



BSM's Weekly Newsletter 27 June 2009

Swine Flu – The school, the British Embassy, Ministry of Health and a local World Health Organisation (WHO) doctor are continuing to monitor the spread and effects of the virus, which has now reached Oman. It is extremely important that our children make good hygiene a habit and wash their hands frequently. Please reinforce this message at home. Thank you.

The school's current position is still to continue with all aspects of school life as normal. However, I will contact you if this needs to change.

You can keep up-to-date with progress and advice by monitoring the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office's link: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travelling-and-living-overseas/swine-flu> and/or the WHO's website: www.who.int .

If your child is unwell in any way then please keep them at home and, if necessary, contact your doctor. Please do not send sick children to school. This is our standard advice to parents and needs to be followed even more carefully under present circumstances. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

The Flu Hotlines for Oman are 92466422 and 92466642. Please call if you have any concerns or require information.

An Outstanding Year for BSM- It's been an excellent year for BSM, and I thank you for your support. It was particularly pleasing for us to have received such a positive endorsement of the strength of our school when inspectors judged us to be "an outstanding school" in March, and listed 68 out of 87 grades as outstanding. This was an important milestone on our Road to Outstanding and a clear signal that we are heading in the right direction and making good progress. None of this would have been possible without positive co-operation between staff, pupils, parents, governors and other supporters of our school, and I thank everyone for your contributions towards the education of our children.

We still have SATs and examination results for 2009 to look forward to, and I am quietly confident that we will receive a good set of results. Already, I am very pleased to announce that we have achieved the best set of Key Stage 1 results ever, and I thank everyone who has taught and guided the Year 2 children since they joined BSM.

To those of you who are leaving, I wish you every success for the future, and to those who will be returning, I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you in September.

12.00pm Closure on Wednesday 1 July – Just a brief reminder that school closes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 1 July at 12.00pm. Please would you remember to collect your children at this different time. Thank you.

Staff Leavers – The following members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this week. I'm sure that you will join me in thanking them for their contributions towards your children's education and the development of our school. I wish them every success for the future.

Mr Alan Macdonald	Reception Teacher
Miss Hilary Wilson	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Emma Forester	Year 4 Leader
Mrs Debbie Prince	Year 3's Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Jenny Jordan	Year 4's Learning Support Assistant
Miss Julia Papworth	Director of Physical Education and Sport
Miss Tracey Pallant	English Teacher
Mrs Hazel Brierley	Chemistry and Science Teacher
Mrs Mary O'Connor	Maths Teacher

Please note that Senior Teacher Mrs Rachel Colbourn, who was also due to leave at the end of this week, left us last week due to the very serious illness of her mother.

New Staff – The following new members of staff will be joining us in September and you will be able to meet them during our meet and greet evenings, if not before. Please help them settle into Muscat and our school.

Mr Graham Mabelson	Primary Assistant Headteacher (to replace Mr and Mrs Colbourn)
Mrs Pauline Mabelson	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Jenni Dellman	Year 4 Leader
Miss Tania Leger	Year 4 Teacher
Miss Holly Jones	Year 6 Teacher
Mrs Ann Milne	Lower Key Stage 2 Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Jenny Williams	Chemistry and Science Teacher
Mr Maurice Moul	English and Media Studies Teacher
Miss Gemma Mantell	Dance Teacher
Miss Louise Granger	Physical Education Teacher (specialist in gymnastics)

Staff Changes – The following members of staff will be changing their roles in September.

Miss Lizzie Law will move from Year 2 to Reception
 Miss Sallianne Smales will move from Reception to Year 2
 Ms Sue Britnell will move from Year 4 to Reception
 Mrs Amanda Kidman will move from Year 6 to Year 3
 Mrs Lisa Grey (English teacher) will become Head of Key Stage 3*
 Mr Tony Goodwin (maths teacher) will become Head of Key Stage 4*
 Mr Duncan Grey will become Director of Physical Education and Sport

*New posts to support personal development and well-being, and care, guidance and support of students in the Senior School.

Reception Trip to the National Hospitality Institute (NHI) – Each year the National Hospitality Institute kindly open their doors to our Reception children. This year, Chef Guillmo enthusiastically gave the children a ‘hands on’ experience in the kitchen. Once they had donned their ‘Little Chef’ aprons and hats (generously donated by the Institute), the excited children prepared, baked and tasted their own delicious cookies. As always, the staff were extremely welcoming, courteous and keen to help these 5 years olds gain the most from their experience. Great fun was had, judging by the amount of flour that was everywhere! The trip had a HUGE impact on the children – this was evident both from the children and feedback from parents. Our children were thrilled that they were so proficient at making cookies, and wore their aprons home with pride. Thank you to all concerned for making this such an enjoyable and successful experience for our children.

