

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST



NEWSLETTER 11

Friday 5th December 2008

THE LAST WEEK

QUARRY BANK MILL

Last Thursday we went to Quarry Bank Mill. The bus journey was really fun and we got to take our i-pods. When we eventually arrived there we went to put our bags away and were met by our guide, Bob. He decided to take us to the village to look at some of the old cottages (they had thatched roofs). It was quite a long walk from the mill and it was all up hill. We went down to where all the machines were kept. A man told us how to make cotton, then he gave us some pieces each. We all had a go at making it into thin strings of cotton. The man switched the machines on, they were really noisy. When we got back we went to see the water wheel; it was huge and it turned really slowly. The other thing I liked was playing with all the mini toys that were mini versions of the big machines in the mill. After that we went to the shop where I bought a bar of chocolate and some memory loss mints. We then got on the bus and headed for the long journey home. **Millie Bolton 6M**



YEAR 5 & 6 TRIP

On the 27th November Years 5 & 6 went to Quarry Bank Mill in Style. It was a humongous cotton mill and it was run by water power. Inside the mill was a big water wheel. We were so lucky they even turned it on for us. When we went to look inside the mill there was a woman sitting on a wooden stool and spinning some cotton. After that we went to a big chimney. We got to stick our heads up it, two at a time. It was about 120 feet. We saw lots of machines on the trip. I think they were trying to prove how noisy they were. About half way through we went to the lunch room to have lunch. At the end we went to the gift shop. There was everything you could dream of. It was a very good trip and I enjoyed it. **Amy Bell 5B**

PANTOMIME TRIP - FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

The majority of the Prep School will be attending the Pantomime, Cinderella in Liverpool on Friday 12th December.

Pupils may wear their own clothes for the day. They will have an early lunch before departing at 12:15.

The pantomime is due to finish at 16:30 and pupils should be collected from the coach park at 17:30.

Pocket money for sweets, ice cream etc will be allowed at parents' discretion.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

There are no tickets left for 'A magical Christmas' on Wednesday night, and going fast for Thursday night (only a few left)—please don't be disappointed.

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DESIGN TECHNOLOGY DAY

On Monday 1st December the first day of Advent Calendars) it was design technology day. We made loads of Christmas decorations for the Chapel and for the back board in the classroom. Mrs Borowski decided to have a vote to see what we did in the classroom. We could either do one big picture or lots of little ones. In the end we decided to do the big picture. The girls did Santa and the sleigh, the boys did three reindeers altogether. Our reindeer looked a bit overweight. We did the candles next and they were quite hard. We had to draw them two metres long. We decorated them with various types of paper and different colours. In the light they looked fantastic and all the teachers said how good they looked. **Ross Turpin & Jack Eggesden 5B**



On the first day of December it was technology day. We came in our track suits and, as

usual, late. First we did our mini pictures for our calendar; I drew a reindeer. When we finished we wrote our names on a piece of paper and put them in a box. Each day one person would close his/her eyes and pick a piece of paper and the lucky person would pick a picture and a chocolate treat. Today was Ross. Ross picked the first pocket and was digging his hand in for some chocolate coins. Ross got a picture of a snowman. Then we had to make candles. We stuck strips of paper on the candle in rows. **Daniel Wong 6M**



FROSTY WEATHER

On Tuesday Year 1 started the day by going out into the frosty grounds to take some photos. Don't worry mums we put all our outdoor clothes on first. We took some lovely pictures and here are two of them. The leaves and grass looked really pretty, sparkling in the sun. It was funny watching the ducks on the frozen lake. **Miss Whitehouse**



MISCELLANEOUS

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL

A reminder to all singers involved in a Magical Christmas that there is an important rehearsal on Saturday 6th December from 09:30—12:00. Pupils should wear full school uniform as the rehearsal takes place on Open Day. **Mrs McWilliams**

BOOK FAIR

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week. We managed to raise a little over £200 towards new books and resources for the Prep School. I look forward to your continued support when the Book Fair returns in May. **Mrs Grime**

READERS AND SCRIBES

A big thank you to all those who came to read and scribe for the recent examinations, at what was quite short notice this time. The organisation was quite complicated and the timetable very full. By moving some of the revision periods around, it was possible to cope with mainly school staff on this occasion. There will be more examinations for Years 10 and 11 immediately after Christmas but the busy time will be in the summer term when the whole school are doing examinations at the same time. If you have not been asked to come this time please do not be offended; we still need you. I would like to keep your names on file and call upon you for help at either Christmas or the Summer.

The children really appreciate the help they receive and I feel that the readers and scribes find the experience both interesting and rewarding. **Mrs B Evans, Study Centre**