



Bronte School Headmaster's Newsletter



9th December 2011

Congratulations to all the children for their spirited and vibrant performances in the Christmas productions - and thank you for giving us so much Christmas joy and entertainment. It was the school at its best. We know how hard you have worked and how splendidly you have been supported by Mrs. Ansell, Madame Baldacci, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Kybert - what a team! Fortunately we are able to watch the shows again over the Christmas period - thanks to Mr. Luke Rogers (Bo Year 2) who spent so much of his valuable professional time this week putting together the DVDs. We thank him most warmly. (Order forms for the DVDs were available at the performances and now available at the office).



We also had the first of the draws for the Bronte Friends 100 Club - congratulations to Mrs. Maynard (and Joe and Ben), Mr. and Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Cox. (The next draw is at the February half term. Joining now you would pay £20 for the rest of the year).

On Friday afternoon the school Tag Rugby team missed the fun of the afternoon but had some fun of their own - coming 3rd out of 8 strong teams in the ISA London South Tournament at Sidcup and scoring over 50 tries. Thank you to Mrs. Rezki and the many parents who supported us and congratulations to Mrs. Rogers, Ayomide and the team.



So much is happening and has been happening on a daily basis that it is difficult to select from the vast number of photographs which ones to include. Last Friday's Fun Day, which included the Cinderella Day, the Grandparents' Tea and the Fun Lunch was a huge success. And the whole day started off with an hour's entertaining pantomime from West End in Schools. You can see what fun we had just by looking at these photographs!



That was last Friday! On Monday we had the lovely Helpers' Assembly with the Hall beautifully transformed with all the candles. It was our opportunity to say thank you to all who help the children in school. Thank you, Mrs. Gordon, for organising such a special occasion.



After school it was the prizegiving for ProFutures Soccer with all the trophies and certificates being handed out. Congratulations to all the players but in particular to Billy Cox who was given the star footballer award.

On Wednesday the Junior Choir sang their Christmas songs and carols to passing shoppers and a throng of parents gathered round them at Bluewater. Again it was a lovely occasion, much appreciated by everyone. Well done to you all and particular thanks to Miss Walsh, Mr. Scarff and Mr. Fields.



Moving ahead now to next Monday. Please note these arrangements for the Christingle service at St. George's Church (7pm).

- Please be in your seats by 6.50pm.
- The children will have seating arranged for them and they will know about this, following the rehearsal in the afternoon.
- School uniform will be worn—but no hats and caps are needed.
- If coats are worn, it would be helpful if parents could look after them during the service.
- The Christingle part of the service is at the end when the children will have their oranges, sweets and candles to hold as they surround the congregation and sing the final carol.
- The children will then be taken to the Church Hall—a new idea this year—for you to collect them at the same time as having coffee/tea/soft drinks and a mince pie, prepared for you there by a team of Bronte Friends committee members.

.... And here we ought to say a particularly big thank you to Mrs. Liz Brooker (Alex, Year 5) for preparing all the Christingles (what a task!) and overseeing the refreshments in the Church Hall, helped by Mrs. Tracey Appleby (Oliver, Year 5 and Daniel, Year 3) who is our expert at preparing Fun Lunches and who did such a marvellous job last Friday.

Mr. Sam Fenton (who has been assisting Mr. John Clements in his caretaking duties) has very kindly rearranged his working week in order to be available for us on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (with the occasional Wednesday and Friday) for the next few months. We are very grateful to him. I might just add that we are also grateful to our minibus driver, Mr. John Paul, for his additional help, particularly with transport to various events.

News of the Poppy appeal.— we collected just over £103. Thank you. The collection at the Christingle Service will be in aid of the Salvation Army, the Ellenor Lions Hospice and St. George's Church.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have probably mentioned to you that Mrs. Paula Shoobridge (who already teaches some pupils clarinet) did a workshop on Tuesday to try to encourage more pupils to join her. Over 27 children wanted more details!

Swimming next term is for Years 3 and 4 and the first session is Thursday 5th January.

Reports and next term's calendar will be sent to you on Monday.

Mrs. Dyson joins me in sending you our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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