Gail Venus – Reception Year Leader



Reception Trip to the National Hospitality Institute

Off The Wall Dance Productions – Last Saturday and Sunday evening 135 children from Reception to Year 13 entertained two packed halls. The dances were produced in group dance clubs, technical dance club or as part of examination preparation, and were choreographed by pupils or Miss Papworth, who has taught them all so well since joining us. The Off The Wall dancers were:

GCSE Year 10 Dance Group

Rachel Rosie (10LS), Samantha Blee (10LS), Monika Eskanda (10LS), Caitlyn Tucker (10LS), Amy Sharkey (10TG) and Becky Sinnet (10TG).

GCSE Year 11 Dance Group

Mel Boyd (11TW), Ben Thomas (11MK), Emre Ozsoy (11MK), Cristina O'Hanlon (11MK), Shannon Walsh (11AM) and Charlotte Prince (11AM).

AS Year 12 Dance Group

Venetia Sims (12HB) and Katie Blake (12DA).

Dance Technique Group

Kardelen Ozsoy (7CB), Emre Ozsoy (11MK), Cristina O'Hanlon (11MK), Arunima Choudhury (7CB), Emily Doyle (7SS), Harriet Doyle (9GH) Samantha Blee (10LS), Rachel Rosie (10LS), Becky Sinnett (10TG), Mairenn Garden (7SS), Sofia Casson (8TJ), Olivia Allard (8TJ), Amy Sharkey (10TG), Rebecca Mackay (8TE), Joe Sharkey (6B), Katie Howland (9GH), Sophie Irvine-Fortesque (6C), Shenali Fernando (7LG), Merel Gmelig Meyling (8TE), Olgita Lambi (6H), Mollie Ebbutt (6H), Alice Caswell (7CB), Sruthi Chilukoti (5T), Brogan Robertson (5M), Emily Fullerton (5TT), Rebecca Clark (5TT), Ciara Hughes (6H), Lauren Withers (5M), Nick Howland (8TE) and Alex O'Hanlon (8TE).

Open Dance 1

Freddie Wilks (5TT), Chloe Anderson (4B), Danya Boothway (4B), Violet Gaffey (4B), Sarah Hill (4B), Emma Whittingham (4B), Samiya Garrod (4F), Tessa Kolster (4F), Robin Turner (4F), Sarah Bell (4M), Emma Taylor (5M), Phoebe Wiggins (5M), Rebecca Clark (5TT), Lotte Scholten (5TT), Zoe Taylor (5TT), Rebecca Hill (6B), Charmille Velarde (6B), Ellie Baird (6C), Rachel Talablis (6C), Jyothsna Prakash (6H) and Najah Rizvi (6H).

Cristina's Choreography

Katie Jack (8CL), Rebecca Mackay (8TE) and Poppy Andruskevicius (8CL).

Ben's Choreography

Kate Pooler (13AH), Caitlyn Tucker (10LS) and Rachel Rosie (10LS).

Open Dance 2

Gabby Stockton (8TJ), Arunima Choudhury (7CB), Emily Doyle (7SS), Rebecca Mackay (8TE), Alisha Baird (8TE), Mairenn Garden (7SS), Sofia Casson (8TJ), Olivia Allard (8TJ), Katie Jack (8CL), Amy Sharkey (10TG), Nick Howland (8TE) and Alex O'Hanlon (8TE).

Primary Dance Group

King Lima's—Olivia Allard (8JT), Sofia Casson (8J), Nick Howland (8TE), Alex O'Hanlon (8TE), Amy Sharkey (10TG), Becky Sinnett (10TG), **Lima's** -Morven Smith (1W), Stephanie Situmorang (1F), Grace Brundrett (1F), Katy Donald (2T), Beth Ebbutt (2L), Carmen Greasby (2L), Finley Robins (2L), Georgia Wignall (3E), Loren Brundrett (3E), Sophie White (3D), Zinnia Mettawa (RM), Andjela Pavlovic, Morven Wilks(RM), Eve Boothway (RS), Sophie Jones (RV), Alice Lewsey (RV), Claudia Peeters (RV), Olivia Stirling (RV), Cassie Blackhurst (1EB), Anushka Kamath (1EB), Charlene Tu-Weale (1EB), Jessica Bastable (1F), Milli Beasley (1F), Hannah Hussain (1F), Diana Mat Ali (1W), Medbh Dolan (2L), Ana Lazic (2L), Vanya Priyandoko (2L), Morgan Chilton (2R), Rebecca Cramp (2R), Charlotte Dickson (2R), Oisín Gaffey (2R), Freya Guckian (2R), Amir Hussain (2R), Muna Ismail (2R), Maria Khakimova (2R), Sara Murray (2R), Lucy Ogilvy (2R), Molly Peeters (2R), Chavi Silva (2R), Caitlin Braybrook (2T), Hannah Homer (3D), Jemima Myers (3D), Tanya Wong (3D), Naomi Darke (3E) and Zoe Parsons (3E).

