

THE LAST WEEK

YEARS 1 & 2 TRIP TO UNDERWATER STREET

On Wednesday we were all very excited about our trip to Liverpool. When we arrived we had an interesting walk past the docks, the ferry terminal and the Liver building. It was great to see the world famous Liver Bird. When we got into Under Water Street we had so much fun exploring the six areas of learning. We made our own fridge magnets, scaled the climbing wall, got trapped in a giant bubble, visited the Pooch Parlour, panned for gold, painted a real car and watched an amazing science show. At the end of the day we were very tired from our super adventure. A big thank you to Mrs Aylmer & Mrs McCormack for all their help from all of Years 1 & 2. **Years 1 & 2**

GCSE MUSIC CONCERT

GCSE Music pupils in Years 10 and 11 entertained parents, staff and Year 11 pupils whilst the Parents' Evening was taking place. The short recital showed a range of styles and the standard of all performances was very pleasing. Well done to all performers.

Mrs McWilliams

MISCELLANEOUS

VOTE FOR SCOTT

Many of you will remember Scott Chapman, an old boy of the school, who has entertained people at Ladies Day Lunch and the Family Christmas Ball. He is one of the 12 finalists to appear live on national TV in the Alan Titchmarsh show on Monday 15th February. Scott will be performing along with two other finalists in front of record producers and judges from the music industry and hopes to be chosen to go through to the final on 8th March. The winner on 8th March will be chosen by the public and will gain the title of 'The People's Crooner', as well as being given a recording contract to record at the famous Abbey Road Studios in London. We wish Scott every success.

GO FOR GOLD

Over the next month we are hosting a number of events to try and raise money for the drama department. 'Go For Gold' is just one of these events. We are asking the children to collect as much broken or unwanted gold from family and friends as they can. This could be an odd earring, snapped chain, broken ring or in fact any little bits of gold jewellery that you no longer want. What we need you to do is take 5 minutes over the half term to look for any broken or unwanted gold jewellery that maybe sitting in a jewellery box or pot and put it in your child's 'Go For Gold' envelope. Then seal the envelope and return it to school by 8th March 2010. Gold donated will be turned into funds to purchase props and costumes for the school production. Please take the time to ask your friends and family to look, no matter how small an amount or condition, it will make a difference. **Miss Mapstone**

MISCELLANEOUS Cont/.....

TOY SALE

The second of our fund raising events will be a toy sale to be held at lunch time on Friday 26th February. We are asking the children to donate toys that they no longer play with but that are in good condition and full working order. Please take the time over half term to de-clutter any toy cupboards or playrooms that maybe bursting at the seams after Christmas. All toys donated will be sold at the children's toy sale and the money raised will be used to help purchase props and costumes for the school production.

Miss Mapstone

WANTED

Any old fancy dress costumes that are no longer used but that are in good condition. Please send any such items into school for the attention of Miss Mapstone. **Miss Mapstone**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Prep Inter-House Music Festival takes place on Wednesday 24th February and the Senior Music Festival is on Thursday 25th February. We are very pleased to have Bandmaster Bywater from the King's Division Normandy Band to adjudicate the festival this year. Winners of each class will perform at the Winners' Concert on Wednesday 3rd March.

PREP SCHOOL PARENTS' EVENING

Please remember that the Prep School Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 24th February. Please ensure you have received an appointment time from your child's class teacher. If you require an appointment time with a member of staff that does not appear on your child's appointment list please contact Miss Mapstone directly to make alternative arrangements.

Miss Mapstone

YEARS 7 & 8 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Years 7 & 8 will take place on Thursday 25th February between 17:30 - 20:00.

SPORTS NEWS

ISA CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 3rd February we went on the school mini bus to a cross country race in Manchester. On the way it started snowing and on top of that we could not find the place where the race was taking place. Eventually when we got there Year 5 missed their race so they ran with Year 6. It was a 2000m race, it was two laps of a muddy mess. I came 5th and Sam came 66th. At the start Raj, Matty and Sam slipped over. I got through to the National. A big thank you to Mr Wynne for taking us.

Jack Eggesden 6B

The ISA Cross Country was on 3rd February. We had to go to Manchester, there was a huge race that was 2Km long. We took our gear with us, walked to the field that was marked as far as the eye could see. Unfortunately we missed the Year 5 race and Year 6 girls because we had some trouble getting there. The Year 6 boys race was still on. The year 5 boys asked Mr Wynne if they could run in the Year 6 race and he said yes. Jack, Samuel, Raj and Matty lined up at the start. The whistle blew, they shot off like a rocket, there was a big collision about 20 or 30 children pushed each other to get a place at the front. With arms going back and forth and their heads held high every single one of our pupils finished the race, Jack 5th, Raj 34th, Matty 36th and Samuel 66th. Well done, Jack is through to the finals. **Sukhbir Singh 6B**