



Inchmarlo e-zine

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 4 January
Start of term, 8.55 am

Saturday 7 January
RBAI Open Day

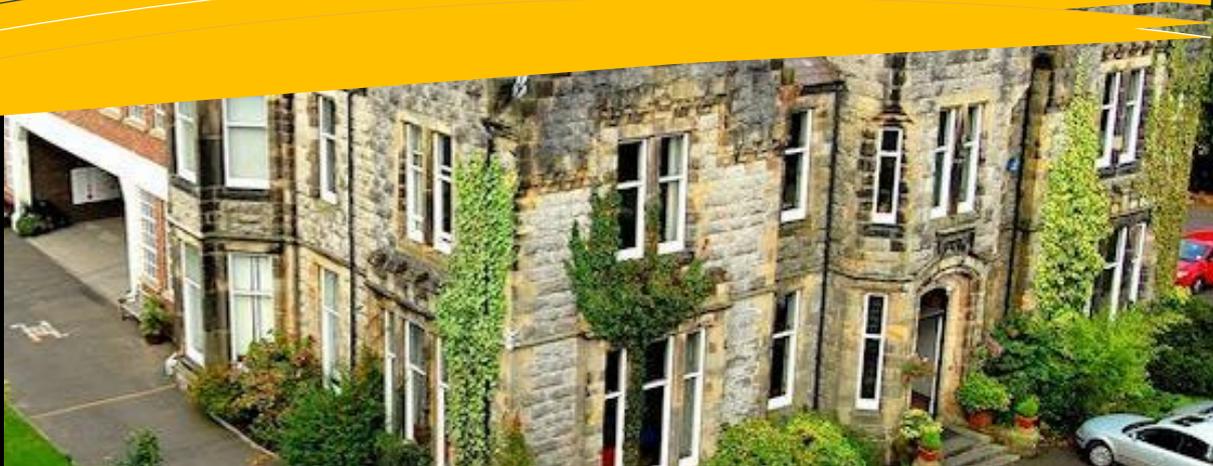
Saturday 14 January
Early Years Open
Morning (for prospective
parents)

Monday 23 January
School Development Day

Saturday 28 January
AQE results

Friday 10 February
House Cross Country
Non-uniform day

**Monday 13—Friday 17
February—Half Term**



Welcome everyone to edition two of the Inchmarlo E-Zine.

It is Christmas time already and time really has flown by since the last e-zine in October half term. Perhaps the phrase "Time flies when you're having fun" really does apply as this term has been packed full of great things happening in and around the school.

In all classes there are great learning opportunities taking place and these are clearly being embraced by the boys, judging from the very positive comments and progress I am reading about on all the Christmas reports that are being sent home.

It has been very busy in the classroom but equally busy outside of the classroom environment. We have had visitors such as Mr Hullabaloo, Dawson Stelfox and the local Fire Brigade for a talk on Fire Safety around the home. We have had visits out to Clip and Climb for P5, The Ulster Folk and Transport Museum for P3 and the whole school to the Pantomime. We also had a visit from the Ice Cream Van (on the coldest day of the year !) as a treat for the team who won this term's Value points competition. More about some of these events can be found later in the e-zine.

There have been a few events to get us in the mood for Christmas including a fantastic Pre-school to P3 Festive songs and a P4—P7 Carol Service. Our Christmas celebrations will culminate with a special visitor arriving on Wednesday morning to perhaps bring presents to all those on his Nice list—Mr Francey and Mr Trussell watch out !

I want to say a huge thanks to the IPA for helping to organise the event on Wednesday and I am sure Santa will be good to them for all the hard work they do for the school.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Rest up and enjoy some family time together.



INCHMARLO

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Cranmore Park, Belfast BT9 6JR

EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY

Saturday 14 January 2017
10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Morning coffee

Talk by Headmaster at 11.30am

Prospective parents, children and visitors are
very welcome to attend or may contact the
school to arrange a visit
Limited places still available in P1 & P4

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Christmas Celebrations

Christmas at Inchmarlo just wouldn't be the same without the fabulous lunch provided by Ms Strange and all her team. It was a great afternoon and the boys and staff went away very well fed!

Just prior to the lunch, the Pre-school to P3 had worked up an appetite by performing their first of two shows for their Festive Songs. Both shows were excellent and everyone left full of the Christmas spirit.

The annual Carol Service took place on Tuesday night in St John's Church on the Malone Road. It is always a special night and it is great to see so many Governors, parents past and present and family friends celebrating the occasion with us.



Out and About

We have had many visits out over the past few weeks. The P3's as part of their topic of Transport paid a visit to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum in Cultra. The boys thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different forms of transport but especially the trains.

P5 have been looking at the topic of Explorers and Everest and who better to pay them a special visit but RBAI old boy Dawson Stelfox. Dawson took time to chat to the boys and tell them all about his adventures and experiences.

We would like to thank one of our parents Stephen Dickson for not only organising the visit but for also organising the trip to Clip and Climb so that the boys could put all their knowledge learned from Dawson to good use..

A busy term !



Bake Off Winners



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Pupil Council 16/17



Jack Irwin—Golden Conker winner



Pre-school 16/17



Happy Christmas from P1



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Music News

The brass band have been to the Hollywood festival where they took first place. Also on a musical theme the P5 and P6's were invited to go and work with the Ulster Orchestra on composing "a recipe for music" which again was an extremely enjoyable and successful day. The P5 and P6's also had a very enjoyable morning at the RBAI autumn charity concert, and a big thank you to RBAI and Mr Bolton for allowing us the chance to hear the older boys in action. On 15 December the choir were singing with Peter Corry in the Waterfront Hall as part of his Music Box tour. It was a hugely successful night for the school. The boys were wonderful and stole the show— there were few if any nerves and they were pitch perfect throughout the show. As always the Inchmarlo community were there to support us and give us the biggest cheer of the night. Thank you to all involved especially our music specialist Mrs McMichael for making it all possible.



Sports News

In the Northern Ireland Cross Country Primary Schools league, we had the Inchmarlo team finishing second with Alex Watson (P6) once again taking first in the overall competition. This leaves us second in the league after two of three rounds. Mr Trussell is aiming for first by organising a cross country club on Thursday lunchtimes for any boys who want to put in a bit of extra training.

In football the boys also entered the South Belfast football league taking place at Olympia Leisure Centre. After two rounds we are top of the league with one more set of matches to go.

The P7 squad also entered the P7 cup and we find ourselves after three marvellous performances into the semi-final of the cup to be played after Christmas.

Some excellent outreach work has also been done by Mr Trussell as he has organised friendly matches against Lowwood Primary and Stranmillis Primary, which all took on a blitz format with lots of boys able to participate and all taking place here at Inchmarlo. Monday 5 December saw us playing a P6 and P7 rugby competition against Rosetta Primary who have only recently taken up the sport. It was a fantastic opportunity to get everyone playing and to showcase our grounds and facilities.

Oh no it isn't.....Oh yes it is

On Thursday 8 December Mrs Little is left in peace for the only time of the year when the school empties and we all head off to the Grand Opera House for the Pantomime. This is a fantastic way to start the Christmas celebrations in school. The boys were very well behaved and yet sang, shouted and boomed in all the right places! The day was made when we managed to get P6 pupil Michael Hollway on to the stage to do a piece with May McFetridge. If May thought that the risqué poem was going to slip Michael up she had another thing coming! He did us proud with his own one liners back to the quick witted May!



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