

CAPTAIN'S TABLE - Wednesday 14th October 2009

Parent representatives from Beautiful Beginnings, Reception, Years 3,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10 attended a breakfast meeting with the Principal on Wednesday 14th October. For the first time more Fathers were able to attend than Mothers. It is always appreciated that so many parents take time off work to attend these meetings. They are important and an ideal way of meeting other parents, hearing about what is happening in different sections of the school and for offering suggestions and opinions. Topics covered at this month's meeting included:

- ◆ the works completed during the summer vacation and the impact this has had upon pupils and parents (both present and prospective);
- ◆ the works to be undertaken during the October break - the completion of the new Art/Pottery studio, and the story telling Tower, a new ICT suite with 25 Apple Macs, new dining room facilities for children and staff;
- ◆ the e3 programme of activities and the popularity of Body Combat, Bright Sparks and Get Plastering. New activities are being introduced into the programme for Term 2;
- ◆ the channels of communication for parents / pupils to make suggestions or express concerns. A suggestion box is to be placed in the School Office and facilities will be made for communicating suggestions / concerns electronically. Parents' and pupils' views will always be listened to and we will continue to develop the questionnaire approach as well as inviting parents / pupils to open meetings. The Student Voice has also been reinstated with each Year group having a representative on it;
- ◆ the importance of work experience and whether it would be possible to use parents, who are employers to accept a pupil in the work place for a few days;
- ◆ the Friends of Scarlsbrick Hall (FISH) events - the Christmas Family Ball on 12th December and the Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December;
- ◆ the importance of teaching children skills for life - the use of e-learning, entrepreneurship, independent learning, organisational skills, public speaking;
- ◆ the misuse of technology and the dangers of cyber-bullying and the role of the school in dealing with any reported incidents.

All parents present stressed how happy they and their children were with the changes and many event wanted to come to school next week!

THE LAST WEEK

AUTUMN CONCERT

Many thanks to Year 11 for an excellent concert on Tuesday night. It was a very enjoyable evening and it was a credit to their skills both as musicians and organisers. The amount of money they have raised for their two charities is truly phenomenal. Well done. **Mrs Marfany**

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AUTUMN CONCERT

Many thanks to the following Year 11 pupils for organising the Autumn Concert:

Tom Evans	Bethan O'Dowd	Stuart McGowan
Charlotte Petrie	Fiona McCreath	Adam Rydings
Emily Harrison		
Jess Bolton (photographer)		

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

On Friday 2nd October Jane Wells from KGV spoke to Year 11 students about the 'IB' qualification. The students found it interesting and several Year 11 are considering studying for the 'IB' at College. **Mrs Sinclair**

STUDENT VOICE

I felt nervous and excited. We talked about taste testers and the tuck shop, about getting new things for the tuck shop. The decision was to ask two people, a boy and a girl, to do some taste testing one lunchtime from each Year group.

Daniel Beaver 7TC

INSET DAY

The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 30th November 2009. This is an INSET day for members of staff.

