



NEWSLETTER

For the week beginning 6th June 2011

In this week's issue: **Trips:** Y2 to Painshill Park; Y3 to London Zoo; Y4 to Hampton Court
Sport: Swimming Squad v Eaton Square; Y3 Rounders v Hornsby House; Y3 Cricket v Hurlingham & Garden House. **Events:** Y5 and Y4 Concerts

From the Headmaster:

This week...

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Music department for two excellent concerts this week. It was wonderful to see our Year 5 and Year 4 children brimming with confidence and excitement as they performed a lovely variety of music with Victorian and Tudor themes running through each programme. Year 4 have experienced full immersion in the Tudor period after their Tudor day and a trip to Hampton Court. Meanwhile Year 2, pond dipping at Painshill Park, nearly came home with more than they bargained for when one child, clearly feeling the urge to hunt larger prey, tried to catch a duck!

As I write, I am fastening my Mexican bandit's hat (?) for Charrington's "Heroes, Heroines and Villains" fashion show. It is a fitting theme to end this action-packed half term. Everybody has worked hard to fit in the usual Summer Term programme of activities, trips, sports fixtures and school events, and I am grateful to you all. I hope you have an enjoyable week's holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th June.

Boys

Looking ahead, I want to flag up an event in the next half of term for Year 1 parents. On Thursday 30th June, we are holding a coffee morning for Year 1 to discuss the options for boys at Finton post Year 3. Parents of girls are very welcome to attend. Please put the date in your diary. There will be a follow-on evening event in September, which fathers may find easier to attend.

The Week Ahead.....

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Thomson House Hip to Skip £1		Music Grade exams	6pm Mothers' & Fathers' Football & Rounders
Reception					
Year 1			"Seaside Journeys" Workshop		
Year 2					
Year 3		2.15 at T Fields Rounders v Eaton Square and Cricket Tournament			
Year 4			To National Portrait Gallery	12.40 @ T Fields Rounders Tournament	
Year 5	Cycling Proficiency	Cycling Proficiency	Cycling Proficiency	Cycling Proficiency Cricket v Garden House away 2.15	
Year 6	To The Houses of Parliament				

Birthdays

Monday: Alfie 1C, Olivia 4N, Alicia 3S & Iris 1T; *Tuesday:* Miss Elizabeth;
Saturday, Tina, Jacob 1R & Ella 1C

YEAR 3 went to London Zoo

On Monday 23rd May the whole of Year Three went to London Zoo. First, we went to see some skulls at the 'School's Education Centre', we learnt about animals' teeth and what their diet is. There were lion skulls, warthog skulls, parrot skulls, but our favourite was the hippo skull, it was enormous. While we were learning about teeth the other group went to see an animal show, they loved it. After the workshop we went to see the live animals, we saw hunting dogs, zebras, giraffes and okapi (it looks like half a zebra but with a brown body!). We had a booklet to write down what each animal eats, what teeth they have and if they are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. We saw monkeys, wart hogs, gorillas, camels and many more animals. The otters were all sleeping on top of each other, their fur looked like velvet. Then we saw the big male lion asleep on his hut, he just popped his head up lazily and looked at us, then went back to sleep. Towards the end of our tour we saw llamas, alpacas, giant tortoise, komodo dragons...but soon it was time to leave. We all had a great time. When we got home we thought, what a lovely day we've had.

By Eadie and Yasmin 3S



YEAR 5 VICTORIAN CONCERT



Fete – 12th Jul y



As always there will be lots of stalls, games, rides and sugary treats to keep your little ones happy!

In order to make sure that all the money we raise goes to Downs South, we are inviting companies to sponsor the larger stands this year.

If you know of a nice builder or anyone who might like to display a banner on the day and appear in the programme, we can offer the following for sponsorship:

Rodeo Bull £350 Obstacle Course £350

Families or businesses could even get together to share the cost.

Also, we have six trade stands taking part this year selling jewellery, clothes, cards, Jamie at Home, pool/beach stuff and scooter accessories. If you know of anyone else who would like to take a stand for £25, please ask them to email me. **Lucy.**



Year 4 went to Hampton Court



On Tuesday we had an excellent time at Hampton Court Palace. We even met King Henry VIII and sang 'Pastime With Good Company' for him. He was very happy and he gave us all 'the King's blessing'. We also had a workshop about 'Investigating Henry' where we found out about King Henry using objects (copies), paintings and documents which were all primary sources of evidence. After lunch we went to the maze which was very hard to get out of but a lot of fun. Finally we visited the Tudor kitchens which had some very strange smells! We saw a Tudor larder and how they used to cook. There was a huge fire (real) for roasting meat. It was such a great day and everyone really enjoyed it with their own favourite parts.

