



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

We have seen an excellent start to the second half of the autumn term; the children all appear very happy and full of energy and evidently have benefited greatly from the holiday. A large number of pupils took advantage of the sporting opportunities provided by the school over the half term weeks. During the first week Mark LeClerq ran a cricket camp for pupils in Years Four, Five and Six focussing in the morning on developing skills and running 'short cricket' matches in the afternoon. There was great excitement on the final afternoon when a full match took place. We were very fortunate in being able to run the Chelsea Football Club over the second week of term which proved very popular indeed. The structure was very similar to the cricket week with the morning being spent on developing skills and the afternoon dedicated to matches. The week ended with an award ceremony with Finlay Howe-Walsh and Edward Moger being named the 'most improved players of the week', Luca Williams and Alex Gibson being named as 'players of the week' and Henry Percival winning the penalty shoot out competition. Both sporting weeks were great fun and provided excellent sporting opportunities for our pupils over the half term weeks.

Three special events took place in the week leading up to half term. The first event was the important meeting for parents of Year Six pupils outlining information on the French trip planned for May 2010. That same evening, Mrs Stirling took the overnight ferry to Ouistreham to spend a few days at Collège Jean Monnet, our French partner school. She was made very welcome by the Head Teacher, staff at the school and the pupils. Mrs Stirling enjoyed participating in French, Mathematics and English lessons, and was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to teach a few English lessons to Year Seven and Year Ten pupils. During these lessons, she told pupils about the Portsmouth Grammar Junior School - the school day, the lessons and the uniform As well as the three days in the school, Mrs Stirling visited the Château de Baffy, where the Year Six pupils and accompanying adults will stay next May. She also spent time in the city of Caen, which is twinned with Portsmouth, putting the finishing touches to the proposed itinerary. She found it to be a lovely city - lots to see and do (she hired a bike and so visited just about everywhere worth visiting) and very friendly people. Mrs Stirling is very much looking forward to visiting Caen, Ouistreham and Collège Jean Monnet in the summer term.

The second event took place on the Friday afternoon when we celebrated the life of Dolores Muley, our lovely 'lollipop' lady who has had the responsibility for crossing our pupils across the road for over 20 years. We recognised both the significant contribution Dolores has made to the Junior School and her very special qualities at a dedicated service in the Cathedral. Pupils read out passages of prose and poems and read prayers they had written that expressed their thoughts and feelings about Dolores and her relationship with the pupils. We sang her favourite hymn and the younger pupils sang a song they dedicated to her. She was a passionate supporter of Liverpool Football Club and, it seemed appropriate therefore that the Year Five/Six choir should sing 'Walk On'. It was a particularly moving moment when Caitlin Hoddle and Georgia Henderson shared the solo singing of the first verse with such beautiful voices. And how relevant

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those words were: 'When you walk through a storm hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark..' Dolores' family were our guests of honour at the service and they were both very moved and very touched by the occasion and pleased to discover how much Dolores had been loved and valued by the whole Junior School community.

The third special event of the week was in celebration of Halloween. The Year Five and Six Halloween Disco held on the last evening of half term was an eventful and fun-filled night! With a new team of parent volunteers - all of whom deserve a huge thank you - the brilliantly dressed-up ghouls, witches and monsters enjoyed games on the lawn, great snacks and drinks, and danced the night away. We even had an impromptu visit from the Fire Brigade when the smoke machine set off our alarms! Competitions were held for the best dressed - won by Patrick Caldwell for his headless costume and fake head with his photo on (ingenious!), and for the best pumpkin carving. This was won by Harry Harrison for his rather ghoulish blood-dripping (red wax), nail-studded and traditionally carved pumpkin, although the competition was fierce and there were many candidates who had obviously spent hours with intricate witch designs, beautifully cut out features and even a mother and pram duo! Bobbing the apple and hunt the sweet in the volcano looked like fun, although the teachers steered well clear! Well done to Mr Clare, along with others, for overseeing this rather messy addition to a truly entertaining evening.

Not only was the energy of the Year Five and Year Six pupils very evident at the Halloween Disco but it was also very much in evidence this week on the 'Skipping Day' that was held on Tuesday. Very keen to engage her pupils in entertaining activities during break times, as well as keen to promote health and fitness, Mrs Giles arranged for a member of the regional skipping display team, Sivee Govender, to spend a session with each of the Year Five and Year Six classes to demonstrate techniques and promote skipping as a most enjoyable pastime. The day was hugely successful with the children responding very positively, demonstrating great commitment to developing their skipping skills. Sivee enjoyed the day very much saying that all the children were 'fantastic' and a pleasure to work with. We look forward to seeing the benefits of this input during all future play times and plan to give the Year Three and Year Four pupils a similar experience next term.

