

# BUTTERCUP NEWS



## *A message from our Junior Head*

15<sup>th</sup> January 2010

I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and may I take this opportunity to thank you once again for the lovely Christmas cards and presents that I received.

We have a new Australian gap student with us again this year – Miss Hannah Dewey, who would like to be known as Miss Hannah. We welcome her to the Junior School and hope she will enjoy her year long stay with us. Our other gap student, Miss Kass Scarlett, will join us in February.

As our Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 girls have started swimming lessons at the Dolphin Centre, could you please make sure that your daughter has her swimsuit, hat, goggles (if needed) and towel with her on a Friday and please make sure that all these items are clearly named. Your daughter should attend school on a Friday wearing her green jogging suite and her white aertex shirt.

As you will be aware, it is vital that we keep our records up to date especially in case of an emergency when we will need to contact you. It is very important that we have your correct home address and your current home, work and/or mobile telephone numbers. Could I therefore ask you to contact Mrs Erskine in the Junior School office to check your Pupil Record / Loco Parentis details?

I warmly invite you to join the students and staff of the Senior School for their Open Evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. Tours of the school will take place between 6pm and 7.30pm, followed by a short presentation in the Theatre. The event will give you and your daughter the opportunity to talk to the senior students, meet the staff and discover our vibrant learning environment for yourself. You will be able to observe a range of activities, including some lessons, and see students 'in action', talk with parents of senior pupils and find out more about bursaries, scholarships and music awards. Tea and coffee will be available after the presentation providing you with a further opportunity to speak with staff. We will be delighted to welcome you.

## Special Awards

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| <b>KENT</b>   | 2 HPs Amelia Cox & Kate Metcalfe                                     |
| <b>SKERNE</b> | 4 HPs Yasmin Gunn  |
| <b>SWALE</b>  | 3 HPs Rachel Bennett   |
| <b>TEES</b>   | 3 HPs Ellie Coates, Afton Corbett,<br>Amy Moriarty & Katie Robertson |

*I would like to congratulate the following girls for their hard work this week by awarding them*

### *Head Teacher's Awards:-*

Lottie D'Silva & Sophia Hall  
for completing their achievement foot.  
Hebe Garrett  
for her excellent creative writing

**Angela P J Foster**

## Buttercup Awards

### Infants:

Eleanor Angus-Black & Olivia Breckon

### Juniors:

Hope Godfrey, Nasreen Hajmahmoud, Jasmin Kareem,  
Charlotte & Sophie McEwan,  
Daisy McGonigal,  
Anna Peart, Tessa Pelham,  
Bethany Roberts & Ellie Schoon

*Buttercup Badges will be awarded on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January*

# CONGRATULATIONS

The following girls have received an award:-

## Maxine Baillie-Harland

British Gymnastics Silver Award certificates for Vault & Rebound and Floor Work.

## Amelia Edmunds

British Theatre Dance Association certificate and Bronze medal for tap dancing from Born to Dance Studio

## Alice Pollard

Kellogg's Water Skills Grade 1 Swimming Award certificate

## JUNIOR SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Items in bold have been added/amended this week)

### January

18<sup>th</sup> PPHA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Senior School Library. All are very welcome to attend

20<sup>th</sup> 11+ Music Auditions

26<sup>th</sup> 11+ Scholarship Examination

### February

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> LAMDA exams

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibition

12<sup>th</sup> Half term starts at 3.45pm

22<sup>nd</sup> School returns at 8.45am



## Art Competition and Exhibition 'Our Heritage Matters'

We are looking forward to our Art competition on Friday 5th February when we will welcome our judges; Mike Kipling, Richard Hindle and Geoff Perry.

Junior School pupils are busy preparing four entries to represent the Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

On Saturday 6th February an exhibition featuring entries from Polam Hall Junior School and all the schools who have entered the competition will be open to the public from 10.30 – 12 noon in the Liddiard Theatre. Refreshments will be available and we very much look forward to seeing you on this occasion.

If you have any queries about this event, please contact Mrs Erskine.

**Alex Parker – Year 4(M)** has lost her named green coat.

## Reduce & Reuse Tips

A used J-cloth, rinsed through, cut up into squares and put into the bottom of plant pots:

1. stops the compost from washing out;
2. holds moisture for the roots;
3. stops slugs getting into the pots – hurrah!

In Association with the Woodland Trust we are recycling Christmas cards again this year. Details can be found at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/cards](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/cards).

All the cards will eventually be turned into new products such as tissue paper and photocopy paper.

Also

please remember to save your postal stamps and place them in the box outside Mrs Erskine's office.

## Photographs from our 'Day of Fun' on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

