



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

As a school, we are very keen to ensure that all our pupils have a very good understanding of how they should behave towards each other and, as such, what constitutes inappropriate behaviour. From their earliest experiences in the Junior School during the Foundation Years through to their final experiences in Year Six we help the pupils to understand and respect each other and value their relationships. We do this through dedicated lessons on personal, social and emotional education as well as during Circle Times, when the children are encouraged to share their ideas, thoughts and feelings as well as in carefully themed assemblies. In addition to this we have an intrinsic, whole school approach to reinforcing these aims and values. Therefore, as you can imagine, we were very keen to officially recognise that all this week has been Anti-Bullying Week. All pupils from Reception to Year 6 have been involved in activities that will, hopefully, ensure that they are never bullied, that they themselves would never bully and that they would know what to do if they ever witness an act of unkindness towards either themselves or another individual. The children have been engaged in discussions during Circle Times on understanding and respecting the fact that some people are more sensitive than others and, as such, more vulnerable. The older pupils have also analysed peoples' different perceptions as to what constitutes bullying and unacceptable behaviour. Themed assemblies have taken place all week addressing bullying issues. PSHE lessons have addressed anti-bullying with a particular focus in Key Stage Two on cyber bullying; the aim being to educate children about the powers of modern technology with regard to bullying. We have reinforced the message that children should not send any messages on a mobile phone, DS or computer that they would not say in person to someone. 'R U Cyber Safe' wrist bands have been on sale over the week and we have had a very good response to this. I have to say how very impressed I have been by the contribution the children have made both in the Circle Times I have held and in assemblies, clearly emphasising that we have a body of extremely caring, compassionate, thoughtful and kind pupils. It was particularly rewarding to hear many pupils saying they had experienced bullying at their previous school but since moving to PGS have not experienced the same and were much happier as a consequence. The Senior School has also recognised Anti-Bullying Week; Year Seven pupils were selling sticky badges they had designed and made, with clear anti-bullying messages. Those Junior School pupils who were fortunate enough to come into contact with these Year Seven pupils are now proudly wearing these badges.

The Junior School welcomes and prizes all the opportunities we have for interaction between Junior School and Senior School pupils: we have Senior School pupils helping in after school activities across the week as well as in sports practices that happen before school and at Hilsea on Saturday mornings. This week the Under 12 netball team has helped our U11 team improve their match technique during an early morning netball practice. While Mrs Evans was busily focussing on this, Year 11 pupils ran the U10 netball practice. On Tuesday the Senior School African drumming group kindly visited the Reception children and performed a variety of lively, rhythmic music. The experience linked to their topic, 'It's a colourful world' which has, in particular, focussed on stories about Elmer, a colourful, patchwork, African elephant. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the African drumming group and many were keen to accompany the group on their own African drums!

You might have noticed that we have a drummer in the Junior School Brass Band to enhance the wonderful sound that the Brass Band produces. The Band was very busy last week performing at two important public occasions. Last

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Thursday the Brass Band played for the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Palmerston Road. It was a very windy and wet evening but the band played on (something they are used to). The Mayor opened the event, followed by the band playing Christmas music to get people into the mood for Christmas. Then, on Saturday, the Brass Band played for the switching on of the lights in Gunwharf Quays. After the high winds and rain during the day the weather settled down in time for the band to play in the evening. The Band took the stage after a school rock choir to entertain the crowd of 600 people in Central Square. Again playing Christmas music, the Band received a very good reception, and the organisers were impressed with the high standard of such a young band.

The strong weather over the weekend had an impact on the 'Beach Clean' that took place last Sunday. Mrs Dean would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, parents and staff who attend the beach clean. After the recent stormy weather and high tide there was lots of rubbish to clear. Unfortunately, because of a rain shower at the end, we didn't manage to get a photo of the whole group with the masses of purple rubbish bags or say thank you.

In Year Four, as part of the Geography curriculum, we have been looking at how to make a more sustainable school and home. Over the next week or so the children will be bringing home a 'home school contract' which they have signed and agreed to adhere to, with the aim of making their homes more sustainable. Please would the parents sign them to show they have read them and encourage their children to fulfil their promises; whether it be switching off lights when they are not in the room or putting a water saver in the cistern!