In closing I would like to draw your attention to some special events that are taking place over the next week involving the school community: The Remembrance Day Concert on Sunday in the Cathedral when we are particularly proud to note that former Junior School pupil, Sam Moffitt, will be performing a trumpet solo alongside the London Mozart Players; the Brass Band performing a Christmas medley at Palmerston Road Shopping Precinct next Thursday evening and Gunwharf Shopping Centre on Saturday evening; and the JSA Fashion Show featuring top fashions from leading Fashion Houses on Friday November 13th in the DRT.

I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DOLORES' SERVICE

As you know, at the end of our very special service in the Cathedral on Fri 16th October in memory of Dolores our lollipop lady, we had a collection for The Rowans Hospice. Thank you to all those who contributed and I am delighted to say that we are sending to the Rowans Hospice a cheque for £263.93.

KS2 PARENTS' EVENINGS

Year 6 appointment letters are coming home today, Fri 6th November. Please note that all appointments are in the David Bawtree Building on the Main Site. Year 3, 4 and 5 appointment letters will be sent home later this month. Any parents who have not returned the reply slip but do want appointments must contact Mr Rowley by email as soon as possible.

JUNIOR SCHOOL BRASS BAND

The Junior School Brass Band are performing at two events next week. Thu 12th November—playing for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Palmerston Road at 1600. After the band have performed there are various other acts on, with Linvoy Primus switching on the lights at 1705. Sat 14th November—playing for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Gunwharf Quays. The band are playing at 1820, followed by a Girls Aloud tribute band. The lights switch on at about 1910.

P for...Pudsey!

Don't forget that we will be celebrating Children in Need day on Friday November 20th. All the children are invited to pay £1.00 to come in Fancy dress or an outfit of their choice. They will also be asked to donate £1.00 in order to take part in the Pudsey Bear Fair which runs all afternoon...we can't wait to see Mr Rowley's costume this year!

ANTI BULLYING WEEK 16th - 20th November 2009

Following on from Mr Rowley's email, Anti-Bullying week is approaching in the week, 16th- 20th November. At Portsmouth Grammar Junior School, we take bullying extremely seriously, so we will be taking part in different activities throughout the week to mark this important event. We will be selling Anti-Bullying wrist bands at 50 pence each and children in Key Stage 2 will be able to wear these all week at School to show their support against bullying. The focus this year is cyber bullying. Please be aware that during this week, as we address issues, it may make your child more sensitive to bullying. Please help to give your child extra support during this week. If you have any concerns, then obviously please do not hesitate to contact School

NOTICE FROM OUR COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

We have been asked to alert parents to the fact that a man has been operating in streets near the school asking for money in return for car washing. The Police have informed us that he is not trustworthy and therefore should not be handed money.

COCKTAILS AND FASHION

Special ladies night 'Cocktails and Fashion'. Friday 13th November, 7.30pm in the DRT. Tickets are now on sale at £5 each, to include a cocktail, and are available from the Junior School Office, Mrs Kent UJS or from Preview Boutique, Marmion Road, Southsea.

KS2 BADGE TESTING

There will be two opportunities for testing on November 7th and November 21st and these dates are in the Red Book. It would be helpful if pupils could bring their badge cards with them on these occasions to be signed by staff.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to **Joe Hunter** (5J) and **Ben Hunter** (3J) who both completed the Mini and Junior Great South Run.

A double congratulations to **Joe Hunter** who has also gained a place in the South East Hampshire cricket team.



Congratulations to **George Gregory** (2O) who completed the Mini Great South Run.

Congratulations to **Haraman Badial** (5G) who has passed his step one piano exam with distinction.

Well done to **Max Povey** (RO) and **Toby Foord** (RO) who took part in the Mini Great South Run.

Congratulations to **Joseph Allen** (6P) who has been given the Silver Award in Cubs—the highest award you can achieve.

Well done to **Oliver Morrell** (6J) who has been very busy competing in a number of sailing regattas and as a result of his performances has been selected for the RYA South Zone Optimist squad.

BADGES

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Olivia Smitherman** and **Naeve Molho** for gaining their Blue Badge.

BLUE PETER SEND A SMILE!

Operation Smile, a worthwhile charity already helped by Portsmouth Grammar Junior School through our X factor competitions over recent years has been chosen by Blue Peter to be their charity for the 2009/10 appeal.

Operation Smile funds medical treatment for children in developing countries who suffer from cleft lips and cleft palates. This is a condition that really blights young children's lives; destroying their confidence and often meaning they can't speak properly, don't attend school, and often can't even smile.

Children all across the UK will be making hospital gowns from unwanted t-shirts for the Send a Smile Appeal. They are aiming to get 20,000 gowns which will save approximately £60,000, enough to pay for an entire medical project in Guwahti, India.

If you would like to find out more about the Blue Peter "Send a Smile" Appeal go to the Blue Peter website. The launch show was at 4.35pm, Wednesday 21 October, on BBC1 but can be seen again on BBC i-player.

Go on...Send a Smile!

