



Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome

This week we have a very full edition with plenty of news from past events and an abundance of upcoming activity. The school has had a brighter feel this week, with longer day light hours and the sun making a rare appearance to help us forget the winter chill.

Parents' Weekend Date Change

Please be aware that in your current Pupil Calendar there is a misprint for the date of Parents Weekend. The date stated is the 5th March 2010, this is incorrect as Parents' Weekend begins on Friday 12th March 2010. More detail on this event and sibling appointment making will be sent to you next week.

Taxi Share Scheme

In view of the delay in the proposed school transport from Weston super Mare is anyone interested in a taxi share from Weston? There is a provisional quote of £3.50 per pupil per trip on the basis of four sharing. Please contact Dave Carter on 01934 418133.

Chess Players Wanted!

Students of all ages are invited to pit their wits in the Tuesday Chess Club – Room L.3 from 4.00pm until 5.00pm. Students who have never played a game of chess will be especially welcome- the rules are easily picked up.

Geography Field Trip

Thursday 4th February Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip to Burnham-on-Sea

This trip will be leaving school at 9.30am sharp, returning at approximately 3.30pm. Waterproofs, warm clothing and appropriate footwear are essential.

Photographic Exhibition Invitation



Daniel Moncur-Sime's photographic exhibition *Move On* comes to an end on Saturday January 30th at the Grant Bradley Gallery. Following the chaos of the snow and the triumph of the 'Prepare to Move On' open photo shoot, Daniel will be celebrating the success of his first solo art show with an explosive end of show party from midday on January 30th.

Enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles, and take the chance to look at Daniel's exuberant images before they're taken down. This is an open party, so feel free to invite anyone you'd like to bring along.

The Grant Bradley Gallery is located at 1, St Peter's Court, Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4AQ, Tel: 0117 9637673.



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Message from the Library

The staff and 6th form reading group met to discuss books that they had read over Christmas: “Five People You Meet in Heaven” by Mitch Albom, “The Cellist of Sarajevo” by Steven Galloway, “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas” by John Boyne and “The Little Stranger” by Sarah Waters. The chocolate and orange marble cake was well-received! Books chosen for reading over Easter are: “The Little Stranger” by Sarah Waters, “The Other Hand” by Chris Cleave and “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” by Stieg Larsson. Please contact Wendy Worley if you’d like to borrow a library copy, would like a copy of the cake recipe or would like to join the reading group.

Annual Scholastic Book Fair

The annual “Scholastic Book Fair” is in the Trevelyan Library from 27th January until 10th February. Students and parents are welcome to come and browse the selection of books. Consent forms for books to be bought and charged to the school bill have been sent out to Junior School and Year 7 students.

We propose allowing older students to buy books and put them on the bill without prior consent. If you feel that this is not appropriate for your child then please let us know. If you are unhappy with the book your child has chosen please return it to the library before 10th February.

Message from Head of Year 7

Year 7 parents, from Julie Green, Head of Year 7

The Year 7 pupils have coped very well with the timetable changes that started this week. A revised prep timetable is being prepared by Russell Spooner, Deputy Head (Academic), as it came to my attention that some pupils were set four or five subjects last Monday! In the meantime, I have asked Year 7 subject teachers to set prep as usual and allow extra time for completion so that the Year 7’s can manage their time efficiently and without anxiety.

Please may I remind parents that pupils should be properly dressed at all times, wearing blazers with shirts tucked in. Scarves should be blue or black only and girls should have long hair tied back.

We are encouraging all Year 7 pupils to use their lockers, please would you ensure that your child has a padlock.

Textiles

Year 8 Textiles

Year 8 Textiles pupils are making cushions and will need a cushion pad. Please would you obtain a polyester cushion pad of approximately 46cm square. Please do not send in feather pads or any other material which may cause an allergic reaction. Please feel free to reuse an old pad, as long as it is polyester or similar.



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A level Textile Design

Several students accompanied Julie Green to a workshop entitled: “Labour Behind the Label”, at the Arnolfini gallery. It was a very interesting presentation about sustainability in textiles and discussions arose from the ideas presented.

A-level Textile Design students will receive their Controlled Assessment paper next week in preparation for the Controlled Assignment exam in the summer term.

Sports Update

Weston and District Netball League Results

Sidcot v Weston '4'

Wednesday 27th January

Lost 21 - 22

This was a game where Sidcot nearly snatched a narrow victory and who on the balance of play, deserved to come away with more than just two points. All the girls started strongly, moving the ball with pace, intelligence and timing. They utilised the space across the court well, often intercepting loose passes and denying the opposition space of their own in which to work. Jo Cromwell and Katie Fincken totally dominated the defending circle and eventually the pressure they exerted on the Weston attack, resulted in a quick substitution by Weston to try to address the situation.

This helped settle the Weston team but with Sidcot's shooters in fine form, the goals scored were being equally shared between both sides. It is testament to the hard work and great team effort that Sidcot is blessed with three consistent shooters, Chantel Fox, Nicky Tourigny and Alice Pickles. They all have very different styles, but it is their ability to combine well in the circle and support one another which provides the opportunities to exploit weaknesses shown by the opposition.

