



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

There is seldom a week that passes by without our pupils achieving something very special and this week was no exception! Last Saturday PGJS was represented at two netball tournaments, the U11's competed in the Twyford tournament and the U10's entered the Ryde tournament. I am delighted to say that we were proud winners of both tournaments. Competing against many fine Prep School teams from across the Southern region of England, these victories were undoubtedly something for us to feel very proud of indeed.

The Year Three teachers were also very proud of the behaviour of their pupils last Monday when they went on an educational visit to the Ancient Farm at Butser. Year Three visited the farm as part of their studies about Celtic and Roman life. Greeted by the first rain for days, they were undeterred and became fully involved with no hesitation. Whilst sat inside the huge and somewhat smokey roundhouse, they were taught all about how the Celts lived and how they provided essentials such as food and heat for themselves. They certainly had a feel for what life inside one of those houses would have been like. The activities provided at the farm gave the children a really 'hands on' experience - perhaps we didn't realise just how muddy those hands would be though! All the children made a small part of a wall, built out of "clunch" a very messy mixture. Over the next few months all the visiting schools will do the same until a small sheep shelter is completed. We were pleased to be able to contribute to the building process, even if it did mean a lot of hand washing at the end. Later we were able to try our hand at wattling -Celtic style fence building. Team work was the order of the day to weave the large hazel branches between the posts. The children also gained an idea of Roman lifestyle too, in the reconstructed Villa. They discovered that under floor heating is not a modern invention after all, but something the Romans used to great effect. They subsequently made their own mosaics before our exciting day came to a close. The children were left tired but full of knowledge ready for their next History lesson!

On Tuesday, the whole school gathered in the Cathedral for our Harvest Festival Service which proved to be a very special celebration. While pupils from Years Five and Six narrated a story entitled, 'Working together for Harvest', pupils from Reception and Year One acted it out, with a performance that was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation of pupils, parents, their relatives and friends. Year Two had the special responsibility of displaying harvest food as pupils from Years Three and Four recited Harvest poems they had written especially for the occasion. The Reverend Canon, Michael Tristram shared the meaning of Harvest

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with us all, conveying the strong message of the importance of sharing what we have with others who are less well off. Thanks to the generosity of so many parents we have been able to share a large amount of produce with the homeless of Portsmouth. Two representatives from Centre Point, the organisation that gives aid to the homeless people of our community, attended our service and were extremely grateful for our generous donation of harvest goods. Special Harvest songs made the occasion very jolly and the service concluded with Year Two pupils offering prayers.

Ever mindful of the need to protect our pupils by keeping them safe we held a Road Safety Day on Wednesday when two members from Portsmouth Council Road Safety Team visited the school for the day to give special road safety presentations to all the pupils. The road safety training began in KS1 and Reception with a special assembly in the morning. When the children entered the hall they were excited to find some 'parked cars' in the form of bikes and scooters. Mr Ashcroft began by choosing two children to help him cross the road safely to reinforce that you should never cross the road between parked cars. Two more children were selected to help cross the road and traffic signal signs were shown to indicate when it was safe. Finally, Mr Ashcroft encouraged the children to think of who could help them cross the road and the group were visited by Bronwyn the lolly-pop lady! Bronwyn helped the children to cross the road and reinforced that they need to wait until she told them that it was safe to cross. Across the day different groups of children took part in activities led by the road safety team. The team brought a road with them and children had the opportunity to assume different roles with special tabards to indicate the part they were playing. These roles included a lolly-pop person, a car, a lorry and a motor bike! The children practised crossing the road safely, using the important message: Stop, Look, Listen, Look again. The activities finished with a special song to help the children remember all that they had learnt.

It is hard to believe that next week is the last week before we have our half term holiday; the time has certainly flown by since the first day of term early in September. The week concludes with the Year Five/Six Halloween disco which is being held on Friday evening in the Upper Junior School. We hope many children from Years Five and Six will be able to attend the disco which will be a lovely way to welcome in the half term.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded:

**Charles Elliott** and **Molly Renton** for an excellent poem written for homework, **Daniel Hill** for being kind and considerate to younger pupils, **Reuben Hogg**, **Georgina Lewis** and **Robert Quinn** for making a wonderful start at PGJS, **Finley Howe-Walsh** for making an extra special effort with his English homework, **Edward Lovatt** for making an outstanding effort with reading, **Cicely Podmore** for outstanding story writing, **Joseph Allen** and **Josh Titley** for outstanding VR scores, **Thomas Austin** for using the internet to research his carbon footprint, **Thomas Groves** for using the internet to calculate his carbon footprint, **Milly Henderson** for independent research to work out her carbon footprint

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Georgia Henderson (x3), Aelfred Hillman (x3), Cicely Podmore (x3), Max Burlein, James Crundwell, Harvey Hamilton, Sean Hill, Samara Materna, Oliver McTear, Robert Mitchell, Shree Patel, Charlie Pereira, Antonia Phillips, Devlin Stigant, Adam Stokely, James Taylor, Katrina Trim, Ruby Turner

