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# MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Christmas Events

On the last Wednesday of term we presented a varied programme of entertainment to a packed hall. Musical items came from the junior and senior choirs and the orchestra, and the audience joined in with four carols. Soloists included **Sally Fothergill**, **Miss Conolly** and **Mr Sturmheit**, and a rock number, "All I Want For Christmas Is You" was performed by Sixth Form band **Unapproved**. Contributing dance, **Laura Westoby**, **Rachel Ibbotson**, **Laura Fargher**, **Lisa Cass** and **Sally Fothergill** rocked around the Christmas tree in their Santa outfits. A poetry reading and four dramatic sketches complemented the music: and the evening finished with a mini-pantomime (Cinderella) from the Sixth Form. The whole show was presented by Senior Students **Phillippa Chapman**, **David Spencer** and **Mark Wylie**.

Full details of the show are in the souvenir programme printed for the night – Mr Fearnley has a few spare if anyone would like a copy.

Many of the show items were repeated for the annual Senior Citizens Christmas party the following day, when around 130 members of the local community were invited to join some of our students in West Wing Hall for food, drink and entertainment as has been our custom for twenty nine years now.

The junior choir's novel words to *The Twelve Days of Christmas* (including "Oi! Sunny! Get Back to DT" etc.), together with the Sixth Form pantomime, the "Bench" sketch, and a scientific exploration of the feasibility of Santa's annual task helped us close the year with our final assemblies. The custard pie routine seemed to expand beyond the scripted version!

### Celebration evening

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual awards presentation and review of the year took place in November 2003. As has become our custom, the whole evening was presented by students – Head Boy and Girl **Peter Bowring** and **Rachel I'Anson**, and deputies **Darren Allanson** and **Rachel McCulloch**. News items were presented by **Jessica Leonard** and **Anna Pietrowski**, with help from roving reporter **James Staff**.

The Davina Kirk trophy for most commendations went jointly to **Joshua Clarke** and **Shaun Webster** (Y8). The Dave Pay trophies for service to sport went to **Jenny Chapman/Rachel McCulloch** and **Peter Clarke** (Y11). The Bruce Rolls Sports Trophies went to **Claire Szuman** and **Ross Harrison/Ben Webster** (Y10). The House cup went to **Amy Batty** (Y8). UK Maths Challenge Best in School were: Junior - **James Baker**; Intermediate - **Lorna Vasey**; Senior - **David Smith**. A special Science award was made to **Frederick Spaven** for his 100% record in GCSE tests to date.

As always we re-lived some highlights from the year, the finale coming when five Sixth Formers plus our former site manager **Trevor Wilford** re-grouped to perform their Full Monty routine "for one night only". This was in aid of Children in Need, and the audience very generously contributed over £200 to a retiring collection. (see more later).

Chair of Governors **Linda Clarke** gave a final speech. She has attended all five celebration evenings, and noted her continuing pleasure in the very wide range of opportunities the School provides for all its students.

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## Police Station Visits

Students from the Citizenship groups in Year 8 spent a morning at the police station. They were able to watch the “arrest” of one of their group and learned about the use of CCTV and the work of CID and traffic sections. Our thanks to PC Davies and Superintendent Neil Burnett for making the visits possible.

## Children in Need

In November, senior students **Phillippa Chapman, Carla Barratt, David Spencer** and **Mark Wylie** organised a series of fundraising activities for this annual national charity . **Mr Fearnley**'s beard was the prime target, valued at £1200. Other targets on the way included

- £100 - **Alex Richardson** (Y13) dresses as a baby
- £250 - **Ben Hall** (Y13) gets his legs waxed
- £500 - history teachers, **Mrs Dore, Ms Harvey** and **Mrs Hetherton** turn into witches for a day
- £650 - **David Spencer** (Y13) shaves his head
- £750 - **Mr Steel** gains a beard and pointy ears
- £850 - **Mr Horsman** shaves off his beard
- £1000 - **Mr Roberts** dons a wig for the day

Added to this, **Sam Meegan** (Y13) organised a successful concert on Thursday 20 November – with three bands *HedCage, Chu Ma Shu and Unapproved*. There was a fancy dress football match, staff and students switched uniform and non-uniform for a day, and buckets were shaken every dinnertime for a week.

All the above promises were met, including Mr Fearnley's beard disappearing for the first time in 30 years, as the students exceeded all expectations and raised over £1500.

## Civic Ceremony

Head Boy **Peter Bowring** and Deputy Head Girl **Rachel McCulloch** represented the school at the civic service in St Michael's Church, December. Each read a lesson during the Mayor's annual service

## Coca Cola Trip

Business Studies and Way to Work students visited the Wakefield Coca Cola enterprises factory last term. Claiming to have the biggest production line in the world, the factory was very impressive. Students watched a plastic bottle being made in 4 seconds, walked on the factory floor where 2000 cans a minute are made, and observed the whole production line through to lorries leaving for two supermarkets. The free samples were good too!