Once again the JSA (Junior School Association) did us proud last Friday evening when they held an evening of Cocktails and Fashion in the DRT. Sam and Greg Duncan, from Preview Boutique in Southsea, put on a wonderful fashion show. Beautiful jewellery, handbags and belts were also on sale during the evening. Grateful thanks goes to former pupil, Robin Lander Brinkley for giving his time to comper the event. The models were a good mix this year of the sassy staff, Francis Nash and Lucy Clare, the yummy mummies and friends of Preview Boutique. The bar ran smoothly under the guidance of Mrs Susan Lilley and the assistance of Mr David Clare and Mr Guy Evans. We must also thank the front of house staff, Miss Zoe Gould and Miss Saskia Hoskins who did a wonderful job welcoming all the ladies and selling the raffle tickets. A final thank you has to go to Mrs Day for all her time and hard work behind the scene. Last of all the JSA would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported this event and helped raise funds for the Junior School Association. Well done to all!

I write this weekly Newsletter on Thursday mornings and as I write this letter today I am wondering what everyone is going to wear tomorrow on Children in Need Day. There is no doubt that the theme 'P' for Pudsey is stimulating some very creative ideas: penguins, Pompey footballers, pink ladies, princesses, pirates... the list is endless, I can't wait to see what everyone comes dressed as.

When you read this letter I hope everyone will have had a very enjoyable and fun day raising money for 'Children in Need' I hope you will also have a very good weekend.  
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## INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### GAMES KIT

Now that the weather has changed and it is colder please will parents make sure that, on games days, your child has their full games kit in school i.e. tracksuit top and bottoms, plus a waterproof.

### CLUBS—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The last week of all clubs run by staff will be the week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, so there will not be any staff run clubs during the last week of term, **except** for the Year 5/ 6 choir which will run as usual on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Those clubs which parents pay for (Judo, Karate, Circus, Mandarin) will take place in the last week of term

### YEAR 3/4 CHOIR CLUB REHEARSAL TIMES

Mon 23 November—no rehearsal—Parents' Evening.

Mon 30 November—there will be a rehearsal after the Christmas lights switch on at school.

Mon 7 December—no rehearsal—Guildhall Steps carols.

### HILSEA—SATURDAY SPORT

From 14<sup>th</sup> November it is Rugby for the boys. Children in Years 4 to 6 will need a mouth guard.

### YEAR 4 PLAY PHOTOGRAPHS

The Year 4 play photographs are now online at [www.rossyoung.co.uk/pgs09](http://www.rossyoung.co.uk/pgs09).

**Carols, Mince Pies and Mulled wine around the Christmas Tree, Junior School Quad, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 3pm-3.35pm**

All JS parents are most warmly invited to join us for Carols, mulled wine and mince pies around the Christmas Tree in the Junior School Quad on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The music and singing will start at 3pm and we do hope that parents and family will be able to come and join in with the festivities. Mr Priory will be officially turning on the Christmas Tree lights at 3.30 pm. All children from Year 2 plus all pupils in Mrs Nash's Year 3 & 4 choir and Mr Webber's Year 5 & 6 choir, will be singing during the afternoon, and they will also be joined by our Junior School Brass Band. We will have plenty of copies of the words for parents and hope that you will be able to help us to fill the Junior School Quad with the music of Christmas. Please note that there will be no Year 3/4 or 5/6 choir after school on this date.

### JSA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The JSA will be holding two fun parties with magic, disco and games on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Reception, Years 1 and 2 at 2.00-3.30pm and Years 3 and 4 at 4.00-5.30pm. Look out for the booking forms coming soon. We look forward to seeing you all there.

MENU WEEK 1

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## PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Congratulations to **Charles Elliott** (4J) who came first in the age 12 and under category of the West Sussex Guitar Festival. He was awarded the highest grade of 'Outstanding, artistically and technically'.
- ★ Congratulations to **Max Bird** (5G) who finished third in one of the neck and neck Cadet Kart races and fourth in four other races. Max also came fifth overall in the Forest Edge Kart Club Championship at the end of the year.
- ★ Congratulations to **George Davis-Marks** (1M) who has been awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award which is the highest accolade a Beaver can attain!
- ★ Congratulations to **Harry Loveridge** (RM) who was awarded his Level 8 Gymnastics award and congratulations to **Grace Loveridge** (2Y) for receiving her Level 3.

## BADGES

### RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Tom Ross**  
for gaining his Red Badge.

### BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Benny Wong** and **Sabrina Leung**  
for gaining their Blue Badge.

### GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Jozef Wragg** and **Mia Glover**  
for gaining their Green Badge.

### HOLIDAY CARE IN THE NURSERY—15 - 18 December

Holiday care with a fun Christmas theme will be open in the Nursery for children in Reception from 15 - 18 December 2009. Care is available from 8.00 - 5.30. There are still a small number of spaces available. If you would like to book your place please call Mrs Heyes in the Nursery on 02392 681337. Last date for booking is 27 November.