Olivia Pimm and Leonie Dale worked tirelessly in the centre court to enable swift passing out of defence into the attacking third and although Kate Cromwell had an unusually quiet game, she certainly raised her performance during the last quarter to help her team close the gap on Weston.

During the last fifteen frantic minutes, Sidcot increased the pace of the game and for a while totally overwhelmed the Weston team. However, with some umpiring decisions not in Sidcot's favour they unfortunately ran out of time to seal the victory. This game demonstrated a fantastic team effort by the girls, especially when one considers that most of them played a school fixture against Kings of Wessex only two hours earlier! This level of stamina shows their improving quality and fitness. Well done girls.

Player of the match: Chantel Fox



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Girls Results 1st VII Netball

Sidcot v Kings of Wessex,
Wednesday 27th January
Won 15-4

Considering the cold weather both teams played some excellent free flowing netball in a match that was friendly but with a competitive edge.

Sidcot got off to a strong start maintaining good quality possession in the mid court which enabled the ball to pass fluently into the shooting circle. Elsa Bromhall worked hard at WA, linking well with Leonie Dale at centre. Leonie certainly dominated her opponent in a position that she now rarely plays, but it was her interceptions and sharp accurate passing that made the difference during the first half of this game.

The second half saw the introduction of Olivia Pimm at WA and it was soon evident that the terrific understanding between Olivia, Nicky Tourigny and Alice Pickles would lead to even more goals. Their passing, movement and high conversion rate denied the King's players possession and all three of them took command of the attacking third during the final ten minutes of the game.

It was also good to see Henni Zudrop playing for the school and her height and reach within the defending circle was a significant factor in frustrating the King's shooters. Katie Fincken's athleticism and reading of the ball helped to strengthen the Sidcot defence, however it was a self-assured team effort that made this a fine victory.

Hockey Matches

Sidcot v Worle
Thursday 28th January

These were the first outings for our hockey teams this term and all three made some good first impressions. The Year 7's on their first ever match, showed promise. Individual skills were sound, yet more practise is needed on team tactics and structure. They performed some solid and determined tackling in what turned out to be a hard fought game. The final score was 2-0 to Worle.

The Year 8's played competently and very competitively against a good Worle side. The match was fairly evenly balanced for most of the game, although Sidcot certainly created the better chances which unfortunately they could not convert. Camilla dominated the mid-field and worked tirelessly to feed the ball forward to the attackers, while the defence, Maisie and Emily cleared the ball firmly when necessary. All the girls worked hard throughout. The final score was 0-0.
Player of the match: Lydia Guest.

The Year 9's found themselves up against an experienced and well drilled Worle team, who attacked ferociously from the off. Bethany Sharples made a number of good saves and the defence (Anabelle and Ruth) stuck to their task and made many crucial tackles and clearances. Liz Yapp in mid-field worked hard to assist the defence. Worle persevered in their attacks however and managed to slot 3 home before the half time break.



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The team made some adjustments to positioning and Emily moved back to help strengthen defence. This strategy worked well and Worle were somewhat neutralised in the second half and only managed to score once. The final Score was 4-0, player of the match: Liz Yapp

Soccer Reports

Sidcot Year 10 XI v Shapwick

Drew 1-1

A very closely contested game saw both sides contribute some excellent attacking play and stout hearted defence. Shapwick scored late in the game but valiant counter-attacking by the Sidcot boys earned them a penalty that was fiercely put away by Alex Michael. This was another game which perhaps we might have won had the ball bounced our way more often.

Men of the Match: Will Nock and Alex Michael.

Sidcot Year 11 v Warminster

Won 6-0

On a small, uneven pitch the Sidcot Boys treated the gathered crowds to a master class of passing football. The 6-0 score line belies the fact that Warminster were a decent side simply blown away by our top quality counter-attacking. Goals from Matt Townsend, Sam Coates, Andrey Gaurylysk, Jo Elouassi and Harry Lewis, with a 25-yard rocket from Taylor Rampton sealed a good day's work.

Upcoming Sports Events

Senior School Swimming Gala : Wednesday, 3rd February 2.00pm Start

All families and friends are welcome to come to support our students at the Gala. Please remember that the pool hall is a very warm area and that the event is usually a very exciting and noisy one!

Please note the Bristol Bus will leave school at 6.30pm on Wednesday because of the Swimming Gala.

