



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful weekend last weekend proved to be! Complimented by glorious weather, many pupils enthusiastically participated in sports activities on the Saturday and over 100 parents and children had tremendous fun dancing at the Barn Dance that took place in the small quad on Sunday

afternoon.

Hilsea proved a hive of activity on Saturday morning with many pupils from all four KS2 year groups taking advantage of the opportunity to improve their skills and enjoy playing a game at the voluntary sports practice. It is so pleasing to note the high level of enthusiasm amongst both pupils and staff so evidently on display at these sessions. Regardless of sporting ability and experience, pupils are most warmly encouraged to attend; indeed these sessions have undoubtedly had a very positive influence on many pupils who initially found some aspects of playing sport challenging but by the end of Year Six are involved in team sports at the highest level. The Under 11 and Under 10 football and netball teams were also very active on Saturday; the U11A and U11B football teams took part in the St. John's College Tournament, which proved a nail biting affair with our 'A' team narrowly missing victory by losing out to a 'golden goal' in extra time. The boys all gave brilliant performances and, as such, deserved to feel very proud of their achievements, as indeed do the 'B' team players who were third. Almost more importantly, the spirit in which the boys played all the games and the way in which they conducted themselves, even after such a narrow defeat was exemplary and we feel as pleased, and as proud of, them for this as we would have felt had they won! While the U11 boys were busy kicking balls, the U11 and U10 girls were equally busy throwing balls in the five netball matches played against St. Ives school. I am delighted to say that four of the five matches were won and the other match drawn. It has to be noted that one of our girls, Mia Austin, valiantly played for the opposition in the match that was drawn, scoring a goal!

Once again the JSA did us proud by organising a thoroughly enjoyable Barn Dance. Set in the small quad with numerous bales of straw to create an authentic atmosphere whilst providing seating areas, it was excellent entertainment for all the family. Led by a highly professional 4 piece band, children and adults danced with considerable enthusiasm and expertise. I was particularly impressed by how attentive and responsive even our youngest pupils were when they danced with each other, quickly learning even quite complicated routines. It was lovely to see siblings dancing together as well as mothers dancing with sons and fathers with daughters! I congratulate and thank the JSA for giving us the opportunity to have such a good time and most importantly to enable families new to the school to meet some friends. Particular thanks go to Wendy Heyes for masterminding the event, who, I am delighted to say was already planning next year's Barn Dance before

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the dance had even ended!

I often find myself thinking what a tremendous privilege it is to be working at PGS where it is such a pleasure seeing so many delightful children develop and make wonderful progress. This was very much the case on Monday evening when I had the honour of being a guest at the Senior School Prizegiving and was able to see so many of our former pupils, in each of the year groups, receive prizes and acknowledgement for considerable achievement in academic, sporting and artistic pursuits. I was particularly proud of former pupil, Richard Cha, who, as Senior Prefect, played a key role in the proceedings with considerable panache. I felt very honoured to be seated next to the Guest of Honour, Dr Robert Hardy, (possibly best known to our pupil population as the Minister of Magic, Cornelius Fudge, in the Harry Potter films). Dr Hardy advocated the adoption of a passionate pursuit or hobby that can provide a special sense of purpose throughout someone's life (something that is over and above your routine). Dr Hardy's passion has been medieval warfare which has led him to become an acknowledged expert on the Longbow.

This week has seen the recommencement of our after school club provision and what an amazing choice of clubs there is this term! Ranging from Judo and Karate to Circus Club and Mandarin there must surely be something for everyone—I certainly hope so! It is so pleasing when someone offers a new club and I was delighted when Reception Class teacher, Miss Drury said she would like to take a flute group this term; it is a small group at the moment which hopefully will grow in time—if your child is a flautist and free on a Thursday evening directly after school, Miss Drury would be delighted to hear from them. I was also very pleased when one of our parents, Mrs Cunningham, recommended a fencing teacher who I hope will be able to run a fencing club from next term onwards. It is wonderful to think that the experiences that are created through our co-curricular provision may well lead to a life-long pursuit or passion—Robert Hardy would certainly approve!

