


Alleyn's Junior School

Newsletter



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Friday 26 March, 2010

CALENDAR 	
Week 1 Trinity Term	
Monday 19 April	
9:00am	Staff return
Tuesday 20 April	
8:15am	Pupils return
Wednesday 21 April	
8:40am	House Assemblies
Thursday 22 April	
7:00pm	Year 6: Rome and Year 5:UKSA Information evening for Parents and Children
Friday 23 April	
2:30pm	U10A Cricket v St. Paul's Cathedral (H)

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 4 SPRING SERVICE

Congratulations to Year 4 and their teachers, Mrs Gentry-Peacock, Mr Neil and Mrs Dalton who led our Spring Service in St Barnabas Church on Wednesday. The children sang, read, acted, narrated and played many of their own creations and much to everyone's delight Reverend Buckley gave a great address using a real, a chocolate and a rubber egg to make the message that it's not what is on the outside that's important but what's on the inside. The children were clearly disappointed that Rev. Buckley is such a good catch!

PETER PAN

The original story of Peter Pan went through several transformations over some years before finally becoming a classic in children's literature near the turn of the 20th Century. Psychology was a completely unrecognised science when Peter Pan was still just an idea of JM Barrie's imagination. Despite misplaced criticisms of it and its author it has persisted in capturing the public's interest as a wonderful children's story and it was marvellously adapted for our Year 6 Production, by **Maggi Law**.

Having use of the Michael Croft Theatre has provided a great opportunity for the Junior School but with it comes a great deal of responsibility to use this venue well and certainly attention to every detail was a feature of this technically demanding production.

Peter Pan played by **Sky Yang**, the lovable but egotistical boy who never grew up takes Wendy and her ever energetic and enthusiastic brothers, John –top hat and glasses (**George Barnard**) and Michael- baby-blue romper suit (**David Stockwell**) to Never Land, where he has a climactic showdown with his nemesis Captain Hook (**Rebecca Windsor**).

The enigmatic Peter Pan (**Sky Yang**) took on a role that would intimidate some professional actors, let alone a 10 year old boy. When asked by the effervescent and talented Wendy (**Helena Barlow**), 'How old are you?' He says, 'Oh, not very old at all. I ran away from my mother the day after I was born.' Wendy and Peter team up brilliantly throughout a show in which there is cameo after cameo of star studded performances.

In the opening scene the staunch, caring and loyal Mrs Darling (**Anna Bullard**) is wonderfully countered by the foppish and hilarious Mr Darling (**Harvey Dennis**) who along with Nana the family dog (**Yan Prabhu**) and Liza the family's nanny (**Georgia Fox**) create an appealing scene of homely bliss before the arrival of the disruptive and precocious fairy, Tinkerbell (**Charis Crudgington**) who is in search of Peter's lost shadow.

The arrival of Peter marks the beginning of their magical journey across the London skyline with some brilliant use of background projections and props to simulate their flight. Peter's intent is to provide the Lost Boys with a motherly figure but Tinkerbell arrives ahead of time and persuades **Oscar Baker** who plays Tootle, to shoot down the 'Wendy Bird' and along with Nibs (**Louis Holden**), Curly (**Sam Myers**), Slightly (**Felix Torrance**), Twins 1 and 2 (**Robbie Matthews** and **Harry Wallace**) they provide great entertainment as a happy gang of friends enthused by the idea of having a mother figure who might bring some order to their chaotic lives. They want Wendy to tell them the ending to their favourite bedtime story, Cinderella and together they sing the Lost Boys song: 'I think I remember that my mother was sooo kind; So when she lost me, I pretended I didn't mind.'

The Mermaids, (**Celia de Rohan, Alice Rea, Corrie Kinghorn, Honor Wellington, Fiona Kegler and Daisy Bourne**) ever-seeking Peter's attention are quite put-out by Wendy's arrival and they work brilliantly together in their dazzling costumes replete with shell-tops and long fishy tails, in a scene that uses swathes of wide, silky ribbon to create a sea-like image for them to harass, bother and tease Wendy who seems to have stolen Peter's affection. 'Let's pretend we haven't missed him!' says Mint Mermaid.

