



From The Headmaster

Carol Service

Our end of term Christmas events are drawing closer with only a couple of weeks of term remaining. The Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 15th December will be held at the slightly earlier time of 7pm this year. As always, please remember that all Upper School children will finish school at 4.10pm on this day.

Kazi Mingi Foundation

You will notice that much of the school's fundraising activities this year will go towards the Kazi Mingi Foundation. Over the years the school has supported this charity in a general way, but this year we are looking to help the school provide a sports facility with relevant equipment and also to fund a pupil through the school on a scholarship. Over the coming year you will notice a wide variety of events being organised and led by the children. I hope you will support the charity generously.



Father Christmas Assembly



Thursday 8th December

We are looking forward to Father Christmas joining us at our assembly on 8th December to take presents on our behalf to Social Services.

Your donated presents should be unwrapped please, so the Social Services Team can identify which presents are most suitable for each child. They can be suitable for children and young people up to the age of 18. These presents are always very much appreciated and without the generosity of families here, some children would receive very little indeed at Christmas.

Thank you.

The St. Piran's Prayer Group meets every week to pray for the school. Currently we consist of approximately 10 people but we are always happy to see new faces so please feel free to join us in the Chapel on Thursday mornings from 8.30 - 9.00am. All parents, grandparents, au pairs etc. are very welcome. If you're unable to come along but would value some prayer for whatever reason then please contact the school office for Mrs Lindsay Lillie's email address (mum of Jonathan, 4W).

Also, we are having a Christmas coffee morning on Monday 5th December at the home of Mrs Lindsay Lillie from 10.00-12.00. Once again, please contact the office for Mrs Lillie's address. Anyone is welcome to join us.



Congratulations!

Christa Scott

who was named Player of the Week for Maidenhead Girls U10 Football Team.

Our non-uniform day for the Kazi Mingi Foundation raised £367.60! Thank you to everyone who supported this.



A reminder of our Pre-Prep Concert next week.....

This will take place at 2pm on Thursday and Friday in Tippet Hall with refreshments served in Big School afterwards. Younger siblings are welcome to come to Thursday's show but we do ask that noisy children be taken out as this is very distracting for our performers. **Friday's performance will be for adults only.**

Please park in the Nursery car park or off site.



**CDs, DVDs
and games wanted!**

We are collecting old CDs, DVDs and computer games for the Kazi Mingi Foundation.

Just follow these simple rules:

1. Everything must be original (No copies)
2. Chipped or deeply scratched disks can't be accepted
3. They must be in their cases
4. No promotional CDs or DVDs (from newspapers)

Please leave in Information Lobby or Science Room.



sports reports...netball

U8A Team

The U8's played an away game at Bishopsgate last week winning a positively excellent 7-1! Our player of the match was Rosie Harris for her excellent shooting! Both shooters had a fantastic match alongside our sturdy defensive team with Caitlin Sadie achieving plenty of interceptions. Half time score 3-0, so we also had an improved second half! Brilliant result girls!

U9 Netball

Last week we arranged an extra fixture for the girls against Bishopsgate School. The U9A team started the match well with great movement and passing. Unfortunately the shooting wasn't as good and we only managed to score one goal in the first half. In the second half St Piran's had the majority of the possession but still couldn't manage to convert the goals. We had numerous attempts on goal but were unable to score; the defence played so well that the ball didn't even go into our opponent's attacking end. The final score was 1-1 which does not reflect how well the girls played.

The U9B's had a bit of a slow start to their match and ended up going into half time 3-0 down. In the second half the girls came out fighting and really tried hard in the cold conditions which resulted in the second half being a tight match. The final score was 3-0 to Bishopsgate.

U11 A Netball

To finish the term off the U11 A netball team had a tournament at The Abbey Reading. The girls have been working extremely hard in lessons and wanted to put what they had learnt in lessons into practice. The first game was against Crosfields in which we started off slowly but then pulled it together in the second half and won 8-2. We then played St Helen's and St Catherine's and The Abbey B team. In both these matches the girls played really well and due to our lead at half time it gave us the flexibility to change players around and rest some. Our last group match was against Hawley Place where the girls played a high standard of netball and won the game convincingly. In the semi-final we met The Abbey A team and this match was a lot closer and the girls had to steady their nerves and play to the best of their abilities resulting in St Piran's winning 2-0. The final was St Piran's Vs St Andrew's, Pangbourne. We were a bit unsettled at the start of the match and went behind by 1 but our brilliant defence turned some balls resulting in us leading at half time 2-1. We raised our game after the break and ended up winning the final 5-2. Congratulations to Harriet Rawlinson, Amber Young, Polly McKenzie Howard, Abby Sloman, Rachel Hibbert, Emma Lewis, Robyn Watkins and Laura Derry.

Abbey School Netball Tournament Wednesday 30th November

The U11 B team tried their best against some very strong opposition. It was unfortunate that we did not have other B teams in our group. It was certainly frustrating at times but the girls pulled together and did not give up!

sports reports...football

U9 A's win St Piran's Football Tournament!

Eight schools in total competed in our football tournament held at St Piran's last Saturday. Our boys were terrific throughout the morning and won all five games that they played. They beat some strong schools along the way (Cookham, St George's, Papplewick, St Andrew's) before meeting Lambrook in a thrilling final. Lambrook had beaten us in our school fixture 3-1 earlier in the term so it was never going to be easy, but the boys fought extremely hard and deservedly won 2 - 0. Josh Gawman in goal pulled off some tremendous saves to help us secure the victory. The team conceded just one goal throughout the tournament and they can all be extremely proud of themselves, they were brilliant!

