



Beacon for Life

# WALTON PRIORY MIDDLE SCHOOL Christmas 2011

## **Congratulations to our wonderful catering staff !!!**

**Walton Priory were nominated for a Staffordshire Catering Services award of Excellence for 2011. We were the only Middle School in Staffordshire to be put forward and we won the runner up prize.**

**Gilley Foxley and all the catering staff would like to say a huge thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for their continued support because without them this would not have been possible.**

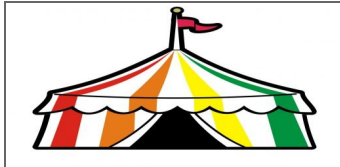


**Gilley Foxley (left) with her team.**

## **A request from our P.E. Dept.**

**If you have any unwanted shinpads, black or white sports socks or black football socks we would be glad to receive them. Also any CDs for our dance lessons/ dance club.  
Thank you.**

Book Week and The Big Read were huge successes again this year with a visit from author Pete Johnson who spent time talking to the children and signing copies of his books. The dressing up assembly this year was based on a circus theme and the children showed what wonderful imaginations they have by turning up in the most amazing costumes! Prizes of books from the travelling book fair were given to the most original. The book fair also went very well and allowed us to purchase new books for the library.



Here at Walton Priory we are extremely proud of the fund raising that the pupils do and this term has been no exception. On Remembrance day the children brought in pennies and spelt out Help for Heroes on the playground. The total raised for Help the Heroes was a wonderful **£232.84** and Children in Need raised **£172.88**. This year for Operation Christmas Child we sent out **124** boxes for children who would not otherwise have anything for Christmas.

Well done to the children and a big thank you to everyone who took part, we are very proud of you.



## Female Sparathon.

On Saturday 26th Nov. 2011 a group of females from **The Right Stuff Boxing Project** (including our own **Olivia Billinge, Phoebe Hodson and Amy Washington**) took part in an all-female Sparathon to help raise money for **Staffordshire Women's Aid** and to help raise awareness of domestic violence against women and children.

The idea of the event was to show females as confident and empowered participating in what is traditionally a male-dominated sport.

The girls will have raised in excess of **£2,000** thanks to their hard work and dedication.



Road Safety – especially for parents who collect their children from school by car  
Government statistics for 2010 show that 19,569 children suffered from road traffic accidents – 2,502 were killed or seriously injured. The last thing we want for any of our children is any such injury whilst coming to and going from school. Parents who collect their children from school can help enormously by parking sympathetically and by not parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside both school entrances. Our age children often forget the basics of road safety which means that we adults have to think for them – the yellow lines provide enough viewing space for the children to see what is coming and for the drivers to see them, too. I know that you would never forgive yourself if any child suffered injury because of a moment's thoughtlessness on your part and I look forward to 2012 bringing a safer environment for our children.

May I wish you all a happy (and safe) Christmas and New Year!

Max Pierzchalla

