



Dates for the Diary

Jun

- Mon 15 U13 Rounders tournament, Weston Road
- Wed 17 Sixth Form Higher Education Fair
- Thur 18 Yr7/8 Athletics District Championships
Forensic Science Day , 10am—Y10
- Sun 21 Maypole Dancing, 11.30am—St. Michaels School
- Mon 22 U15 Rounders tournament, Weston Road
- Tue 23 Y8 trip to Manchester
- Thur 25 Full Governors meeting
Cabaret Evening, 7.30pm - Priory Hall
- Fri 26 Nursery Sports Day
- Mon 29 Leavers' Mass, 11.30am (SS Peter and Paul)
Confirmation 7pm
- 29-30 VI Form Induction
- Tue 30 PFA meeting 7.30pm

Jul

- Wed 1 Sixth Form Scholarship Interviews
- Fri 3 Form Markets 1.30pm
- Mon 6 Welcome Day
Head's Surgery 6pm (by appointment)
- Fri 10 Prep School Prize Giving and Sports Day 10am
- 11-12 Duke of Edinburgh Weekend Away
- Mon 13 Book Sales 11.30am
- Tue 14 Senior Prize Giving 7.30pm

Aug

- Thur 20 A Level Results published
- Thur 27 GCSE Results published
- Wed 15 **Whole School Assembly 11.45am**
School Reports
TERM ENDS 12.30PM

Sep

- 7-8 School Inset days
- Wed 9 **TERM STARTS—Week 1**

£2000 for new Drama Suite

I was thrilled to receive a cheque recently for £2000 from Mrs Champ (Chair of the PFA) and Mrs Lee, who has organised the second hand uniform shop for a number of years. The funds will go towards the refurbishment of what was the Home Economics room to provide a Drama Studio for pupils across all key stages. The new facility will be opened in September.

On behalf of parents I would like to thank Mrs Lee for all her efforts over the past years and her unfailing willingness to help parents with uniform needs. St. Dominic's benefits enormously from the hard work of the PFA and I wish the new team in the second hand uniform shop every success as they continue Mrs Lee's work.

The drama studio is part of our School Development Plan which also includes plans for a new school entrance and car park at Gate 1, refurbished Chemistry and Physics laboratories and a boys football area. As of September we will also be opening our Nursery to children from their second birthday.



Mrs Adamson

Mrs Karen Champ, Mrs Adamson and Mrs Lyn Lee

Passing in Passo

During the Easter break 22 pupils from Years 7 – 10, accompanied by Miss Capper, Mrs Carey and Mrs Coombs, spent a week skiing in Passo Tonale, Italy. They enjoyed sunny blue skies, fantastic snow, dramatic scenery and action packed days. Students, having been split into two groups, received 4 hours of tuition every day for six days from the excellent Italian Ski School Instructors.

All pupils made good progress during their week and received a range of awards from their instructors at the presentation evening held at the end of the week. But the fun didn't end there.

Evening après ski activities included a games night, a pizza evening in Tonale and a very popular karaoke.



Cabaret Evening

Thursday 25th June
7.30pm
Priory Hall
All Welcome

Where's the bear?



Children from the Nursery have been having lots of fun. Recent events have included a Teddy Bears' Picnic, a Bear Hunt, and a trip down our very own 'Barefoot Walk', left. Nursery Manager, Mrs Lanyon said, 'The children really respond to, and enjoy doing unusual activities. It is a real delight to see them engaged and interested in the environment around them.' Any bears spotted on site are to be reported to Mrs Adamson!



Lenten Charity Boxes a great success

Over £100 was raised for Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd fund via the Lenten Charity boxes. The money will help go towards funding projects that help the most vulnerable and needy in our diocesan area. Thank you for your support.

Welcome to tomorrow's Engineers



Siena Elsby-Smith and Jessica Champ from P3

Primary 3 and 4 had a fun packed time at 'Egnuity' in Ironbridge. The children completed a pneumatic mechanisms D.T workshop, where they had to make and decorate a pneumatic lifting monster.

Making Friends with a Blue Tongued Skink



That was the call to action for Reception, Primary 1 and 2 children on their recent day trip to Stapeley Water Gardens. Everyone enjoyed seeing the animals and plants, with some pupils taking the opportunity to stroke snakes and tortoises as well as the Blue Tongued Skink.

Latest Music News

Rosina Bloor—Grade 6 Piano with Distinction, Emma Roberts—Grade 6 French Horn with Merit and Clarinet with Merit, Emily Phillips—Grade 5 Singing with Merit, Eleanor Davies—Grade 5 Trombone with Merit, Maki Ozawa—Grade 3 Violin (Pass) and Holly Morgan—Musical theatre Grade 3 with Distinction.

