



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

The nights may be drawing in, the mornings grey and miserable; rain, hail and sleet may be frequently pouring down on us and strong winds may be buffeting us YET good humour and happiness prevails at PGJS!

Some very special events that have taken place over the past week have spread a great deal of 'sunshine' and 'warmth' throughout the school. Last Friday, every single pupil and member of staff actively involved themselves in the Children in Need, 'P for Pudsey' day. The school was transformed from a school of pupils and staff to a place where penguins, pink ladies, purple people eaters, pixies, police officers, Peter Pans, princes and princesses predominated and a great deal of fun was had by all—during which time a serious amount of money was raised (over £1,300!). Strange as it may seem, pupils were very receptive to being taught by poltergeists, pirates, parcels and penguins and teachers found that pussy cats, Pompey footballers and Power Rangers were just as capable of learning as ordinary pupils! In the afternoon the pupils went on a trail that took them to fun events in all the different classes. Children had fun playing musical statues, pinning the patch on Pudsey, playing musical chairs, doing a Pudsey bear word search and taking part in all manner of different games and activities. Special mention deserves to go to Year Two pupils, Oscar Hamilton and Louis Crocker, who organised and ran their own cake sale in their classroom during break times, and to Year Six pupils, Dominique Warren and Helen Jackson who held a belated birthday party after school on Friday and asked that instead of presents, their guests might like to bring a small donation for Children in Need. Oscar and Louis raised over £30 and Dominique and Helen raised £310—really commendable and notable achievements! The other key event of the week that generated a tremendous sense of well being and happiness, was the Year Four performance of 'Cinderella'. Set as a pantomime with words written by Mr Evans and music arranged by Mr Webber the production was extremely entertaining in every sense of the word. The children danced and sang with tremendous enthusiasm and talent; they acted with considerable skill, demonstrating a tremendous sense of timing and mature understanding of comedy. It was performed to our younger pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two on Monday and to parents, family members and friends on Wednesday, the performance being equally well received by all age groups. Afterwards, I was asked what my favourite parts were but this was impossible to answer as it was quite simply one splendid experience after another! If ever in the future I am in need of cheering up I shall just think about the production and I know I shall soon start smiling. Well done to all the cast and to the Performing Arts team of Mrs Nash, Mrs Townsend, Mr Evans and Mr Webber—what stars, one and all!

On Monday, Mrs Sayers and Mr Ainsworth held a Year Three 'Taster Day' for prospective Year Three pupils. The children had a brilliant

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time and I am reliably informed they are all now very keen to join the school in September. The day was spent experiencing the following lessons: food technology, art, science, drama, dance and PE as well as having starter lessons in learning the trumpet and violin. A full and very interesting programme that should have given the children a true flavour of the school.

On Tuesday Year Four enjoyed an exciting day at Intech having a 'hands on' approach to science. With over 50 different exhibits to choose from the children were spoilt for choice. As well as rediscovering old favourites there was the new Circle of Discovery exhibit which looked at the way computers have revolutionised our lives. Here the children could learn about how the internet works, or scan the inside of the body and design buildings to withstand earthquakes. The children also experienced the vast scale and beauty of the universe at the planetarium; the massive dome screen immersing you in the action, giving the sensation of floating through the cosmos and beyond! A great day was had by all pupils, staff and parent helpers.

We have now held all the Key Stage Two Parents' Evenings which we hope all parents have found helpful; they are designed in part to give teachers the opportunity to look at the grade reports received in advance of the Parents' Evenings and explain in detail what the effort and attainment grades represent with regard to the progress the children are making. We now look forward to the Reception, Year One and Year Two Parents' Evening that is taking place next Tuesday.

