

From the Principal

Term Dates 2011-12

May we highlight two communications regarding term dates, which parents will wish to note in their calendars.

Firstly, the term dates for the school year 2011-12 are now published on the school website, and we invite parents to enter the school site and to click on Calendar on the left hand menu to access the full details.

Secondly, I am sending an e-mailed letter to all parents, subject heading "End of Summer Term" concerning a suggested change in the final week. Please take time to look at the letter, and get in touch if you have a comment to make.

Best wishes and thanks

John Light

Upper Junior School News



Last week we celebrated **Book Week**, with lots of different activities to encourage children to pick up a book and enjoy reading! We also looked at how good books are *written*, and wrote our own Mystery Story! To follow the adventures in ***The Search for the Golden Tulip***, visit our weblog at <http://upperjuniors.bsaweblogs.com>. We're starting to prepare for **Red Nose Day**, which this year is on **March 18th**—more details to follow! And just a quick reminder that Parents Evening at The Upper Junior School takes place on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th March—a letter will go out later this week.

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Nursery/Infant School News

Thank you to everyone who made the Book Week such a great success. It was an extremely busy week but everyone very much enjoyed the activities planned and were all keen to take part. The Book Sale was extremely well supported and as a result we will receive free Usborne books to the value of €1,127.65. The Book Character Parade was a great way to end the week, thank you for providing the costumes. The children looked wonderful. Lots of photographs were taken and will soon be on display for everyone to see. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the staff, their hard work ensured that Book Week was such a successful event.

For the parents in Year 1, please remember that the children will shortly be starting the training for the Massage in Schools Programme —however, **nobody** may take part without written parental consent. If you have yet to sign the consent form and do wish for your child to take part in the programme, please ensure that you do so by the end of the week. A reminder was sent to all Year 1 parents yesterday, please contact your child's teacher if you did not receive the consent form.

The children in Class 1J will perform their assembly on Friday at 09.05am in the hall at the Nursery/Infant School.

Lower Junior News



Last week we celebrated Book Week at the Lower Junior School. We had lots of fun activities and competitions on the go throughout the week and everyone had a fantastic time! Friday was book character day and the whole school turned out in fancy dress.

Our Extreme Reading competition was very popular and we were amazed by the variety of different places where our children were able to read. The winners were: Leywa in 3C for reading at the very top of an enormous tree, Morgan in 3WC for reading underwater, Lucy in 3WC for reading in the overhead baggage compartment of an aeroplane and Reine in 2W for reading on the top of a very tall bookcase while her mother searched for her under the bed.

We also had lots and lots of entries for our Writer's Craft competition which involved children continuing a story in the style of the original author. The winners were: Alexandra in 3C, James in 3R, Juno in 2B and Ji Yoon in 2W. Well done to our runners up who did a brilliant job and to all of the budding authors at the Lower Junior School who had a go!



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Secondary News

World Book Day—The Secondary School celebrated world book day on Friday with a day of fun and activities. Students and staff dressed as their favourite book character and €10 book tokens donated by the American Book Store and books donated by Waterstones were given as prizes on the day. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the dressing up, you looked fantastic!

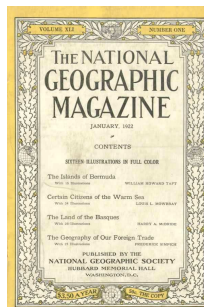


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National Geographic Magazine - I would like to send my thanks to Mr Achten who has kindly donated his entire collection of National Geographic magazines to the Secondary School. They are in wonderful condition and his collection goes back to an astonishing 1922. We are thinking of the best way to have these accessible to students and staff whilst keeping them in their excellent condition.



Whole school parent's coffee morning
Thursday 10th March

Come to the next Coffee Morning :

Coffee cake and chat

Come along and enjoy a coffee or tea with friends, toddlers welcome.

All welcome from 8.45am - 10am, Infant School Hall, Anthonie van Dijckstraat.

(more details on poster)