

Friday 29th January

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had an active week here in the Primary Department. On Wednesday the weather was kind to us and allowed us to run our Upper Primary Inter-house Cross Country event. The event went very smoothly and I have to congratulate Mr. Lewis on the improvements he made with regards to the structure of the event and the organisation of it. I know that he has some more developments in mind for next year (including the possibility of structuring it to involve a full distance race for our top 15 runners in each age group and another course for those who want to have a go but find a mile, or a mile and a half, tough to run – to be honest I am not sure I could manage to run that distance AND get some enjoyment out of it). We would certainly appreciate any feedback from parents that were there with regards to how we could improve this event. Our top runners in each age group will be running in the Inter-school competition next Thursday and we certainly wish them luck.

Today saw the ‘laps for Haiti’ event. Year 3 children did their laps early (as they were off to see the Moscow Circus in the afternoon) but everyone else in the Primary Department was out on the field walking (and some of them running) by 1pm. Staff gave up their lunch hour and the children gave up their playtime. A small sacrifice to show that we are thinking of all those people in Haiti struggling to survive after the earthquake. Your child should have a note in their agenda telling you how many laps they completed in the 30 minute session and then on Monday all forms and money can be sent into school (in an envelope please with ‘Laps for Haiti’ written somewhere on it). I was very proud of all of them – it was great to see some of them really pushing themselves by jogging the whole way- whilst others walked and chatted to friends and enjoyed the sunshine and that was what was great about it – everyone took part, in their own way. As soon as we have a total of all money raised for The Red Cross we will notify parent.

A final request. We have had a number of uniform items go missing . They are not in lost property and do not appear to be in cloakrooms or classrooms so please do check your child’s school clothes. If you find you have any items that are not yours (which can happen) then please return them to the Primary Office so we can find their rightful owner. Also as I have asked before, please ensure items are fully named (not just initials) as this helps us return items quickly and efficiently.

Have a wonderful (and let us hope) sunny weekend.

Maria Woods

SCHOOL EVENTS AND DEADLINES COMING UP:

Monday 1st February - February Camp sign up DEADLINE

Thursday 4th February – Primary Parents Workshop run by Lance King 6pm in the PPMH
Subjects that will be covered are:

- -the significance of play and risk taking
- -time spent with children
- -pressure and attention
- -the power of language
- -encouraging children to put in effort

- -role modelling
- -the physical home study environment
- -the importance of routines
- -understanding delayed gratification

This should be a very interesting session so please do keep this date free

Friday 5th February – Clothing Mart Set up

Monday 15th Feb – Friday 19th Feb – Half Term Break

Tues March 9th and Monday 15th March - Term 2 Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday 23rd March & Wednesday 24th March – Primary Spring Concert

Thursday 25th March - Easter Competition and Grub Day in support of St. John's Ambulance and Open Airways (asthma). Kite flying in the afternoon (weather permitting)

Friday 26th March – End of Term 2 – half day!

EXTERNAL EVENTS COMING UP:

Bermuda Guild of Stitchery is holding 2 children's classes on **Saturday, 6th February at 9:30AM at the First Baptist Church, Middle Road, Devonshire.**

Cording class for ages 9 and up – The kit for this class includes a corder and metallic threads. The children will be taught to use the corder with the threads to make trims, bookmarks and jewelry.

The Embellishing class for ages 6 and up – The kit for this class includes metallic threads, tape beads and a tray to hold all supplies. The children will be taught to embellish cell phones, frames, pens, glasses cases and notebooks, just about anything that they want to embellish. Please bring such that you want to embellish.

These classes are being taught by Mr. Doug Kreinik, he is co-owner of Krenik Mfg. and his philosophy is “ Threads Visualize Thoughts !”

Please contact Kathy Faries at 2325909 or email : kfaries@ibl.bm to sign up, and I might add, first come, there are only a few spaces left.

B.A.S.E. - Casino Royale event – Saturday 6th February at The World Heritage Centre, Pinno's Wharf, St Georges – 7pm – 12am

"BASE (Bermuda Autism Support and Education Society) is holding a fundraiser "Casino Royale". Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased at International Sports Shop and A & J Sports Cards. Ticket price includes free drinks during 'cocktail time' (7pm – 9pm) cocktail style food, DJ, late night dessert buffet, full cash bar and a bucket of casino chips and raffle prizes. Please support this very worthy charity, which provides much needed support to children with autism and their families. The event promises to be a fun-filled evening of food, music, and casino games, with an opportunity to win great prizes! For further information contact: basebda@yahoo.com.

