



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

This week has been a special week of remembrance of those men and women who lost their lives fighting in the two world wars or in any conflict that occurred since then. In lessons and in assemblies the children have reflected on the causes of conflicts and wars and on peace making. They have written poetry, empathetic passages of prose and painted pictures. On Wednesday, on Remembrance Day, the Junior School gathered together in the Cathedral for a special service commemorating the lives of those who have so sadly died in these wars and conflicts. The service began when the Year Six strings group performed 'The Armed Man' a haunting piece that was played with considerable accomplishment setting just the right tone for the occasion. Head Boy, Joe Stirrup, read a passage he wrote especially for the occasion entitled, 'Don't Forget to Remember'. Year Five pupil, Haraman Badial, read a passage that explained the importance and relevance of war memorials and made reference to the inscriptions that are written on each memorial. He told us that the Cenotaph in London has the simple inscription: 'To the Glorious Dead'. A pupil from each of the year groups from Year Six to Year One read out their own versions of inscriptions for war memorials. Following this the Brass Band played a very moving version of 'Abide with Me' which led beautifully into the address and 'Act of Remembrance'. Canon Pastor Michael Tristram gave the address during which he explained that all the people died in the two world wars to enable us to have the freedom to choose for ourselves how we wish to live our lives. He said we must make the best possible use of this freedom by thinking carefully about everything we do and by trying, even in the smallest of ways, to make the world a happier place. Canon Tristram timed his address perfectly, allowing just enough time for the spoken 'Act of Remembrance' and a truly wonderful performance of 'The Last Post' by Ben Nash, prior to the two minutes silence, broken exactly two minutes later by the sound of gun fire. The Year Five/Six choir then sang 'While the Tanks Roll By' giving a very impressive performance, after which Toby Scandling read an account he had written on the recent school visit to the battlefields of The Great War. He finished his account with the words, 'We will remember them'. 'We will remember them' was the theme of the last song, 'Poppies' beautifully sung by all the children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. The Head Girl, Grace Goodfellow, brought the service to a thoughtful close saying a prayer she had written for the occasion, her middle verse was, 'Help us to learn to live in peace so that those lives were not lost in vain, and we don't forget to remember them'.

The Cathedral was also the setting for the school's annual Remembrance Day Service last Sunday evening. The concert featured the London Mozart Players performing the Hummel Trumpet Concerto in Eb Major the school's specially commissioned work by leading composer, Stephen Montague, and the Fauré Requiem. It was indeed a truly memorable occasion, all the more so for me as two former Junior School pupils performed star roles: Sam Moffitt who gave a virtuoso performance on the trumpet in the Hummel Concerto and Annabel Roberts who was the soprano soloist in the Montague Requiem—how proud I was of them both.

Year Two's History topic this half of term is, very appropriately, the Second World War and this week the children have been on an exciting trip to the SEARCH Museum in Gosport. The day began with a walk to the ferry, a ride on the Gosport ferry and then a short walk through Gosport to the museum. The children went to learn about life during World War 2. The children listened to some important museum rules and talked about some of the artefacts with Wendy, the session leader. They were then shown the six

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different stations they would be working at during the session. They dressed up in clothes that would have been worn during the war, laid the table for tea, went shopping in a grocers shop using 'old' money and coupons to buy their items, experienced washing in a wartime kitchen, went to the air raid shelter with their toys and gas masks and looked at war time artefacts identifying what they were, what they were made from and how they would be used. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities and were very well behaved. They are now filled with enthusiasm and ideas for our World War 2 History topic.

Last Friday the CCF, aided by the school's Development Board, held an Auction of Promises. The Auction of Promises was to raise money for the school rock wall and was a great success. The evening was attended by over one hundred people armed with their cheque books and under strict orders to 'spend, spend, spend'. Mr Priory opened the event with a brief résumé of Roger Harris' career in the school and Julian Elphick-Smith was an enthusiastic auctioneer. The highlight of the evening was the bid of £720 for the flight in the De Havilland Bi Plane and the IT Department's successful bid of £1020 for the visit to Brawn GB Formula 1 Racing. The total money raised was just under £7000, an excellent amount towards the final cost of the project. When the wall is constructed pupils from Year Three to the Sixth Form will have the benefit of using the wall to develop climbing skills, a very exciting prospect!