Upper School Fixtures

The upper school played St George's, Windsor on Wednesday in the last football fixtures of the term and there were some very competitive games. Congratulations once again to the U10 A, B and C's who all managed to win playing under the castle at St George's. The U10's, as a whole, have had a very good season. Special mention to the U10 A's who have lost just one game all season and have won the last 6 games in a row in convincing fashion. Wednesday's results were as follows:

Y8's Lost 0-1

U11A Lost 1-2
U11B Lost 2-0
U10A Won 5-0
U10B Won 3-2
U10C Won 2-1

Middle School Fixtures

The middle school finished their season off strongly with every team winning against Daneshill last Friday afternoon. The U8's have really improved over the season and have achieved some very pleasing results in their last few fixtures. The U9's have once again had a good season and they can be proud of their efforts. The results read as follows:

U8A Won 3-2
U8B Won 5-0
U9A Won 7-1
U9B Won 5-0

Team Photographs and Sporting photos

If you would like to purchase the team photographs and individual shots that were taken this week then please visit the **DE Photos web site**
(The username and password can be obtained by contacting the school office)

If parents have any photographs that you have taken during school fixtures then we would be very grateful if you would send some choice pictures into the games department or school office. We will upload them onto the website and some of them will also be used in our school magazines and newsletters.

Pre-Season Rugby and Hockey

Please note that on Monday, 9th and Tuesday, 10th January from 10:00am - 3:00pm it is our pre-season rugby and hockey days. There are still plenty of spaces available and we would like forms back by Wednesday, 7th December. The course is open to all boys and girls from Year 3-8; if you require another form the please contact the games department (games@stpirans.co.uk).



UPDATE!

Thanks to everyone who has helped us to fill our Rag Bag bin twice over within two weeks! We've already made around £68 for 128 kilos of textiles which is

fantastic! Please keep bringing in your unwanted clothing and textiles!

The RAG BAG bin is at the side of the LRC.

We can accept the following items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Soft Toys
- Blankets
- Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc...
- Household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc...

We cannot accept the following items:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Carpets
- Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing

St Piran's Society

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 11th December 11am-3pm



THIS WEEK'S UPDATE:

Contrary to the laser tag booking form, tickets **will not** go out in book bags!! An email with all the time slots will be sent out next week to all parents and copies posted around the school. Please ensure you check these. Also we are having our usual Cake stall at the Fair run by Jessica Burnand. Any cake donations will be gratefully received on the Friday before (9th). Please drop these in to Matron's room.

Come and join us for lots of fun at the Fair!

Laser Tag, Santa's Grotto, Sumo Suits, Bouncy Castle, Adult's and children's tombola, Raffle, St Piran's Cafe, the choir and bell ringers, and a wide range of stalls selling cakes, books, jewellery, cards and lots, lots more!!

Copas Traditional Turkeys have generously donated our main raffle prize - **A LUXURIOUS "Very Very Special 'Make Your Own' COPAS HAMPER**, made with the finest ingredients and worth over £150. They have specially selected the 'St Piran's Hamper' to contain:

FREE RANGE BRONZE Turkey 5.0 - 5.99 kg

CRANBERRY SAUCE

BOXING DAY CHUTNEY

CORONATION SAUCE

BRITISH GOOSE FAT from Free Range Geese

SAGE & ONION STUFFING with Red Onion

APRICOT STUFFING with Orange Zest

1kg side of sliced Scottish SMOKED SALMON

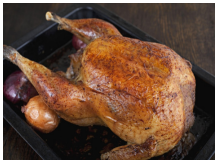
Very Very Special TURKEY FORKS

all presented in a beautiful 20 inch wicker basket hamper

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VERY VERY SPECIAL

We also have a **NEW STYLE KINDLE** up for grabs, a **FISH HAMPER**, **LUXURY CHRISTMAS CAKE** and much, much more.....

More raffle tickets available in school office if you require them. Stubs and money to be returned to Society box outside Matron's window.



Turkeys For Christmas!

Buy your big bird from Copas this Christmas - and earn £5 for your Society. Once again we have teamed up with Copas Traditional Turkeys and their PTA promotion. All you need to do when buying your turkey is enter our school's promotion code on their website. We will receive a donation of £5 for each bird sold. The Copas website for more information on

their hampers, product ranges and welfare is www.copasturkeys.co.uk and our Promotion Code is SPP11.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK - Week beginning 5th December 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Rugby season starts	4.15pm Swimming Gala v Lambrook, Yrs 3 & 4 (H)	2.30pm Rugby Training with Dolphin and St Edward's, Tilehurst, U11 (H), U10 (A)	8.40am Father Christmas Assembly	11.15am Nursery Nativity Play	8.45-10.15am Chapel and Adult Choir Rehearsal at St Mary's	11am to 3pm St Piran's Society Christmas Fair
9.30pm Pre-Prep concert dress rehearsal with whole school to	7pm KMF Kenya Trip Parents' Meeting	4.15-6.15pm Year 6 Parents' Afternoon	10.30am Nursery Dress Rehearsal	2pm Pre-Prep Concert		
			2pm Pre-Prep Concert	2.30pm Netball v Daneshill, U9A and B, U8A (A)		
				5.15pm Chapel Service		