

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE SCHOOL NEWS

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LATEST NEWS

We would like to wish the very best of luck to the pupils and staff who leave MHS this week. We very much hope they will stay in touch and will come back and see us in the future.

Have a lovely Summer holiday!



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• **Pre-Prep Holiday Photo Competition** – A reminder to parents of children in current Nursery to Year 1 that Mrs Nash will be holding a 'Holiday Photo Competition' at the start of the Autumn term. Children may select one photograph, either taken by them or of them which reflects a memorable moment of their summer holiday. The photos should be **no bigger than A5 size** and should have a **caption** and the **child's name** written on the back of the photograph. Closing date for the competition will be at the end of the third week of the Autumn term.

• **Twofeet School Shoes** – Don't forget that Twofeet will be at school on Tuesday 7th September from 10.30 am – 3.30pm. They will have a large stock of all shoes. Please see the flyer in your envelope.

• **O-Pro** – Have you ordered your gum shield for September? As it is compulsory for all Prep School children to have a mouth guard it is very important that orders are placed BEFORE O-Pro's visit on 7th September. **This will be the only visit they make to the school.** Please order on-line on www.opro.com, selecting MHS and the school/club visit and this will take you through the various stages to order. We recommend that a 'medium' mouthguard is suitable for all pupils.

• **Uniform Shop Opening times** – The uniform shops will be open as follows during the holidays:

Simmonds –

Wednesday 28th July – appointments only

Monday 9th August – Friday 13th August (inclusive) – appointments only

Monday 6th September – appointments only

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September – open to all

To book an appointment please call Mrs Lisa Estall on 01580 878131

Second Hand Shop – Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September from 10 – 12 daily.

• **Chelsea Soccer Course** – Chelsea F.C. are running a course from 6th – 8th September from 10am to 3pm at school. This is open to children from 5 – 14 and the cost is £46.20. Booking forms are available from the school office (which is open for the first two weeks of the holidays) but bookings cannot be taken via their website. All forms should be sent direct to Chelsea at the address on the form and not to the school office.

GENERAL

Pre-Prep and Nursery Science Day



You may have noticed a variety of space creatures and astronauts around the school last Wednesday! Don't worry, there wasn't an alien invasion, it was all part of the Space themed Science Day for Nursery and Pre-Prep. They began with a parade of the children's spectacular costumes (clearly some parents had been up all night!) and then enjoyed a day packed with fun science activities, including a science show in the Prep school science lab for each Year group.

But undoubtedly the highlight of the day was having the picnic lunch delivered from outer space by an astronaut with his own moon buggy, AKA Mr Lockyer!

Many thanks to him and all his staff for all their hard work. What a way to end the term!



Mr Lockyer and the 'moon buggy'

Very well done to **William Jex** (6P) who recently raised £81.00 for Macmillan Cancer Care. He had a sale of his very own Elderflower Cordial, Rosemary Bread and a few home grown plants and was totally committed the whole afternoon never leaving his stall!

*The Pre-Prep were pleased to welcome **Emily Simone**, a friend of **Lucy Cox's**, from France who has joined 2R this week.*

Staff v Friends Cricket and Rounders

The Staff v Friends cricket match was a high scoring affair. The fathers batted first and recovered from the loss of two early wickets to score 167, with several fathers getting to the 25 run retirement limit. It was great to see some new fathers playing this year who all performed well. The staff chased this big total and got to within 10 runs before needing the retired players to come back to the wicket. With just one over to go it was decided an honourable draw would be the best result. Thank you to Mr Mark Russell-Vick and to Mr James Skinner who organised it so well.

The staff v Mothers rounders was a very enjoyable evening as ever. Mrs Sturdy's demon bowling proved to be too powerful for the mothers and stopped them from scoring many rounders. However, Melissa Russell-Vick and Emma Houchin were still firing the ball over the pitch to great effect. The staff set a high score in their first innings with Mrs Nash hitting as brilliantly as ever. The friends went in to try to catch the score but couldn't quite reach it. The staff won by an innings. Thanks to everyone who played, especially to Rachel Fox, for organising the event, a lovely evening was enjoyed.

Many thanks to the Friends for organising such a fun evening.

Well done to the following who achieved 3 or more Good Marks last week:

AWDRY: Clemmie Plummer, Kitty Skinner, Amy Buckingham, Charlie Horlick, Otilie Sandford, Isobel Spence (2), Louisa West, Daniel Ball, Harriet Dipper, Will Kinchin, Ronan Turck, Freya Desoutter, Eloise Gare, Katherine Reid, George Skinner and Will Spence.

