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# The Court Circular

## Happy Easter



### The Head's Lines

I hope all of you have a happy Easter, and that the bunny comes hopping along with lots of eggs—even if this is a biologically odd theory. I know that about a third of families are off for a ski.

Many congratulations to Connor Mac-Millan (Reed's) and Matthew Boothby (St John's), both of whom have won **academic scholarships**. Archie King (Box Hill), Alistair Sharman (Halliford) and Aamir Ahmed (Salesian and Halliford) round off an excellent season for results. It is a stressful time for the school, but it is particularly stressful for parents. I hope that you all (and in particular current Year 5 parents) take some reassurance from these results that the children are being entered for the right schools and prepared well for these tests!

News from the **governors**—Dr Sara Coe (Mother of David, former head of School) has now joined the board. Sara is a GP in West Byfleet and will add her powerful medical knowledge and advice to the board.

Also just joined is Mrs Stephanie Webster. Stephanie had two children here some years ago. She is an architect, originally with Woking Council (she designed the Heathside car park) and now in private practice.

Stephanie will prove most helpful to the board as we approach our next building project—a replacement for the Newte block. I briefed our architects this week and we will have a feasibility study and some preliminary ideas soon. The actual build is not likely to happen for some years yet. It all somewhat depends upon the economy.

**Barracudas** start operating at Ripley Court for the first time this Easter. Please see their website for details (there is a link from our website under practical information—useful links).

Advance warning—Little Court will be

lengthening their day by ten minutes to end at 3.30pm from September. This is to keep us in line with new government rules. Also, we are re-designing the Little Court/Nursery green sweatshirt and will be introducing the new design next term. You may wish to delay replacing this item of uniform.

And finally: A man jumps out of an aeroplane with a parachute on his back. As he's falling, he realizes his chute is broken. He doesn't know anything about parachutes, but as the earth rapidly approaches, he realizes his options are limited; he takes off the parachute and tries to fix it himself on the way down.

The wind is ripping past his face, he's dropping like a rock, and at 5000 feet, another man goes shooting up past him. In desperation, the man with the chute looks up and yells, "Hey do you know anything about parachutes?!"

The guy flying up looks down and yells, "No, do you know anything about gas stoves?!"



Many thanks to everyone who visited the Book Fair during Book Week.

We sold enough books to generate over £475 in commission!

This means a lot of new books for the Library and the Barrington Block.

Mel Horn, Librarian

### Headmaster's Commendations

**First Bar** has been awarded to Connor MacMillan.

**Third badges** have been presented to Matthew Boothby, Eddie Brown, Sam Druitt, Charley Locatelli and Isabelle Pelling.

**Second badges** have been presented to Jamie Baudry, Alex Grafton, Charlotte Rickwood, Ed Scott and Elizabeth Singh.

**First badges** have been presented to Thomas Brunning, Jemima Fife, Georgina Jacobs, Alice O'Hagan, Darius Panthaki, Kitty Raphael and Guy Tucker.

**Certificates** have been presented to Aamir Ahmed, Christopher Ballard, Emilie Ballard, Ethan Barrow, William Boothby, Eddie Brown, Taylor Burton, Alex Cannell, Mollie Casey, Antony Cova, Tom Crook, Oliver Cupis, Murray Dare, Charlie Dickinson, William Farnsworth, Matthew Fidler, Peter Gabriel, Oliver Goldsmith, George Griffiths, Tom Hanford, Daniel Harris, Christian Harvey, Ella Harvey, Melissa Hayes, James Hughes-Morgan, Thomas Hurford, Charlie Jacobs, Tomo Knowland, Scarlet Macdonald, Alex Main, William Manuel, Lewis Marshall, Stuart McCully, Jack Miller, Rowan Miller, Darcey Oldham, Elisabeth Peak, Henry Robertson, Kai Robinson, Will Stephen, Charlie Vaughan, Jasmin Walker, Amber Williams, Mia Williams and Francesca Zamboni

### Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

**Level 6** Patrick Crowley, Thomas Cupis, Milly Young

**Level 5** Thomas Brunning, Olivia Goddard, Alice O'Hagan, Darcey Oldham, Kai Robinson, Luke Trimming

**Level 4** Joely Bonner, Zachary Drennan, Olivia Goddard, Olivia Harborow, Georgina Jacobs, Harry Main

**Level 3** Emilie Ballard, Joely Bonner, Taylor Burton, Zachary Drennan, Thomas Hurford, Henry Robertson

**Level 2** Sophie Baker, Christopher Ballard, Emilie Ballard, Rhys Betancourth, Oliver Bradshaw, Michael Butler, Issy Carey, Oliver Cupis, Jemima Fife, Thomas Hurford, Julius Jones, Elisabeth Peak, Thomas Peak, Tom Portsmouth, Henry Robertson, Jasmin Walker, Oliver York, Francesca Zamboni

**Level 1** Sophie Baker, Michael Butler, Charlotte Farnsworth, Lily Galpin, Morgan Johnston, Theo Keywood, Rowan Miller, Elisabeth Peak, Thomas Peak, Emily Peyton, Bas Robinson, Hayden Sears, Amber Williams

## SPORTS NEWS AND REPORTS

**Congratulations** to **Max O'Hagan** on representing Surrey at Hockey, **Henry Roberts** on winning a silver medal in "The Fleche Race" (grand slalom) and "The Saute" (big jump) and for gaining a bronze medal by jumping 11 metres during ski competitions in France and **Guy Tucker** for gaining 3rd place swimming 50m backstroke in the Under 9 Surrey Championships.



## SUMMER FUN!

**12-23 July 2010**

**9.00 am to 3.30 pm**

**Reception to Year 8**

**See Mr Brunning for**

**further details**

### SAINSBURY and TESCO Vouchers

The school is collecting both Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers. Please hand in at Reception. Thank you.