



SCHOOL NEWS FEBRUARY 2010

Dates for the Diary

FEB	
12-19	HALF TERM
Wed 24	Reconciliation ISA Midlands U13/U11 Netball
Fri 26	ISA National Cross Country Championships
Sat 27	Rehearsal for School Production in Priory Hall
MAR	
Mon 1	Head's Surgery 6pm (by appointment)
1-3	Y10 Soli House, residential retreat
Tue 2	U11 District Cross Country Race 1
Sat 6	Rehearsal for School Production in Priory Hall ISA Midlands Netball Tournament U18/U16/U14
Tue 9	U11 Stafford and District Cross Country Race 2
Thu 11	U13 Stafford and District Netball Tournament (Walton High School)
Sat 13	Rehearsal for School Production in Priory Hall
Tue 16	U11 Stafford and District Cross Country Race 3
Wed 17	Dress Rehearsal for School Production
Thu 18	U12 Stafford and District Netball Tournament (Penkridge Middle School) School Production in Priory Hall
Fri 19	School Production in Priory Hall
Tue 23	U11 Stafford and District Cross Country Race 4
Wed 24	U14 Stafford and District Netball Tournament (Stafford Sports College)
Thu 25	U15 Stafford and District Netball Tournament (Alleyne's High School)
Mon 29	Senior Interim Reports
Tue 30	Piano Concert—Priory Hall
Wed 31	Junior Easter Service am Staff v. VI Form Netball Stations of the Cross 2.30pm TERM ENDS 3.30PM

Stone Book Festival

This years festival is currently planned for 17th, 18th and 19th September, further details to follow.

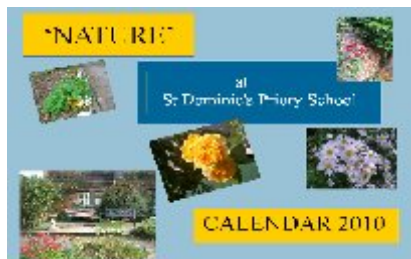
MESSAGE FROM MRS ADAMSON

Wishing everyone a happy and restful Half Term. Well done for all your hard work this term

Mrs Pat Adamson

'2010 Calendars' Primary 2

During the Autumn Term, Primary 2 designed and manufactured a 'Nature' calendar for 2010. They chose a selection of photographs which were taken by staff and pupils in the school grounds and wrote poems to describe each one. Over £170 was raised from the sale of the calendars. Well done to Primary 2.



The 'Old Dominicans' now have a Facebook page and group set up just for former pupils and staff of the school. Social networking and keeping in touch has never been easier and our aim is to bring together old friends as well as keep them up to date with current school news. If you, or anyone that you know, are a former student or member of staff, log on to www.facebook.com and search for St. Dominic's Priory, Old Dominican's Alumni.

Spread the word



Hard Work pays off!

After nearly a year of a very long interview process and rigorous training, Drama teacher Ella Sawyer, has been accepted onto the Board of Examiners at LAMDA. Ella is the youngest on the board and was the first one through of all the new trainees.

This position offers the opportunity to travel both nationally and internationally. Ella said, 'I feel really honoured to have been accepted onto the board of LAMDA and am looking forward to the new challenges, however my number one priority remains the same, that is giving all my students at St. Dominics the best possible teaching in drama.'

News in Brief

Easyfundraising

Over £40 has been raised from nearly 8,000 searches made via Easyfundraising. To date 31 people have registered raising a total of £69 through on-line shopping via Easyfundraising. For more information please visit the school website, sign up and show your support.

Old Dominican's News

Having taken a gap year, former student Rachel Ryan has been offered a place at St. Hugh's College, Oxford to read music in October 2010.

Thank you

Mrs Maureen Pointon, has very kindly donated a sewing machine, fabrics, threads and wool to the Prep Department.

Dates for the diary

'Celebrating Music Concert', organised by the Staffordshire Newsletter is on Wednesday 10th March, 7pm at the Gatehouse, Stafford. Senior dance, drama and music students will be performing. Tickets are available from the Gatehouse Theatre Box Office, 01785 254653

Wizard of Oz

Three pupils - Bryony Fagan, Elyse Mauger and Leah Stubbs are performing in Stone Revelers 'Wizard of Oz' production with Susie Dickson playing in the band. Performances on March 24 - 27th. For more information and to buy tickets please contact Home and Colour Centre in Stone High Street.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Tickets will soon be on sale for the School Production High School

Musical. Performances are on Thursday 18th March and Friday 19th March.

Sports News

Cross Country

Mud, glorious mud! The annual Midlands Independent Schools Cross Country Championships took place at Bedstone College, Bucknell, South Shropshire on the 3rd February.

In a race with over 80 competitors and 20 schools taking part, the Prep School team put in an excellent performance finishing in second place overall. Racing



for St. Dominic's were Lauren and Amy Charlton, Jessica Champ, Georgia Dunford-Jones, Siena Elsby-Smith, Stephanie Else, Alexandria Longley, Daisie Mierau, Georgia Murphy and Amalia Phillips. All of these girls are eligible to run in the same age group next year.

By finishing in the top ten Daisie Mierau 8th and Lauren Charlton 10th have both been selected to represent the Midlands Region at the National Championships at Princethorpe College at the end of the month.



The Staffordshire County Championships took place at Staffordshire University on Saturday 6th February. Representing Stafford area following qualification from the District Championships back in October, Katie Lovewell running in the Year 7 race finished in 20th place and Katy Minshull 39th in the Year 8/9 race.



Schools Cross Country

The school inter house race saw children from P3 to P5 competing against one another. Ullathorne were Team Champions this time with Daisie Mierau taking the Individual honours, followed by Lauren and Amy Charlton in second and third respectively.

Netball

Matches

v Walton High

U16s lost 10-5

U14s lost 15-9

U13s won 10-1

U12s won 4-1

v St. Dominic's Brewood

U16s won 10-4

U14s won 13-0

v Walton Priory Middle

U13s won 7-4

U10s won 4-3

v Stafford Prep U11s

U10s lost 7-4

Primary 5 and the Senior girls are looking forward to seeing England take on Australia in an International match at the Nottingham Trent Arena over half term.