



Bedford Modern School

Junior

BMS e-shot

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From Head of Junior School - Nick Yelland

Just time for one last e-shot before the end of term! It is a chance to round off everything that has happened and to give you one or two reminders about next term.

Christmas Production

Thank you very much for your support and understanding over the Christmas Production performances. We were delighted to see the full houses on Thursday and Friday and I'm sure you'll agree that the children put on a spectacular show. It is not too late to put in a DVD order provided we receive it on the first day of next term. You might also like to know that we raised just over £300 for our chosen charity from the programme donations – many thanks.

Junior School Sport

Congratulations must go to all the Junior School Sports Teams this term. The rugby has continued to flourish in Years 3 - 6, with wins against strong opposition such as St Faiths, Stamford and Wellingborough for our U10 and U11 teams, as well as a comfortable 42 - 7 win against Kings Canterbury who were on tour in November.

The U9's have had a very good season too with 4 wins and 1 draw and the U8's started their rugby careers with great success when winning the Inaugural BMS TAG Tournament in October and then defeating Haberdasher Askes a week later.

The girls have also had great success in Hockey with the U11's winning the Bedford League and performing excellently in the U11 IAPS South Region Hockey Championships, in which they won 2, drew 1 and lost 3.

Huge thanks from Mr Bucktin to all the staff involved especially new boy Mr Warren!

NB. From January boys will be playing football in their games lessons. This will require them to wear shin pads and they will not be allowed to play without them. If they don't yet have any I'm sure Father Christmas would be able to supply some.

Sports Certificate Awards - Autumn Term 2009:

Rugby

Y3 Most Improved - **A. Whiting**

Y3 Most Consistent - **B. Reddy**

Y4 Most Improved - **A. Roberts**

Y4 Most Consistent - **T. Saunders**

Y5 Most Improved - **C. Girdwood**

Latest News:

For the latest Junior news click [here](#)



Junior School pupils taking part in the Christmas Production of 'The Great Christmas Tree Robbery' - Click [here](#) for the news article

Spring Term Events

Tea Time Concert - Monday 18th January, 4.30pm in M1.

Music Prizes Years 3 - 8 - Tuesday 19th January, during the School day in the Music School

Modernian Singers Christmas Concert:

This choir of parents, staff and friends, is performing at 3.00pm on Sunday 20th December at Colmworth Church (North Bedfordshire) with a concert of Christmas music and readings. Justin Waters is playing the organ. Admission is free but a retiring collection will go to the charity "Help for Heroes".

If any parents are interested in joining this choir, rehearsals for Haydn's "Creation" (to be performed in June) resume after the Christmas break on Wednesday 6th January at 7.30pm in the BMS Music School. No auditions and a friendly atmosphere guaranteed!

Y5 Most Consistent - **J. Sumner**
Y6 Most Improved - **C. McIntyre/J. Owen**
Y6 Most Consistent - **S. Reece**

Hockey

Y3 Most Improved - **A. Davis**
Y3 Most Consistent - **M. Kent**
Y4 Most Improved - **A. Lal**
Y4 Most Consistent - **S. Baxter**
Y5 Most Improved - **R. Leeson**
Y5 Most Consistent - **E. Townson**
Y6 Most Improved - **B. Bucknall**
Y6 Most Consistent - **M. Cook**

Congratulations to all of the above!

Sarah Owen

Since half-term we have enjoyed the company of Sarah Owen, a student teacher from Iowa State University. She has been mentored by Mrs Thomas and has been teaching a number of lessons to Year 6. We hope that she has enjoyed her time with us and wish her well as she returns home for Christmas.

Junior School Entry Tests/Year 6 Transition Tests

Registrations have been coming in thick and fast for Junior School entry next September. Details of the entry test procedures will be sent out before Christmas but late entries will still be considered.

Year 6 pupils will be having their Senior School taster days alongside external candidates for the first time. Details of this and the transition test arrangements will also be sent out from the Senior School before Christmas.

Severe Weather

Please refer to the BMS Website, Page 4 of the Downloads Section for up-to-date information on procedures should we be faced with severe weather during the winter months.

Music Lessons – All music lessons will restart on Tuesday 5th January, THE FIRST DAY BACK!

Final Reminder for Burns Supper & Ceilidh Saturday 30th January - A chance to dine and dance the night away in traditional Scottish style. Priced at £30 per head this is an extremely popular event. Click [here](#) for more details and the ticket application form.

School Trips

The School Trips & Tours Booklet is available to view on Page 3 of the Downloads Section of the website.

New Year Shop Opening Times

Saturday 2nd January and Monday 4th January from 10.00am – 12 noon.

School Nearly New Shop

There will no longer be any Wednesday openings, instead the shop will be open twice a month on Thursdays from 3.00pm – 4.30pm although they are happy to stay open slightly later if any parent should request it.

Ski Club resumes on Thursday 21st January

Contact Mr Robinson at robinsonc@bedmod.co.uk for details.

A Reminder to all Parents

You should have received a letter during this half-term asking you to check the current details held on our database regarding your child/ren. If you have not already done so, please ensure this is returned to school immediately in order that we can update our database if necessary. This is very important with regard to emergency contacts, any problems which may occur while your child is travelling to and from school as well as your child's publicity status.

Finally a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers with thanks for all your support this term!