



RAMILLIES HALL SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2013 NEWSLETTER



Head Girl and Boy



We would like to congratulate Charlotte Worthington and Luke Roberts on becoming Head Girl and Boy. Also given positions of responsibility were Toby Mayne and Roisin McCullough as Prefects, and Isaac Clark, Ellie Keating, Matthew Knowles and George Sullivan as monitors. These pupils were chosen by staff for their reliability and conscientiousness. House Captains are as follows: Cheadle – Luke Roberts, Haw Bank – Charlotte Worthington, Vicus – Elliott Hughes and Rus – Luke Clouston.

SEPTEMBER

Rock School and Music Surgery



The start of this academic year saw the introduction of the Music Surgery and the Ramillies Hall Rock School. The Music Surgery was an idea that came from so many students either needing instruments repaired, wanting to know how to play songs or wanting to try an instrument they might like to learn. The workshop is held every Thursday from 1.20 to 1.50 and is available to all students. Rock School is held every Friday lunch time. The children who attend are currently creating their own band and we eagerly await their debut performance. If your child is interested in taking part please contact the school office.

Spelling Bee



We kick started the House Points Competition with a Spelling Bee for the Senior School. The best two spellers from each house gathered in the hall, supported by their peers from both the junior and senior sections. The representatives were: for Cheadle: Henry Elliot Mitchell and Harry Clayton; for Haw Bank: Zach Allie and Jack Rounthwaite; for Rus: Robert Csoka and Adam Cowsill and for Vicus: Matthew Knowles and Ben Hughes. Support for the Spellers was partisan and energetic with house colours flying as each round was played. At the end it was between Rus and Vicus. In spite of many 'tie-breakers' both teams did not lose their cool so that eventually a draw was declared. The teachers had a chance to shine too, to the delight of the children.

Links with MCFC

Our GCSE students have been working alongside Manchester City's junior academy in order to improve their grades this term. The students did some coaching with pupils from local schools as part of the IAPS football programme. Working alongside City's coaching team at Platt Lane they put on an afternoon of sessions on a variety of football skills.

Following on from this they then organised two tournaments for the schools and even refereed all the games. Manchester City's Nick Power said of our students "They were proactive, helpful and had a great manner with the young players". Mr Makinson head of sport at Stockport Grammar Juniors said, "They should be congratulated for their politeness, efficiency and competence".



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OCTOBER 2013



Hair for Hospices



This was a charity event involving the whole school. A special assembly was held beforehand to inform pupils about the hospice movement and to explain that we have a local hospice nearby, St Anne's, and that the money that we raised would go to support its work. Toby Mayne read out a piece written by Mrs Da Dilva about how well her father was looked after at St Ann's and how much it meant to her. On Friday 11th October the whole school paid a pound or more to dress up their hair with all sorts of different decorations: ribbons, glitter, hats, special headdresses, the lot! A great effort was made and we raised over £100 for St Ann's. This was a great achievement for such a small school.

Cross Country at Pownall Hall

A team of 10 of our younger pupils participated in a cross-country fun run at Pownall Hall. All the boys ran extremely well and gave their best efforts. A special mention should go to Angus Close who was in the top 10 of his age group.



Dyslexia Awareness Week



In October we held a highly successful three day event as part of Dyslexia Awareness Week. Ramillies welcomed service providers from across the community and provided parents and pupils with an opportunity to see and experience technology and services available for those with Dyslexia. The pupils in years 7 and 8 were able to demonstrate their knowledge of assistive technology. We wish to thank the parents who attended and supported us in helping to promote awareness of dyslexia.



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NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013



The Great RHS Bake Off / MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



On Tuesday 26th November we held our annual McMillan Coffee event. For several weeks leading up to this date all the senior school pupils had the opportunities to compete in the Great Ramillies Bake Off. Many delicious treats were tasted by members of staff. For judging purposes only of course!

On the Tuesday morning prior to the Coffee Afternoon the heat winners had an epic Bake Off.

Although we were unable to get Mary Berry to judge our Bake Off due to conflicting diaries, we were lucky to be able to call on the expertise of Mrs Mandy who joyfully blind tasted all the delicious cakes and chose the winners.

