



NEWSLETTER

For the week beginning 21st November 2011

In this week's issue: more Snowball auction lots, Year group reading

From the Headmaster:

School Development





We are looking forward to addressing parents and prospective parents at the meeting on 30th November at 7.30pm. The architect, structural engineer, Chairman of the Governors and other members of the governing board will be present with the management team of the school to speak about the following areas: the vision and context of the project, the design and construction of the new basement development and the learning support block, the timeframe for the whole project, including the alterations to the classrooms in the main building, and the management of the site during the work to ensure the safety and well-being of the children. The management of the school day, including temporary arrangements for music, playtimes, drop off and pick-up will be explained, and we hope to be able to answer any questions you have, and provide reassurance that these arrangements have all been driven by the key principles that the children's well-being is our top priority and that their educational experience will not be unduly affected by this development.

We have had a few replies but please let Lucy know if you are planning to come as we need to know numbers.

Music Teachers' Concert

A huge thank you to all our music staff for giving up their time to play for us on Tuesday evening. It was an amazing concert and parents who attended have paid the musicians so many wonderful comments.

The Week Ahead.....

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		House Lunch wear House t-shirts		Crazy Hair Day	 Long Weekend
Reception					
Year 1					
Year 2	2A Assembly 9.00am			11.45 Netball v Oliver House away	
Year 3		3H Assembly 9.00am			
Year 4					 No school today or on Monday
Year 5		Swimming Squad Gala v Falkner House & Garden House at Ernest Bevin School 4.15pm			
Year 6	2pm Football v Prospect House @ Dover House Rd			Gymnastics Competition at FH 4.10pm	

Birthdays - Tuesday: Flora (5N), William (1T), Miss Natasha, Miss Lorna, Sam in the kitchen; **Wednesday:** Felix (4E); **Saturday:** Sophie (RR); **Sunday:** Amelia (3A)

St Mary Magdalene Church, Wandsworth Common

Christmas Fair

In aid of six charities

Saturday 3rd December 12–3pm

- New & exclusive gifts
- Cakes & preserves
- Festive flowers & plants
- New beauty buys
- Our luxury raffle!
- New best-selling books!
- Children's games and fun makes

*It's family fun!
Come for coffee -
stay for lunch &
some last minute
Christmas
shopping!*

**PLUS... Your portrait taken for just £10...
our must-see Art Exhibition... and more!**

Entry 50p - Children go FREE!

St Mary Magdalene Church, Trinity Road
(near junction with Bellevue Road)

*• Don't miss him -
Santa arrives at 1.30pm!*



DT SPOONS

I have had two photo books made of the fabulous DT day spoons. One is with Mr Adrian and one is in the DT room. You are welcome to come to my room and browse through the pages. At present I have no plans to make any further books as they are rather expensive to produce (£50 ish!)

Mr Paul



Inter Year Group Reading

Year 6 asked at the Pupils' Council if they could read to Reception during their lunch break. The children now go in three days a week from 1.15 to 1.35.



FUN & GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS

I'm sure you are all thinking about Christmas presents, so here is a thought I can throw into the pot.

I have been using an adventure game called Elf Tales with Year 1. They absolutely love it! The children need to help a character called Jek locate his book of spells. The adventure encompasses logic and mathematical tasks. I would thoroughly recommend this program.

Company website: www.sherston.com

Miss Susan

THOMSON HOUSE CRAZY HAIR DAY



We are looking forward to seeing all the mad and wonderful hair styles and creations on Friday.

Don't forget to bring in your £1 for the charity "Riding for the Disabled".

Miss Helen & Miss Rebecca

LAST WEEK'S CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

A special apology to Holly (6K), who also took part in the FH inter school cross country last week. She ran so fast, finishing a brilliant 4th place overall in the Year 6 race. I sadly forgot to mention her super performance in last week's report.

Holly is a very valuable member of the year 6 cross country team. Well done Holly!

Miss Anna

DT Wrapping Paper

Mr Paul still has some 'DT boxes' wrapping paper for sale. It is an excellent quality paper and only £1 per sheet. If you would like to buy some, please pop along to the DT room.

