

Juniors -



**CLAIRES COURT
JUNIORS**

Weekly Bulletin

17 January 2025 (Spring Term Week 2)

Principal's Blog

Read Mr Wilding's new blog for this week: ["Everything that needs to be said has already been said. But since no-one was listening, everything must be said again". André Gide](#)

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Parent Survey

As expected of independent schools within the UK, we are required both to complete surveys by the Department for Education and the Independent Schools Council (ISC) at this time of year. In addition, we also make use of the Independent Schools Inspectorate questionnaire to survey the views of our own parents and guardians, and we keep to the same format (with some minor tweaks as requested in previous surveys) so we can compare year on year the views and contributions that surface during the survey. The survey will be sent early next week and will be open until Friday 31 January 8pm, after which we will take stock and check then use that feedback to aid our plans for the future.

VAT Update

Our preparations for the imposition of VAT on tuition fees from January have not been assisted by the pace at which HMRC and schools have had to work. ISBA are representing our sector in those discussions, and over the next weeks, we hope full clarity will emerge to assist us in our longer term planning too. As you may recall, ISC and other groups have called for Judicial review of the imposition of this new tax on independent school tuition fees, and preliminary hearings

commence shortly. As news emerges, we will of course keep parents and guardians informed. James Wilding

The Court Report 2022-24

We invite you to read the Court Report covering the past two years' highlights across the school -<https://bit.ly/4gNJChn>

Lower Juniors

Now we have started our second term, we are encouraging all of Lower Juniors to be more independent. To support this, please drop your child at the playground with their bags. When the bell goes at 8.40am they will bring their belongings in with them. As always, if you wish to speak to your class teacher, you are more than welcome to come and see us.

Sports Photos

Don't miss out on the fantastic sports photos from last week! You should have received an email with your unique access code — [click here](#) to view the gallery!

Swimarathon News

Claire's Court had a wonderful representation at the Lions Club Swimarathon event held at Braywick leisure centre last Sunday. We had 6 lanes of the pool and completed a total of 369 laps (= 738 lengths) in our allotted 50 minutes.

Junior Boys swam 57 laps

Junior Girls 63

Senior Girls 59

Senior Boys (assisted by teachers and the Potter family) 78

Year 12 did 58

Year 13 did 54

So far the sponsorship raised by Claire's Court is **£1240** (and to which gift aid will be added) and this is still increasing. This money will be shared between Maidenhead Lions Club local charities and our school's charity choice of Thames Hospice.

Thank you to all the pupils and teachers who participated or supported and all the people who have sponsored them. Further donations can still be made using either of these links:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/claiescourt2025>

or for 6th form

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/claiescourtschoolsixthform2025>

"Tub-2-Pub"

Please bring in your empty plastic sweet/cracker Christmas tubs to be recycled and help raise funds for



Drop off at the school office and we will pass on to Mr Wragg (Head of Outdoor Education) to give to his local GREENE KING establishment. Final collections are Monday 10 February 2025.

More info can be found at Tub2pub.co.uk

Rabbit Award

Awarded for kindness, helpfulness and compassion doing the right thing without being asked, it is what makes our school a wonderful environment. This week our rabbit has been awarded to Archie B (2S) for always being so supportive towards his peers, seeing when others need help and encouragement and quietly offers help to all. Makenzie P (6H) for showing true kindness and support to one of her friends.



Dates for the diary

New, news, news!

Take a look [here](#) at our fantastic media wall on the school website where we collate all the stories from across the school. There are stories from Instagram, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.