



BSM's Weekly Newsletter 6 February 2010

News From The Principal

Swimming: BSM's Marlins Set More Records in Dubai – On Friday 29 January 10 members of BSM's Marlins competed in Meet 4 of the UAE Swim League. They swam in 48 races and gained 30 (63%) personal best times, 9 school records and 22 Junior Olympic qualifying times. The swimmers were:

Angus Robbins (5T), Charise Edmondson (5H), Chloe Barrow (6J), Joshua Edmondson (7JDR), Lavanya Chowdhury (8JRO), Patrick Pender (10GH), Theodore Pender (10GH), Mohammed Khalil (10GH), Hannah Kozak-King (10KW) and Olena Kozak-King (11CB).

Congratulations and well done everyone!

Fire Drill – We will be holding our termly fire drill at an unannounced date this week.

Evacuation to Homes - We shall be evacuating all children to their homes before the end of this academic year, and that the time and date of the exercise will not be announced. Please make sure that you know exactly what you need to do in the event of an evacuation and if you are not sure, please read the contents of your Child Collection Packs or contact my secretary, Mrs Karen Casemore, (email headbsm1@britishschool.edu.om) for a new set of packs for you and your family. Please be prepared. Thank you.

Double House Points – Last week I awarded double house points to the following primary child for exceeding his teachers' expectations: Harry Watt (5H) for English. Congratulations and well done!

Sixth Form Charity Fashion Show – Members of our Sixth Form's Fund Raising Committee have been busy planning for this year's charity fashion show, which will take place from 6.00pm to 9.00pm on Wednesday 10 March at The British Ambassador's Residence, more details will follow shortly.

The 'Ruby Red' Ball – Thursday 4 November 2010 at The British Ambassador's Residence. The theme is 'Ruby Red' in recognition of Oman's 40th National Day Celebrations. The cost will be OMR 40 per person. Already we have had 44 tables reserved (440 People), judging by the way the tables are being reserved don't forget to book yours to ensure that you are not too disappointed. It promises to be a fabulous night. If you would like to attend, we are inviting you to reserve your seat(s) or table for ten by return email to my secretary, Mrs Karen Casemore, at headbsm1@britishschool.edu.om. Please pay Karen for your reservations on 2 October when tickets will be issued.

BSM – British Summer Madness - CAYC Informal Beach Party Wednesday 3 March 2010 - BSM are pleased to invite the School's Community (over 21s) to a relaxed and informal Beach Party at the idyllic Capital Area Yacht Club on Wednesday 3 March from 7:30pm until 1am. The cost will be OMR 15 per person and includes a disco, BBQ, wine, beer and soft drinks. The evening will help to raise funds for a school multi-media suite as well as allowing the school's community to socialise on a more informal basis. If you are interested, please reply by email to headbsm1@britishschool.edu.om or contact Karen Casemore on 24600842 for further details. Tickets are available from Angie Bham in Reception. Initially, I hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

KS2 Sports Day Sponsorship – Thank you to Mr Al Gohary, Coca Cola (Father of Kareem 7JDR and Sherif 5TT) for his kind sponsorship of the KS2 Sports Day. He very kindly provided bottles of water for the children.

Student Council Representatives - Each class in KS2 elects student council representatives, who meet every two weeks with Mr. Turley to discuss the issues which are important to the children. The student council reps have an important job, and they take their responsibilities very seriously. We thought it would be nice if we introduced them to a wider audience, so they have written short profiles of themselves. Each week we profile two members of the Student Council. This week it's Jenny Goodwin and Anna Al-Aghbari from 6B:

Our Student Council Representatives Are;



Jenny Goodwin is 10 years old and was born in England. She enjoys reading, playing tennis and spending time with her friends. She is responsible, reliable, kind and helpful. When she grows up she would like to be a doctor. She would like to create a positive environment at school so that everyone can be happy (especially Mrs. Birchall).

Anna Al-Aghbari is 10 years old and was born in Manchester England. She enjoys swimming and football, and supports Manchester United. She is responsible, caring and kind hearted. When she grows up she'd like to be a doctor, or if all else fails, a school teacher. She would like to make the school a better place for everyone.