Sports – Weekly Girls Fixtures Update – Spring Term 2010

February

2nd (Tues) v Backwell (A) Yr 7 VII Hockey, Yr 8 VII Hockey

Yr 10 VII Netball, Year 11 VII Netball

3rd (Weds) Senior Swimming Gala

3rd (Weds) v Weston 3 (W+D) Netball League, Broadoak 7.00pm



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Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 30 January Duty House: Newcombe

9.00am - 12.15pm - Annual Entrance Assessments (Trevelyan Library)

10.30am 1ST XI - BCS (A)

Trip to London

Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Sunday 31 January

Pony Trekking

Monday 1 February

1.30 – 2.30pm Science “The Pollutants Tale” Event (Drama Studio)

3.30pm U11 XI – Fairlands (A)

4.00pm Academic Board Meeting, Old Library

Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Tuesday 2 February

8.35 – 10.00am Uniform Shop open

2.45pm U14 XI – Chilton (H)

3.15pm Year 3/4 – Fairfield (A)

6.30 – 8.30pm Life Drawing Classes for Pupils, Arts Centre

Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Wednesday 3 February

1.50 – 5.00pm Whole School Swimming Gala

Senior Team Maths Challenge – National Final, London

Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Thursday 4 February

8.00am - SMT (Operational) Meeting, Old Library

8.35 – 10.00am Uniform Shop open

10.00am Education Committee, Old Library

1.30pm Personnel Committee, Old Library

3.30pm 1ST XI – Clifton (H)

Intermediate Maths Challenge - Year 9,10 and 11

Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Friday 5 February

9.00am – 12.30pm School Open Morning (Arts Centre)

Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Saturday 6 February Duty House: SHB

1.00 – 4.30pm National Children’s Orchestra, Meeting House

2.30pm 1ST XI – Millfield (H) Valentine’s Dance

Trip to Clarks Village



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Sunday 7 February

Sidcot students depart German Exchange to Cologne
Bowling
Basketball Competition

Monday 8 February

2.00pm Friendly Hand Winscombe Concert
4.00pm Year Heads' Meeting, Old Library
Scholastic Book Fair, Trevelyan Library

Tuesday 9 February

8.35 – 10.00am Uniform Shop open
2.45pm U14 XI – Shapwick (H)
6.30 – 8.30pm Life Drawing Classes for Pupils, Arts Centre
Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Wednesday 10 February

2.30pm U11 XI – St Margarets (A)
3.15pm U13 XI – St Johns (H)
3.15pm U12 XI – St Johns (H)
4.00pm Heads of Boarding Meeting, Old Library
Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Thursday 11 February

8.00am SMT (Strategic) Meeting, Head's Study
8.35 – 10.00am Uniform Shop open
Scholastic Book Fair in Trevelyan Library

Friday 12 February

8.30am – 12.00pm SCPTA Coffee and Cakes
Sidcot students return from Cologne
Art Deadline for all IB studio work and workbooks, GCSE, AS and A2 portfolio coursework and A2 studies



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Junior School Newsletter

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Staff – Sally Bayley

You will notice Sally Bayley has not been in School since Christmas. Unfortunately she is away from work due to illness and we wish her a speedy recovery. Wing House, Sidcot Junior School and pianists are all missing her!

Breakfast Initiative

You will notice the Breakfast Display in the foyer. This is an initiative to help children notice and realise the importance of the contents of breakfast produce. It is quite amazing how much sugar there is in yoghurt! Many thanks, as ever to Juliette Grove.

PE Kit

As requested by the PE Department could we please ask that, where possible, boys wear swimming shorts that are above the knee and preferably tight fitting rather than the long 'Board' shorts. Please could we remind pupils to bring appropriate kit for PE on their allocated day. All children should equip themselves with a spare pair of white socks for PE.

Lost Property – Junior School

Could we point out to parents, and of course pupils, that we now have all lost property stored in one large black box. This is situated outside the Year 6 classroom at the top of the stairs. We hope you find what you are looking for!

Dance Activity

Unfortunately we are unable to go ahead with this activity at present. We are working on being able to provide this activity after half term. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Free Swim Activity – J1-J4

Due to next weeks' Main School Swimming Gala and other swimming lessons after school, we have been asked to change our own Free Swim from **Thursday 4 February to Friday 5 February**. The PE Department has made provision for this to happen. This is for one week only and the same timings will apply. Please let Wendy Wardman know if your child is **unable** to attend.



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After School Care Logo and Name

Emma Davis, Out of School Manager, requests that we give a new name to the After School Care facility and asks all pupils and parents if they could think of an appropriate name for this. In assembly Emma explained the need for this in the future and has asked the pupils to design a logo for ASC. If you do have any ideas please could we ask that we have these before Half Term.

Dates for your Diary

Date 2010	Event
Monday 1 February – 3.30 pm	J5/J6 Football – Fairlands (Away)
Tuesday 2 February – 3.15 pm	J3/J4 Football – Fairfield (Away)
Friday 5 February – 9.00 am-12.30 pm	Open Morning
Wednesday 10 February – 2.30 pm	J5/J6 Football - St Margarets (Away)
Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February	Half Term
Tuesday 23 February 2010 – am	J1 Visit to Blaise Castle & Museum
Friday 26 February – 9.00 am – 11.30 am	Young Shakespeare Company Visit (J5 & J6)
Wednesday 10 March – 1.30 pm	Junior School Swimming Gala, Sports Centre
Thursday 11 March – Wednesday 17 March	Book Fair
Friday 19 March 2010 – 1.30 pm	J3/J4 Football – Clifton High School (Away)
Friday 26 March – 12.00 noon	Term Ends
Monday 19 April – Thursday 23 April	J6 Residential Camp – Adventure Okehampton
Tuesday 20 April	Summer Term Begins

Rosie Craig, Head of Junior School

Half Term Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February