Finally, former student Ellie Davies, has been awarded a 2:1 (Hons) Degree in Music from Bangor University and has recently won a competition which will see her composition performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

Francis Davies, from Oxford University, leads the way at Founders Day Mass



Francis Davies, Director of Las Casa Centre and IYLN (International Young Leaders' Network) and a Fellow of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, was our special guest this year for Founder's Day. After communion, Francis gave a motivational address to the whole school and spent some time afterwards talking to students about his work. To find out more about Francis and the work of the IYLN please visit www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk

Father Doyle, Francis Davies, Mrs Adamson with Leah Stubbs, Suzie Francis, Emma Cork and Victoria Jenkinson

Sports Results

Athletics

The U17/U15 **Stafford & District Athletics Championships**

U17

Niamh Murphy javelin District Champion and shot putt Runner Up
Eleanor Davies discus District Runner Up and high jump bronze
Josie Hulme javelin 5th

U15

Caroline Furey hurdles Runner Up and high jump bronze
Lauren Bathew discus Runner Up
Eden Atkinson javelin bronze
Mia Shaw 100m bronze
Lucy Evans 100m 4th
Steffie Walters javelin 4th and 200m 5th
Olivia Hart hurdles 4th
Louise Chambers 800m 4th

Following their success Niamh, Eleanor, Lauren, Caroline, Eden and Mia have been selected to represent Stafford District at the **Staffordshire County Championships**. Watch this space for more results .

The Senior school athletics teams have also been in action at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham in the **Midlands Independent Schools Championships**.

Niamh Murphy Midlands Runners Up in the Year 10/11 javelin.
Eleanor Davies 5th in the both Year 10/11 high jump and discus.
Emily Kidner Midlands Runner Up in the Year 7 hurdles final.
Katy Minshull 6th in the 200m final for Year 7.
Lauren Bathew 4th in the Year 8/9 discus and 8th in long jump.
Eden Atkinson 4th in both the javelin and shot for Year 8/9.
Mia Shaw 5th in 100m final for Year 8/9.
Caroline Furey 7th in both the high jump and hurdles for Year 8/9.

Niamh and Emily have been selected as Midland reserves at the National Championships.

Tennis

The U15 tennis team, Lauren Bathew Yr 9 and Niamh Murphy, Eleanor Davies and Josie Hulme Yr 10, are having an excellent season so far. They have won their section in the Staffordshire County round of the National Nestle Competition beating Abbots Bromley 5-1, Thomas Alleynes, Uttoxeter 4-2, Stafford Grammar 5-1 and Painsley, Cheadle 6-0. The U13 team have drawn with Abbots Bromley and beaten Stafford Grammar 6-0. Emma Cork remains unbeaten as our number 1 singles player, Louise Chambers has made great progress and Hollie Stow and Katy Minshull have both gained valuable match experience as Year 7's in the team.

Following the Schools Ballot for tickets, eight senior tennis players and Miss Capper are very much looking forward to a trip to Wimbledon at the end of June.

Netball

The Senior school netballers thoroughly enjoyed their trip to watch the recent England v Jamaica 3rd Test Netball International at Nottingham gaining valuable insight into how fast and competitive netball is at International level.

International netball at Nottingham



From Alpha to Omega

Primary 6 enjoyed an Ancient Greek themed day as part of their History and English lessons. Dressed as Ancient Greeks they learned some Greek phrases, practised the Greek Alphabet and heard the story of Dionysus and the Pirates



which explains how Dolphins were made. For lunch they all enjoyed Moussaka, Greek salad and Feta cheese followed by fruit, Greek yogurt and honey.

Never too young to ski

Abigael Pointon from Reception Class has recently achieved her level 3 skiing awards and is currently working towards her level 4. Abigael can now ski backwards, do 180° turns and ski faster than both her parents. She has been asked to join the advanced junior club at the Snowdome in Tamworth.



Abigael having fun on the slopes



Making Friends across the Pond

Primary 6 have been practising their e-communication skills this term by e-mailing pupils at Liza Jackson School in Florida. The school, which opened in 2001, has 730 pupils up to Grade 8 and is located in Fort Walton. There is a long sandy beach and current temperatures are in the 90's.

Primary 6 proudly holding their e-mails

'Black and White' success

The Stafford and Stone Young Enterprise Company Competition came to an end recently when 9 months of hard work were recognised at the Finals Evening. Nine local school teams, including our own 'Black and White' have taken part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme which helps young people to set up and run their own company for a school year. Over nine months the students learn how to identify marketable products, write a business plan, promote their products, write a company report and finally make a presentation to over 200 people. 'Black and White' performed extremely well finishing third overall and were judged to have given the best presentation on the Finals Evening. Orders for bespoke coasters are still being taken.

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Starting from September 2009 for Juniors and Seniors

GCSE Dance (years 9 & 10)

Musical Theatre Dance

Street Jazz

Summer Workshops August 2009

GCSE Dance Technique Class • Step Up- Street Dance

Showstoppers -Musical Theatre and Jazz • Modern Dance

Contemporary Dance (GCSE Students)



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