The British School Muscat - MEDDIA event – Wednesday 5th May 2010 - The Media, English, Drama and Dance departments are pleased to announce the inaugural **MEDDIA** celebration evening this will take place at The Grand Hyatt Jabarin Ballroom on Wednesday 5th May 2010. It is designed to celebrate individual pieces of work by students studying subjects within these departments, rather than an overall award for continual excellence. The acronym **MEDDIA** stands for Media, English, Dance and Drama Innovation Awards.

The event will be run with an 'Oscars' night format, including black tie/posh frocks, red carpet, limousines, etc. and is designed to allow the students to experience how attending a media event like this would feel. It is also an opportunity for them to showcase their work, receive the accolades they deserve and for parents and staff to be entertained in a broad format.

As we go to press we are busy sourcing sponsorship for various stages of the evening in order to keep ticket prices at an absolute minimum with all nominees and award presenters being invited guests. If you are interested in being part of the event or if you have any questions please contact Mr Moul via Karen Casemore on headbsm1@britishschool.edu.om

Sports News

Result - BSM - 1 -- ABA - 1

ABA dominated for most of the game but was unable to create any clear scoring opportunities until 8 minutes from time when they scored a very good goal from 20 yards. It was at this point that BSM seemed to wake up and began to take control equalising within 2 minutes of going behind. By the time the final whistle was blown BSM had created two further good chances to score but were denied by some excellent goalkeeping. Max Hatfield (goalkeeper) and Lars Richters played well throughout the game for BSM and deserve a special mention.

Ken Wilson

News From The Board of Governors

At The Crossroads on our Road To Outstanding – As we explained to parents last October, we are at a crossroads in relation to how we improve our school's facilities for learning, but we are not standing still. Talks continue to take place to help us decide if we should a) stay and improve our existing site, b) extend and improve our site, c) split our site, or d) build a completely new school somewhere else. As soon as we have identified which path to take, we'll let you know.

Last But Certainly Not Least...

Swine Flu – Last week we had no cases of swine flu. Please consider having your children vaccinated, free of charge, at one of the Ministry of Health's health centres and if you do, please inform our nurse, Mrs Cath Healey, by text on 99432613.

Please keep your children at home if you suspect that they might have a flu-like illness and seek medical advice. The Flu Hotlines for Oman are 92466422 and 92466642. Please contact Mrs Cath Healey, our nurse, if your doctor suspects that your child may have swine flu. If so, then their brothers and sisters will be required to stay at home too.

Please reinforce the need to for your children to have good personal hygiene. Thank you.

Safeguarding & Absence From School – Please contact us before 8.00am on everyday that your children are absent from school. This ensures that you and we know exactly where they are and why. Thank you.

Parents are reminded that the Primary playground equipment is not supervised after school. We ask for your support and vigilance in ensuring that children are kept away from these areas. In the KS1 lower playground we would appreciate parents supporting the staff as they carry out their duties to maintain health and safety guidelines.

Low Attendance, Low Performance – That's the conclusion reached by Ofsted after inspecting thousands of schools in the UK. Please try to keep your child's attendance levels up but follow the advice on swine flu first. Thank you.

Tag Your Bags – Please remember to tag your school bags and name your lunch boxes.

Car Parking - Parents are asked to observe the following when using the school's car parks:

- have security passes ready to show the security guards on arrival.
- do not park or stop for extended periods outside of the designated parking bays
- keep speeds to a minimum, no more than 20kph
- remain observant at all times
- pedestrians have priority at all times
- be patient and courteous to other parents, security guards and car parking assistants
- use the pedestrian crossings where provided when on foot
- **do not use mobile phones whilst driving**
- turn your engines off when leaving your car

Thank you for your co-operation.

Clunk-Click Every Trip – Please make your children wear their seat belts.

Cream-up and Hats On – Please protect your child's skin with sun block and a wide brimmed hat. Thank you for your co-operation.

Have a good week!

Steve Howland MBE
Principal.