Billy Rentoul, the Indian Chief plays an authoritative role well and with suitable gravity as befits his proud tribe who celebrate the release of Tiger Lily, (**Diana Yusuf**) by cunning diversion. The other Indians played by **Romy Parsons, Joe Ward, Sam Rowland and Marie Hajjantonis** make a magnificent camp-side spectacle when they perform and sing their ritual dance.

Bringing all the strands of this story together was part of its brilliance and to this end the Faires played a crucial role in setting the scenes and as narrators. Our congratulations to **Alice Keunan, Phoebe Wayman Scarlett, Abigail Barker, Catherine Wynn-Evans, Anna Coventry, Viola King Forbes, Holly Nugent and Issy Wood** who gracefully moved us from one scene to the next with beautifully spoken lines, movements and songs.

And then there were the Pirates, as bungling and nasty a crew as one could imagine and as inappropriately led as one could hope for, by the seriously flawed Captain Hook (**Rebecca Windsor**) who feels all is lost when he exclaims: 'Those boys have found a mother!' Whenever the pirates appear some pandemonium prevails and our thanks to **Gregory Hartley, Martha Jacobs, Julian Hanton, Freya Lister, John Lonergan, Robert Wall, Megan**

Blake, Evie Brook and Sam Close for providing a lot of slapstick entertainment, especially in the walk-the-plank scene.

Some children such as **Freya Lister** played multiple roles, as a pirate, a wolf and a musician. So did **Evie Brook, John Lonergan** and **Robert Wall** who all doubled up. Other children, such as the wonderful Crocodile (**Sam Burton Weiss**) received gasps of delight from the audience when he appeared tic-tocking his way across the stage and **Megan Blake** delivered some difficult lines with brilliant timing as the magnificently plumed Neverbird.

Very special mention should be made of the music and the musicians. **Mrs Dalton** wrote and arranged the pieces that were all played by the children who had to move from their acting roles to their accompaniment positions throughout the evening. 21 members of the cast also doubled up as musicians. For example, at one moment there was a mermaid on the flute, a crocodile on keyboards and wolf on the violin.

DVDs of Peter Pan

If you would like to purchase a DVD of Peter Pan please contact the School Office. DVDs cost £16.99 each and cheques should be made payable to 'Alleyn's School'.

Peter Pan 'Backstage'

There isn't a member of staff in the school who didn't perform some valuable supporting role in the play and our thanks to them for giving up so much time to make sure that the Year 6 children's performance was the success it turned out to be.

Marvellous acting and singing was supported by the most beautiful costumes. Nicola Price and Pat Reed co-ordinated the many parents who offered to help with costuming. The Crocodile

which caused gasps of delight was made Janie Yang. We cannot thank Jo Close enough for her very many creations. The list of costumes that Jo made is exhaustive and they were so good we are going to create a montage of them to display in our Exhibition area. Our thanks go to Rachel Evans who helped with a lot of sewing and also thanks to Rowena Rentoul who cut and decorated the Indian costumes and to our pupils Billy Rentoul, Joey Ward and Sam Rowland who made the Indian head-dresses. Nicky Kinghorn made all the mermaids' seaweed and even held a shell party with the mermaids so that they could decorate their tops with shells and necklaces. Fabienne Hanton and Sarah Matthews made leaves for the Lost Boys and buckles for the pirates. The pictures we show of the costumes will indicate the attention to detail and the really beautiful workmanship.

Charities

Children will be bringing home a letter for our 'Helping Hands at Easter' charity activity. This has three aims; to encourage children to help their parents with household jobs over the holiday, to raise money for Down's South and to win house points for their house, the winning house will also receive a prize!