As a school we think it is very important to develop an understanding of different cultures, in particular we greatly enjoy learning about the different religious celebrations. Just before half term, Year Three were able to learn all about the Hindu celebration of Divali, held in honour of Lakshmi the Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity. Dr Padmanabhi, mother of Bhooshitha, came in to discuss how this festival had come to be celebrated so widely. The children all read the story and had to answer some tricky questions to make sure they had understood all that had happened. They realised that this was a story of how good can conquer evil. At the end of the story, the return of Rama and Sita was greeted by many tiny lights, showing them their way home. These lights are known as Diya lamps. Each child was able to create one of their own, using a small clay dish and some rather lovely glittered paint. Fun was had by all and we were very grateful to have the expert knowledge of Dr Padmanabhi on hand. Last week the Reception children enjoyed celebrating the festival of Divali, linking closely to their half termly topic, 'It's a Colourful World'. They participated in many activities, such as making Happy Divali cards, their own lanterns and Diya lamps. The children also enjoyed building mosques and designing their own rangoli patterns. They learnt about the traditional music and clothes worn to the mosque and enjoyed participating in some traditional dancing. They were also given the opportunity to try a snack of poppadoms and mango chutney, which certainly had a mixed response! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

This evening sees our third JSA event of the term, the Cocktail Party and Fashion Show. I am so grateful to members of the JSA for putting on these special events and would like to give a special vote of thanks to Mrs Heyes for organising the Barn Dance, Mrs Barrington-Clark for organising the Halloween Disco and to Mrs Staley, Mrs Lilley, Mrs Barrington-Clark and Mrs Duncan for organising tonight's Fashion Show; their flare and organisational prowess has enabled parents, pupils and staff to experience three very enjoyable occasions.

I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend.

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# INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## HILSEA—SATURDAY SPORT

From 14th November it is Rugby for the boys. Children in Years 4 to 6 will need a mouth guard.

## BEACH CLEANING—Sunday 15th November

**Hayling Island, 9.55am start.**

Calling all members of our school community. Grab your coat, thermals, gloves and wellies and join our gang. Would love to see any beach cleaning novices. Join the team, do your bit for our environment, have a chat and enjoy the fresh air!

## P for...Pudsey!

Don't forget that we will be celebrating Children in Need day on Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## Carols, Mince Pies and Mulled wine around the Christmas Tree

**Junior School Quad, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 3pm-3.35pm**

All JS parents are most warmly invited to join us for Carols, mulled wine and mince pies around the Christmas Tree in the Junior School Quad on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The music and singing will start at 3pm and we do hope that parents and family will be able to come and join in with the festivities. Mr Priory will be officially turning on the Christmas Tree lights at 3.30 pm. All children from Year 2 plus all pupils in Mrs Nash's Year 3 & 4 choir and Mr Webber's Year 5 & 6 choir, will be singing during the afternoon, and they will also be joined by our Junior School Brass Band. We will have plenty of copies of the words for parents and hope that you will be able to help us to fill the Junior School Quad with the music of Christmas. Please note that there will be no Year 3/4 or 5/6 choir after school on this date.

## JSA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The JSA will be holding two fun parties with magic, disco and games on Sunday 6th December. Reception, Years 1 and 2 at 2.00-3.30pm and Years 3 and 4 at 4.00-5.30pm. Look out for the booking forms coming soon. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## 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.

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009

A reminder to parents that we will be selling anti-bullying wrist bands for 50p next week while stocks last! KS2 children will be able to purchase wrist bands at break times. Some bands will also be kept in the Junior School Office. The theme this year is internet safety. R U cyber safe?

## 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.

## PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

★ Congratulations to **Dan Sherburn** (1Y) for gaining his Stage Two swimming certificate on his birthday!

★ Congratulations to **Sam Head** (10) for winning first place for age 6 boys in the Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre Novice Festival.

★ Congratulations to **Oscar Tagg** (3G) for being the Year 3/4 penalty shoot out winner at the Chelsea Football School.



★ Congratulations to **Danny Atherton** (2Y), **Joe Russell** (2M) and **Daisy Summerskill** (2Y) who all completed the Mini Portsmouth South Run.

★ Well done to **Rory Gillies** (3P) who raised £60 for the RNLI by completing the Mini South Run

## BADGES

### RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Thomas Atkinson, Eve Stainton and William Lewis** for gaining their Red Badge.

### BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Alice Leonard** for gaining her Blue Badge.

### GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Charlotte Webb and Archie Bennett** for gaining their Green Badge.

## DRAMA

Mrs Hague's drama lessons which take place after school for Year 5/6 on the UJS site finish at 1625. Mrs Hague acknowledges that she does not always finish on time; however, she does have a lesson to take with Senior School pupils at 1630. If pupils are not collected from the UJS site by 1630 Mrs Hague will walk them across to the Junior School Office.

