



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

With the term rapidly drawing to a close many varied and very enjoyable events have been taking place. Last Friday the school's Board of Governors held their annual tour of the school when we were delighted not only to show them our most recently refurbished classrooms but also to entertain them at a special 'command' performance of the Year Four pantomime 'Cinderella'. The Governors were sincerely delighted by the performance and considerably impressed by the fact that such relatively young pupils could perform to such a high standard. What stood out more than anything was the very evident confidence displayed by all pupils and the high level of enjoyment shared amongst the cast. One Governor, Margaret Scott, asked if she could spend the morning experiencing lessons; Mrs Scott is the Chairman of Governors at a small primary school in the maintained sector and she welcomed the opportunity to draw a comparison between the two schools' curricular provision. She experienced a Year Four creative writing extension and enrichment lesson, a Year Two Maths lesson and Year Six lessons in English and Religious Studies. Mrs Scott said she had a most enjoyable time and was grateful in particular to those members of staff who had welcomed her into their lessons.

I am sure anyone who experienced the Senior School production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' which took place last week in the Kings Theatre, will agree whole heartedly with me that it was a truly outstanding performance; yet again it was hard to believe that it was an amateur, rather than a professional West End, production. I felt so proud to see so many former Junior School pupils up on stage performing to such a high standard demonstrating that their musical and dramatic talents had continued to develop and flourish.

The Christmas season was well and truly welcomed in on Monday afternoon when we gathered round the Christmas tree in the Small Quad to enjoy Christmas music while supping mulled wine and eating mince pies. We were entertained by the marvellous combined choirs of Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 and the delightful singing of all the Year 2 pupils. The Junior School Brass Band was in excellent form, as usual, as it performed a medley of Christmas tunes, making us all feel very jolly! The whole crowd of pupils, parents, grandparents and staff were in very good voice as they joined in with the popular songs and carols as well as during the countdown that led to the Headmaster turning on the Christmas tree lights. Father Christmas made a timely entrance at this point, mingling with the crowd, finding one or two very fortunate younger pupils to give early Christmas presents to.

It is at this time of year that we are mindful of those people who have difficulty in getting out and about and, therefore, might not have the opportunity to experience Christmas cheer at first hand. So, on Tuesday, the Year Six brass instrumentalists and the Year 5/6 choir visited the Cathedral Luncheon Club for the elderly where they entertained them with a special Christmas concert of music and songs. Earlier that day the Year Six string players and the Year 3/4 choir performed a similar Christmas concert to the elderly and disabled residents of the Butcher Sheltered

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Housing complex in the High Street. On both occasions the audience was hugely appreciative, many marvelling at the amazing musical capability of such young people.

In assemblies this week we marvelled also at the artistic talent of many of our pupils who had entered an art competition organised by the building company, Kier, that is responsible for the construction of the new science block. The children were challenged to design a picture for a hoarding that is to be placed on the barriers that surround the building site. The winning designs are to be enlarged to a significant size and should be set in place very soon. The winners were announced in assembly this week and were delighted to be shown the hoardings. We congratulate: Ashwin Elanchcheliyan of 10, Erik Hillman of 2Y and Ben Brown of 5S for winning a section of the competition and Aelfred Hillman for being the overall winner. We can't wait to see their wonderful art work decorating the barriers that skirt the road side of the building site!

Recently pupils in Year Six entered a competition of a very different nature to create a new flavour for sausages, the winning recipes being made up by local Southsea butcher John Buckwell. Three of these entries were sent to the Food Technology College in Perth, Scotland to be judged for the Smithfield Awards, the meat industry's mark of excellence. All these recipes won an award—silver for Cicely Podmore's pork, honey and walnut flavour, which Mr Buckwell has called the Portsmouth Grammar School sausage, and bronze for Max Greenfield's Roast Beef Dinner sausage and Louie Duncan's Breakfast Bonanza sausage. These three pupils have been presented with copies of the Smithfield certificates, while the overall winner of the Year Six competition, Frederike Rademacher, with her recipe for a Lamb Curry sausage, received vouchers from Mr Buckwell.