This week pupils and staff have been working together to ensure that all the displays, activities and experiences on show on Open Morning give a good representation of the school and its aims. I am delighted that nearly every pupil from Year Two to Year Six will be actively involved at the Open Morning tomorrow and am extremely grateful to them (and indeed to you) for so generously giving up Saturday morning to support the school in this way.

I wish you all a happy weekend and look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning.

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Hector Bonnin** for his excellent knowledge of the World, **Isobel Gumm** and **Sasha Wells** for great improvement in Netball, **Joe Stirrup** for his amazing drawing of the world as he saw it, **Harry Minall** for his work on Science Safety Rules, **Oscar Cannon**, **Dominic Chew** and **Aelfred Hillman** for an excellent description of their bedrooms for homework, **Rumaanah Cassamo** for an excellent written description for homework, **Finley Howe-Walsh** for working well in English, **Fenton Murphy** for writing an excellent description in English, **Henry Gill**, **Antonia Phillips** and **Thomas Robertson** for setting well in to the school, **Sabrina Choi**, **Rebecca Hawdon** and **Mani Spencer** for superb pieces of descriptive writing

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Georgia Henderson (x4), Cicely Podmore (x3), Charlotte Dean (x2), Daniel Garcia Tarifa (x2), Milly Henderson (x2), Zoe Rademacher (x2), Molly Renton (x2), Jozef Wragg (x2), Grace Acklam, Jack Anson, Bhooshitha Balaji, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Rory Bell, Archie Bennett, Isabel Boden, Thomas Coyle, Yasmin Deter, Mia Glover, Thomas Groves, Max Hill, Olivia Hooper, Yic-Hin Jim, Samara Materna, Thomas Matthews, Thomas Miller, Edward Moger, Ajay Patel, Shree Patel, Eliza Sharp, Mani Spencer, Devlin Stigant, Adam Stokely, Oliver Taylor, Katrina Trim, Ryan Webb, Emily Whitehead, Benny Wong, James Woodward

**English Homework:** Holly Baker, Alexander Butler, Emma Dorricott, Grace Goodfellow, Harvey Hamilton, Daniel Hill, Olivia Hooper, Theodore Hornsey, Raunak Mukherjee, Ben Nash, Lana Watt

**Maths:** Isabel Boden (x2), Roame Leaver (x2), Thomas Placintescu (x2), Jack Shahrn (x2), Katerina Sillett (x2), Harry Tyacke (x2), James Woodward (x2), Iman Alayyan, Joseph Allen, Louise Askew, Holly Baker, Thomas Baker, Hermione Barrick, Rory Bell, Hector Bonnin, Adam Brown, Grace Brumder, Dominic Chew, Cameron Clarke, Annabel Cunningham, Meg Dennis, Yasmin Deter, Clemmie Gumm, Georgia Henderson, Rufus Hornsey, Theodore Hornsey, Grant Jackson, Joseph McAuley, Thomas Miller, Edward Moger, Naeve Molho, Raunak Mukherjee, Ella Povey, Robert Quinn, James Ross, Thomas Ross, Eliza Sharp, George Sinden, Jai Thakrar, Christian Thomas, Josh Titley, Zachary Toh, Jak Waktare, Dominique Warren, Holly White