Anna M 4K



**Upper
School
Disco**

Friday 17th



The Upper School Disco is on Friday 17th June, 6 – 8pm. This Year's theme is 'Hawaiian Luau', so dust off those flowery shirts, board shorts and grass skirts and join in the fun. The tickets are £8, which will be added onto next term's fees. Should you not be able to come to this amazing event, please let the office know.

Mr Paul & Miss Emma



YEAR 4 TUDOR CONCERT



Year 2 went to Painshill Park on Tuesday

When we got there, the first thing we did was pond dipping. All I caught was lots of tadpoles, two pond snails and a conker! Next we did a Nature Trail and I read a map all the way! On our Nature Trail, we saw a Chinese Bridge and a Gothic Temple, we went inside. We also saw lots of creatures and plants. We had our lunch sitting on a log and the table was made of a big log too. Soon we were happily eating and talking together. My favourite thing was pond dipping. I had a great time on our school trip.

Georgie S. 2H

Quotes of the day :

"I am a pond dipping disaster!"

and : Teacher : *"Ohh, don't go too close to the edge please..."*

Pupil : *"I'm trying to catch a duck. I want one."*



The Travel Plan

Thank you to everyone for completing the Travel Plan questionnaire. The points made have been most useful. One of the items that a large number of people were interested in was the possibility of a 'Walking Bus'. If you would be interested in attending a school meeting with a representative from Wandsworth Transport Services, please let Fleur know. If there are sufficient numbers, we will organise a meeting, probably at 9am one morning.

Miss Bridget



The Finton Singers

The Finton Singers will be performing in assembly on **Tuesday 7th June at 9am**. Parents are most welcome to come along and support them. If your child is singing, please ensure that they are in school by **8.35am** that morning, (looking reasonably smart!) so that we can warm up sufficiently.

Thank you, **Miss Joanna**



NAMED LOST PROPERTY

Lohan.....Dress

Heath.....Scooter



Another wonderful Show.

Thank you parents, for all your hard work in helping your children to look so brilliant.

Every year, the costumes get more and more inventive and ingenious!

Lots of photos will be put up on the website for you to peruse—but we could not resist including this gem today!!

**Trinity Guildhall Music Exams
Timetable - Finton House School
Thursday 9th June 2011**

Freddie Meyers	6	Piano	9.00
Ellie Hancox	4	Flute	9.22
Laura Sheffield	3	Flute	9.38
Ella Hemming	1	Flute	9.51
Holly Mann	1	Flute	10.04
Ellie Stratton	1	Flute	10.17
Charlotte Watt	1	Flute	10.13
Amber Milligan	1	Flute	10.43
BREAK			10.56
Ella Rhodes	1	Flute	11.11
Charlotte Stopford	1	Flute	11.24
Helena Greenwell	2	Clarinet	11.37
Grace Austin	2	Clarinet	11.50
Ruby Lyons	3	Clarinet	12.03
Freya Pearce	1	Singing	12.16
Henry Hughes	1	Cornet	12.29
Amelia Sellors	1	Trumpet	12.42
LUNCH			12.55
Archie Chatwin	In	Recorder	1.55
Cosmo Freeland	In	Recorder	2.08
Olivia Dalton	In	Recorder	2.21
Anna Sheffield	In	Recorder	2.34
Amélie Rawling	In	Recorder	2.47
Katie Robinson	In	Recorder	3.00
Georgina Andrews	1	Recorder	3.13
BREAK			
Alexandra Thomson-Glover	1	Recorder	3.28
Ella Linwood	1	Recorder	3.41
Oscar Cunningham	In	Piano	3.51
Arthur Ritchie	In	Piano	4.01
Lara Davis	1	Piano	4.11
Benjamin Harris	1	Piano	4.22
END			

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN
TO PRACTISE OVER HALF TERM**

SPORT

On Tuesday afternoon the swimming team had a friendly match against Eaton Square. We took our largest squad ever to a gala(over 40 children). Eaton however, brought just over 20. We aimed to give everyone a fair go and give some new members some valuable race experience. Eaton on the other hand swam their best swimmers over and over. For us it was about taking part. There were some great performances on the day. **Willem** won the backstroke and frontcrawl with ease. **Tom C** also won both the front -crawl and breaststroke. **Ella M** won the Y4 breaststroke and **Maddy** won the Y6 backstroke. **Laura S** won both the open butterfly and front-crawl. **Lily-Rose** also won her breaststroke. At the half way point we had won 9 out of the 22 races. It was in the relays that Eaton pulled away, as the Year 6 girls were the only ones to win. They swam incredibly fast to win both front-crawl and Medly relay. The final score was Eaton Square 173 to Finton 128. Well done to the whole team.

