

## Junior School newsletter

### January Edition

Friday 9 January, 2009

Dear Parents

January may bring some cold and dreary weather but I think in school it brings some excitement too. After the departure of Mrs MacIntyre and of Miss Wheatley, we have welcomed Mrs Caves as class teacher for L3 and Miss Conway for L6.

The interviews for our L1 intake in August have started today and it is always a pleasure to see all the little ones who will become part of our community. January 30<sup>th</sup> is of course the day when our current L7 pupils sit the Entrance Assessment for Senior School. This is also the day when we have children into the Junior School for testing for entry into L2-L7 so it is a busy and interesting day for everyone.

On Friday of next week we have our Swimming Gala at Olympia. A separate letter with details will come out to participants but it is important that you are aware that parents are very welcome to come to spectate.

We are already launched into a busy term for class work with many varied topics being covered in our Science, History and Geography programmes. As part of their topic on 'Famous People', the L2 year group will be visiting Discovery soon and as part of their language programme, L5 will be holding their annual Burns Supper on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Many of you will have seen our L1-3 Nativity, 'Countdown to Christmas'. Once again we had a very successful production with the children rising to the occasion. As a result of your generosity in the silver collection, we have raised almost £1000 for charity and this will be divided between Down Syndrome Scotland and Radio Tay Cash for Kids. Thank you for all your support with this.

As one show closes, another begins. Rehearsals have already started for the L6 & L7 production of the musical 'Treasure Island'. This will be performed in Trinity in June and I know we can look forward to a sparkling production.

With best wishes for a happy and successful 2009,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G. McLaren  
Head of Junior School.