National Book Tokens Bookmark Competition

We hope many of you have been busy designing your bookmark for the national competition this year. This is just a reminder that all entries need to be completed on the template sheet and must be in on the first day back after the Easter holidays, Tuesday 20 April. We will need to send them off to the competition straight away so that we make the deadline. All entries will also be put forward for an Albyn's Junior School bookmark competition. Good luck!

Anike Alexander & Sarah Hoskins

Sign Language



Did you know that 1 in 7 people in the UK have some sort of hearing impairment and many use gestures, facial expression and body language to communicate? Thomas Good from 5G has been working very hard with Ms Stefanini on a sign language project and delivered a confident and very enjoyable assembly last Monday, teaching the school some simple signs. We discovered that it is important to not only sign but say the words at the same time so that a deaf person can lip-read, as 'hello' and 'good-bye' could otherwise be confused. Thank you very much for that Thomas. If you would like to learn some more sign language there will be information cards in the exhibition area teaching you how to spell the alphabet using signs.

Also, I'm sure you will agree that Year 6 put on a wonderful performance of *Peter Pan* and I would like to say a special congratulations from the language department to our French speaking pirate Cecco (Julian Hanton) Bravo!

Miss Limpinnian

London Beach2City

The RNLI visited school today as part of their recent initiative to educate our city dwelling children about keeping safe in the sea, on the beach and on the River Thames.

Their presentations were both entertaining and informative and the children in Years 3, 4 and 5, along with some rather exhausted Yr 6s, were very receptive.

The RNLI has developed what they hope will prove to be a fun and engaging website for both adults and young people. There are downloadable resources, quizzes, activities and games and stories about successful fund raising.

As the RNLI is a charity it is very dependent of contributions to continue its essential work.

www.rnli.org.uk/shorething

As parents we hope you will encourage your children to participate and come to appreciate the great work that the RNLI do in ensuring we are kept safe both on the beach and in the sea.

Mrs J Perks (PSHE and Citizenship co-ordinator)

The Junior Memory Championship Competition 2010

Year six have been training to improve their memories this half term.

They have been given a variety of techniques to aid memory of faces, text and information.

Just this week they have all managed to find the time to enter a national competition run by the Learning Skills Foundation. This organisation is based on the philosophy that it is the *method* of learning that is key to all learning. They feel that children benefit greatly from knowing their own specific optimum learning styles and *learning how to learn*. Armed with this knowledge, each child should be able to realise his or her full potential, experience success and enjoy the learning process.

The competition papers are being sent off this week and we eagerly await the results.

The top scorer will go through to the national competition to be held in London on 23rd May 2010.

Mrs Reed

SPORT

Swimming

We have finally had confirmation that 5 children have made the National IAPS swimming finals. Children all over the country take part in preliminary rounds and up to 150 to 200 entries are received for any one race. Only the fastest 16 children in each event get selected for the finals which will take part this May. We would like to congratulate: **Harvey Dennis** for being selected for the Butterfly; **Hannah Subramanian** for Butterfly; **Millie Parry** for Front crawl; **Florrie Born** for Back crawl and **Sasha Tinkler Davies** for the Breast stroke. All the girls have been chosen for the girls' freestyle relay team in which only the top 12 teams qualify. This is such a wonderful achievement for both the children and the school and is all due to their hard work and dedication.

We cannot wait until May!

Michelle Little

Alleyn's Junior School U11 Netball Tournament

Last Friday afternoon we hosted our first ever U11 Netball Tournament that should have comprised all seven members of the Cornflower League. Sadly Blackheath Prep had to withdraw at the last minute. This did, however, enable us to enter our B team as well and 16 of our year 6 girls had the opportunity to represent the Junior School at netball for the very last time. Alice Rea, Fiona Kegler and Alice Keunan must be congratulated. They all survived the tournament despite suffering from recent injuries.

Despite worries about predictions of heavy rain we started on time at 1.30pm. The tournament was set as a 'round robin' where each school plays every other school. Matches were 5 mins each way.

The overall standard of play was most impressive and it was evident that all the girls had made considerable progress since the start of the season.