As I look at the Red Book diary for the next two weeks I notice we have many things to look forward to before the term comes to an end. On Monday, we have Carols around the Christmas Tree in the Small Quad at 3.00pm, when the Christmas tree lights will be officially turned on. Later that evening, the Year 3/4 choir will be singing Christmas Carols on the steps of the Guildhall at the Portsmouth Schools' Carol Concert. The Reception and Year One Nativity performance is on Thursday and Friday. Also on Friday the Mince Pie Concert featuring our KS2 instrumentalists is taking place. The JSA Christmas Parties for Year R to Year Four are happening on Sunday. On the last week of term, the Kinetic Theatre performance and the Carol Service both take place on the Wednesday. Christmas Parties for the Houses and Reception and Key Stage One will be the final Christmas events as the term draws to a close on Friday December 11th. A lot to look forward to!

In the mean time I wish you all a very happy weekend.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY *Continued*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STALL

The JSA are holding their annual Christmas Staff for the children to buy presents for siblings and parents. Any donations towards this event would be greatly received. Please leave all donations at the Junior School Office as soon as possible. This years Christmas Stall will be hold on Friday 11th December at 3.30pm.

BOYS' HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The boys' House football competition will take place at 9.30am on Saturday December 5th 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.

YEAR 3 STRING SCHEME CONCERTS

Parents are warmly invited to attend this term's concerts by Year 3 classes taking part in the String Scheme: 3P—Mon 30th November at 1430 in the Rotunda. 3G & 3J—Mon 7th December at 1500 in the Rotunda.

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.

YEAR 4 PLAY PHOTOGRAPHS

The Year 4 play photographs are now online at www.rossyoung.co.uk/pgs09.

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.

YEAR 3/4 CHOIR CLUB REHEARSAL TIMES

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

Mon 7 December—no rehearsal—Guildhall Steps carols.



**Oscar Hamilton and
Louis Crocker selling cakes
for Children in Need**

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Tess Matheson for super unaided writing of her news, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Oliver Barnett, Miles Toh and Sophie Matheson for writing fantastic non-fiction books about their lives, Thomas Austin, Harry Davis-Marks, Charlotte Dean, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Milly Henderson, Mani Spencer, Oliver Taylor and Ryan Webb for superb newspaper reports, Katy Courtnell, Caitlin Hoddle, Lauren McClure and Tobias Scandling for excellent maths, Maxwell Gumm for excellent effort in play rehearsals, Georgia Henderson and Cicely Podmore for a continued excellent standard of creative writing, William Lewis for an outstanding description of Theseus entering the Labyrinth, Cameron Manson for her excellent nursery rhyme newspaper article and for a fantastic problem solving mathematics homework, Joseph McAuley for caring for younger pupils, Christian Thomas for a fantastic effort in mathematics at home and in class, George Wilcockson for outstanding use of connectives, powerful verbs and adjectives, James Christensen for super independent writing, Georgina Lewis for achieving full marks in all spelling tests this term, Merlin Wright for acting in a very mature, responsible and sensible manner

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Georgia Henderson (x5), Thomas Atkinson, Molly Gibb, Jack Hussey, Thomas Austin, Tilly Bell, Archie Bennett, George Campkin, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Thomas Groves, Rebecca Hawdon, Robert Mitchell, Oliver Nash, Henry Percival, Antonia Phillips, Cicely Podmore, Ben Priory, Molly Renton, Samuel Richardson, Thomas Robertson, Mani Spencer, Chester Tagg, Benjamin Thomas, Anna Thornell, Harry Tyacke, Margaux Welch

English Homework: Max Lancaster (x2), Syed Al-Rahim, Taylor Barrington-Clark, Archie Bennett, Florence Bishop, Sabrina Choi, Henrietta Clare, Thomas Coyle, Henry Doyle, Charles Elliott, Alexander Gibson, Henry Gill, Thomas Groves, Freddie Hares, Rebecca Hawdon, Max Hill, Sebastian Hiller, Matthew Holloway, Jude Hyatt, Yic-Hin Jim, Joseph Kooner-Evans, Raveena Laly, William Lewis, Oliver Lilley, Oliver Nash, Matthew Roberts, Charlotte Ross, Alexandre Sautreau, Eliza Sharp, Phoebe Simons, Anna Thornell, Ryan Webb, Margaux Welch, George Whelan, Eleanor Wilson, Jonathan Yang