### BOYS' HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The boys' House football competition will take place at 9.30am on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at Hilsea, parents are welcome to stay and watch and tea will be provided. Further House sporting competitions will take place on Saturday mornings during the Spring Term and these dates will appear in the Spring Term Red Book.

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Harry Barnett, Sophie Matheson, Lauren Lilly-Prentice and Miles Toh for working so hard on their 'My Life' books, Alexander Butler for super English homework, Tess Matheson for making great progress with her news writing, Oliver McTear for being kind to little children, Patrick Caldwell for his humorous tips on how to keep a bedroom tidy, Thomas Crundwell for a superb front cover for his 'Lost' story, Sophie Forrest for an excellent recount about Year Five's trip to the Historic Dockyard, Oliver Fraser-Harris and Harry Loveridge for their Elmer posters, Harry Hoolahan for a super homework measuring items in his kitchen, Miles Webb for his multilink model of Elmer, Freddie Fenton and Mia Glover for being enthusiastic and responsible in their duty to sell the anti bullying wrist bands, Ben Nash for an excellent performance of 'The Last Post' on the trumpet at the Junior School Remembrance Service, Toby Scandling for an excellent contribution to the Junior School Remembrance Service when he read an outstanding piece of creative writing that he wrote especially for the occasion

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** William Lewis (x7), Sabrina Leung (x4), Florence Bishop (x3), Eliza Sharp (x3), Honor Appleby-Mell, Tilly Bell, Hector Bonnin, Edward Donnelly, Charles Elliott, Harvey Hamilton, Sean Hill, Marcus Horton, Chi-Yunng Lim, Samara Materna, Thomas Matthews, Jamie Mellor, Harry Minall, Edward Mitchell, Robert Mitchell, Edward Moger, Ajay Patel, Jack Pearce, Antonia Phillips, Gregory Porter, Matthew Roberts, Guy Sharp, Jack Silver, Chester Tagg, Jasmine Thornell, Zackary Toh, Katrina Trim, George Wilcockson, Oliver Wisbey, James Woodward

**English Homework:** Joe Copsey (x3), Sean Hill (x3), Henrietta Clare (x2), Thomas Crundwell (x2), Harry Davis-Marks (x2), Daniel Hill (x2), Matthew Holloway (x2), Grace Acklam, Archie Bennett, Florence Bishop, Benjamin Brooks, Oscar Cannon, Dominic Chew, Sophie Dennis, Henry Doyle, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Serena Graham, Thomas Groves, Max Hill, Yic-Hin Jim, William Lewis, Oliver McTear, Shree Patel, Antonia Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Tom Randall, Thomas Robertson, Mani Spencer, Jasmine Thornell

**Comprehension:** Rumaanah Cassamo, Molly Renton

**Handwriting:** Edward Lovatt

**Reading:** Honor Appleby-Mell, Louise Askew, Nancy Fenton, Milly Henderson, Matthew Holloway, Yic-Hin Jim, Sabrina Leung, Thomas Matthews, Eliza Sharp

**Maths:** Thomas Miller (x3), James Clare (x2), Mia Glover (x2), Harry Minall (x2), Robert Mitchell (x2), Ajay Patel (x2), Olivia Smitherman (x2), Sasha Wells (x2), Mia Austin, Hector Bonnin, Alexander Butler, Rumaanah Cassamo, Caroline Clayton, Thomas Coyle, Alexander Dassow, Yasmin Deter, Edward Donnelly, Theodore Hornsey, Sophie Jennings, Elizabeth Jones, Georgina Lewis, William Lewis, Matthew Llewellyn, Jamie Mellor, Edward Moger, Emily Pereira, Robert Quinn, James Read, Matthew Roberts, Thomas Ross, Eliza Sharp, Benjamin Steggall, Chester Tagg, Jai Thakrar, Jasmine Thornell

**Maths Homework:** Dominic Chew, Yasmin Deter, Serena Graham, Isobel Gumm, Eliza Sharp, Alexander Turner

**Science:** Alice Leonard (x3), Mia Glover (x2), Lillie Simons (x2), Alice Acklam, Alexander Butler, Sophie Dennis, Jake Ellard, Charles Elliott, Rory Gillies, Marcus Gowers, Rufus Hornsey, Sophie Jennings, Robert Mitchell, Robert Quinn, Thomas Ross, Harry Tyacke

**Science Experiment:** Rufus Hornsey, Georgina Lewis

**Geography:** Lotte Hayward (x2), Mia Austin, Haraman Badial, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Peter Bustin, George Campkin, Thomas Coyle, Rory Gillies, Harry Harrison, Isabel Herbert, Georgina Lewis, Joseph McAuley, Jamie Mellor, Ajay Patel, Amy Stokely