Dance Performance Group

Katie Jack (8CL), Olivia Allard (8JT), Amy Sharkey (10TG), Charly Pooler (9SM), Harriet Doyle (9GH), Katie Howland (9GH), Rebecca Mackay (8TE), Katie Pooler (13AH), Megan Bastable (7CB), Venetia Sims (12HB), Arunima Choudhury (7CB), Poppy Andruskevicius (8CL), Annalie Greasby (7CB) and Nina Greasby (7LG).

Student Choreography

Megan Bastable (7CB) and Nina Greasby (7LG).

Helpers:

Ali Smith, Lisa Brundrett, Toni Birchall, Cathy Taylor, Angela Bham, Dave Rodgers, Karen Howland, Debbie El Alwan, Lynda Haynes, Staff PTA, Maintenance team, Kutty, Sallianne Smales, Nina Benjamin, Ece Okten, Fiona Beasley, Rosie Kolster, Janine Doyle, Paul Keach, Paula Robins, Jill Robinson, Duncan Grey, Lisa Grey, Phyllis Gregory, Lucy Parker (noor-images), Emma Forrester, Christine MacKay and Sue Proctor.

Music Exams - Well done to the following primary students who have passed music exams this term:

Drums

Grade 1 Aasir Osman (6B), Matthew Doyle (5TT)

Grade 2 Lewis Whitelaw (6C) and Kevin Beattie (6C), Elle Hetherington (6C)

Piano

Grade 1 Adithya Binod (6C), Ellie Eden (3E), Tessa Kolster (4F) and Clara Weber (4F)

Grade 2 Emily Doyle (7SS)

Grade 3 Toby Andruskevicius (5T)

Grade 4 Harriet Doyle (9GH)

Guitar

Grade 1 Joseph Situmarong (6C)

Trumpet

Grade 3 Elliot Turner (6B)

Violin

Grade 1 Ross Grieve (5TT) and Joud Ben Othman (5T)

Grade 3 Rachel D'Amours (6B)

Tenor Horn

Grade 1 Ellie Gladwin (4F)

Susie Proctor Primary Music Teacher

Music Exams - Well done to the following senior students who have passed music exams this term:

Drums

Grade 1 Zain Riaz (8TJ)

Grade 2 Ben Edwards (8TJ) and Harrison Tucker (8TJ)

Grade 4 Amy Morton (10JIR), Jake Penrose (10LS), Ramdisa Agasi (11AM), Eryn Sinclair (8TJ), Annalie Greasby (7CB) and Scott Hett (12HB)

Grade 6 Sam Markham (9KW)

Flute

Grade 3 Lavanya Chowdhury (7SS)

Guitar

Grade 2 Ben Edwards (8TJ)

Grade 3 Ben Edwards (8TJ)

Grade 4 AUFAR LAKSANA (7SS) and Jack Maclean (7SS)

Grade 5 Ramdisa Agasi (11AM)

Grade 6 Edward Stallworthy (11AM)

Piano

Grade 1 Teddy Pender (9GH), Victoria Amos (8TE) and Samantha Wong (8TE)

Grade 2 Emily Doyle (7SS), Safya Megnin (7LG), Dylan Bell (7CB), Kardelen Ozsoy (7CB) and Teddy Pender (9GH)

Grade 3 Sian Cogan (7SS), Gemma Penrose (8CL), Aastha Arora (11MK) and Rebecca Mackay (8TE)

Grade 4 Harriet Doyle (9GH) and Bojana Pavlovic (7LG)

Grade 5 Olivia Situmorang (9KW)

Grade 8 Joanna Ashkhanian (9KW)

Saxophone

Grade 3 Sian Cogan (7SS)

Trombone

Grade 4 Seb Amann (9JT)

Trumpet

Grade 5 David Butler (8CL)