Maths: Imogen Davies (x2), Georgia Henderson (x2), Grace Acklam, Adam Boxall, Dominic Chew, Henrietta Clare, Caroline Clayton, Megan Fisher, Maxim Greenfield, Lotte Hayward, William Lewis, Philip Macanovic, Joe Stirrup, Adam Stokely, Oliver Wisbey

Maths Homework: Sebastian Hiller

Science: Thomas Atkinson, Peter Bustin, Georgia Henderson, Olivia Hooper, Matthew Llewellyn, Anna Thornell

Geography: Grace Acklam (x4), Mia Glover, Reuben Hogg, Samara Materna, Georgina McTear, Robert Mitchell, Jack Pearce, Louise Shannon, Guy Sharp, Adam Stokely, Oliver Taylor

History: William Lewis

French: Hermione Barrick, Georgia Grant, Rory Greenwood, Rebecca Pascoe, Ella Povey, Tobias Scandling, Joe Stirrup, Charlotte Webb, Georgia Wright

DT: Olivia Hooper, Emily Pereira

RS.: Rebecca Hawdon (x2), Maxim Greenfield, Olivia Hooper, Raunak Mukherjee, Emily Pereira

PE: Naeve Molho

Music: Sebastian Hiller, Reuben Hogg

Dance: William Lewis

Conduct: Grant Jackson, Ben Priory

Homework: Mia Austin, Edward Lovatt, Benjamin Thomas

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Benjamin Nash (x2), Amber Bradley, Evan Cole, Elsa Hares, Oscar Hung, Chi-Yiing Lim, Joshua Scott, Christian Sim, Michael Stylianou, Sam Tran, William Trise, Alia Alayyan, Omar Al-Rahim, Frederick Ansell-Virco, Danny Atherton, Giordano Avondo, Samuel Bayco, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Lucy Budgen, Jacob Bund, Taariq Cassamo, Amir Choudhury, James Christensen, Tamara Crocker, Poppy Davenport, William Davis, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, Holly Fisher, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Aimon Haba, William Hartridge, Harry Hellyer, Poppy Herbert, Erik Hillman, George Hodell, Ava Hooper, Charlotte Howard, Charlotte Johnson, Sakina Khaja, Grace Loveridge, Alex Ly, Asef Mahir, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, Nathan McBride, Isabelle Pearce, Hannah Rayner, Joseph Russell, Tom Shahran, Henry Simmons, Omar Talaat, Grace Taylor, Miles Toh, Jessica Werfalli, Frederick Williams Brown



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.

FIXTURES—Saturday 28 November—1430

U9A & B Football v Pilgrims (home)
U11A, B & C Netball v Westbourne House (home)
U10A, B & C Netball v Westbourne House (away)
U11 IAPS Hockey Finals

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 2 December-1430

U11A & B Netball v Amesbury (home)
U10A & B Netball v Amesbury (away)

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	Prebendal	Won 2-0
U10A	Prebendal	Won 7-1
U9A	Prebendal	Won 5-2
U10C	Prebendal	Lost 0-2
U9C	Prebendal	Lost 1-7

Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11B	Highfield	Won 11-8
U11C	Highfield	Drew 1-1
U10A	Highfield	Matches cancelled
U10B	Highfield	
U9	Highfield	
U8	Bookham	
U10	Guildford High School Tournament	Won the Tournament

Portsmouth Mixed Hockey League

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A	St Johns College	Drew 1-1
U10B	St Pauls B	Won 6-0
U10A	St Peters	Won 3-1
U10B	Court Lane	Lost 0-5

Girls Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	IAPS Regional Tournament	4 th in group. Won 2: 3-1, 2-1, Drew 2: 0-0, 0-0, Lost 2: 0-1, 0-1