



School Newsletter — February 2010

Help for Haiti:

On 12th January this year, we all heard about the devastating earthquake which struck Haiti and affected hundreds of thousands of people who live in the poorest country in the western hemisphere. They had already experienced a hurricane in 2008 and are no strangers to political unrest, probably suffering more than any of us will in our lifetimes. Newspapers and the TV brought into our homes images of people who had lost everything, having to rely on the outside world to come to their aid.



Some pupils in year 8, after a school assembly about Haiti, decided that people like us should actually do something to try to raise money for urgent lifesaving supplies and show that we care. So on the last day of term everyone in school played their part in helping.

Everyone came to school in non-uniform, paying £1 for the privilege. Many pupils, despite it being the school disco the night before, found time to make cakes and biscuits to sell in school, thus raising more much-needed money.

On top of that, 80 pupils (out of a school of 114!) took part in a sponsored music marathon lasting for 2 hours in the school hall. The music was non-stop with an impressive range of performers. We had a guitar duet, solos on flute, piano, voice, various small groups of singers, band played, the whole 80 strong group sang together and last, but definitely not least, our very own stationary band made up



of year 8 boys played to great acclaim (watch out for them on Britain's Got Talent!)

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the money from their sponsors will go some way to help the various charities working in Haiti and stop the frightening death toll from rising even further.

Well done and thank-you to everyone involved in the whole day.



Year 6 SATs Evening

Just a reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that we are holding our annual SATs evening on **15th March at 6.30pm**. This is an opportunity for you to find out exactly what Key Stage 2 SATs are about as well as being able to discuss with teachers how you can help your child at home.

Reports and Parents Evening

You will receive a copy of your child's report on Tuesday 23rd March along with information about Parents Evening. To allow you to see more members of staff and have longer appointments if you need them we will have two Parents Evenings, one on Tuesday 30th March for those of you whose child's surname begins with A – L and the other on Wednesday 31st March for those of you whose child's surname begins with M – Z. We hope you find the report informative and that you will be able to join us at one of the evenings to discuss your child's progress. The opportunity to talk to you on a one to one basis is extremely valuable to us as teachers and undoubtedly sends a clear message to your child that we are working in partnership to support and develop their learning.

Do you want to learn more about your Family Tree?

Using the Internet to research your Family Tree.

We will be running 4 sessions for beginners in Family Tree research here at the school. Using the school computers, the sessions will demonstrate how to find out information from a variety of sources; censuses, Government records, parish records etc. Participants will have the opportunity to begin research into their own families.

So if you want to have a go and don't know where to begin, why not come along? If you are interested please fill in the slip and return to school. The sessions will be held after school on Thursdays: 4 - 5.15pm after Easter.

Digital Photography

Just a reminder that the digital photography sessions run by Mrs Patterson start on Wednesday 10th March at 4pm for those of you who have booked a place. If you have not booked a place but are interested in joining in please let us know.

Children's Cancer Run

A sponsored cross country family run is being held on Sunday 9th May at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park. The money raised goes to help the North of England Children's Cancer Research Fund to support work done at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle. It is a charity we have supported for a number of years and we are keen to be involved in the event again. We would like as many children and adults associated with our school to take part in this 5 mile event. It costs £5.00 for children under 16 and £10.00 for adults. All participants receive a T shirt, medal and picnic! Last year about 50 of us took part raising an outstanding £3926.00 and we were presented with a special trophy from the North East Children's Cancer Research Fund in recognition of our efforts. We would really like to get even more of you involved this year so please complete the slip overleaf for an entry form and return it to school by Friday 19th March. All participants will be responsible for making their own way to Gosforth Park but if you really want to take part and have not got transport please let us know because we may be able to arrange a lift for you. Come on, get fit and help save lives!!

Extra curricular Activities Spring Term

	Lunchtime	After school finishes 4.45pm
Monday	Football (yrs 5 & 6) Board Games Band	Drama U13 football
Tuesday	ICT KS3 Choir Netball (yrs 7 & 8) Homework club Rugby (yrs 5 & 6)	
Wednesday	Volleyball (yrs 7 & 8) Craft (yrs 5 & 6)	U11 Football U13 Netball
Thursday	Netball (yrs 5 & 6) Homework club Singing (yrs 5 & 6) ICT KS2	Archery (yrs 6, 7, & 8)
Friday	Aerobics (yrs 5, 6 & 7)	

Diary Dates

25/02/10	Yr 7 & 8 Basketball v Belford
03/03/10	World Maths day
08/03/10	Yr 7 & 8 Netball v Glendale U13 Football v Belford
09/03/10	Yr 8 Girls rugby competition at Alnwick rugby club 4—7pm
15/03/10	Key Stage 2 SATs evening
22/03/10	U13 Football & Netball v Thomas Percy
23/03/10	Year 8 Midyis test for High school Reports sent to parents
25/03/10	KS2 Technology day / KS3 Project Challenge Disco 6.30—8.30pm (17 credits)
26/03/10	KS2 Technology day / KS3 Project Challenge
30 & 31/03/10	Yr 5 visit to Woodhorn Colliery Parents Evening 4—6.30pm
01/04/10	School closes for Easter
19/04/10	School reopens

Family Tree Workshops

Name of child

I am interested in attending the Family Tree Workshops for parents after Easter.

Name Signed

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Name of child Year group

Number of adults @ £10 each

Number of children @ £5 each

Total amount enclosed

Size of T shirt(s) required