



## School Newsletter May 2011

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### General News

We are working hard to continue the nursery refurbishment programme that started during the Easter Bank Holidays.

So far we have refurbished, re-organised and re-equipped the Out of School Areas and Pre-School Room. The outdoor play resources have been developed and we are continuing to enhance the outdoor play areas with the further expansion of the front garden and vegetable growing beds.

We have ordered some physical play equipment which will be permanently fixed in the upper garden area and elements of this will be suitable for pre-school and infants. Most will be usable for all primary and secondary pupils.

The new equipment also includes a large 5m x 5m raised sand pit which can be covered for nursery and Infant children to use and more benches.

These are currently being made ready for installation and have been purchased by the PTA from funds already

raised with the balance paid by school and a £300 donation from Mr & Mrs Bradley who held a family quiz night at the school for their friends.

At half term we shall add to this with permanent outdoor boules and giant chess and drafts areas, more raised plant beds for growing activities and with a permanent outdoor water play feature. I have an ambition to build our outdoor amphitheatre this summer!

The lower pitch is seeded and is taking shape although the pigeons got a lot of our seed during the dry spell so we may need to reseed areas of the pitch.

Work has now started on the Older Toddler area and we are close to completing our new physical play and sensory area on the top floor.

Our goal is to have completely upgraded the nursery resources by September 2011 and then to move onto further school refurbishments over the summer and into spring 2012.

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### Forthcoming Events and Notices

#### Year 10—Study Leave

Year 10 only will have study leave for GCSE exam preparation from Monday 6th June—Tuesday 14th June inclusive. This is the main examination period for our pupils.

#### **IMPORTANT CHANGE TO DATE OF Yr 6 -7 OUTDOOR PURSUITS TRIP**

This date has been moved to the **8th – 10th JULY** so that the whole class can attend. Please return consent forms to the office as soon as possible.

#### **Examination Week Mon 20th June-Fri 24th June 2011**

All Year groups from Yr 6-Y9 will have end of year examinations in most subjects. The exception being in English where actual GCSE controlled assessments on set texts are being taken.

#### **End of Year Trips – Summer 2011**

Class Tutors are responsible for selecting and organising their tutor groups end of year trip. This should be done in consultation with the tutor group and bookings need to be done quickly as venues get very full with school bookings at this time of year, and

# Induction Day 2011– Wednesday 13th July 2011

Hard to believe that another induction day has arrived again!

As always the format of the day will be quite informal to allow children to meet their classmates and teachers. The Induction Day will include some taster lessons for children accessing the secondary provision. Bring school PE kit (existing pupils) or existing school uniform & PE kit (new pupils joining us in September).

Meals are all provided so parents of new pupils need to let us know in advance if there are any special dietary or other requirements by filling in and returning the Health Screening Form if they have not already done so.

Parents of new children starting in September can drop them off at 9.00AM and collect the children at 3.30PM. Reception children can start at 9.30AM and be collected at 12.30PM.

## Awards and achievements–Spring Term 2011

<b>Hawking Cup (For Academic Excellence)</b>	Sarah Spurr (Yr 9)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Hawking Cup (Last Term)</b>	James Collins (Yr 9)	Autumn Term 2010
<b>Blundell Shield (For Progress)</b>	Jack Hilton (Yr 9)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Blundell Shield (Last Term)</b>	Pearl Foxton (Yr 9)	Autumn Term 2010
<b>Most Improved Fencer (Secondary)</b>	Thomas Edwards (Yr 7)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Most Improved Fencer (Primary)</b>	Aaliyah Sharplin (Yr 4)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Outstanding Sportsperson (Secondary)</b>	James Edwards (Yr 6)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Outstanding Sportsperson (Primary)</b>	James Walker (Yr 2)	Spring Term 2011

Special commendations: -

<b>Primary Literacy</b>	Aaliyah Sharplin (Yr 4)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Primary Mathematics</b>	James Walker (Yr 2)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	James Collins (Yr 9)	Spring Term 2011
<b>Progress in Infants</b>	Aum Ordedro (Yr 1)	Spring Term 2011

Congratulations to Sarah Spurr on her continuing music achievements at Grade 5 keyboard and Flute and her drama work in Waterloo Road.

## Website Update–[www.rivingtonparkschool.co.uk](http://www.rivingtonparkschool.co.uk)

The new website is not quite online yet as we have re-designed the school badge which will appear on the front page of the website and have had some difficulties with the formatting. The old site however should disappear in the next day or two.

I can then concentrate on updating the content although we have made a start on this already which you can view on the developing site at [www.rivingtonparkschool.com](http://www.rivingtonparkschool.com)

Our next ICT task is to bring the new nursery website

online which will link to the front page of the school but which will be separately branded at [www.rivingtonparknursery.co.uk](http://www.rivingtonparknursery.co.uk)

The websites are an important information hub with newsletters, forthcoming events, forms and parental handbooks and information along with current notices all available on the site. We hope to have a pupil forum, homework links and detailed guidance on most aspects of school life.

We shall be expanding this to include online payment options via in due course.

## Spring Chickens for Bob and Betsy !!

### Four Chicks for our Chickens!

Imagine our surprise when Aaliyah and Harriet (Yr 4) went to feed the chickens only to find four new additions! Everyone is helping to look after them.



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