**English Homework:** Joe Copsey, James Woodward

**Maths:** Merlin Wright (x2), Honor Appleby-Mell, Nikhila Behari, Isabel Boden, Imogen Davies, Serena Graham, Sebastian Hiller, Amun Laly, Alice Leonard, Georgina Lewis, James Lilley, Oakley Murphy, Christian Thomas, Jasmine Thornell, Alexander Turner

**Maths Homework:** Florence Bishop, Isabel Boden, Samuel Burlein, Emma Dorricott, Lotte Hayward, Theodore Hornsey

**Science:** Jonathon Easton, Zackary Toh, Sebastian Ansell Virco, Florence Bishop, Patrick Caldwell, Serena Graham, Molly Harfield, William Lewis, Shree Patel, Emma Priory, Katheryn Richardson, Lana Watt, George Wilcockson

**Geography:** Joseph McAuley (x2), Cameron Clarke, James Crundwell, Louie Duncan, Freddie Fenton, Matthew Llewellyn, Samara Materna, Charlie Pereira, Louise Shannon

**History:** Georgia Henderson, Cicely Podmore

**French:** Megan Fisher, Daniel Hill, Emily Whitehead

**R.S.:** Florence Bishop, Grace Goodfellow, Katie Green, Grace Rafferty, Eliza Sharp, James Woodward

**Reading:** Aelfred Hillman, Jozef Wragg

**General Knowledge:** Robert Quinn

**Spelling:** Georgina Lewis, Edward Lovatt, Robert Mitchell, Edward Moger, Jack Pearce, Charlie Pereira, Adam Stokely, Alistair Wilson, Oliver Wisbey, Max Burlein, Alice Leonard, Serena Graham

**Homework:** Aelfred Hillman (x2), Jack Anson, Oscar Cannon, Marcus Gowers, Daniel Hill, Margaux Welch, Emily Whitehead

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: James Christensen (x2), Harry Hellyer (x2), William Moore (x2), Omar Talaat (x2), Amber Bradley, Toby Foord, Emma Hale, Elsa Hares, Lucinda Hawdon, Oscar Hung, Edward James, Chi-Yiing Lim, Jason Shiu, Christian Sim, Michael Stylianou, Sam Tran, William Trise, Miles Webb, Christopher Yang, Alia Alayyan, Lucy Albuery, Giordano Avondo, Priya Badial, Alexander Barker, Samuel Bayco, Grace Beardsley, Kirav Behari, Susannah Boydell, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Lucy Budgen, Amir Choudhury, Rebecca Cleary, Tamara Crocker, Emily Curwood, George Davis-Marks, Lily Gibbs, Aimon Haba, Ethan Hards, William Hartridge, Samuel Head, Poppy Herbert, Adam Heyes, Erik Hillman, George Hodell, Charlotte Johnson, Sakina Khaja, Alex Ly, Frazer Mackenzie, Asef Mahir, Nathan McBride, Benjamin Nash, Emily Nelson, Maddy Oliver, Meha Patel, Isabelle Pearce, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Avinandan Sengupta, Tom Shahrhan, Henry Simmons, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Noah Stocker, Daisy Summerskill, Grace Taylor, Oliver Thomas, Miles Toh



# 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 football for the boys and netball for the girls.

### FIXTURES—Saturday 10 October—1430

U11A & B, U10A & B Football v Westbourne House (home)  
 U9A & B Football v Westbourne House (away)  
 U11A, U10 A & B Netball v Cranleigh (away)  
 U9A & B Netball v Cranleigh (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.*

### FIXTURES—Wednesday 14 October—1430

U11A Football v Haslemere (home)  
 U11B & C Football v Haslemere (away)  
 U11A, B, C, D & E Netball v Guildford High (away)

### Thursday 15 October

U9A, B & C Football v Haslemere (away)-1430  
 U8A & B Football v Haslemere (home)-1500  
 U 9A, B, C & D Netball v Guildford High (home)-1520

## 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:
U11B	Sherborne House	Lost 0-3 (played against U11A side)
U10A	Sherborne House	Won 3-2
U10B	Sherborne House	Won 2-1
U9A	Sherborne House	Lost 0-1
U9B	Sherborne House	Won 4-0
U10A	Twyford Tournament	Lost in Semi-final
U10B	Ryde Tournament	Knocked out in Group Stage
U9A	Stroud Tournament	Lost in Semi-final

### Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Princes Mead	Won 24-7
U11B	Princes Mead	Won 8-2
U11A	Sherborne House	Won 16-7
U10A	Sherborne House	Won 24-4
U11	Twyford Tournament	Won the Tournament
U10	Ryde Tournament	Won the Tournament
U9B	Sherborne House	Won 11-0
U9C	Sherborne House	Won 4-0

### Portsmouth Mixed Hockey League

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A	St Swithuns	Drew 0-0
U10B	St Swithuns	Drew 0-0