Mr Anthony & Miss Emma

The Year 3 A1 cricket team played Garden House School on Wednesday afternoon. The Captain, **Tom B**, lost the toss and we were invited to have a bat. It was a very tricky surface on which to bat – no evidence of a wicket anywhere, so the ball was bouncing all over the place. Our batsmen hit some excellent 4s. **Archie and Tom** put on 23 runs for the first pair then **Ted, Fraser** and **Kit** came in and played some excellent shots. Apart from a few silly run-outs we made 63 runs from our 8 Overs. A score we thought would be good enough. By now some of the mothers were drifting in from the Chelsea Flower Show ready to see a bit of ‘Fire in Babylon’ **Archie** ‘Mitchell Johnson’ was off his long run and bounced the first ball into the batsman’s head. Great stuff from the fast bowler. A clean bowled wicket from his last ball followed up by a menacing over from **Tom** saw the opposition really struggling. Our bowling and catching was superb. Several wickets in **Ted’s** and **Kit’s** over meant that Garden House would probably be looking at a negative score. The final score was Finton 63 runs Garden House 27. Another convincing victory.....Is there anyone out there who can beat us?

Mr Anthony

The Year 3 A2 cricket team have made an incredible start to this season, with two emphatic victories over The Hurlingham and Garden House. Both wins were down to solid, accurate bowling and aggressive, front foot batting. **Bertie** has led from the front, cleverly manipulating his field positions to restrict the opposition’s flow of runs and also mucking in with some key runs for the team. **Kit and Louis** both put in such solid performances against Hurlingham that they earned places in the victorious A1 squad at Ashdown House. **Benjamin and Max S** have been imperious with the bat, smashing countless fours and sixes. **Tommy R** is the new Paul Collingwood, stopping anything hit anywhere near him and also taking a super catch against Garden House. **Fynn, Freddie L and Joshie’s** deadly accurate bowling has restricted our opposition to a combined total of around 10 runs whereas we have amassed over 150. Well done boys, let’s keep it up after half term!

Mr Charlie

On Tuesday, the **Year 3 B1 Rounders team** took on Hornsby House for their first match of the term. Finton batted in the first innings and showed Hornsby that they were willing to put up a strong fight, scoring 4.5 rounders, however, when Hornsby batted they managed to score 7.5. But, in the second innings, Finton were determined to make a change and scored another 5.5, whilst Hornsby scored 5.

The Score at the end of the match was 12.5 to Hornsby and 10 to Finton. Some brilliant skills and amazing determination from the team have been shown and we look forward to a seriously promising second half of term. Well done to all the girls.

Miss Lucy

The **Y5 A1 Rounders team** played a fun, active game v **Eaton Square School**, with our girls hitting and fielding with confidence. There was one innings of 30 balls each with us fielding first.

Sabrina on 2nd post was a reliable catcher, being fed balls successfully by **Charlotte Wt** in deep and **Phoebe** as backstop. ESS had one very reliable, strong batsman who got a rounder every time, lobbing **Anna W** beautifully!

When we went in to bat, ESS showed that bowling was not their strong point and half rounders were quickly credited to us on account of no balls. We had superb hitting from **Ella L, Anna W, Ella R** (despite nearly hitting me in the face) and some good play by Holly M.

This was an excellent game, with the final score of 11-5 to us being fully deserved.

As the **A2 game** got off to a good start with FH fielding, it was clear the Eaton Square girls were a little rusty on a few key rules (I think they would greatly benefit from attending our summer camp!) At the end of the first half, Eaton Square had gained an easily beatable 6 rounders – thanks to our excellent fielding. As usual, the FH A2 team continued to successfully hit the ball and make it to 2nd or 4th post. **Molly H** demonstrated fantastic play with her brilliant judgement on running,

Charlotte Wd played superbly throughout. **Ellie S, Rosie D & Florrie B** worked very well together between backstop, bowler and second post. The whole team demonstrated quality play and I was delighted with the overall score of 6-13 to FH. I was thrilled to hear that we won not only the A2 game but also the A1 & B1 games – A Huge well done to all the Year 5 girls! Thank you to those parents who kindly came to support the girls and who, whilst huddling up to each other, took shelter from the rain under the trees!

The skies were filled with threateningly dark clouds on Thursday morning, but the sun shone on the **Y5 B1 Rounders match v Eaton Square School** in the afternoon. **Yasmin** and **Amber** shared the bowling and **Charlotte S** and **Maya** the backstop position.

It soon became clear that after last week's coaching game the Finton House B1s were focused and fielding attentively. **Lily E** and **Laura** particularly impressed me with their attitude. Some punchy play also from **Charlotte H**. Soon Finton House had succeeded in getting out the whole of ESS with only 3 rounders won.

In batting the focus continued with **Lara, Yasmin, Charlotte S, Laura and Amelia** scoring rounders of their own, bringing the score to a fat 8.5. As soon as this was announced, the heavens opened and the rain fell on the parched fields.

Congratulations B1s and keep up the good work!

Player of the match: Amber

Miss Clare

