

THE HOLLY LEAF

Message from the Head

I write this whilst we are in the throngs of world cup mania (not in my house though). Today is Summer again. We have to make the most of all we get, every day might be the last! I have noticed that some girls get horribly hot. At Parents' Forum last week we had a discussion about whether we should consider a summer uniform for the older girls. Really there are few alternatives: a summer dress, a lighter weight skirt? Both were thought to be unlikely items of choice for most girls. What girls can do is to help themselves: in Years' 5 and 6 the girls can wear the summer skirt with their blouse, and socks rather than tights. In Senior School it is not necessary to wear the jumper and blazer in 80 degrees around school. The blouse is not intended to be tucked in, it is loose fitting, cotton and has an open neck. Thick black or green tights may be a little more flattering but ankle socks are permissible and are cooler. Tying the hair off the neck may also help. Uniform guidance states that the blazer must be worn to and from school. If it is very hot, the girls will be told as they leave that they may carry their blazer.

On 12th June I had a lovely day at Lucy's wedding. We look forward to her return from honeymoon in Bali, when she will assume her married name, Mrs Lucy Wilkins.



Food Technology Coursework at NCN Adams Restaurant

I wasn't able to attend the meal at the Adams restaurant but I did pop in to see work in progress in the kitchen and try my hand at a fancy napkin. There is nothing better than seeing our Year 10 girls in a real workplace, cooking real food, serving the food with grace, charm and skill, for real paying guests in a real restaurant. The skills learnt in the course of this day are all transferable to other environments: teamwork, discipline, working to deadlines, meeting the needs of the customer, smiling whatever you may be thinking; the list is endless. I hope all the diners enjoyed their food and the girls have recovered from their fantastic but challenging experience. I thank Mrs Brown and Mrs Searle for working with the girls, along with the team from New College Nottingham under the watchful eye of Gordon Lang (Chef) and restaurant co-ordinator Phil Tomlinson.

I attended the trial street dance session this week. It is impressive how much life the girls have got left at the end of a school day! What fantastic movements! Can I remind any parents interested that they must book for the course starting in September NOW (deadline July 21st) if you wish your daughter to attend this extra-curricular club. Cheques to be received by 21st July 2010. Please email info@hollygirt.co.uk if you require another copy of the letter. Girls for class one must be in current Year 3,4,5 and for class two in current Year 6,7,8.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**GCSE
Written
Exams End**

• Mon 28th June

**Senior
School
Sports Day**

• Tues 29th June
• Harvey Hadden
• Everyone welcome!

Year 11 Prom

Tues 29th June
Woodborough Hall
7.30pm-11.00pm

**ISA National
Athletics**

Wed 30th June

**Meeting for
new senior
pupils and
parents**

• Thurs 1st July
• 2.00pm

**Second Hand
Uniform Shop**

• Thurs 1st July
• 2.30-4.15pm

**Silver D of E Final
Expedition**

• Sat 3rd and Sun 4th
July

**Junior
School
Production**

• Mon 5th July
• St. Jude's Hall
• 2.00pm

**Year 10 Food
& Textiles
Coursework
Day**

• Tues 6th July

**Nursery to
Year 2 Visit
to
Chatsworth
House**

• Thur 8th July

**Nursery
to Year 2
Disco**

• Fri 9th July

Did you see the fabulous pictures of Mrs Pietrantonio's Victorian Day in the Nottingham Evening Post? Once again our girls' featured in Picture of the Week. How stern the teacher looked, how serious and scary the lessons were, how girls must be so glad Hollygirt isn't like that at all! A special thanks to Mr Ron Booth who came to talk to the girls about coal mining in the Victorian Period.

The Hollygirt Old Girls Association is changing how it operates. The school is going to work through social networking sites to gather together a far wider alumnus and to keep in touch with the majority by email. Of course we will still use traditional post to communicate with those without the facility, the knowledge or the desire to be technological. We are scrapping the committee and the idea of membership in favour of open access, with no annual subscriptions and no formal meeting attendance! All our old girls are important to us, and we would like to think that the school will always hold a place in their hearts however long it is since they have left.

I look forward to Sports Days, Joseph, the Senior Concert and reading all your reports in the next couple of weeks. Let's hope the sun keeps on shining.

The Friends of Hollygirt...

have elected their parent volunteers to serve for the next academic year in the following capacities:

Chair: Mrs Sharon Bennett

Joint Secretaries: Mrs Sarah Simmons and Mrs Deepa Vasudevan

Treasurer: Mrs Marianne Purnell

New committee member: Mrs Paula Banbury

It is with sadness that we said goodbye at the AGM on Wednesday to Mrs Diane Carnill who has served for over 6 years as a committee member and 4 as our Chair or Vice-chair. We have had some great events under her leadership and she will be missed.

Also we say goodbye to Mrs Liz Ashley and Mrs Helen Coxon, who have spent 3 years as committee members. These ladies have worked tirelessly on social events and fundraisers to the benefit of your children and the school. This year the FOH have raised £5160 (including £2400 from the uniform shop!) and paid for: 5 new cookers for the DT1 Room, software to support AS Level Critical Thinking and the refurbishment of the Junior School Library. We thank all the committee and parent volunteers for their hard work.

You are warmly invited to join the production of

Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Monday 5th July, 2.00pm

St Jude's Church Hall, Woodborough Road
£5.00 admission on the door (under 16's free)

The girls of years 3,4,5 & 6 have had great fun putting on this staged version of this musical

If your daughter has recently achieved success then please let us now so this can be mentioned on our website. Please email: lucyr@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk.

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A team of girls from year 6, Sophie Hadfield, Charlotte Brinkler, Sophia Louca, Ellie Townsend, will be representing Hollygirt at the Schools festival of tennis on Friday 9th July. They will play doubles matches against 7 other primary schools.

Good luck to the players !

PARENTS' FORUM NEW MEMBERS

I have a number of vacancies on Parent's Forum from September. Would anyone like to join this group? We meet every half term on a Friday after school to discuss generic issues about the school. The forum aims to inform me about 'the word on the street' and allows the opportunity to explain the rationale behind change and to respond to criticisms. I find it a good way of communicating and hearing parent views. Minutes are available for all parents to read in the parents section of the school website. Please contact me if you would like to come along.

Nursery - Year 2

Disco

Friday 9th July
3.30-5.15pm



Mini Squash Trials

Tuesday 6th July

3.40-4.10pm Reception to Year 2
4.15-4.55pm - Years 3, 4 & 5

ISA Junior Athletics Results 2010

U12 Team (Year 6)

Lucy Clarkson - 5th Long Jump

Thea Culham - 5th High Jump

Well done also to Alanah Khosla,

Victoria Reckless, Sophie Hadfield, Amy

Warren & Charlotte Brown

Overall team result 10th

U11 team (Year 5)

Laura Jane Baxter - 8th 150m

Ellie Rhodes - 5th 600m

Well done also to Meghan Henshaw,

Penelope Stephens, Alisha Wheatley,

Megan Booth.

U10 team (Year 4)

Milan Wright 3rd 60m & 2nd Long Jump

Jeejee Akl, Emily Lemottee, Nadia

Bouchlaghem, Milan Wright - 5th Relay

Well done also to Sophie Bennett

Overall team result 5th

Many thanks to all parents who came along to help and support on the day

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