MENU WEEK 4

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Isabelle Pearce** for making brilliant progress with her cursive handwriting, **Sakina Khaja** for brilliant progress with her news writing, **Jem Porter** and **Sam Bayco** for super English work, **Lucinda Hawdon**, **Thomas Lockyer**, **Amelie Parker** and **George Tolcher** for their super 2D picture shapes, **Holly Baker** for excellent attitude and achievement in mathematics, **Harry Davis-Marks** for a superb simile poem, **Isabella Devereux** for careful drawing and writing, **Serena Graham** for super effort in English class work and homework, **Nathan McBride** for his super effort with his spellings practice, **Tobias Scandling** for outstanding maths, **Alice Leonard** for her amazing extended metaphor poem, **Katheryn Richardson** for her excellent flashback story, **Robert Mitchell** for creating a superb tourist information leaflet relating to Old Portsmouth, **Finley Howe-Walsh** for working hard and for making very pleasing progress

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Matthew Cheung (x3), Georgia Grant (x3), Rebecca Alcaraz (x2), Jonathan Brook, Imogen Davies, Meg Dennis, Sophie Dennis, Henry Doyle, Molly Harfield, Lotte Hayward, Reuben Hogg, Stewart Jack, Cicely Podmore, Eliza Sharp, Eve Stainton, Zackary Toh, Lewis Walsh

English Homework: Sophie Dennis, Henry Gill, Rory Gillies, Thomas Robertson

Maths: Katie Green, Kira Walker

Science: Sophie Jennings, Victoria Toh

Geography: Joseph Allen, Olivia Hooper, Rebecca Alcaraz, Florence Bishop, Peter Bustin, Caitlin Hoddle, Stewart Jack, Helen Jackson, Josh Leigh, Joseph McAuley, Lauren McClure, Georgina McTear, Thomas Miller, Henry Percival, Emily Pereira, James Read, Jack Shahrhan, Josh Titley, James Woodward

History: Adam Boxall, George Wilcockson

ICT: Ben Priory, Chester Tagg

R.S.: Patrick Caldwell (x2), Rory Gillies, Robert Quinn, Josh Titley

Music: Thomas Miller

Reading: Florence Bishop, Adam Boxall, Nancy Fenton, Rufus Hornsey, Sabrina Leung

Drama: Benjamin Hunter, Amun Laly, Benjamin Steggall, Toby Wingham, Oliver Wisbey

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Lily Gibbs (x2), Samuel Head (x2), Harvey Hill (x2), Louie Howe-Walsh (x2), Milla Macanovic (x2), Maddy Oliver (x2), Amber Bradley, Evan Cole, Isabella Devereux, Toby Foord, Oscar Hung, Chi-Yiing Lim, Thomas Lockyer, Verity McStay, Max Povey, Julien Schouller, Jason Shiu, Michael Stylianou, Sam Tran, Christopher Yang, Alia Alayyan, Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, Frederick Ansell-Virco, Giordano Avondo, Priya Badial, Harry Barnett, Tara Bell, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Ryan Buckley, Amir Choudhury, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Tamara Crocker, Poppy Davenport, Hans Miles Deter, Yasmin Dyer, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan, Holly Fisher, Aimon Haba, Ethan Hards, William Hartridge, Harry Hellyer, Adam Heyes, Charlotte Johnson, Ethne Leaver, Grace Loveridge, Asef Mahir, Jaden McCoy, William Moore, Jem Porter, Hannah Rayner, Avinandan Sengupta, Dan Sherburn, Henry Simmons, Kian Souhani, Omar Talaat, Grace Taylor, Miles Toh, Harry Tolcher



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 7 November—1430

U11A Football v Twyford (home)
U11B Football v Twyford (away)
U10 A, B & C and U9A, B & C Football v Twyford (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 11 November—1430

U11A & B Football v Barrow Hills (home)
U11 Netball Tournament at Guildford High School (away)
U11 Netball Tournament at Westbourne House (away)
U9 Netball Tournament at Durlston Court (away)

Thursday 12 November—1430

U9A & B Football v Barrow Hills (away)
U8A & B Football v Barrow Hills (home)
U8A & 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**

Boys' Soccer

Sports Results

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Haslemere	Won 3-1
U11B	Haslemere	Won 4-1
U11C	Haslemere	Won 1-0
U9A	Haslemere	Lost 1-4
U9B	Haslemere	Won 6-0
U9C	Haslemere	Won 7-1
U8A	Haslemere	Won 8-4
U8B	Haslemere	Won 6-0

Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Guildford High School	Matches cancelled
U11B	Guildford High School	
U11C	Guildford High School	
U11D	Guildford High School	
U11E	Guildford High School	
U9A	Guildford High School	Won 7-1
U9B	Guildford High School	Won 9-1
U9C	Guildford High School	Won 6-1
U9D	Guildford High School	Drew 2-2

Portsmouth Mixed Hockey League

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A	Court Lane	Drew 0-0
U10B	St Johns CCP	Drew 0-0
U10A	St Pauls	Lost 0-2
U10B	St Johns College	Lost 2-3