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RIPLY COURT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Court Circular

Academic scholarship to RGS

The Head's Lines

Many congratulations to Shonosuke Honda for winning an academic scholarship to the RGS in Guildford. Academic scholarships to the RGS are very hard to win (rare as hens' teeth is the expression) and I am delighted for him, his family and for all the teachers.



I much enjoyed the quiz night last Saturday even if the staff table failed to impress. Many thanks to the Harveys and the Stapletons and all those who worked so hard.

Also great fun was the Year 1 and 2 annual football festival against Glenesk. Thank you to the many parents who supported. A perfect afternoon led to some enterprising football - well done all!

Pupils from Years 3—8 were delighted and inspired by our visiting author, Julia Golding. It was wonderful to see so many of them wandering about with books in their hands! Julia was impressed by pupils' enthusiasm for literature.

We also enjoyed renewing our links with Tobago when ministers from their country and representatives from their tourist board made a visit and gave the children some cultural insights into their home land.

Staff news - many thanks to Lucy Brickell for covering for Sharon Roberts. Sharon is now fully recovered from her op and is back at school.

A couple of small whinges - I have noticed recently that a number of children are arriving at school late. Occasionally this is unavoidable, but it is not helpful to the child to join in late when the pattern of the day is set. Secondly, when entering the school premises on foot please use the pedestrian entrance and not the vehicle entrance. The vehicle

entrance is in use throughout the day and I have been made aware by some shaken drivers of near misses with parents, toddlers, buggies and dogs. The safe route is through the pedestrian door, straight across the courtyard and through the arch by the Deputy Head's office.

Please note all those involved with the senior play, originally scheduled for 26th March. It will not happen this term, but has been put forward to the 7th, 8th and 9th May because we have been invited to stage it at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre. Details of ticket sales will follow. This has necessitated the cancellation of the RCPA Disco planned for Friday 8th May and the RCPA are trying to reschedule it.

Touraid is putting on a celebrity golf match hosted by John Inverdale. Please check their website - www.touraid.co.uk - or speak to Andy Berry if you would like to take part.

I hope that everyone has a pleasant and enjoyable break. Safe journeys to those who are travelling, and I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 21st April.

Finally, for those about to take to the slopes...

What is the difference between God and a ski instructor? God doesn't think he is a ski instructor.

What's the difference between a snowboard instructor and a snowboard student? Three days.

How many skiing instructors does it take to screw in a light bulb? Nine. One to screw in the light bulb and the other eight to stand there and say "Nice turns".

How can you spot a snowboard instructor in a room of people? Don't worry - he'll tell you.

Headmaster's Commendations

Third badge has been presented to Gemma Locatelli, Ciara Walpole.

Second badge has been presented to Eddie Brown, Ben Dickinson, Max O'Hagan, Isabelle Pelling, Daisy Smith

First badge has been presented to James Bathgate, Helen Cavanagh, Nico Coetzee, Charlie Forbes, George Griffiths, Jessica Marshall, Cyrus Panthaki, Alistair Sharman, Elizabeth Singh.

Certificates have been presented to Tom Brunning, Alex Cannell, Helen Cavanagh, Marine Coetzee, Patrick Crowley, Holly Denham, Matthew Fidler, Sam Grainger, George Griffiths, Charlie Jacobs, Jasper King, Adam Lee-Brown, Gemma Locatelli, Jessica Marshall, Guy Mawhood, Darius Panthaki, Eleanor Piper, Kitty Raphael, Femke Reinders, Sophie Roberts (x 2), James Singh, Dominic Steffen

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 6 Owen Sears

Level 2 Ewan Baudry, Tom Crook, Patrick Crowley, Tom Cupis, Carly Johnston, Alice O'Hagan, Lewys Marshall, Kitty Raphael, Milly Young

Level 1 Joely Bonner, Finley Marks

Sainsbury's Vouchers: Please continue to hand in Sainsbury's vouchers—thank you.

Holiday Swimming Courses: Please contact Reception Desk for more details.

SPORTS NEWS AND REPORTS

Ripley score first

Hockey

Tuesday 10 March

U9 v Cranleigh 1—0

Wednesday 11 March

U11 v Burys Court 7—1

Friday 13 March

2nd VII v Barrow Hills 4—7

Monday 16 March

U11 v Hoe Bridge 2—4

Tuesday 17 March

U9A v Parkside 2—1

U9B 0—2

U9C 0—2

U9D 2—0

Girls' Football

Friday 6 March

U11 v Longacre 3—1

Girls' Hockey

Monday 2 March

U9A v Danes Hill 0—1

U9B 7—0

Wednesday 4 March

U11A v Feltonfleet 6—3

U10A 1—2

Thursday 12 March

U8A v Feltonfleet 5—3

U8B 1—5

RCPA

The **Second Hand Uniform Shop** will be open exceptionally on **Friday 27 March 8.20—9.30 a.m.** to give you an opportunity to purchase summer uniform items. School dresses in nearly all sizes are available, as well as caps, short sleeved shirts for boys and girls and boys shorts (the latter @ £1 each). You can drop items to be sold at any time: just hand them in at reception and write your name on blazers, track-suit tops, jackets, dresses, tunics and skirts so that the RCPA can send you a cheque for 80% of their selling price. Other lower value items like shirts and jumpers are considered as a donation to the RCPA.

Quiz Night: A green casual Boden jacket was left after quiz night. Contact Reception desk.