Our A team started well with a comfortable win over Streatham High and then our own B team. They then faced Sydenham High who have an exceptional team this year including particularly tall defence. The game was not all one-sided but our girls lacked the precision to take advantage when they gained possession. They lost 1-7. They went on to beat both Rosemead and St Dunstan's convincingly but were very narrowly defeated by JAPS by 3-4.

The B team faced far more of a challenge but did well to win their matches against both Rosemead and Streatham High. They fought valiantly against the other teams but lost their games.

The final game, JAPS v Sydenham High, was played in the rain which had held off for most of the afternoon. This was a critical match as the final result depended on it. Sydenham High romped to victory 9-3.

Fortunately the upstairs room in the Pavilion was available for our presentation ceremony. Not only had we planned to present the Cup and medals for the U11 tournament but we also had the final results of the U11 and U10 Cornflower League for the season.

So, the winners of our U11 tournament for 2010 were Sydenham High and the runners-up were JAPS. Our A team finished in a very creditable third place.

The U11 Cornflower League shield was won by JAPS this season. The runners up, on equal points, were Alleen's and Sydenham High. The U10 Cornflower League shield was won by Blackheath Prep. The runners up were Alleen's. Our U10

team have had a very promising season only losing one match in the League and that was to Blackheath Prep by 5-6.

We must make sure that we train hard and develop strategies to defeat them next year.

Mrs Perks

Hockey

It has been a very successful hockey season at the Junior School. Every Monday lunchtime we have had 40 children turning up to training, a sign of how hard everybody has been working. The U10's and U11's, both boys and girls, A and B teams have all played several fixtures this term, once again, emphasising how much the children are enjoying their hockey.

We have had some fantastic results, notably when the U11 A team won the AJS hockey tournament back in November, not forgetting the U10 A team came runners up. The U10 mixed team competed in the Newton Prep mixed tournament and ended up overall winners. The U11 mixed team also entered the U11 Newton Prep mixed tournament, eventually ending up runners up which they can be very proud of. A special mention must go to the U11 A team who entered the regional finals that were held at Haileybury School, we were very unfortunate not to go through to the next round after being knocked out on penalty flicks! However, we were then entered into the 'Plate' competition where we had won all of our group games and were looking favourites to get to the final until the snow closed in and caused the tournament to be abandoned.

The girls have also had a successful season, they have only lost one game all term and also had a great set of results against JAPS..

Thanks go to Mr Molloy, Miss Simmonds and Mrs Goldsmith for

putting in their time and effort at training and matches.

Final Results:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
37	23	7	7

Mr Scott-Soundy

Football

As the table below shows it has been a fantastic football season. We have operated more squads than ever before and achieved some outstanding results.

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
U11 A	35	21	9	5
U11 B	13	6	3	4
U10 A	24	19	3	2
U10 B	10	9	0	1
U9 A	22	19	1	2
U9 B	6	5	0	1
U9 C	1	1	0	0
U8 A	12	8	3	1
U8 B	3	1	0	3
U7 A	4	1	2	1
Girls	8	6	2	0
Overall	141	99	22	20

The list of honours won this season includes,

- U10 SEL League Runners up
- U11 SEL League Runners up
- U10 SEL Cup Runners up
- U11 SEL Cup Winners
- ISFA Thomas' 5 a side – semi finalists
- U11 St Christopher's Comp Runners up
- U9 SEL Cup winners
- Alleyn's U10 comp winners
- Alleyn's U9 comp winners
- Alleyn's U8 comp Runners up
- SEL Girls cup runners up
- Blackheath girls cup winners

Well done to all of the children who have played, my colleagues who have

coached with skill and enthusiasm, Mrs Mines for her brilliant admin support, Andrew and the porters, all the catering staff and all the loyal parents and siblings that turn up to watch the matches. Happy Easter and roll on the cricket season!

Mr Molloy

Best wishes,

Mark O'Donnell.

