

# BROOMWOOD HALL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1 and 2 • Friday 12th January 2007

## DEAR PARENTS. . .

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. And a very warm welcome to new members of staff who have joined us this term: Miss Elizabeth Pedder BA Hons PGCE takes over Class 1N at The Vicarage, and Miss Emmanuelle Smith BA Hons PGCE will teach French at the Upper School while Mrs Jovele is on maternity leave. I am particularly delighted to have Miss Smith with us; she is the daughter of Broomwood Hall's first ever French teacher, Mme Claude Smith, who was with us from 1985-89.

Six girls and two young men join us from Australia to spend their gap year working as teaching assistants (see over); we hope they have a happy and enjoyable year in England. We welcome also two new children, Juliette Ritchie (returning to Class 3 – Garrad's Road) and Isabelle Weber (Class 2 – The Vicarage).

Huge congratulations to Miss Alison Field, Head of Lower School (Garrad's Road) on the news of her engagement – on June 16th, she will become Mrs Andrew Melrose. We are delighted at this news and are really thrilled for you.

Normally at this time of year we expect the weather to be cold. So far this year it has continued to be wet and blowy and really very mild; nevertheless please remember that if it does turn cold it is really important your child has a **jelly bag hat**, a **school fleece** and **red/blue gloves**, all clearly named.

Please check your child's backpack for this term's date booklet and you will see the important events ahead; full details are also on the website calendar. It promises to be an exciting term so I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the touchline, at church services, plays etc.

A lovely letter came from the Rev John Shepherd during the holidays. He writes: *"Our treasurer has just been counting the collection from the Broomwood Carol Service which amounted to about £1400 for the Organ Fund. We are immensely grateful for that; I don't quite know how to thank the parents, so this letter comes to you"*. I am happy to pass on those thanks on his behalf. Rev Shepherd mentions in his letter that the Organ Appeal has so far raised over £140,000; a further £80,000 is needed with the organ rebuild planned to start in 2008.

Can I wish everyone a happy term, and the best of luck to the children, especially those who have exams and assessments for their next school during the first few weeks of term.

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K.A.H. Colquhoun  
Principal

## MOBILE TELEPHONE MAST

We have received notification from O<sup>2</sup> that they intend to apply for planning consent to install a 15 metre mobile telecommunications mast on the corner of Nightingale Lane and Ravenslea Road, approximately 300 metres from no 74. Mobile telephone operators are under an obligation to consult with schools before submitting any proposal to site a mast on or near to them, and any views we express must be included by them when making their application.

I know that mobile phone masts arouse strong feelings in many people, usually based around the perceived health hazards – especially to children – that they may represent. As a school, we don't feel we that it would be right for us to adopt a particular stance towards these masts; mobile phones are a fact of life, and almost all of us use them. We also feel obliged to represent the views of our parents however; and so, if any parents have strong feelings about the proposal, we will be happy to express those views to O<sup>2</sup> in response to their consultation request.

That said, health considerations are **not** considered to be valid grounds for objecting to planning applications, and councils are specifically precluded from taking them into account when considering them. Nevertheless, if large numbers of people object on these grounds, the council is most unlikely to ignore them as has been repeatedly shown in past planning applications.

If you have any views that you think we as a school should express, please email them to me at

[k.colquhoun@northwoodschoools.com](mailto:k.colquhoun@northwoodschoools.com) as soon as possible.

Katharine Colquhoun – Principal

## MEET THE GAPS



Juliette Taylor (V)



Kate Gratton (GR)



Ali French (V)



Dave Res (50NL)



Tom Barrington-Smith (V)



Sophie Bagnall (GR)



Ariel Park (74NL)



Vicki Compton (V)

## OTHER NEW STAFF

Emmanuelle Smith, who joins us to teach French in the Upper School, grew up locally in Clapham. She is half-French and was educated at the French Lycée before studying Philosophy at the University of Southampton, graduating in 2002. She gained QTS at Christ Church University, Canterbury and has taught in comprehensive schools in London and Kent.



Elizabeth Pedder, who joins us to teach Class 1N (Vicarage), grew up in Wimbledon and was educated in London. She studied Childhood Studies with Psychology Leeds University. She completed her PGCE at Roehampton University and taught Reception for 2 years in Croydon. Elizabeth has just returned from 16 months in Australia where she travelled and taught in Sydney.



## LOST PROPERTY

Tom Gates' (3N, 50 NL) blue v-necked jumper has been missing since last term.

## RAISING GIRLS TALK

Would you like your daughter to have stronger self-esteem and to be able to stand up for herself in difficult situations? Would you like her to be more confident in her friendships? This thought-provoking talk is presented by The Parent Practice and addresses many of the concerns parents have about their daughters. It gives parents practical tips and solutions to everyday challenges.

Join us on Tuesday 23rd January from 7-10pm. Tickets are £38 per person (£60 per couple) from: The Parent Practice: 68 Thurleigh Road, SW12 tel: 020-8673 3444 [www.theparentpractice.com](http://www.theparentpractice.com)  
Camilla McGill – The Parent Practice

## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The postponed annual Broomwood Hall under 8 netball tournament will be on Fri 19 January on the Ramsden Road Court, starting at 1.30 and finishing at 3.30. The selected Class 3 girls from both 3GR and 50NL will compete against Hornsby House and Finton House. We look forward to seeing parents supporting our teams. This is a great opportunity for the under 8 netball girls to show off all their hard work!

Sally Attwell – PE and Sport, Garrad's Road

### Monday 15 January

#### Clubs begin

#### Peripatetic music lessons begin

- 11.05 US Chamber Choir rehearsal (& every Monday)  
Girls taking CE may leave at 12.30
- 12.30 Choir: Class 2 & 3 (GR)
- 1.00 Recorder Band 1 (50NL)
- 2.00 Recorder Group (GR & every Monday)
- 4.00 Swimming: C14X Latchmere Leisure Centre  
– (& every Monday until week 5)

### Tuesday 16 January

- 8.10 Rugby Squad: C13 50NL (& every Tuesday)
- 8.10 LS Choir rehearsal (50NL & every Tuesday)
- 8.45 \*PA Meeting – Hall, Garrad's Road  
Girls taking CE may leave at 12.30
- 2.45 Class 3 girls to visit US
- 3.30 LS Swimming squad (& every Tuesday)
- 4.00 US Swimming squad (& every Tuesday)

### Wednesday 17 January

- 9.00 \*Church Service: St Leonard's church – Gideon
- 12.30 Hockey Squad: C13 GR
- 12.35 US School Choir (& every Wednesday)
- 1.00 Violin Ensemble (GR & every Wednesday)
- 1.30 Swimming: C11 (Vic) Clapham Manor Pool  
(& every Wednesday)
- 3.30 \*Mill on the Brue talk and tea to Class 3(GR) parents – GR

### Thursday 18 January

- 8.45 \*Church Service: St Luke's Church – C15S
- 9.30 Perform4all: Fairytale Forest drama workshop – GR
- 7.00 \*Class 5 evening for parents considering 13+

### Friday 19 January

- 8.15 Rugby Squad: C12 (3GR & every Friday)
- 1.30-3.30 \*Netball: C3 (GR & NL) Tournament -v- Hornsby House & Finton House – 50NL