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Newsletter – 25 May 2010

Parental Questionnaire 2010

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who responded to the parental questionnaire in March. The combination of informing parents about the questionnaire via email and using an on line rather than paper based questionnaire resulted in a 50% increase in the response rate compared with previous questionnaires with 311 completed by the closing date of 31 March.

The questionnaire showed that there are very high overall satisfaction levels with much of the school's work. The survey also highlighted areas which require development. While we were already aware of most of these, the questionnaire results are most helpful in reinforcing our more subjective views.

Some headline statistics from the first section are as follows:

- 98.7% agreed that 'the school keeps my child safe'
- 96.4% agreed that 'my child is happy at school'
- 95.4% agreed that 'my child is encouraged to achieve good results'
- 94.5% agreed that 'overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school'
- 94.1% agreed that 'the school offers a high quality of teaching'
- 94.0% agreed that 'the school is led and managed effectively'

The issues that were flagged up for review and development include:

- Parents' evening organisation, in particular booking arrangements;
- Communication, a number of respondents suggesting that more use is made of electronic methods;
- Communication with reference to out of school activities;
- Uniform, particularly the consistency of enforcement;
- Dining arrangements – the lack of a dining hall.

The above will inform our current development plan. While some matters are difficult to address, in particular the physical space available for dining, we will endeavour to effect improvements in the other areas which have been highlighted. We plan to carry out another survey in March 2011 which, hopefully, will reflect the developments made in the above areas.

KLB Friends Update May 2010



The 16th May 'Triathlon & more'

Well what a terrific event. Thanks to all of those who supported the event on the day and to those who were brave enough to take part.

Hopefully the athletes did not have too many aches and pains afterwards!

The main triathlon was organized by Denise and Ian Carr and they deserve huge thanks from us all for the huge amount of work that was involved in pulling it together and making it such a terrific event.

The 7km fun run, mini fun run and events at KLB School also went really well. Well done to everyone for competing in the 7km run, Nind Lane hill certainly tested the stamina. The mini fun run was also enjoyed by all ages and a bit of fun had too in some rather interesting costumes. The refreshments afterwards were much appreciated - bacon butties and hot dogs and plenty of cakes to boot. Yum!

The clothes sale and bouncy castle also proved popular attractions and the World Challenge team ran their own stalls and have raised some much needed funds for their trips next year to Vietnam.

Many thanks to all of the marshals and helpers who contributed to these events, from Wotton Pool, KLB Friends, The Sports Foundation, KLB Parents and the World Challenge teams. A real community effort especially considering the early Sunday morning start! The success of the event reflected the support shown!

Funds raised will be announced as soon as they are known. www.wottontriathlon.co.uk

Daisy Pulls It Off - 21–23 April 2010

KLB Friends provided the refreshments for this very entertaining production. The refreshments also went down well and a number of pupils on seeing the cakes were heard to cry "oh jubilate"! Or was that just Daisy?

Well done to all involved in the production as it was very funny and terrifically acted. Thank you to all of the parents that helped out over the 3 nights on the refreshments, helping us to raise £130.

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 visit our website: klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk

Young Energy People Project

Approximately 30 pupils in Years 7 – 9 have joined an energy sustainability project with 15 other schools working with the Severn Wye Energy Agency and Gloucestershire County Council. The YEP! (Young Energy People) Project aims to audit the school's energy consumption, and then plan ways of reducing it. Pupils applied to be part of the project and were interviewed, before being assigned places on the School Energy Management Team (SEMT). Pupils attended two sessions learning about energy and the environment before the Energy Survey Day which was held on Wednesday 28 April with staff from the Severn Wye Energy Agency. The SEMT spent the day learning how to survey the school's buildings and their energy consumption and then completing the survey. With this information they are writing a report which will outline their ideas for staff and pupils at KLB to reduce the school's consumption of energy. They will continue to keep an energy diary which will track any improvements made.



Ten Tors Expedition

The Outdoor Club entered 3 teams into the army's Ten Tors expedition held on Dartmoor in May. Weather conditions were reasonable with showers only on the Saturday. All three teams completed the expedition walking a total of 35, 45 or 55 miles with full packs during the 2 days. The 45 mile team did particularly well coming in on the Sunday just after 11:00.

Competition for places on teams was extremely competitive. Over 40 students attended training walks and expeditions. The Club hopes that those who missed out on a place this year will try again in the future.



This year's event was particularly spectacular as it was the 50th anniversary. To celebrate the Duke of Edinburgh visited Okehampton camp on Sunday and the army created a new leaders award. Dr Vorley has gained the bronze award for over 10 years of service to Ten Tors and former Ten Tors manager, John Kerr, gained the silver award for over 20 years of service.

Thanks to all staff and parent helpers that have assisted the students and the Club during training and the event.

Exhibition – 'In Stitches'

Under The Edge Arts in Wotton hosted an exhibition over the weekend of 15/16 May entitled 'In Stitches.' This involved a group of local artists working with a variety of mixed media within textiles.

A group of 6th form students had their work chosen to go on display, Emily Kettle, Emma Stanbridge, Harriet Drohan, Izzy Penaliggon and Olivia Digby.

Their work made a fabulous centre piece for the exhibition, which received very positive feedback and admiration. Well done to you all.

Fran Ferraby.



Library news

Second-hand book sale to be held in the Library during break and lunch from Monday 7 to Friday 11 June. **BARGAIN PRICES.**

Dates for your diary 2010

28 May	Last day of term 5
7 June	First day of term 6
9 June	Year 6 information evening
10 June	Year 6 information evening
16 June	Year 6 information evening
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*

* Proposed changes subject to Governors' approval