1st place Adam Cowsill (Year 7), 2nd place Charlotte Worthington (Year 11) and 3rd place Adam Wilson (Year 8).

Well done to all who participated and thank you for all your support and cake donations. We raised a grand total of £170.13.

Open Arms International

This term we introduced an exciting and new partnership with Open Arms International, a charity that has built a village in Eldoret, Kenya. The village provides homes for orphaned or abandoned children and babies and also feeds, educates and provides medical programmes for the community.

Next summer one of our Year 11 students, Isaac Clark, will travel to Kenya with his family to help with the charity.

In the New Year we will be running a series of sponsored events to raise money for the charity. The first, before February half term, will be a family fun run/walk to and around Bramhall Park. We hope as many of the Ramillies community will join us to raise funds, get healthy and have a great time as well!

The aim long term is to link with the village and the possibilities are both endless and exciting! It promises to be a great new venture and one we at Ramillies look forward to developing.

Mr Mather's Sporting Review

Autumn Term saw a number of fixtures taking place, ranging from the Juniors to the Under 16s.

The under 16s are still to register a win but have not been beaten by more than the odd goal in all their games! As we aim to improve our skills we will see defeats turn into wins as we have been excellent in most matches. A highlight of this term was Alex Williams who, within minutes of his debut as a goalkeeper, saved a penalty and was then our man of the match! I also have to mention Oliver Robinson Year 8, who has earned a place in the first team and has been superb.

The under 13s have played some great teams and have shown commitment and perseverance. Led by Captain Harry Clayton, their continued efforts will surely result in better fortune in the future. In November our pupils played a compelling match against Beech Hall's Under 14 team and made huge strides in this game.. Despite losing 2-0 the younger and much smaller Ramillies team fought like lions and could have easily got a draw. It was one of the best team performances seen in a very long time. The juniors have had some success, securing victories against Moor Allerton and Pownall Hall. The win at Pownall Hall saw Elliott Hickson score a hat trick as well as setting up the other 3 goals in an exceptional team performance.

Next term we have planned Rugby fixtures to look forward to. Parents support is always a crucial component in our games. We look forward to seeing you there.



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UPCOMING FIXTURES AND EVENTS

Sports Fixtures

January 2014

Tuesday 14 th	Rugby u11s v Rydal (Away)
Wednesday 15 th	Football u11s v Pownall Hall (Home)
Wednesday 22 nd	Rugby u11s + 13s v Beech Hall (Away)
Friday 24 th	Football u16s v Beech Hall (Away)

February 2014

Friday 7 th	Inter house cross country
Wednesday 12 th	Rugby u11s + 13s v Ryleys (Away)
Friday 14 th	Inter house rugby

March 2014

Wednesday 5 th	Rugby u11s + 13s v Beech Hall (Home)
Friday 7 th	Football u16s v Beech Hall (Home)
Tuesday 11 th	Rugby u11s v Rydal (Home)
Tuesday 18 th	Rugby u10s IAPS Tournament at Ryleys (Away)
Wednesday 26 th	Tag Rugby u11s IAPS Tournament at Didsbury Rugby Club (Away)
Friday 28 th	Football u14s v Beech Hall (Home)
Monday 31 st	IAPS PE meeting at St Mary's - Athletics Marshalling Course (Away)

April, May and June fixtures to follow.

Events

Tuesday 14 th January	Careers Evening
Thursday 6 th February	Options Evening
Thursday 19 th June	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Parents Evening (TBC)
Friday 20 th June	Sports Day
Monday 23 rd June	Junior Parents' Evening
30 th June - 4 th July	Activity Week and Work Experience
Thursday 3 rd July	Prize giving

Term Dates

Spring Term 2014

Wednesday 8 th January	Spring Term begins at 8.40am
Friday 21 st February	Finish for Half Term at 4.00pm
Monday 3 rd March	Return from Half Term at 8.40am
Friday 4 th April	Spring Term ends at 2.00pm (NB: Easter 18 th – 21 st April)

Summer Term 2014

Wednesday 23 rd April	Summer Term begins at 8.40am
Monday 5 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd May	Finish for Half Term at 4.00pm
Monday 2 nd June	Return from Half Term at 8.40am
Friday 4 th July	Term ends at 2.00pm

ALL FIXTURE AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!