

BSM's Weekly Newsletter 30 January 2010

News From The Principal

Key Stage 2 Sports Day - Under a clear blue midwinter's sky, the annual KS2 Sports Day took place on the school's astroturf on Wednesday. It was again superbly orchestrated by Mrs Reeves and the PE Dept., enabling the children to perform to the best of their abilities, cheered on by team mates, staff and parents. With Ms Proctor pumping up the volume and Mr Edwards supplying a running commentary, the children seamlessly moved from one activity to the next like a well oiled machine. There were too many excellent performances to mention, but everyone contributed to their House effort, resulting in a very close competition. Remarkably, the spoils were shared in the end. Each house won a cup, an unusual if not unique occurrence; however, the overall winners this year were the House of Ruwi.

Results

T Ball – 1st Bowsher, 2nd Ghubrah, 3rd Yitti and 4th Ruwi

Benchball/ Basketball - 1st Yitti, 2nd Ghubrah, 3rd Ruwi and 4th Bowsher

Hockey - 1st Ruwi, 2nd Bowsher, 3rd Yitti and 4th Ghubrah

Athletics - 1st Ghubrah, 2nd Ruwi, 3rd Yitti and 4th Bowsher

Overall winners – RUWI, 2nd Ghubrah, 3rd Yitti and 4th Bowsher



House captains proudly show off their trophies



The winning team 'Ruwi' with mascot and trophy

Health & Safety: Mobile Phones & Driving – It has been brought to my attention that some drivers have been using their mobile phones whilst driving in our car parks. This is dangerous and could lead to a serious accident involving a child or adult. Therefore, all drivers are strongly urged not to use their mobile phone whilst driving or maneuvering in any of our car parks. Thank you in anticipation for your understanding and co-operation.

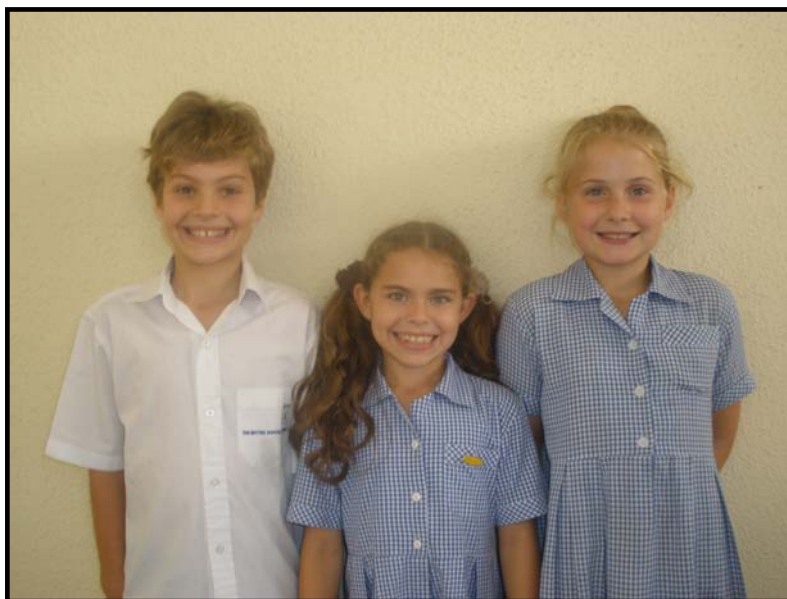
Evacuation to Homes - As you already know, we shall be evacuating all children to their homes before the end of this academic year, and that the time and date of the exercise will not be announced. Please make sure that you know exactly what you need to do in the event of an evacuation and if you are not sure, please read the contents of you 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.

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.

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 33 tables reserved (330 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.

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 three members of the Student Council. This week it's Sophie Millward, Chloe Anderson and Angus Robins from 5T:



Sophie Millward is 9 years old and was born in Worcester, England. She loves acting, netball and basketball. She is fun-loving, well-organised and kind. When she grows up she would like to travel the world and explore exciting places. She would like to make the school a better place for everyone.

Chloe Anderson is also 9 years old and was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. She loves swimming, netball and gymnastics. She is fun, kind-hearted, and energetic. When she grows up she would like to be a doctor who travels the world. She would like to improve the toilet facilities in the school.

Angus Robins is 9 years old and was born in Bahrain. He loves making models, swimming and reading. He is kind, helpful and considerate. When he grows up he would like to be in the army. He would like to improve how much time children get to use the climbing equipment in the playground.

The British School Muscat - MEDDIA event – Wednesday 5 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 5 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.

News From The Board of Governors

Committee Meetings – This term’s sub-committee meetings will begin this week when the governors’ Finance Committee meets on Sunday 31 January in order to a) review the financial performance of the School during the autumn term and b) consider the forecast for the spring and summer terms. The Committee will report to the full Board on 28 March and a summary of the minutes of that meeting will be presented to parents and staff in the first newsletter that follows that meeting, that is, during the first week of the summer term.

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.