

INSIDE
THIS ISSUE:

From the Head of Primary	1
Sports Day 2008	1
OAMI Cup 2008	1
We Look After Property	1
Internet Safety Week	2
Uniform	2
Art Exhibition	2

BSA Newsletter

MAY 2008

From the Head of Primary

Welcome to our May newsletter

Welcome to our penultimate newsletter. So many exciting things have happened this month. Junior children were involved in Internet Safety week, every child spent a morning in their new classroom with their new teacher, Year 6 had a taster day in secondary and loved it and teachers have been assessing every child to see just how much improvement they have made.

News

SPORTS DAY 2008

Key Stages 1 & 2 celebrated their annual sports days in May, with all children participating in a variety of events on the astroturf pitch. There were some excellent individual performances and an exciting climax with the Key Stage 2 relay race. The weather was kind to us and the good behaviour of the children ensured that everybody had an enjoyable time. Congratulations to Earth who gained the most house points for their excellent performances!

OAMI CUP 2008

Congratulations to our members of staff who took part in a charity 7-a-side football tournament organised by the OAMI. Despite an early defeat, the team recovered to progress to the knockout stages, eventually winning the final 1-0 and bring-

ing the OAMI Cup home to the BSA!

WE LOOK AFTER PROPERTY

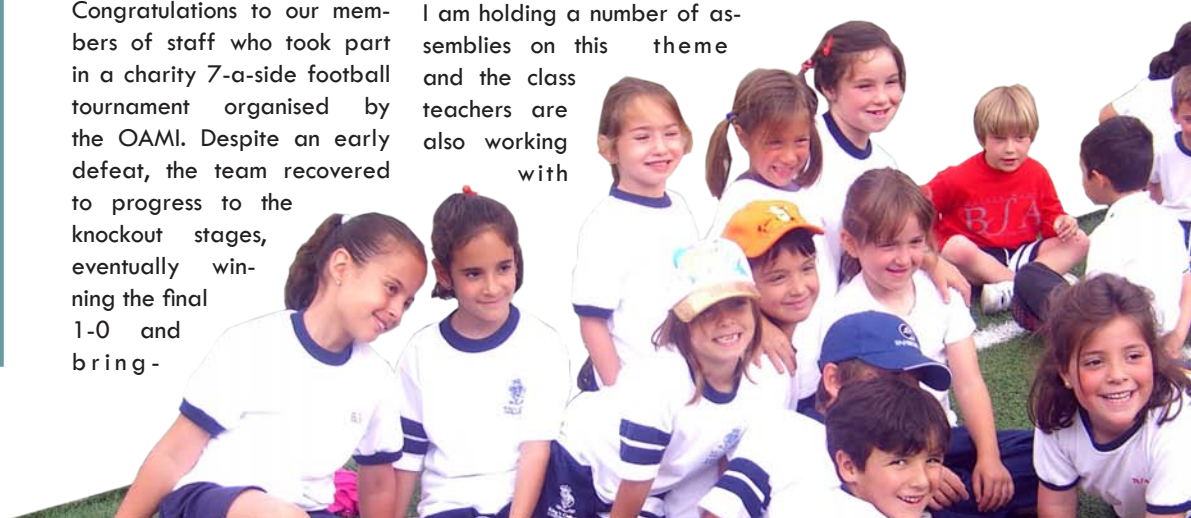
One of our Golden Rules here is "We look after property, we don't damage things".

There have been a small number of cases where children have brought in belongings from home and they have been damaged or gone missing. This has been upsetting for everyone. I have asked that no one brings anything in from home until I feel all children understand and follow our Golden Rule.

the children on this. I would appreciate it if parents could also discuss the importance of "looking after property" at home.

In order to teach the children the skills necessary to follow our Golden Rule they have been provided with equipment and toys to play with and share at break times and they are in charge of looking after these things. The class teachers and I will be monitoring this closely and when we feel the children are ready, they will be allowed to bring their own property into school again.

I am holding a number of assemblies on this theme and the class teachers are also working with



News

INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

From 5th – 9th May the Key Stage 2 pupils participated in an Internet Safety week. Pupils enjoyed learning from Dongle the Rabbit about safe surfing on the web. Dongle explained why it is important to keep private information such as your address and full name a secret from anyone you may contact on the Internet.

You can find Dongle’s cartoon, quiz and pop video by looking at the following link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/safesurfing/index.shtml>

UNIFORM

Out with the Old (uniform)...

This will be the last term for using the old BSA uniform (grey and red). If you wish, please donate your old uniform to the school shop where we will collect and send all contributions to a children’s charity. Contact Jackie Stewart (676231516) for details.

In with the new (uniform) !

The new King’s College BSA uniform (blue) will be compulsory from September for all year groups. The school shop will continue to receive and sell outgrown uniform over the coming months as before. New uniform is on sale at El Corte Ingles.

ART EXHIBITION - EXTRACURRICULAR LESSONS

All the pupils in the extracurricular Art class look forward to the lesson, and always enjoy it. During the year they have learned how to use a variety of materials and equipment, and have studied many different techniques. They have looked at colour, tone and texture, and have undertaken art work in connection with stories, such as “The Little Stream that was looking for the Sea”, and “The Rainbow Fish”. They have used watercolours which appear transparent and brilliant when they shine through a white surface. Painting with watercolours requires a degree of spontaneity and decisiveness when applying the colours, due to the nature of the medium, and the children used various techniques to create different effects. Drawing with wax crayons and wax colouring blocks was particularly suited to drawing and colouring forms and shapes. All of this work stimulates and improves motor activity, and aids inner relaxation. Art sessions give a special opportunity for children to work creatively, imaginatively and cooperatively, and provide the opportunity for children to express their feelings. In the Art exhibition you can see the magic of colour in the sky, the mountains and the sea. Year 5 and 6 have painted excellent landscapes using the paintings of Dali as a focus and starting point.

