



CHRISTMAS!



Dear all,

We wish you all a wonderfully happy Christmas. We were lucky enough to enjoy the snow when it came, but are still hoping for some on Christmas day!

Please do take a look at the website for an update on Garden news and to **view the pictures** in the Michaelmas gallery. There are pictures from the Cabaret, Socials, Wear What you Dare day, Sledging, and House Swimming (which we won by the greatest margin ever!!)

Christmas House Supper was lovely and the girls were all in a festive mood. Caitlin Furniss sang beautifully and impressed the Headmaster (our special guest for the evening) with her own rendition of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'. She won the prize for bravest Garden girl. Lois Elson won the prize for the most helpful and kind girl, Lauren Phillips for the most improved in every way, Siobhan Peterson for the one who has most benefited from the transition to Sixth Form and Alex Rotheroe for the tidiest room in the world!! Amy Furness impressed us all by being accepted by the National Youth Wind Orchestra as well as winning the Senior Woodwind Cup for the Garden (and it's a big trophy!!). Sophie Watson gave a hilarious run-down on events in the house this term and it is sometimes only at the end of the term that the girl realise **how much they've achieved**.



The girls' reports from the B Block right the way through to the U6 show just how much they are achieving academically and I think they are all delighted that their grades have risen steadily from the first set of MAs to the final report. We have a good work ethic in the house and this is reflected in the girls' achievements.



I have been so impressed with the new B Block who have taken sport in the school by storm and helped us to victory twice in The Caroline Tyler Relays as well as the House Swimming. The new L6 seem to have been here forever already, (but we must thank our old timers for being so welcoming) and will help us win the House Hockey and Badminton no doubt next term!

The U6 are perfect role-models in every way and we have a perfect record this term – the house has behaved in an exemplary fashion thanks to the leadership of the U6!

We have also had lots of fun with the whole house going to see **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** (the only person to scream, more than once, was me, I'm afraid!), taking the B Block sledging with hot choc and flake afterwards and then having a mass snowball fight in the dark with the whole house, which the U6 seemed to really enjoy, too!



We had a pizza and chocolate fondue party to celebrate our victory in the pool and break time treats of J2O and double chocolate cookies just because the girls have been so good! (Chocolate obviously plays an important role in the Garden life!) - U6 had a champagne party to celebrate the end of term and to say thank you for all their help in making sure the girls are all happy and achieving their best.

Thank you all so much for the many gifts to keep us merry over the Christmas period! We really do appreciate them.

So may all your Christmas wishes come true and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!



~ A Happy & Peaceful 2011 To You All ~