Evening Presentation 'Boys Adrift' by Leonard Sax M.D., PhD. Monday February 8th 7pm – 9pm
The presentation will look at the importance of gender differences in education, with an emphasis on the

growing disengagement of boys from education. This will take place at Somersfiled Academy Gymnasium. To register please email: advancement@somersfiled.bm or call: 239 3345.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joshua Thorne who has been selected to be part of a badminton development programme which trains weekly at the Bermuda College in hopes of building the National programme and having greater representation in the near future for things like The Island Games etc. Several other Warwick Academy students were also selected but Joshua is the only one from the Primary Department.

Congratulations to all our equestrians out there; **Amy Outerbridge, Haley Cantarella** and **Lizzie Madeiros** were in their first ever Horse Show this past weekend riding for Spicelands. Haley managed a 2nd place in one event and Amy a 3rd place in one event and a 5th in another. Lizzy gained a third place in one of the events. Some of our other successful equestrians were **Zoe Oleksak** and **Lianne Simmon**. **McKenzie Hassell** was also a winner at the Bermuda Equestrian Federation Show last weekend at Vesey Street. Well done girls!

Head of Physical **Achievement and Citizenship award winners for the last week**

In our Tuesday Assemblies we are now presenting Citizenship and Achievement awards. The Class Teachers nominate one pupil in their class for each award.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This award is given to a child that is following the Golden Rules and is showing his/her teachers that they are a good citizen.

The recipients of this award in the Tuesday assembly were:

Destiny Matthie, Niamh Dougherty, Dylan Thomas, Darien Williams, Grace Arrowsmith, Holly, Bruton, Daniel Simmons, Rory McKittrick, Jay Consolino, Andrew Blee, Nicole Pedro, Brittany Siddle, Ashlynnne Matthews, Mikalya Wilson

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This award is given to a child that has made good progress in their work or has done particularly well in a particular subject area or on a specific task.

The recipients of this award in the Tuesday assembly were:

Destiny Wilson, Jayson Outerbridge, Gianna Lupporelli, Tiazhé Trott, Benjamin Jones, Ishan Vijayvergiya, Joao Cordeiro, Taylor Carrick, Casandra Roberts, Khyla Glave, Mya Gibbons, Dylan Pratt, Ryan Cranfield, Anthony Whaley

PE NEWS

Tag Rugby Tournament at Shelly Bay – report by Mr. Stanton Lewis

Yesterday we took three teams to the tag rugby tournament at Shelly Bay. We had an A team, B team and Co-ed team. The students were enthusiastic about playing. All three teams started off well with the A and B team winning and the Co-ed team achieving a draw. After their final game in their respective groups, the A team were 2 Wins, 1 Loss and 1 Draw. They just missed out making the final. The Co-ed team finished 1 Draw and 2 Losses. The B team were 2 Wins and 1 Loss and on their way to the final! They had to play West End - who they had just lost to by 1 point. This was going to be some final! The play went back and forth, no one could break the deadlock until Rory McKittrick, with a few nifty moves, scored the first try. West End came back with a try of their own and tied the game. The game was set up for a thrilling finish. Just when it looked like it might go to extra time Jacob Robb scored the winning try. Warwick Academy

victorious!

The B team players were Rory McKittrick, Jacob Robb, Jude Moseley, Matthew Stephens, Alex Pilgrim, Thomas Pye, Alex Mason and Seth Gibbons. Congratulations to all the participants and a special thanks to those parents who assisted with transportation and officiating.

LIBRARY NEWS

Collection Development:

As I am planning for the 2010/2011 academic year, I would appreciate it if parents would give me some feedback regarding the following: the development of a "Parental Collection" which you would be able to borrow from, starting in September 2010. A brief survey will be passed onto you within the next two weeks. I would be most grateful if you could take a few minutes of your time to complete and return it to the Library. In particular, I would like to ascertain the interest for such a collection and the types of resources which you would like to see in it.

Library Web Pages:

Please note that the Primary Library web pages have recently been updated and can be accessed at the following address http://www.warwickacad.bm/Primary/primary_library.htm. In addition to being the access point to all our online resources ("Library online catalogue", "Britannica" and "Ebsco") they also feature information on various Library programs. Parents interested in contributing to the Birthday Book Scheme will find our Birthday Book Wish list in the corresponding section. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further assistance with the above. Login details for remote access to our online resources can be emailed to you upon request.