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BRAMLEY SCHOOL



Christmas festivities have been in full swing over the last two weeks and this term has flown by. I would like to thank the Friends of Bramley for a magical Christmas Fair and some very well behaved reindeer, I do hope you all got to meet them!

Pre-Prep Christmas Plays

Little Bramley and Reception performed *'Shine Star Shine'* to a very appreciative audience last week. Their performance was full of sparkle, reflecting all the hard work they put into practising and there were many individual triumphs on the day.



It's a party!

The Year 1 and 2 teachers were really proud of all the girls, who took part in our spectacular production. All the girls worked really hard to learn their lines, cues, songs and dances. We were very impressed with all the energetic audience participation. We would like to thank Mrs Ryalls for directing the music and Mrs Baxter for choreographing the Angel dance.



Art



Dunottar Art Competition winners with their certificates.

Once again Bramley took part in the annual Dunottar School Junior Art Exhibition at which a number of girls won prizes. The theme was 'Going for Gold' and the individual winners were as follows:

Category 2: 3D—1st prize Beatrice Linke with 'Olympic Balloon' and 3rd prize Maisie Greener with 'Olympic Bus'.

Category 3: Joint 3rd prize Ruby Feshareki with imaginative drawing and 3D Highly Commended—Tara Baker with 'Swimmer'.

Category 4: Highly Commended—Isobel Galloway with 'Trainer' and 3D Highly Commended—Rheanna Tejura with 'Treasure Chest'.

Head of Art

From January 2010 Miss Gilliam will be joining Bramley school as Head of Art. Miss Gilliam is currently Head of Art at Oakfield Preparatory School and is moving into the area. We wish to extend our grateful thanks to Mrs Anderson who has taught the girls art this term. This has included entries into competitions and Christmas card designs and Mrs Anderson has been instrumental in the girls success.

Music



Can you spot Bramley in the audience?

Young Voices Concert: On Wednesday, 2nd December Years 4-6 and some of Year 3 travelled up to the 02 to take part in the Young Voices Christmas concert. It was a long day with a two and a half hour rehearsal in the afternoon followed by the evening concert. 8,000 children from schools around the country participated and every seat in the audience was taken!



Also performing with the girls were the classical group All Angels, the singer V.V. Brown and the fantastic dance group, Urban Strides. It was a wonderful experience for all of us and I would like to congratulate the girls for working so hard at learning all the songs and for singing so beautifully. **Mrs Ryalls**

Carol Concert:

As we go to press, the Christmas Carol Service is taking place at St Peter's Church in Walton-on-the-Hill. Girls in Years 3 to 6 participate and parents and families will attend this joyous event, followed by mince pies and mulled wine!

PE

Netball Report

We have completed an excellent first term of netball and all teams are progressing well. The U10's have won 4 out of their 6 matches and special congratulations to the U11 team who have not lost a match all term! We look forward to more netball matches and tournaments next term as well as the gymnastic competition and our first hockey match and cross country event!

Olympic Assembly

Mr Tim Lawler visited the school and spoke to the girls about the Olympic games in London in 2012. He brought in with him an Olympic Games torch. Look out for a full report on Mr Lawler's visit from Amy Battinson in her newsletter 'Amy's Apple'.

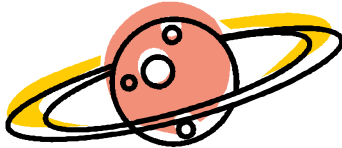
*India, Ella, Gabi and Holly
with and the Olympic Torch*



Science



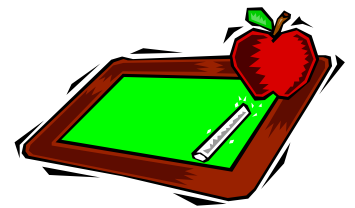
On Tuesday 10 November, Uppers had a very informative talk and slide show by our local astronomer, Mr Neville Grabaskey. Many interesting questions were asked and answered. The girls in Tops and Uppers have been invited to a special viewing of the night sky on Tuesday 20 January 2010 at the Nonsuch School observatory. If you would like to attend the viewing please let Mrs Hamilton know.



History

Victorian School Room: Last month, Uppers travelled back in time to visit a Victorian Schoolroom in Guildford. The girls wrote about their day, please find some excerpts below.

- As I walked into the room it was so realistic. The teacher, Mrs Smith, was waiting. We had the register taken and stood up and answered, 'Yes Ma'am'. She read the Bible and a story of the Good Samaritan. My favourite thing was the sewing, we were cross-stitching which was fun. **Georgia White**
- In the Victorian Schoolroom we had to get in a line smallest to biggest. The teacher said to us, 'Hold out your hand we are going to do a hand inspection.' My favourite lesson was writing in our copy books. We did writing on slates and also drew a diagram of a Tawny Owl. **Siana Dennis**
- We got off the coach and I was feeling nervous and we met a maid called Emily and she was really nice. We had to line up in height order. We then did maths that was so super hard because we did pennys and farthings. After break we did spelling and reading and geography all mixed into one lesson that was really fun! **Lottie Coley**
- After the hand inspection we went downstairs to play with the Victorian toys. There was a dolls house, bagatelles and loads more. We went back up to the classroom and Miss Smith asked us to say our poems we had learnt with our groups. It was a brilliant day out and thank you to Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Blake for making the day really enjoyable. **Isobel Galloway**



Year 6 visit the Mayor's Parlour

Tops went to Reigate Town Hall this month and were warmly greeted by Mr Mayor, Councillor Richard Mantle who gave them a guided tour of the Town Hall. This tour included the main meeting room and the girls really enjoyed testing the individual microphones, where they had an opportunity to ask questions. Mr Mayor thanked the girls and Bramley school for their fundraising for the Mayor's chosen charities: the YMCA, Brambles Respite Care Centre and Dyscover. Dyscover is a small charity based in Walton-on-the-Hill. Mr Mayor is going to introduce Bramley School to Dyscover so that we may build close links with this local charity.



Year 6 girls and Mrs Hamilton visit the Mayor at his Parlour

Important Notes

Please can parents be reminded that if your daughter is remaining at home due to illness, the School Office should be informed before 9.30am. Sickness should always be followed up with a note explaining why your daughter was absent.

We aim to start Playball club in the second week of term. There will be a new coach next term and once the necessary CRB checks have been made this club can start. Forms will go out in the first week of term.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5 January 2010.

Yours truly,
Mrs P Burgess
Headmistress