**Maths Homework:** Joseph Gowers, Christian Thomas, Lana Watt

**Science:** Madeleine Alcaraz, Jake Austin, Elizabeth Jones, Raunak Mukherjee, Cicely Podmore

**Science Homework:** Hermione Barrick, Georgia Grant

**Geography:** Max Bird, Alexander Butler, Meg Dennis, Joseph Gowers, Georgia Grant, Zoe Rademacher

**French:** Joseph McAuley

**R.S.:** Max Bird, James Cunningham, Yasmin Deter, Grace Goodfellow, George Sinden

**Reading:** Annabel Cunningham, Edward Lovatt

**Handwriting:** Amun Laly

**Dance:** Alexander Dassow, William Lewis

**Drama:** Sienna Bentley, Caitlin Hoddle, Olivia Hooper, Anna Thornell

**Games:** Honor Appleby-Mell

**Netball:** Lotte Hayward

**Homework:** Emily Whitehead (x2), Megan Fisher, Marcus Gowers, Jack Norton, Molly Renton, Margaux Welch, Jozef Wragg

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Harry Tolcher (x2), Amber Bradley, Evan Cole, Isabella Devereux, Oliver Evans, Toby Foord, Emma Hale, Elsa Hares, Oscar Hung, Edward James, Judith Jellicoe, Chi-Yiing Lim, Thomas Lockyer, Verity McStay, Amelie Parker, Max Povey, Mei-Ling Reader, Julien Schouller, Joshua Scott, Christian Sim, Michael Stylianou, Sam Tran, William Trise, Miles Webb, Monty Wingham, Omar Al-Rahim, Giordano Avondo, Harry Barnett, Grace Beardsley, Brynmor Bidwell-Richards, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Tamara Crocker, George Davis-Marks, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Lily Gibbs, Matthew Grandison, Oscar Hamilton, Jevon Hannah, Ethan Hards, William Hartridge, Samuel Head, Harvey Hill, Erik Hillman, Ethne Leaver, Milla Macanovic, Jaden McCoy, Murray McLeod, Hannah Millerchip, William Moore, Benjamin Nash, Maddy Oliver, Meha Patel, Jem Porter, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Hannah Rayner, Tom Shahrn, Dan Sherburn, Nahum Stocker, Omar Talaat, Jessica Werfalli



# SPORT

## SATURDAY SPORT

### NO HILSEA GAMES

Due to Open Morning there will be no Hilsea Games.

### FIXTURES—Sat 26 September

U9A & B Netball v Cheam (away)

## 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 30 September

U10A & U11B Football v Sherbourne House—3.00pm (home)

U11A & B Netball v Princes Mead—2.30pm (home)

U10B & U11C Netball v Sherbourne House—3.00pm (home)

### Thursday 1 October

U9A & B Football v Sherbourne House—3.00pm (away)

U9B & C Netball v Sherbourne House—3.00pm (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	5-a-side St John's Tournament	Runners Up in the Tournament
U11B	5-a-side St John's Tournament	3 <sup>rd</sup> in the Tournament

### Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U9A	Amesbury	Drew 3-3
U9B	Amesbury	Won 11-1
U11A	St Ives	Won 26-11
U11B	St Ives	Won 21-4
U10A	St Ives	Won 10-7
U10B	St Ives	Drew 5-5
U10C	St Ives	Won 5-4

## ESSKIA Qualifier, Southampton

Congratulations to all the PGS children who skied on Saturday 19th September in the English Schools Ski Association Regional Qualifier at Southampton- it was a really good day and there were some great results for the three PGS teams. The **Under 12 Mixed** team of Cameron Manson, Oakley Murphy, Christian Thomas and Georgia Wright won their age group and we think they have an excellent chance of qualifying for the finals.

Name	YOB	Age Cat	Sex	Time 1	Time 2	Total time	Rank overall	Best Single Time	Rank for best single time
MANSON Cameron	98	U12M	G	12.80	13.10	25.90	<b>30</b>	12.80	<b>33</b>
THOMAS Christian	98	U12M	B	13.98	13.52	27.50	<b>34</b>	13.52	<b>43</b>
WRIGHT Georgia	99	U12M	G	15.36	16.01	31.37	<b>54</b>	15.36	<b>65</b>
GOWERS Joseph	99	U19B	B	15.57	15.46	31.03	<b>49</b>	15.46	<b>68</b>
MURPHY Oakley	98	U12M	B	17.02	15.97	32.99	<b>66</b>	15.97	<b>76</b>

As can be seen from their times, there were some excellent performances from our skiers, who should all be very proud of their results. It is hard to pick out individuals, but special mention should be made of Joseph Gowers who skied for the Under 19 team and, at the age of 10, was skiing against racers 9 years older than him. Joseph recorded two excellent times and his brother Marcus, although not in a team, volunteered to be a forerunner and also recorded two fine times of 17.47 and 18.44 seconds.

A final thank you to the PGS parents who volunteered to help as officials on the day and to the school for its continued support of our inter-schools skiing efforts.



**Beach Clean  
20 Sep 09**

**JSA Barn Dance  
20 Sep 09**