## GCSE Certificates Presentation

In December we welcomed the mayor of Malton, Mrs Ann Hopkinson, to present Certificates to the 2003 GCSE students. In a change to recent practice, certificates were presented in a morning ceremony, and we were delighted that a number of our former students were able to negotiate time off from work or college placements to attend. It was good to see them back in school. They received their certificates alongside their friends who have stayed on for study in the Sixth Form.

## A-level Certificates Presentation

An excellent turn out of over 50 former students gathered on the first Monday of the Christmas holiday to receive their A-level certificates, and to catch up on the news and friendships, many having just returned from university. Our thanks go to Mrs Watts and the staff at The Kings Head for making everyone very welcome.

## Speed Limit and Parking

Please observe the voluntary 20 MPH limit on Middlecave Road.

To allow access for emergency vehicles please park only on the school side of Middlecave Road.

## Staff News

At the end of term we said farewell to Attendance secretaries **Sue Simpson** and **Sharon Mort**, and to librarian **James Braddan**. We are very pleased that Mrs Mort is staying on as Midday Supervisor. We welcome Mrs Lorraine Cooke as Attendance secretary, and hope to appoint a librarian in the near future.

Our best wishes also go to Julie Davidson, our excellent Careers officer over the last two years, as she moves on to a new position in York.

## Specialist Status - update

We had a visit from two inspectors in December, in connection with our bid for specialist status. Of course we were told not to draw any conclusions, but it was one further step in the process, and we remain hopeful. We expect a definite response, hopefully positive, early in February.

In the meantime plans for building four new laboratories progress, with the project having gone out to tender. We expect building work to start in February.

## House Competition

Final results in the 2003 competition were as follows:

	Air (Gold)	Earth (Green)	Fire (Red)	Water (Blue)
Spring 2003	920	864	1029	981
Summer 2003	1999	1910	2380	1942
Autumn 2003	1773	2197	1869	1978
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4692</b>	<b>4971</b>	<b>5278</b>	<b>4901</b>
<b>Positions</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>3rd</b>

Previous winners are: in 2000 – **Air**; in 2001 – **Earth**; in 2002 – **Fire**. Well done Fire – two years in a row. Can Water get their name on the trophy next year?

## Sports News

Congratulations to the Y8 and Y9 Rugby teams, who have both won the Ryedale Trophy for the second year in a row, though Y9 tied in first place with Ryedale School this year.

### Swimming Gala

Year 7 held a gala at the end of term. Final results were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Air	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fire	4 <sup>th</sup>	Water

## Parents' Evening Timings

A survey of Year 11 parents at the October parents' evening showed clear support for an earlier starting time. We shall be trying these new timings for Years 8, 9 and 10 evenings this term.

Start: 17:00                      End: 19:30

Please let us know your views.

May we remind all Parents/Carers of the dedicated 24-hour answerphone line on **01653 605303**. Please use this number to inform us about student absence.

## Vacancies

### Two Supervisory Assistants

[£5.45 per hour + retainer]

We seek as soon as possible two **mid-day supervisory assistants** to make up a team of six supervisors. Working hours are currently 12.30 to 13.40. The post is term-time only.

Please phone 01653 692828, fax 696871 or e-mail [admin@maltonschool.org](mailto:admin@maltonschool.org) for further details and application form.

Closing date: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

## PTA Family Quiz

Thursday, 5 February 2004

at 7.15pm for 7:30pm start

West Wing Hall

£1 per person in teams of up to four

Come and pit your wits and your memories against students and parents.

*Licensed bar*

## Calendar

### SPRING TERM 2004

#### January

- T 06 Spring Term begins (Week 1)  
Y13 external examinations (to end of month)  
M 12 Y11 examinations begin (no leave of absence)  
W 14 Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
W 21 Y10 Assessments to Parents  
T 27 Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers

#### February

- Th 05 PTA Quiz  
Th 12 Introduction to Sixth Form Evening  
F 13 Y11 Reports issued  
End of Half-Term  
M 23 Spring Term continues (Week 1)

#### March

- M 01 Y13 mock examinations (3 days)  
W 03 Y10 GCSE Science Module  
Th 04 Y9 Parents' Information Meeting  
F 05 Y8 Assessments to Parents  
M 08 Ski Trip (all week)  
W 10 Y9 Reports issued  
M 15 Y12 examinations (3 days)  
W 17 Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
M 22 Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers  
T 23 Y12 visit Higher Education Fair, Harrogate  
W 31 Concert

#### April

- Th 01 Y12 Reports issued  
End of term  
Concert  
M 19 Summer Term begins (Week 2)