



MALSIS SCHOOL

The Newsletter

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It has been a fabulous first half to the term at Malsis. The children's Review Cards indicate that they have been working hard, and they will have no doubt informed you of the various other things that have been going on at school. We all enjoyed the visit of Peter Murray, the author of the Mokee Joe books, and now the children are relishing the opportunity to read their signed copies. He made a big hit!

The Grand Opening of the Hope Technology Mountain Bike Trail was a fantastic day – the result of lots of effort in preparation by many people, none more so than Ian Weatherill. I am very grateful to everyone who played a part. Young and old clearly had a great time.

I wish you an enjoyable Half Term.

Chris Lush

NEXT WEEK

Weds 28th	7.30pm	MeRP Adventure Canoe Day Boarders Return)
Thurs 29th	8.30am 6.15pm 7.15pm	Day Pupils and Pre-Prep return Year 3 Parent-Teacher Meeting (A-H) Year 3 Parent-Teacher Meeting (I-Z)
Sat 31st	10.30am 2.15pm	House Athletics Competition <i>(Day children may leave after athletics, if they are not involved in a cricket match, boarders may have lunch out with parents)</i> U11 cricket v Merchiston (h) 1 st XI v Headmaster's Old Boys' XI Rounders v Old Girls
Sun 1st	5.30pm	Supper at Malsis – <i>please let Claire Lodge in the Office know if you are planning to come.</i>

HAIRCUTS

Please ensure that, if necessary, your children return to school having had a decent haircut. Having mentioned this to a small number of hairy senior boys, we would greatly appreciate your support.

MALSIS BOOK CLUB

The Malsis Book Club will meet on Monday 9th June and not on Monday 2nd June as appeared in last week's Newsletter: my apologies.
Marcus Dalrymple

EXAMS Week Beginning 2nd June

Year 8: Common Entrance and Internal Examinations

Years 6 and 7: Internal examinations in all subjects except IT, T, Music and Art (no RS for Year 6)

Year 5: Form tests, in class time

Your children will have been briefed by their teachers and must be encouraged to take these exams and tests in their stride. Performance will be adversely affected by undue anxiety – theirs or yours!

All examinations are intended to be positive learning experiences for the children. Preparation is largely conducted in class by the teacher, but a little additional revision is helpful at home over Half Term – not forgetting the importance of rest and relaxation.

By and large if children feel supported and are encouraged to do their best, they will. When it comes to internal examinations the content will usually reflect topics studied most recently. The experience of sitting examinations is an important part of building confidence in the children for public examinations at a later date.

Tennis Tournament

We are considering holding a doubles tennis tournament during this year's summer fair on Sunday 29th June. The theme for the tournament is 'parents and children' - your own or anybody else's! In order for the tournament to be a success we will need to have at least six pairs.

If you would like to take part, please could you inform Mr Dalrymple via the school office or by e-mailing mdalrymple@malsis.com at the earliest opportunity so that we can begin organising it. The winners will receive a trophy, a bottle of champagne and a box of chocolates!

SIERRA LEONE APPEAL – THANK YOU

A huge thank you for the wonderful donations you have all made. David Wallwork will be coming to Malsis on Saturday 7th June to talk about the project to the children after Chapel – parents are most welcome. An inventory of the Malsis donations will appear on the notice-board soon. Once again, many thanks.

Jane Blanshard

(Late donations welcome!)