



U11 Girls' Football

The U11 girls were runners up in the recent Harlow Schools girls' 7-a-side tournament at Mark Hall School.

In fantastic form, they were knocked into the 2nd place by only one goal, and didn't concede a single goal.

A superb effort girls—well done!

Back row from left: Lucy Lawson, Millie Suiter, Caitlin Maxwell

Middle: Lois Richards, Elena Catt, Imogen Kisberg, Ella Heath, Jasmine Franklin

Front: Holly Lambert, Lucy Templeton-Knight

Parental Questionnaire

I greatly value the views of all parents and would like to obtain feedback on all aspects of school life from you. The survey is anonymous and parents with more than one child may wish to complete separate forms for each child or alternatively just complete one response. The survey is being carried out online and you should have received an email with the following link to the survey

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGVRUmRTTjFHWi1VTktQelZIOVY1M0E6MQ>

A 'paper version' of the survey is available on the school website parents page (<http://saintnicholasschool.net/parents.html>) for those who prefer to complete the form by hand and these can be returned to the school office.

Many thanks to those parents who have already taken the time to respond. We take all comments seriously and will endeavour to address any issues raised as part of our continuing commitment to school improvement.

Homework and Infant After-school Clubs

The recently introduced homework club has proved highly successful running from 4:00pm until 5:30pm in Mountbatten Hall. Following the success of this club we will be starting up an after-school club for infants. It will run from 3:30pm until 5:30 pm in the Infant Building. For both clubs pupils can be 'booked in' on an ad hoc basis or on regular days. Please let the school office know by 10am on the day that you wish your child to stay. We are considering the possibility of setting up a pre-school club and any interested parents are asked to contact the school to express their interest.

Carol Services

This year we are unable to hold our usual Carol Service in the local Church, St Mary's, as it is undergoing a major refurbishment. Instead we will be holding two services in the theatre at school; the first at 10:30 am for Junior pupils and their parents and the second in the afternoon at 2pm for senior pupils and their parents. I do hope you can join us on these occasions and I look forward to seeing many of you at our traditional start to the festive season.

I wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th November.

Best wishes

Keith Knight

Headmaster



From Mr Ayres

A big thank you to Mr Cronin (Ellie 3T) who has very kindly donated a cornucopia of DVDs for the junior and senior library. I am sure they will be enjoyed by pupils.

Pictured left Lucy Fish and Emily Fish (Senior Librarians) with Ellie

Year 3 Assembly

Year 3 parents please note that the assembly on 23rd November is for all Year 3 pupils, not just 3T as previously advised. Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Matthews would like to invite parents. 8.55am in the Theatre

School Christmas cards

School Christmas cards depicting Hillingdon House in the snow, will be available from Mrs Newland after half term priced 20p each.

Poppies

Mrs Newland will be selling poppies after half term on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to everybody who attended. Parent and staff coffee mornings jointly raised £305.

School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will now be open weekly.

8.30-10am, 1.50-2.10pm (senior students only) and 2.00-4.30pm on Monday 8th and 22nd November, 6th December

