

Usborne Book Sale—Wednesday 2nd March,  
Open All Day at the Nursery/Infant School



## Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 1st March

### From the Principal

Welcome back to all, following the half-term break. I hope that you had a good family week wherever it was spent, and that all BSA pupils are now ready again to resume tasks and to grasp opportunities. We are awaiting news of the ISI report and hoping that it will be available for all parents in the next few weeks, and for general publication on the website. Meanwhile, I am conscious that parents receive many e-mails from the school, some less important than others. We will try to indicate in the subject heading if there is a vital message, so that you do not miss it; meanwhile, do please take time to read the weekly News Letter, for it is our regular communication tool for all. Best wishes

John Light

### Upper Junior School News

This week is Book Week, and at the Upper Juniors, the children have been set a challenge—can each class write a chapter of our shared mystery story, *The Search for The Golden Tulip*, by the end of this week? Different classes have been given secret envelopes with details for their section—all will be revealed on Friday! Please note that our **Book Character Day** is on **Thursday** so that we do not clash with swimming on Friday.



This Wednesday, we extend a special welcome to all parents of children in Year 2 and 3 to come and visit the school in the morning between 09.00 and 10.30, or the afternoon between 14.30 and 15.15, to have a look around the school in preparation for September. On Wednesday afternoon it is also our Poetry celebration assembly, at 14.45, I do hope you will be able to come.

### REMINDERS

### Nursery/Infant School News

We are celebrating Book Week at the Nursery/Infant School this week and a number of exciting activities have been planned. Please refer to the letter sent at the end of last half term for a full list of activities, there are some reminders below.

There will be an Usborne **Book Sale** on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Nursery/Infant School. We would like to give the children the experience of visiting a 'book shop' and to be able to choose and buy a book. The classes will take turns to visit the sale. Books will be on sale between 5-10 euros. If you would like your child to buy a book, please place any money in a sealed, named envelope and hand it to your child's teacher. You may prefer to visit the book sale yourself – it will be open before and after school.

We would like to involve parents in our book week and are therefore organising a **Book Swap**. Do you have a good book that you have read and would like to swap for another good read? Boxes for donations are in the reception area. On Friday, we will make a display of all the books and anyone who has donated a book during the course of the week will be able to take a book in return.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a **fancy dress parade** organised within each year group so that everyone can see each other's costume.

1L will perform their assembly on Friday 4th March at 09.05 in the Hall

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### Lower Junior News



Hi Everyone,

We are celebrating **BOOK WEEK** across the school and Year 2 and 3 were very excited about all the events and activities taking place this week. Here are a few highlights...

**EXTREME READING:** The children are taking part in an extreme reading photo competition! They are trying to take a photo of themselves reading a book in an extreme

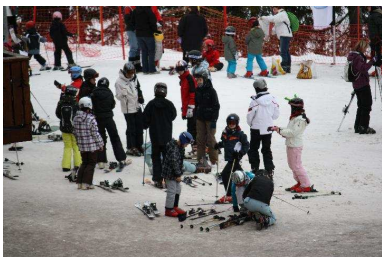
location! You can visit our weblog on Friday to view some of the entries!

**BOOK CHARACTER CREATION:** In class the children are having a go at creating a character to add into a famous story book! If Mr Willy Wonka had sent out a sixth golden ticket, I wonder what kind of child would have received it? We look forward to seeing some of the ideas and storylines!

**BOOK CHARACTER—FANCY DRESS DAY:** We are having our **BOOK CHARACTER FANCY DRESS** day on **Friday 4th March 2011**. We are also holding a special Book Week closing assembly in the Lower Junior School Hall at 9.30am. Parents are warmly invited to attend and to celebrate the work that has taken place during the week!

### Secondary News

I hope that everyone had a restful break after the expedition week. The expeditions this year were very much enjoyed by the students and I have



heard positive comments from teachers that the students were very well behaved, represented the BSA with pride and had some memorable experiences. Many thanks to all the

staff involved in organising and running these trips and congratulations to the students.

**Year 9 Consultation and Options Evening**—A reminder that on Thursday 3rd March 4pm—6pm there is a consultation evening and an opportunity to talk to staff about your child's option choices for next year. At 5pm I will give a short talk on GCSE's and where they will lead.

**World Book Day**—A reminder that on Friday 4th March the Secondary school will be celebrating world book day. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character.



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# Whole school Parent's Coffee Morning



## All Welcome!



# Japanese COFFEE MORNING

## Thursday 3rd March



It is time to celebrate

# Hina-matsuri

with delicious Japanese food,  
including hand rolled sushi!



3月



In Japan, 3rd March is Hina-matsuri or the Doll's Festival or Girls' Festival as it is popularly known. Hina means dolls and matsuri a festival. Graceful dolls dressed in ancient court costume are displayed on tiers of shelves to celebrate girls' growth and good health.

Always...  
a welcoming  
coffee, tea,  
cake, chat, meet  
new mums and  
dads, let your toddlers  
play while you relax  
...and often...  
enjoy themed and  
international events,  
meet the Heads, browse  
guest stalls...

After drop off,  
Infant School Hall,  
Anthonie van Dijkstraat

