

## Junior School newsletter

### Autumn Edition

Monday 23 November 2009

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been an exciting term so far. The Party on the Pillars at the end of October was excellent and I know many of you commented on the friendly atmosphere and obvious talents of our pupils. I think everyone was thrilled by the fireworks. It was good to have the school community together in an informal gathering.

We had a very successful Open Morning at the start of this month with large numbers of interested families. Once again our L6 and L7 pupils who acted as Tour Guides received many compliments and our L3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils who took part in the activities were also a credit to the school.

Our annual Remembrance Parade is always a very moving point in the school year. On a very crisp November morning the school paid its respects to those who have died or been injured in war.

Over the past few weeks we have had two BEd students in school and we look forward to having another one in school after January. It is always a very worthwhile exercise as it is good for the school to have fresh, new ideas coming in to school. As you will know, the work of the students is very closely monitored by our staff.

A few weeks ago, Mrs Cochrane, our Medical Auxiliary, asked parents of pupils in L1-4 if they could donate second-hand jumpers to give to orphans in Songea in Tanzania. She has been overwhelmed with your generosity and says that they are in a position to give two garments to each child. She is now working hard to raise money for the postage! Thank you.

Our thoughts are already turning to Christmas. L1-3 are heavily involved in rehearsing for this year's Nativity, 'The Stars Come Out For Christmas'. This week we held rehearsals at the Caird Hall for the 770 Anniversary Christmas Concert which is to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December. I am sure that will be something to remember. We are currently organising parties and theatre trips and more details of all of these will be with you soon.

The Rep always has an art competition coinciding with their performance and this year we are delighted that Gregor Vagg of L6 won second place in designing a lantern.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G McLaren  
Head of Junior School