8.30-10am only on 29th November, 13th December

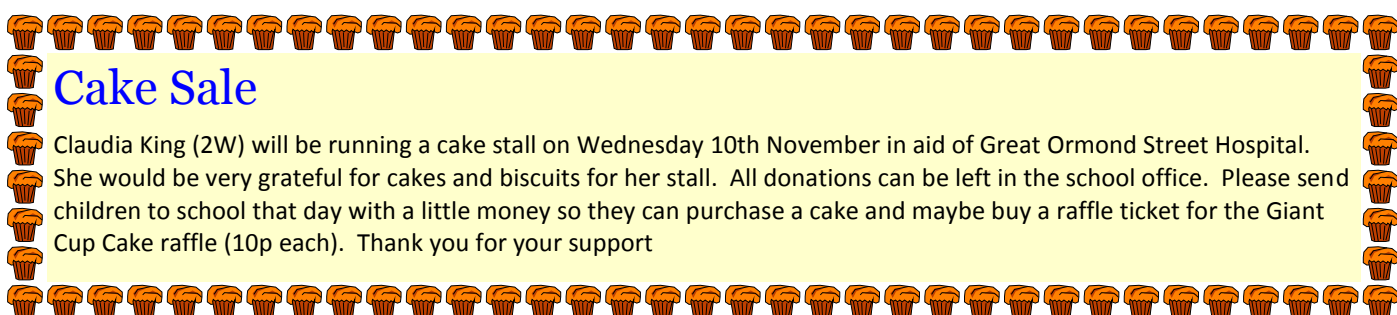
Fireworks Evening

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us for the Fireworks Evening on Monday 8th November. The evening starts with refreshments at 4.00pm, lighting of the bonfire at 5:00 pm and the fireworks display at 5:30 pm. The Friends are organising refreshments including a barbeque and I thank them for their support and efforts in organising this event.

The Friends Saint Nicholas School

The Friends are busily organising the Christmas Fayre, which will be on Saturday 4th December.

After half term they will be hoping to recruit willing volunteers to help run the stalls etc. There are lots of jobs, big and small, so even if you only have a little time they'd be pleased to hear from you.



Cake Sale

Claudia King (2W) will be running a cake stall on Wednesday 10th November in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

She would be very grateful for cakes and biscuits for her stall. All donations can be left in the school office. Please send children to school that day with a little money so they can purchase a cake and maybe buy a raffle ticket for the Giant Cup Cake raffle (10p each). Thank you for your support



Talented Pupil

Picture left Claudia Penney proudly wearing the medal she was presented with after achieving 2nd place in the recent Essex Gymnastics competition

Sports News

From Mr Baines

Well done to students and our huge thanks to parents for helping to make this first half term such a success.

Fixtures

Well done to all junior and senior football, netball, rugby players and swimmers for their efforts this half term.

Special congratulations to the Junior ISA swim team who finished 4th out of 15 schools.

Curriculum

The pool has now closed until After Easter. Next half term pupils will be doing the following activities:

Games

Junior Boys—Tag rugby (blue and yellow games kit and gumshield)

Junior girls—Year 3 gym, Year 4-6 netball

Senior boys—football

Senior Girls—netball

PE (whites)

Years 3, 5 and 6—basketball

Year 4—gym

Senior Group 1—outdoor court hockey—gumshield, shinpads and trainers

Senior Group 2—badminton

Pupils should remember to bring:

CORRECT KIT

FOOTWEAR

TRACKSUIT AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT EG GUMSHIELD, SHINPADS ETC

Extra-Curricular Clubs

These mostly remain the same after half term with the exception of Senior Football League which will be on Tuesdays 4-5pm. This is primarily for boys, but if your daughter would like to participate, parents should see me so that I can explain the safety implications of combining different age groups/genders together inside the sports hall.

Senior rugby club has finished for the moment.

GCSE Practical Performance Recording

I'd like to make parents of Year 10 and 11 pupils aware that PE and Games lessons may be recorded for the purpose of GCSE PE assessment. These recordings will be sent to the GCSE PE examining board, AQA. Parents are very welcome to view the recordings before they are sent off and to see me if there are any concerns.

Term Dates

2010 –2012

Autumn Term 2010

Half Term

Saturday 23rd October to Sunday 7th November

Term ends

Wednesday 15th December

Spring Term 2011

Start of term

Wednesday 5th January

Half Term

Saturday 19th February to Sunday 27th February

Term ends

Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2011

Start of term

Wednesday 27th April

Half Term

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

Term ends

Friday 8th July

Autumn Term 2011

Start of term

Monday 5th September

Half Term

Saturday 15th to Sunday 30th October

Term ends

Wednesday 14th December

Spring Term 2012

Start of term

Monday 9th January

Half Term

Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th February

Term ends

Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2012

Start of term

Monday 23rd April

Half Term

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th June

Term ends

Friday 6th July