**History:** Ollie Tinson (x2), Cameron Clarke, Thomas Matthews, James Read

**ICT:** William Doyle, Reuben Hogg, Grant Jackson, Georgina Lewis, Ben Priory, Robert Quinn, Henry Wood

**R.S.:** Emma Holmes (x2), Thomas Ross (x2), Elizabeth Jones, Cameron McClure

**Music:** Madeleine Alcaraz, Elizabeth Jones, James Taylor

**Dance:** William Lewis

**Drama:** Georgina Lewis, Charlie Pereira, Alistair Wilson

**Spelling:** James Crundwell (x2), William Doyle, Clemmie Gumm, Emma Holmes, Grant Jackson, Robert Mitchell, Edward Moger, Jack Pearce, Guy Sharp

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Lucy Budgen (x2), Jacob Bund (x2), Joshua Chipper (x2), James Christensen (x2), Louis Crocker (x2), William Davis (x2), Hans Miles Deter (x2), Oscar Hamilton (x2), Jevon Hannah (x2), Samuel Head (x2), Poppy Herbert (x2), Milla Macanovic (x2), Hannah Millerchip (x2), Benjamin Nash (x2), Joseph Russell (x2), Jessica Werfalli (x2), Alia Alayyan, Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, Danny Atherton, Giordano Avondo, Giselle Barfoot, Harry Barnett, Samuel Bayco, Kirav Behari, Susannah Boydell, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Taariq Cassamo, Amir Choudhury, Emily Clark, Rebecca Cleary, Tamara Crocker, Poppy Davenport, George Davis-Marks, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan, Holly Fisher, Matthew Grandison, Ethan Hards, William Hartridge, Adam Heyes, Harvey Hill, Erik Hillman, Louie Howe-Walsh, Sakina Khaja, Alex Ly, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, William Moore, Maddy Oliver, Meha Patel, Isabelle Pearce, Isaac Platts, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Hannah Rayner, Alice Robertson, Avinandan Sengupta, Dan Sherburn, Henry Simmons, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Kian Souhani, Nahum Stocker, Noah Stocker, Omar Talaat, Grace Taylor, Miles Toh, Harry Tolcher, Isabella Devereux, Julien Schouller, Jason Shiu, Christopher Yang



# SPORT

## SATURDAY SPORT

### HILSEA GAMES

There will be practices for **KEYSTAGE 2 PUPILS** at Hilsea this Saturday from 0930 to 1045. Saturday morning games are voluntary. There will be rugby for the boys and netball for the girls.

### NO FIXTURES

## WEEKDAY SPORT

### POLITE NOTICE

*There are occasions when weekday games sessions have to be cancelled even when the weather would appear to be fine. We strongly recommend that you make it a weekly habit to telephone the games line number on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The date is always stated on these occasions to ensure that there can be no misunderstanding. It would be appreciated if you could avoid ringing the Junior School Office for this information to leave the office free to deal with other communications.*

### FIXTURES—Wednesday 25 November—1430

U10 Netball Tournament at Westbourne House

U10A & U11A Rugby v Durlston Court (away)

#### Thursday 26 November

U8A & B Netball v Farleigh (away)

U8 Football v Farleigh (away)

U9 Netball v Dunhurst (away) - 1600

## ANSWERPHONE SYSTEM

In the event of uncertainty due to inclement weather please check above sports arrangements using the answerphone system. Please phone the School on Saturday morning from 8.00 a.m. On weekday games days please phone from 1.30 p.m. **The number to ring is 02392 364266.** In **EMERGENCIES ONLY** please ring the following number: **07738 958314**

## Sports Results

### Boys' Soccer

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Barrow Hills	Won 8-0
U11B	Barrow Hills	Won 5-0
U10A	Barrow Hills	Won 4-1
U10B	Barrow Hills	Won 4-1
U10C	Barrow Hills	Won 2-0
U9A	Barrow Hills	Drew 1-1
U9B	Barrow Hills	Won 4-1
U9C	Barrow Hills	Won 3-2
U8A	Barrow Hills	Won 6-3
U8B	Barrow Hills	Won 2-1
U8C	Barrow Hills	Won 3-0

### Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Guildford High School Tournament	Won the Tournament
U11B	Westbourne House Tournament	3 <sup>rd</sup> in the Tournament
U10	Durlston Court Tournament	Runners Up in the Tournament
U9	Twyford Tournament	Tournament cancelled
U8A	Amesbury	Lost 1-7
U8B	Amesbury	Drew 0-0
U8A	Cranleigh	All matches cancelled
U8B	Cranleigh	
U10	Durlston Court Tournament	
U9	Twyford Tournament	