DUNBAR: Natasha Gale, Georgia Bickerton, James Bignell, David Bickersteth, Matilda Denbow, Flora Macpherson, George Marshall, Sam Huggett, Timmy May and Bea Walker.

EGAN: Cara Fuller, Oliver Morss-Davies, Isobel Cloke and Annabel Guye-Johnson.

HAWKINGS: Roberta Norris, Oscar Plomer-Roberts, Sophie Walters, Cornelia Bentsen, Max Chester, Archie Norris, Hannah Anderson, Maddie Fox, Elspeth Gordon, Henry Poole, Olivia Jones and Caspar Petch.

The winning House was **AWDRY**.

Rotary Club of Cranbrook and Hawkhurst Sponsored Walk

Sunday 12th September 2010

2, 4 or 8 miles around Staplehurst

Details and entry forms are available from Peter Jones Opticians, Cranbrook and Staplehurst

Kate Nash Jewellery Sale

On Saturday 14th August Kate Nash will be holding a sale of her handmade solid silver and beaded jewellery at Westpoint, Church Road, Sandhurst, Kent TN18 5NS from 10am to 5pm. 10% of profits will go to *Breakthrough Breast Cancer*. All welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Harry Chambers, Arthur McKay and Alexander Johnson (9th July), Toby Cutler (10th July), Eloise Plummer (12th July), Ayesha Alesi (14th July), Oliver Hall (15th July), Kit Lillingston-Paterson (18th July), Tom Santini, George Rusling, Oliver Danbury and Rosie Woods (19th July), Freddie Horlick (20th July), Epernay Balcomb-Hellier and Archie Niell (21st July), Tess Pritchard (22nd July), Phoebe Hensley (23rd July), Jasmine Jenkinson (24th July), Maddy Humphrey (27th July), Esme Rusling (28th July), Olivia Jones and Oscar Plomer-Roberts (29th July), Isobel Cloke, Sam Wheatley and Olivia Legg (1st August), Henry Davies, Archie Marshall and Katherine Reid (4th August), Callum and Laird Shepherd (5th August), Patrick Beech, Sam and Jemima van der Gaag (6th August), Freya Roberts (9th August), Olivia Tomalin (15th August), Caspar Petch and Louisa West (16th August), Harry Latham-Coyle (20th August), Isobel Spence (22nd August), Thomas McGee (23rd August), Lewis Coomber and Eliza Porter (26th August), Henry Jex (28th August) and Charlie Horlick (29th August).

MERIT AWARDS: Well done to the following who have achieved merit awards: Hamish Heilbron, Charlie Horlick, Ella Williamson (English). Nicole Stewart, Samuel Easton, Oliver Santini (Maths).

Belaieff String Quartet

On Sunday 5th September the Belaieff String Quartet will be playing at St Nicholas Church in Sandhurst at 3pm. Adult Tickets £14 in advance and Child Tickets under 12 £5. Please telephone Gillian David for reservations – 01580 850384. Mrs Nash has 5 free child tickets available. Please mention to Gillian if you would like to take up one of the free tickets.

Schoolstrader

School Community Trading Update. Thousands of families across the UK are using www.schoolstrader.com to trade with each other, free of charge. Parents, staff and alumni can buy/sell everything on the site from musical instruments to holiday homes. The site has a vibrant independent section covering most independent schools, including Marlborough House. It is free to join.

my working time between my own foot business and MHS. My particular interest is in the biomechanical aspect of children's feet and it is this that I now intend to do in a more full-time capacity, as well as the routine footcare.

So I will still be working locally and will be delighted to see anyone and their feet – I am always ready to embrace that challenge!

Staff Profile

Priscilla Sturdy

Length of tenure:

11 years – 1999 to 2010

After a very varied and enjoyable time at MHS, I am finally leaving for the second time... (a few of the longer term inmates will remember my first futile attempt!).

My time here has undoubtedly been challenging on many an occasion, not least for the colleagues I have had the pleasure to work with over the years but it has been a wonderful career experience for me. When I originally qualified as a PE teacher in 1977 I never imagined that I would actually find enjoyment in employment in a school! Marlborough House has proved me wrong. I was even inspired me to get a Diploma in Religious Education, which was a somewhat unexpected diversion!

However, the time has come for me to take the self-employed challenge now. For those that don't already know, I have always had a bit of a thing about feet. (Many a 'corny' joke has been cracked at my expense I know). I trained as a Reflexologist in 1994 and more recently studied and trained as a Foot Health Specialist, along side my teaching. For the last four years I have been sharing