All sorts of fun House competitions have taken place this term; the Jacks final was keenly fought this week seeing Emily Whitehead (Jerrard) and Harry Davis-Marks (Privett) carrying off the prized title. The full results of the Jacks final are mentioned later in this Newsletter as are the results of the House photographic competition that were announced to the pupils last week. Next week we look forward to the finals of the House table tennis and chess competitions. A House Christmas general knowledge quiz also took place this week involving pupils from Year 5 and 6; this was won by Privett, with Hudson in second place. Sadly, because of flooded pitches we have had to postpone the House football competition that was scheduled for this Saturday, we will now hold it next term. All in all a wonderful mix of activities to demonstrate talent in!

As I write this letter, I am looking forward to the Year One and Reception Nativity play, the children have been so excited about it, I can not wait to see it!

I wish you all a happy weekend.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



UNIFORM REQUIREMENT

Please can parents ensure that their children are made aware that they need to keep their jumpers on in preparation for play time.

TENNIS

After school tennis will not be on during the last week of term for Reception, Year 1 and 2. However, the early morning sessions on Monday and Wednesday for Years 3 to 6 will be held until the end of term.

JSA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The JSA Christmas Parties are this Sunday from 2.00-3.30 for Reception and Years 1 and 2, then 4.00-5.30 for Years 3 and 4. Both parties are in the Upper Junior School. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STALL

The JSA are holding their annual Christmas Stall 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 has been postponed and will now take place next term due to flooded pitches.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

All unnamed lost property will be displayed next week. For pupils on the UJS site lost property will be displayed in the gym. Parents are invited to come into school at the end of the day to check the unnamed items. On the main site lost property will be displayed on tables under the veranda. At the end of the week any unclaimed lost property in good condition will be taken to the charity shops and anything else will be disposed of in an appropriate way.

YEAR 5/6 CHOIR

There will be no rehearsal for the Year 5/6 choir on Monday 7th December.

 PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to **Toby Wingham** (3J) and **Monty Wingham** (RM) who took part in the 4km Santa Walk at Queen Elizabeth Country Park to raise £200 for The Rowan's Hospice.

Congratulations to **Max Bird** (5G) who finished third in the final of the first race of the Camberley Kart Club Winter Series.

Congratulations to **Finley Howe-Walsh** (4G) for gaining a place in the U9 South East Hampshire Cricket Association squad.

Well done to **Alex Butler** (6G) who won the junior shield for the most promising junior sailor at the Mengham Rithe Sailing Club.

BADGES

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Charlotte Amenta-Lynch**, **Dominique Warren** and **Molly Gibb** for gaining their Red Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Brandon Senior** and **Thomas Placintescu** for gaining their Green Badge.

BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES

On Saturday 5th December the band are playing Christmas carols in Gunwharf, and are collecting for the Downs Syndrome Education International Charity from 12.00-2.00pm. On Tuesday 8th December they are playing in a concert at Southsea Bandstand with local school choirs at 6.00pm. This is organised by the City Council, The Lord Mayor will be there as it is in aid of her Charity. After the concert they are all going into Southsea Castle for mince pies and mulled wine (soft drinks for the pupils).

