturday evening.



Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8 boys' rugby team had a mixed season in the top Stroud District group. Having won their first game convincingly against Rednock, the team was then well-beaten by the eventual group winners Farmors. We were then beaten again by Marling but finished on a high with a good win in the dark against Kingshill. This meant the team finished joint second in the group which was an excellent performance. Highlights of the season were the four tries in a game scored by Jim Massey and Morgan Churchley against Rednock and Kings Hill respectively.

In addition we took a sevens team to the Bristol Schools tournament and a QEH invitation tournament. In both events the team lost in the semi finals but put in very creditable performances against some of the top independent schools participating.

Mr McRitchie and Mr Popham

Parentline Plus

Talk to another parent in confidence, free, 24 hours a day, or email: parentsupport@parentlineplus.org.uk

Please contact us on 01453 768 160 if you would like further information or if you have a parent that you feel may benefit from our support.



Stranger Danger

In the past few weeks there have been a few incidents reported to the police that have taken place in Gloucestershire involving an adult approaching a pupil after school. None of these incidents have taken place in the Wotton under Edge locality and they are not thought to be related.

Heads of Year have taken some time in assembly to stress to pupils the importance of being alert when they are on their way to and from school and what to do if they are approached by a stranger. We are sure that this message will also be shared at home.

Dates for your diary

21 to 25 June	A Level Art exhibition
29 June	Music and Drama evening
1 July	Sports Day
5 to 9 July	Year 10 Work Experience
7 to 9 July	Years 7, 8, 9 activities days
21 July	Last day of term 6

Academic Year 2010/2011

1 Sept	First day of term 1 – Staff Training Day (1)
2 Sept	Staff training day (2)
3 Sept	First day of term 1 for pupils
30 Sept	Year 6 information evening
1 Oct	Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils
22 Oct	Last day of term 1
1 Nov	First day of term 2
17 Dec	Last day of term 2
4 Jan 2011	First day of term 3
18 Feb	Last day of term 3
28 Feb	First day of term 4
8 April	Last day of term 4
26 April	First day of term 5
2 May	Bank Holiday
27 May	Last day of term 5
6 June	First day of term 6
21 July	Last day of term 6



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Sat 18 Sept
11am - 5pm

young bands night auditions

We are holding a Young Bands Night in the Autumn, and are looking for local acts to take part. To book a place at the auditions on Sept 18, please contact us on 07791 323869 or info@utea.org.uk

www.utea.org.uk

The Chipping Hall
Wotton-under-Edge

Booking no.

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