

THE HOLLY LEAF

Messages from the Head

A *Happy New Term* to all our readers. I hope we are going to have a purposeful and productive term and not be too distracted by the early sunshine!

Did you see the fantastic pictures of All the Fun of the Fair in the Nottingham Evening Post?

I would like to thank the girls in the Year 5 and 8 Cookery Club, Mrs Brown and all her parent helpers for the fantastic meal they put on to demonstrate the girls' newly learned skills on the last day of term. I was soooooo impressed!

Items for Sale/Wanted

A parent suggested that it would be a good idea to have an 'items for sale/wanted' as a regular feature of The Holly Leaf and the school website. The items must be linked to school in some way. The following are suggestions of what might be considered suitable: items of ski wear; musical instruments; kit items for Duke of Edinburgh, but *not* standard uniform as this goes through the Friends of Hollygirt Uniform Shop. Sales would be private between seller and buyer and contact would be made directly between the two parties. If you have an item you would like to advertise through our new free service, please send as much detail of the item (brand, size, colour etc) and the price sought alongside your contact details (these will accompany the advert) to lucyraybould@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk.

Car Sharing/Lift Offering

Could we reduce our carbon footprint as a whole school by organising a car sharing scheme? (and begin to ease the traffic congestion around the school). We are aware that some parents are travelling in the same direction at the same time as others and may be unaware of just how close they live and how easy such a scheme might be. It is thought that lifts may be easier in the morning than in the afternoon. Would you be interested in offering a lift or regular/occasional car sharing? Contact Lucy at lucyraybould@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk and we will see if we can put like-minded people in touch.

Race for Life

A group of Year 10 girls have entered Race for Life, in support of breast cancer charities running in Newark on the evening of Wednesday 15th July. They would be interested to hear from other older girls or younger senior girls with mums who would be interested in joining their party. The girls are hoping to get some 'Hollygirt supports the cause' t-shirts printed and to run en masse. Girls please contact either Star Lawes or Rosie Beadle in 10M if you would like to know more.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

D of E Bronze Award Practice Expedition

• Sat 25th and Sun 26th April

Junior Maths Challenge

• Thurs 30th April

Year 7 Religious Studies Visit to Buddhist Centre

• Friday 1st May
• Periods 1 - 3

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

• Mon 4th May
• School closed

Year 11 Drama GCSE Exam

• Tues 5th May
• Nottm Arts Theatre

Year 11 Music GCSE Integrated Assignment

• Wed 6th May
• 9.00-9.30am

Year 11 GCSE Briefing Meeting

• Wed 6th May

Year 6 DARE Graduation

• Wed 6th May
• Year 6 parents are welcome to come to assembly from 9.15am

Year 10 History Visit to Quarry Bank Mill

• Thurs 7th May



A new website has recently been launched by the Girls' Schools Association (GSA) for parents of girls:
www.mydaughter.co.uk

What is special about this site is that it sets out to help parents fathom out some of the mysteries of parenting a daughter! It also details why girls thrive at girls' schools.

www.mydaughter.co.uk aims to unlock and share the expertise and experience of the heads and staff within girls' schools. GSA decided to create this new website in response to parents' concerns and hopes that it gives parents help they are looking for. There is no doubt that many parents worry about getting the balance right between helping their daughters realise their academic potential while at the same time enabling them to be happy and keep safe.

The website contains advice and guidance on issues such as education choices, realising girls' full academic potential, recognising eating disorders and signs of bullying, development stages, relationships, social pressures, social networking sites and internet safety, and communicating with teenage girls.

www.mydaughter.co.uk is a unique resource for parents of girls and will develop according to your responses, queries and distribution.

There will be a meeting in school on **Wednesday 6th May for girls in Year 11** – this will be to go through full details for the GCSE written examinations. It is vital that your daughter is at this meeting.

The Junior Mathematics Challenge will be taking place on Thursday 30th April with a selection of Year 7 and 8 girls.

Art and Design Technology Preview

6.30 – 8.00pm
The White House
Wednesday 13th May 2009

All are welcome to see the creative work our girls are producing for their GCSE coursework



A selection of girls from Years 9 and 10 will be walking and camping out this Saturday night as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition.

They will be camping in Walesby near to Sherwood Forest. Let's hope it doesn't rain after a glorious week of sunshine!

Please note the Year 10 Visit to the National Space Centre has been rescheduled for Thursday 14th May

Friends of Hollygirt SCHOOL

Craft Afternoon
Years 2 to 6
Friday 19th June
3.30pm – 5.30pm



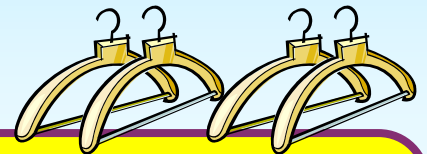
AGM
Wed 10th June
7.00pm
No. 9 Villa Road

New members welcome!

Family Fun Day & Picnic
Sunday 12th July
Wollaton Park
12 noon onwards



Friday 8th May: 2.30-5.00pm
Wednesday 3rd June: 2.30-4.15pm
Thursday 25th July: 2.30-4.15pm
Thursday 2nd July: 2.30-4.15pm



If you are able to car share please contact Lucy at lucyraybould@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk who will hopefully be able to put you in touch with other like-minded parents in your locality.



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If your daughter has recently achieved success then please email lucyraybould@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk

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