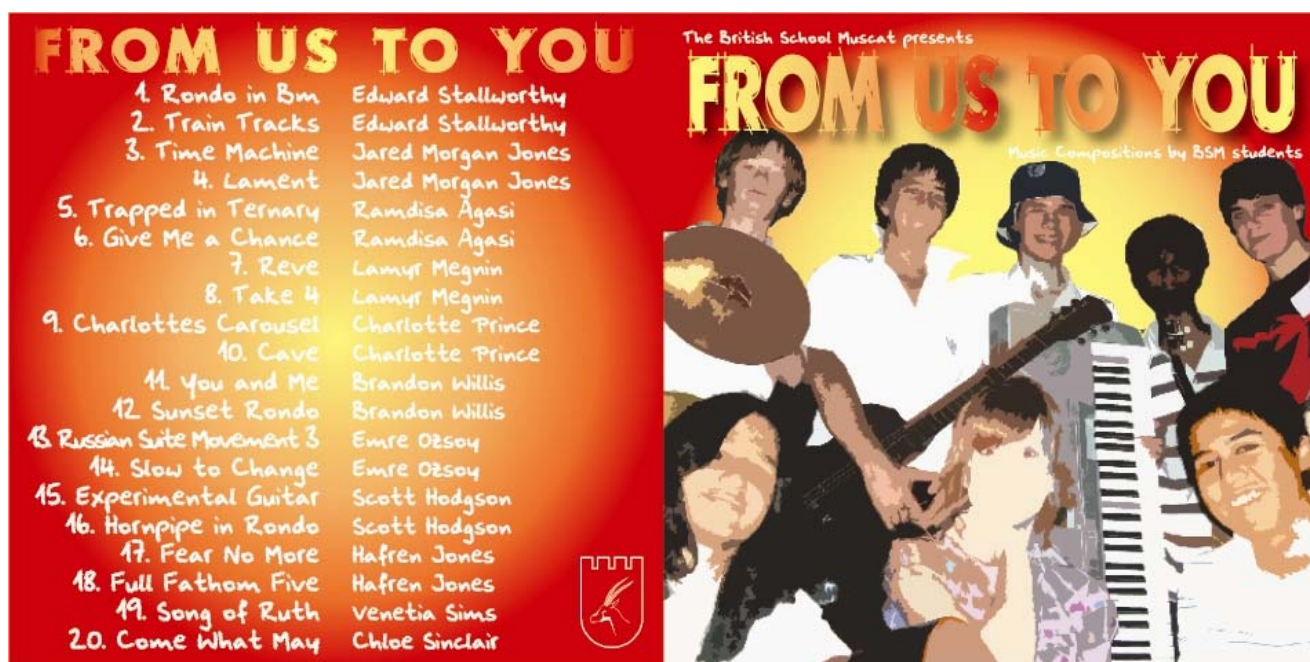
Grade 8 Chloe Sinclair (12NW)

Violin

Grade 1 Paddy Pender (9GH)
Grade 2 Megan Bastable (7CB),
Grade 3 Paddy Pender (9GH)
Grade 4 Safya Megnin (7LG)
Grade 5 Charlotte Prince (11AM)
Grade 6 Lydia Butler (10JIR) and Joanna Ashkhanian (9KW)

Teiron Jones – Director of Music

New Release – The Music Department presents 'From us to you'. A cd of original music compositions from our senior school students. Cd's will be available from Angela Bham our receptionist from Monday 29th June at a cost of OMR 3. All profits will be given to charity.



Double House Points – Last week and today I awarded double house points to the following primary children for exceeding their teachers' expectations: Rebecca Hill (6B) and Faaria Siraj (6B) for English, Colin Mackay (5TT) for raising OMR 160 for charities.

Blue and Silver Masquerade Ball – Please note in your diaries that we will be holding a Blue and Silver Masquerade (BSM) ball for about 400 at the British Ambassador's Residence on Thursday 12 November. It promises to be an outstanding evening! Further details will be released in due course.

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

Crawling Speed, Phones Down and Engines Off – Please carefully crawl through our car parks, don't use your phone whilst driving, and turn your engines off when leaving your car.

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

Are you Ready For School Closure? - Have you learnt what to do in the highly unlikely event that we close the school and do you know where your Child Collection Packs are?

Have a great summer holiday!

Steve Howland MBE
Principal

Influenza A(H1N1)

How to Protect Yourself and Others



Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue when coughing and sneezing



Dispose of used tissues properly immediately after use



Regularly wash hands with soap and water



If you have flu-like symptoms, seek medical advice immediately



If you have flu-like symptoms, keep a distance of at least 1 meter from other people



If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home from work, school or crowded places



Avoid hugging, kissing and shaking hands when greeting



Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands

For more information:

<http://www.emro.who.int/csr/h1n1/index.htm>
<http://www.who.int/en>