The Finton Snowball

IN AID OF THE SALLY WALKER BURSARY

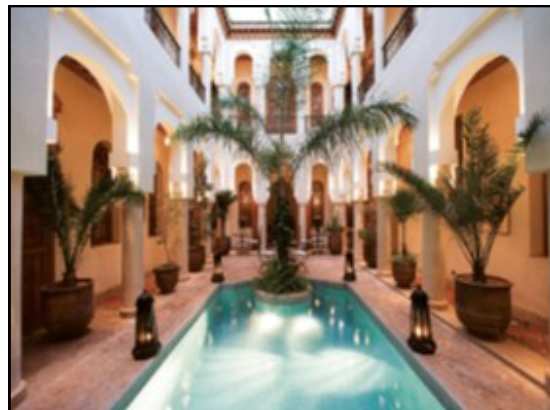
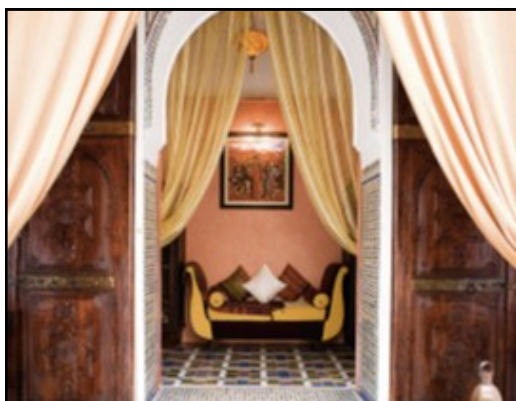
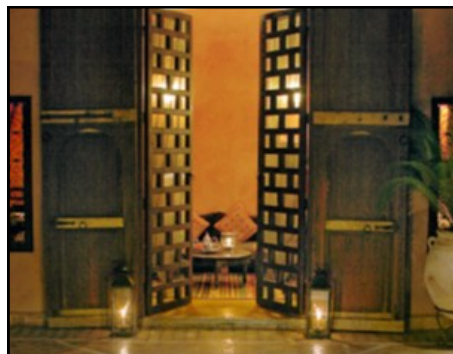
The last date for ordering your Snowball tickets is Thursday 24 November, so don't delay – get your order in now. We will also be taking orders in the playground on Wednesday. In the meantime, here are the details of three more amazing holidays to bid for in our silent auction...

◆ 4 Nights in Marrakech

Found in the heart of Marrakech (a world Heritage Site), the Angsana Riads Collection features six carefully restored riads, or traditional Moroccan houses – a remarkable act of historical conservation. One of these stunning riads could be your home for 4 nights for a romantic long weekend in one of the most vibrant cities on earth. Each elegant and historic Angsana riad surrounds a pretty central courtyard and all of them are located in the heart of Marrakech's buzzing Medina, with the intoxicating sights and sounds of Morocco's colourful markets right on your doorstep.

Hidden behind high walls, the Angsana Riads Collection provide a peaceful sanctuary from the energy of the surrounding souks. Relax in aristocratic surroundings in front of a fireplace, unwind in the hammam with a spa treatment at the renowned Angsana Spa, or gaze out over the city from the roof-top terrace as you sip a cocktail.

Bid in the silent auction for 4 nights in a suite in one of these historic Angsana Riads, with two free massages to help you relax after your day in the souk!



◆ **A weekend in the Show House at The Lakes Development, Cotswolds**



This stunning development is a private estate set amongst 650 acres of idyllic Cotswold countryside just 90 minutes from London. There is over 15km of lakeside walkways, treks, nature trails and cycling routes all within the estate. Bid in the silent auction to win two nights in one of the four-bedroomed show houses, and enjoy complimentary champagne and continental breakfast.

◆ **Climb Kilimanjaro!**



We are thrilled to be able to offer as a prize the opportunity for two people to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in August 2012. The climb will take approximately seven days to complete and then you can spend two relaxing nights at Gibbs Farm as part of your prize. Gibbs Farm is a small lodge located within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and was voted Best Safari Hotel in Africa in the 2011 Safari Awards.



Fourth Plinth Schools Awards



The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards, open to primary and secondary schools in London, provide an opportunity for students aged 8 -15 to design an artwork inspired by the contemporary art commissions, past and present, for the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square.

You are invited to submit digital ideas to their online gallery and enter their annual competition. They welcome a variety of different art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, digital designs, and even digital film. All entries will feature in an online exhibition. The deadline for submissions is Friday 16 December 2011.

The Fourth Plinth is an empty plinth in Trafalgar Square in central London originally intended to hold an equestrian statue. For over 150 years there was much squabbling about what to do with the fourth plinth, but very little agreement, until the temporary use of the plinth to display three pieces of art in the last years of the 20th century led to a commission being formed to decide on a use for it. Eventually that commission unanimously decided to use it for the temporary display of artworks. The history is fascinating and as this is only a brief introduction, we would love you to find out more by going to:

London.gov.uk/forthplinth and enter ! Good luck!

Ben Harris (the Art Monitor)

The Lord Wandsworth College Logic Competition

Early on Monday, Helena (Y5), Amelia (Y5), Ella G (Y5) and Emily (Y5) set off to Hampshire to compete for the Lord Wandsworth College Logic Cup. Our Finton Four not only represented Finton, but did us proud, competing against 14 other teams of Year 5s and Year 6s.

After a warm welcome, it was heads down for a maths puzzle, which was the first of four competitions. This was followed by a maths logic quiz, which asked questions like:

If a hole measures 3m by 2m by 4m, how much soil would it contain?

Mary's mother had 4 daughters called April, May, June and ?

The Maths trail took us all around Lord Wandsworth College, at a run! Team work and our mental maths skills were heavily involved here with code breaking,

Lunch was followed by a maths relay, which was all a bit of a blur for the school photographer! I am not printing our position in the rankings because every other team benefitted from Year 6 members and I am so proud of how our Fab Four worked as a team. Suffice to say that they were not first and neither were they anywhere near last!

Miss Alexandra