

# Friday Flyer

2 July 2010

## Open Day/Fun Day and Summer Fayre

*Saturday 3rd July, 1.30—4.00pm*

*We look forward to welcoming all our families and friends—past, present and future—for an afternoon of fun activities. There will be lots of stalls including Tombola, Cakes and a Raffle and refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall. Remember to return quiz entries to school by Tuesday. A number of our Old Girls will also be in school for their reunion lunch at 12 o'clock.*

## Sports Results

*Last week the annual parent/daughter tennis tournament took place for girls in both Senior and Junior House. It was fantastic to see so many junior entries this year - enough for two leagues. Alice Hopper and her father played Ellen Hirst and her father in the final. The Hoppers were the eventual winners- congratulations.*

*On Thursday the U9 and U10 rounders team travelled to Mowden Hall in Northumberland. The U9 team were very excited as it was their first match. Both teams played exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.*

*The U9 team won 19½ to 12½ The U10 team lost 16 to 14½.*

*On Thursday the Year 5 and 6 tennis singles took place. 32 girls from Year 6 and 14 from Year 5 took part in the tennis knockout competition. It was wonderful to see so many girls playing tennis during Wimbledon week. A great standard of play was seen and some very competitive games took place.*

*In the Year 5 competition Lydia Kent and Jessica Tweedy reached the final with Jessica eventually winning 6 games to 2.*

*In the Year 6 competition Alice Hopper and Ellen Hirst reached the final. An extremely close match took place with Alice eventually winning 6 games to 5.*

*Well done to Alice, Jessica and everyone who took part.*

### PE Kit

Please could all girls leave their PE kit in school for the full week as there are many alterations to the timetable at this time of year and lessons are rearranged.

House t-shirts are to be worn for inter-house rounders (Year 6 only) next week.

### What a Performance!

The Year 6 performances of 'Ye Ha!' on Monday and Tuesday evening were outstanding! The girls had the audiences laughing and smiling throughout. Well done to all the girls—I think some of you are heading for a career on the stage!

### Clubs and Activities

**Dates of last sessions this term:**

Ballet—Thursday 1st July

Karate—Wednesday 9th July

Tennis—Saturday 10th July

School Run Activities—Friday 2nd July

Homework Club—Thursday 8th July

After School Care—Thursday 8th July

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd July—Mrs Settle, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Anderson leaving for Lesotho. Details of what the team are involved in during the visit are attached

Saturday 3rd July, 1.30-4.00pm—Open Day/Fun Day and Summer Fayre

Monday 5th July—Reports sent home

Wednesday 7th July—Staff available to discuss reports

Friday 9th July—Term ends at the end of the school day

Wednesday 8th September—Autumn Term begins

### Transport

A reminder that requests for School Transport for the Autumn term need to be returned to Mr Craig, the Assistant Bursar, by Wednesday 7th July

### Karate Gradings

Wednesday 7th July, 4.00pm

Karate gradings take place on Wednesday in Junior Hall—please come and support the girls.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The second hand shop raised £613 this term through the sale day and e-mail sales. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day.

### Cake Sale

After last Monday's cake sale, Victoria Milbanke (6X) raised an amazing £100! Thank you to all the girls who brought cakes in.

## *The Lesotho Team are GO!*

*The 2010 Lesotho Team leave Durham today and we send with them our prayers and best wishes for a safe journey and a rewarding and fulfilling trip. We thought you might find it interesting to learn a bit about the purpose of the trip and what the Team will be doing while they are there so Mrs Jacklin, who has herself been on one of the trips, has written a very brief outline for us:*

*The team comprises three staff (Mrs Settle, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Hudson from Junior House) and 18 Lower Sixth girls. Three more staff will swap half way through (Mrs Middleton, Mrs Clarke and Mr Riding) and bring the team home. They will be flying to Johannesburg and then making the 6 hour mini-bus drive to Lesotho. They then stay at the Link's Site in Maseru the capital, in youth hostel style accommodation (which we raised the funds to build five years ago).*

*But WHAT DO THEY DO out there?!*

*Decorating buildings that belong to the Link's Community Project in Ha Mohatlane - sometimes a classroom, a bedroom, a dining room. They usually need to scrub and sand before they can do any painting at all, but it's a good bonding project for their first week.*

*SHAPE courses. Every girl takes part in a week's Schools HIV and AIDS Peer Educators course, where they are taught how to teach their peers about sexual health and have to prepare lessons and work on team building activities too. They do all this mixed with a secondary school or youth group and meet local Basotho teenagers and learn about their culture.*

*Children's Holiday Clubs based in two village churches. The teams go out for 5 days to entertain children from aged 3-23 sometimes - and there may be up to 150 children that come out to see them! The holidays clubs involve the usual games and craft, but also Bible stories and songs. The children are even poorer than those that are cared for in orphanages and many 11 year olds are the head of their family. So these clubs are a special treat for them and it can be heart-breaking to hear their stories.*

*As you can see, every week is tiring in its own way and the girls and staff are really stretched through serving the projects and people in these ways. In the evenings they still have to cook their dinner, clean up and wash their clothes by hand before they can chill out or sleep! So, after the first week they go to Malealea for a night, a popular tourist spot in the mountains, where they stay in little round chalets ("Rondavels") and go pony trekking or hiking if they like - or just sleep and sun themselves! And at the end they also have a treat and stay in a Safari lodge for two nights in South Africa, getting to go on safari drives for a whole day before heading home.*

*Please would you keep the team in your thoughts and prayers, but also the people they will meet. The Link's email address is [ldlink@leo.co.ls](mailto:ldlink@leo.co.ls) if you would like to send the team, the staff or the Link personnel any messages of encouragement.*