MENU WEEK 3



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Alexander Gibson**, **Jude Hyatt**, **Douglas James** and **Charlotte Ross** for excellent English homework, **Kian Henderson-Cowley** for outstanding effort and progress in football, **Theodore Hornsey** for excellent division work, **Cicely Podmore** and **Lillie Simons** for excellent poetry, **Matthew Roberts** for superb effort with maths homework this term, **Eliza Sharp** for an excellent problem solving maths homework, **Oliver Taylor** for excellent support in Cinderella, **Harry Tolcher** for his fantastic impression of Monet's Poppy Fields, **Daisy Crane** for superb unaided writing, **Sebastian Ansell-Virco** and **Josh Leigh** for progress in Science this term, **Honor Appleby-Mell** and **Patrick Caldwell** for excellent work in Science this term, **Hector Bonnin** and **Loren Dean** for excellent contributions to class discussions in Science this term, **Georgia Henderson**, **Cicely Podmore**, **Joe Stirrup** and **Christian Thomas** for excellent separating materials homework in Science, **Alexander Butler** for excellent contributions and ideas in class discussions in Science this term, **Alastair Cunningham** for consistently excellent work in Science this term, **Alexander Dassow** for excellent ideas and contributions to class discussions in Science this term, **Helen Jackson** for excellent contributions to Science discussions, **Archie Bennett**, **Daniel Garcia Tarifa**, **Maxwell Gumm**, **Mani Spencer** and **Oliver Taylor** for a super report about the visit to Intech, **Alexander Gibson**, **Jude Hyatt**, **Joseph Kooner-Evans** and **Eleanor Wilson** for excellent effort in English writing, **Douglas James** and **Sasha Wells** for excellent effort in English, **Samuel Elliott** for great improvement in presentation, **Georgia Henderson** and **Caitlin Huddle** for conduct, **Oliver Lilley** for great work in RS, **Helena Pearce** for lovely work in RS, **Charlotte Webb** for excellent improvement in handwriting, **George Whelan** for fantastic work in RS, **Frederick Williams Brown** for super progress in reading, **Eleanor Wilson** for fantastic RS work on the church, **Lucy Albuery** for excellent progress with her writing, **James Christensen** for super independent writing, **Sam Head** for his excellent knowledge about the sun

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Henry Gill (x3), Oscar Bird (x2), Mia Glover (x2), Jake Austin, Taylor Barrington-Clark, Sienna Bentley, Max Bird, Abigail Brader, Peter Bustin, George Campkin, Thomas Crundwell, Will Donworth, Kirsten Goves, Harvey Hamilton, Lotte Hayward, Emma Holmes, Harry Hoolahan, Raveena Laly, Max Lancaster, Roame Leaver, Matthew Llewhellin, Samara Materna, Evie McAuley, Harry Minall, Robert Mitchell, James Northey, Thomas Placintescu, James Ross, Jack Shahrn, Eliza Sharp, Adam Stokely, Ollie Tinson, Harry Tyacke, George Whelan, Eleanor Wilson, Toby Wingham, James Woodward, Jonathan Yang

English Homework: Thomas Atkinson (x2), Isabel Boden (x2), Alice Leonard (x2), Sienna Bentley, Henry Gill, Kirsten Goves, Raunak Mukherjee, Jasmine Nash, Ajay Patel, Shree Patel, Cicely Podmore, Eve Stainton, Benjamin Steggall

Maths: Lauren McClure (x2), Iman Alayyan, Jake Austin, Max Bird, Isabel Boden, Edward Campkin, Jake Ellard, Henry Gill, Kirsten Goves, Clemmie Gumm, Harry Hoolahan, Rufus Hornsey, Stewart Jack, Harry Minall, Thomas Placintescu, Thomas Ross, Thomas Row, Toby Wingham

Maths Homework: Louise Askew

Science: Michaela Clancy (x2), Raunak Mukherjee (x2), Jack O'Leary (x2), Thomas Row (x2), Iman Alayyan, Madeleine Alcaraz, Charlotte Amenta-Lynch, Lauren McClure, Georgina McTear, Emily Pereira

Science Homework: Raunak Mukherjee, Henry Percival, Jack Silver

Geography: Georgia Henderson (x2), Alice Leonard (x2), Benjamin Brooks, Stewart Jack, Lauren McClure, Harry Minall, Eliza Sharp, Victoria Toh

History: Alice Acklam (x2), Alexander Dassow, Nancy Fenton, Georgia Henderson

French: Grace Brumder, Jake Ellard, Georgia Henderson, Jack Pearce, Henry Percival, Cicely Podmore, Jack Silver, Oliver Wisbey

Reading: James Woodward (x2), Louise Askew, Thomas Atkinson, Cameron McClure, Raunak Mukherjee

Spelling: Kirsten Goves

ICT: Robert Quinn

DT: Jack Shahrn (x2)

