



Warwick Junior School

May 2011 NEWSLETTER

Glory Days!

The Lower Two play saw the audience taken on a journey through time and space, with "Professor Thyme and the History Mystery". The evil genius Count Downe was heading for world domination and infinite wealth as he attempted to steal one of Shakespeare's manuscripts and prevent Einstein, aided by his sidekick Drongo, from publishing his theory of relativity.



We have a group of SILLIE scientists to thank that we never saw the STUPID scientists fulfill their evil plan. A play full of fun, laughter, songs and dancing concluded with the happy ending everyone had hoped for. Some wonderful performances by **Aaron Tucker** (Count Downe), **Thomas English** (Professor Thyme), **Cameron Mitchell** (Drongo) and **Ben Richards** (playing Queen Elizabeth I) lit up the stage and received rave reviews by all those who saw it.

The energy and enthusiasm of the boys involved was boundless and this transferred onto the stage. The boys were confident and assured and showed the sort of stage presence of actors who have been treading the boards for years. The ability to react positively to mistakes and remain focused in the face of extreme giggles should also be thoroughly commended.

Every song was sung with gusto and a special mention should be made for the soloists **Albert Williams** (Einstein) and **Aaron Tucker** who sang beautifully.

Expertly directed and staged by Mrs. Schalch with musical accompaniments from Mrs. Williams the boys should be incredibly proud of the months of hard work which they put into producing such a fine show!
Owen Herringshaw

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys

Some weeks ago I was asked, by an earnest American visitor to "describe the school's pedagogy."

Gambling on my semantic knowledge, I talked for a little longer about the school's philosophy and the range of values which underpin all that we do. The dictionary definition of the word 'pedagogy' - I was relieved to discover - defines it as "the science, profession, or theory of teaching."

I concluded, in an attempt to give my words a little more visual punch, by focusing on the word 'poise' and said that I like to think days here are executed with the same kind of style and calmness which so characterised the Royal Wedding.

All of us will have our own memories of that event and, unsurprisingly, I am always struck, on ceremonial occasions such as this, by the discipline and restrained power of the horses; visions of which immediately turn back history.



In human terms, I thought that the lesson read by James Middleton was an outstanding example of grace under pressure whilst the music, and the singing especially, was exceptional. Even the kissing on the balcony seemed rather more stylish than it has been in the past: about the only aspect of the day which I thought might have been improved was The Archbishop of Canterbury's haircut!

... And commentators trotted out their customary line that "this is the kind of thing that Britain does so well."

That is unquestionably so, but it is only the case because of the hours and hours of preparation and practice which go into the rehearsal and above all because of the poise which a range of people will exhibit on the day itself.

As your sons continue to demonstrate, whether it be in the theatre, in music, on the cricket pitch and in their conduct around the school, what really matters here is this development of assurance and an inner faith in oneself which can only come through sustained practice.

As this summer develops, and I know you will all be looking forward as much as I am to so many highlight-days which lie ahead, do keep in mind these two words, once used by the American writer Paul Theroux to describe the life he saw in British beach-huts... "hectic calm."

Best wishes for the second half.


Guy Canning
Headmaster of the Junior School

Royal Celebrations

Warwick Junior School held its own event to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Thursday 28 April.

It was a day full of variety and excitement, with the boys and the staff dressed in Union Jack colours to match the occasion.

The afternoon began with a house competition where all boys participated in traditional sack, egg and spoon, three legged and obstacle races. Scott House were quick to take the lead with Drake House closely chasing their tail.

Suspense built throughout the afternoon and towards the grand finale, where each house were asked to build their versions of 'Kate's Castle' from cardboard boxes! Once again, Scott House proved themselves to be organised and true team players, securing the winning 'Royal Title', with Drake and Wellington Houses in a close equal second position.

A magnificent 'Royal Tea' of cucumber and jam sandwiches and delicious cakes, all laid



out by the kitchen staff in the Guy Nelson Hall, provided the grand finale to a truly enjoyable day.

Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion in anticipation of the festivities, the colour and the ceremony of the scenes which followed in London the next day.

Jennie Needham



WJS Golf Championship 2011

The Royal Wedding was not the only event being celebrated by many members of Warwick Junior School at the beginning of the Summer term.

Stoneleigh Deer Park hosted the first Warwick School Junior Golf championship that saw 20 boys competing for honours in different age categories. The day started with the threat of rain but this did not deter the boys or their parents coming out en masse to enjoy an eventful day of golf. **Anant Gill** was the first over the line in the Under 9 section playing some superb golf as did **Arun Kohli** who enjoyed success



in the Under 10 event in a closely fought contest with **Jacob Fenwick**. The overall winner of the Under 11 prize and the newly crowned Warwick junior School Champion was **Jamie Johnson** with a solid score of 27 points on the day. Jamie will be joined by **Andrew Dellow** and **Joshua Kearns** at the IAPS Championship at Royal Lytham & St Annes which will take place on Friday 10th June: good luck to those boys.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all parents and staff for making this event such a major success.

Ben Kruze

First Junior School Podcast now on air...

Tune in to the latest Warwick School podcast and catch the first programme from Radio Zinzin. The Third Year French Club's intrepid reporters have been working tirelessly to bring you the stories that the BBC have missed: from exploding mountains to chocolate flavoured snow. And it's all in French.

Our thanks to Ollie Barron, Louis Moss-Lawton and Archie Whitby, pictured here in the studio with Romain Hué the programme's producer and director and French Assistant at the senior school. Félicitations tout le monde! To Listen, go to www.warwickschool.org | School Life | Warwick School Podcast

Clare Askwith



Swimming

Swimming at Warwick Junior School continues to go from strength to strength and two weeks ago the annual Inter-House Swimming Gala again proved to be a terrific event with the boys from Nelson emerging victorious.

The individual highlight was the new school record for the Third Year freestyle length set by **Luke Williams** of 14.29s which broke the 14 year mark set by **Jack Streeter** which had stood since 1997.



At national level the team pictured above has represented the school with great credit and although medals at the IAPS Championships eluded them, we look forward with much anticipation to the National Primary Team Finals at Sheffield in mid-June. There the boys will attempt to retain the team award which the school won last summer.

Guy Canning

FUTURE DATES

Summer exams	9th/10th/13th/14th June
Third Year Sunday	12th June
Debating Workshop	16th June
Photo Day (music & sport)	17th June

Third Year Week
First Year Sunday
Open Evening
End of term

w/c 20th June
26th June
8th July
15th July