



Newsletter ~ Autumn Issue 1~October 2009



BRAMLEY SCHOOL

Half term is upon us already and what a busy time it has been for us. Girls are hard at work and the more senior ones have been preparing for their senior school examinations. Here are some of the highlights.

Year 6

It is a great pleasure to announce the appointment of Tops' girls to the following positions:

Head Girl and Drama Captain: Katie Thompson

Deputy Head Girl and Librarian: Mia Hill

Head of School Council & ICT Captain: Rheanna Tejura

School Council and Science Captain: Georgia White

Sports Captain and Science Captain: Claire Hunt

Sports Captain and School Journalist: Amy Battinson

House Captains (Russet): Georgia White, Mia Hill

House Captains (Crispin): Claire Hunt, Katie Thompson

House Captains (Pippin): Rheanna Tejura, Amy Battinson

Congratulations to all the girls who have taken to their roles with great enthusiasm and responsibility.

Little Bramley and Reception's Crocodile Encounter!

Colin brought a selection of cold blooded animals to visit us as part of our topic 'Jungle'. The girls enjoyed holding the animals who were very tame and were surprised by the different textures of their skin. The Gecko and the Alligator had very soft skin.



Jemima Hain and Maya Cripps with Snappy Tom the Alligator



Music

On Tuesday 6 October Tops, Uppers, Middles and Loweres went to Epsom College to take part in the Preparatory Schools' Music Festival. During the day the girls learnt and performed songs based on the theme of 'Our Animal Friends'. Parents were invited to a concert at the end of the day where the 8 schools who took part, performed songs, including 'Animal Fair', 'I wanna be like you' from the Jungle Book, 'Wimmoweh' and the very tricky, 'Macavity' from the musical 'Cats'. The girls were also entertained by Epsom College pupils during the day where they heard some brilliant performances including singers, pianists and percussionists.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 14 October, we celebrated Harvest with two services; one to the parents and one to the Senior Citizens of Walton on the Hill. As usual Harvest baskets were collected and distributed to our neighbours after the service. The girls performed beautifully with poems and music including 'Harvest Moon' by Sheila Wilson and an Autumn Rap from Year 3. Thank you to parents for all their generous contributions which were most gratefully received.



PE



Please could all girls in Tops and Uppers have hockey shin pads, gum shields and football boots (plus long, navy blue socks) ready for the first Monday after half term. We need to prepare for a forthcoming hockey match which involves playing on the grass. Thank you.

Did you know on 31 October there are 1000 days until the start of the London Olympics?

Netball

On Tuesday 13 October, the U11 + U10 netball teams played against Dunottar. Four Bramley girls were away due to illness and so a huge thank you goes to the following girls who played in two matches. Rhianna Hyde, Georgia White, Siana Dennis and Olivia Westland—all of whom played very well.

The U10's were winning 1-0 at half time but managed to string together some lovely passing in the 2nd half and with some excellent shooting from Olivia and Siana, they won 7-0.

Netball continued...

The U11's were 2-2 at half time, and also pulled away in the 2nd half and thoroughly deserved their win 5-3. Well done to Rheanna Tejura for soldiering on even though she felt poorly! A great team effort! Mrs Baxter would like to congratulate the U11 netball team for an excellent start to the season—so far they remain unbeaten!



Aquathon

Siana Denis in Year 5 recently took part in an Aquathon at Deer Park near Richmond. This involved getting up at 5.30am, swimming 180m and then running 1,200m. Siana found the race harder than usual as she had a bad cold. However, even feeling under the weather, she managed to come 7th out of 41 in her age group. Well done Siana!

Clubs Update

- **Ballroom Dancing** for children will start on Saturday 14 November from 10-11.00am. More information for this club is available from Dean Abraham, the dance teacher. Please contact Dean on 07921 775401.
- **Ballroom Dancing** for adults is carrying on as before on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-8.30pm. Further details available from Dean Abraham.
- **Sunshine Yoga** (formerly Yoga Bugs) for Little Bramley and Reception is now on a Monday morning instead of Tuesday, still at 8.15am. The first class will be Monday 2 November (first Monday after half term). Please note there are places available for senior girls in the Friday class. Please ask in the School Office for more details.
- **Gym Club** is on Wednesday 5-5.45pm for Years 1-4 as usual. Please contact Laura Batchelor 07843 565909 for further details.
- **Playball** for Little Bramley and Reception will commence on Thursday 4 November at 3-3.45pm. The final Playball class this term is on 3 December.

Senior Schools' Forum—Thursday 14 January 2010

As in previous years, we will be holding an informal Senior Schools' Forum for parents and girls in Lower, Middle, Upper and Top. Parents will be invited to drop in any time between 6-8.00pm on Thursday 14 January 2010. At this event an 'old girl' from Bramley and her parents will be available to talk to you about the school they attend and hopefully answer any questions you may have. Prospectuses from their schools will also be available. The aim of the evening is to give you a cross-section of senior schools, enabling you to gather information on some of the schools available in the area.

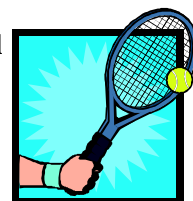


Fundraising

Jeans for Genes day was a great success with all the girls and staff taking part wearing jeans, skirts and dresses! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we managed to raise £185 for this worthwhile Charity.

Inter-schools Tennis Tournament in aid of the Children's Trust

On Thursday 10 September, The Children's Trust held an inter-school tennis tournament. Bramley School was represented by Cheryl Agius, Ruth Hunt, Fiona Smith and Tara Wright. Six teams gathered for the day including Banstead Junior, Chinthurst, Greenacre, The Priory and St Anne's School. Bramley School went on to win the overall tournament with both doubles pairs winning each section to become the overall winners! The event was followed by a lovely lunch and raffle and The Children's Trust raised £1,600. Congratulations to the Bramley mums.



Friends of Bramley Quiz Night



On Friday 2 October, 78 parents descended on the Bramley sports hall for the bi-annual Curry and Quiz night organised by FOB. With Carol Kelly as Quiz Master, Zena Curry as Question Setter and Maria Couchman as Curry Maker, a great night was had by all. Little Bramley parents were made to sing a song to keep them in the game and an anonymous parent had to do press ups for unruly behaviour! The 'Fabulous Fives' won the Quiz with 'Bramley Brainiacs' coming a very close second. Thank you to everyone for their support and also to all the helpers who quietly and efficiently served and then cleared everything away.

Amy's Apple

What a fabulous first edition of Amy's Apple, a magazine written, edited and published by Amy, our School Journalist. Many hours of work have gone into this magazine and there is a lot of fun to be had by reading it. We hope your daughter enjoys it. Congratulations Amy!

Wishing you a restful half-term,

Kind regards,
Mrs P Burgess
Headmistress