RS.: Kirsten Goves, Ajay Patel, Alexandre Sautreau

Music: Madeleine Alcaraz

Drama: Cameron McClure

Dance: Isabel Boden, Georgia Henderson, Cicely Podmore

Conduct: Georgia Henderson, Milly Henderson, Olivia Hooper, Oliver Nash

Homework: Sophie Jennings, Toby Wingham

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Erica Currie, Isabella Devereux, Oliver Evans, Lucinda Hawdon, Judith Jellicoe, Amelie Parker, Mei-Ling Reader, George Tolcher, Christopher Yang, Lucy Albuery, Aithini Aranan, Xavier Barfoot, Alexander Barker, Grace Beardsley, Claudia Bishop, Susannah Boydell, Jacob Bund, Joshua Chipper, Rebecca Cleary, Louis Crocker, George Davis-Marks, Holly Fisher, Lily Gibbs, Ethan Hards, Poppy Herbert, Erik Hillman, Maddy Oliver, Jem Porter, Alice Robertson, Henry Simmons, Kian Souhani, Noah Stocker, Omar Talaat, Harry Tolcher, Matthew Walton





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 5 December—1430

U11A, B & C Netball v Cheam (home)
 U10A, B & C Netball v Cheam (away)
 U9A & B Netball v Westbourne House (away)
 U8A & B Netball v Westbourne House (home)

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.

NO FIXTURES

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' Rugby

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Durlston Court	Won 54-0
U10A	Durlston Court	Won 10-0

Boys' Soccer

Team	Opposition	Result:
U9A,B,C,D	Pilgrims	All matches cancelled
U8A	Farleigh	Drew 4-4
U8B	Farleigh	Lost 1-2
U8C	Farleigh	Won 4-0
U8D	Farleigh	Won 2-0

Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Westbourne House	Won 29-14
U11B	Westbourne House	Won 26-6
U11C	Westbourne House	Won 7-0
U10A	Westbourne House	Won 12-8
U10B	Westbourne House	Lost 12-13
U10C	Westbourne House	Won 7-0
U10	Westbourne Tournament	5 th overall
U9B	Dunhurst	Won 4-3
U10B	Edgeborough	Won 16-3
U8A	Farleigh	Won 2-1
U8B	Farleigh	Lost 0-2
U8C	Farleigh	Lost 0-5





HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



The standard of the entries in this competition was very high and this meant that the two judges, Miss Hart and Mr Harrison - two teachers in the Senior School with expertise in this area, had to make some difficult decisions. The photographs were judged in a number of categories and pupils were awarded prizes in assembly last week. Although not all photographs were able to be awarded with a prize, they were enjoyed by all members of the school community whilst on display and this competition will become an annual event.

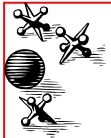
Winners were:-

Year 3 and 4

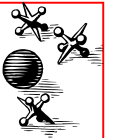
Hudson	Daniel Hill and Jonathan Yang
Jerrard	Louise Shannon and Grace Acklam
Nicol	Mia Glover and Alice Leonard
Privett	Antonia Phillips

Year 5 and 6

Hudson	Katerina Sillett
Jerrard	Joe Stirrup
Nicol	Rike Rademacher
Privett	James Clare
For composition	Eve Stainton
Best caption	Christian Thomas
Unusual	Bella Barrington-Clark
Headteacher's prize	Meg Dennis
Overall winner	Olivia Hooper



INTER-HOUSE JACKS FINAL



The final of this competition came after four fierce weeks of heats to find the strongest players in years three and four. Clearly many of the finalists had been practising hard and all the spectators were amazed at their skills in handling the jacks one handed.

In joint first place were Emily Whitehead (Jerrard) and Harry Davis-Marks (Privett)

In second place was Tom Austin (Jerrard)

In joint third place were Jack Pearce (Hudson) and Max Hill (Privett)

Congratulations to the following pupils for reaching the final and showing such fantastic sportsmanship!

Rufus Hornsey (H), Jack Anson (H) Guy Sharp (Nicol) Max Gumm (Nicol) Isabel Frazer-Harris (Nicol) Syed Al-Rahim.