## MENU WEEK 5

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: James Cunningham, Charlotte Dean, Rory Gillies, Mia Glover, Grace Goodfellow, Emma Holmes, Edward Lovatt, Harry Minall, Robert Mitchell, Oliver Nash, Robert Quinn and Thomas Ross for outstanding work in Religious Studies, Benjamin Brooks, Alastair Cunningham, Sophie Forrest, Ethan Hoddle, Harry Hoolahan, Shree Patel, Emma Priory, Zackary Toh and Benny Wong for outstanding progress in swimming, Benjamin Brooks for an excellent poem about 'New Beginnings', Maxwell Gumm for effort in Maths, Rebecca Hawdon for excellent effort in Maths, Rufus Hornsey for wonderful enthusiasm for reading, Sakina Khaja for brilliant news writing, Alice Leonard for her amazing extended metaphor poem, Isabelle Pearce for progress in hand writing, Katheryn Richardson for her excellent flashback story, Cameron Clarke for a superb leaflet produced in Geography about Old Portsmouth, Douglas Henderson, Martyn Lloyd and Georgina Turner for super writing and a wonderful picture about fireworks, Max Lancaster for outstanding poetry work, Matthew Llewellyn for super story writing in the holidays, Robert Mitchell for an excellent geographical leaflet about Old Portsmouth, Thomas Phillips for making a tremendous effort to do everything that is asked of him at all times, Jem Porter and Alice Robertson for making super progress with their reading, Callum Trimmer, Lewis Walsh, Georgia Grant and Georgia Wright for excellent multimedia ICT projects, Dominique Warren for an outstanding contribution in a Verbal Reasoning lesson, Jonathan Yang for taking part in a Charity run and doing well, Nahum Stocker for painting a beautiful picture of a firework, Miles Webb for a super multi-link model of Elmer the elephant, Oliver Fraser-Harris for careful colouring, cutting and writing independently, Harry Loveridge for very neat writing, colouring and cutting for his Elmer poster, Annabel Cunningham, Rory Gillies and Henry Wood for achieving full marks in all spelling tests this term,

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Kirsten Goves

**English Homework:** Amy Stokely, Alexandre Sautreau, Rory Bell

**Maths:** Rebecca Alcaraz (x2), Sebastian Ansell-Virco (x2), Clemmie Gumm (x2), Lana Watt (x2), Harvey Hamilton (x2), Katrina Trim, Gregory Porter, Nancy Fenton, James Taylor, Thomas Crundwell, Dominique Warren, Sachin Khanna, Christian Thomas

**Maths Homework:** Emma Dorricott, Harvey Hamilton

**Science:** Holly Baker, Lana Watt

**Geography:** Holly Baker (x2), Emma Dorricott (x2), Louie Duncan (x2), Dominique Warren (x2), Amy Stokely, Katy Courtnell, Jake Ellard, Sam Burlein, Alex Butler

**ICT:** Frederike Rademacher, Christian Thomas, Rory Greenwood, Joe Stirrup, Hermione Barrick, Ruby Turner, Sam Caldera

**R.S.:** Holly Baker (x2), George Sinden, George Campkin, James Taylor, Alexandre Sautreau, Oliver Saunders, James Cunningham, Emma Dorricott

**Music:** Harry Harrison, George Campkin, Joe Hunter

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Erica Currie, Oliver Evans, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Emma Hale, Elsa Hares, Lucinda Hawdon, Edward James, Judith Jellicoe, Harry Loveridge, Amelie Parker, Mei-Ling Reader, Joshua Scott, Christian Sim, George Tolcher, William Trise, Miles Webb, Monty Wingham, Priya Badial, Alexander Barker, Harry Barnett, Samuel Bayco, Grace Beardsley, Kirav Behari, Brynmor Bidwell-Richards, Adam Buckley, Taariq Cassamo, Emily Curwood, Poppy Davenport, Yasmin Dyer, George Gregory, Jevon Hannah, Harry Hellyer, Harvey Hill, George Hodell, Ava Hooper, Sakina Khaja, Frazer Mackenzie, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, Nathan McBride, Jaden McCoy, Isabelle Pearce, Jem Porter, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Alice Robertson, Tom Shahrán, Dan Sherburn, Henry Simmons, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Noah Stocker, Daisy Summerskill



# 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 14 November

U10 Netball Tournament at Durlston Court—1000  
U9 Netball Tournament at Twyford  
U8A & B Netball v Cranleigh (away) - 1430

Parents who are supporting at Twyford School should ensure that they respect the school's ruling that dogs are not permitted in the grounds

## 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 18 November—1430

U11A Football v Prebendal (away)  
U10A Football v Prebendal (home)  
U11A & B Netball v Highfield (away)  
**Thursday 19 November - 1430**  
U11A Hockey IAPS Regional round at Millfield  
U9A Football v Prebendal (away)  
U10A Football v Prebendal (home)  
U10A Netball Tournament at Guildford High School

## 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	Pilgrims	Won 5-0
U11B	Pilgrims	Lost 2-5
U10A	Pilgrims	Won 2-1
U10B	Pilgrims	Won 1-0
U11A	Twyford	Lost 2-5
U11B	Twyford	Won 3-1
U10A	Twyford	Won 3-0
U10B	Twyford	Lost 1-4
U10C	Twyford	Drew 3-3
U9A	Twyford	Lost 0-3
U9B	Twyford	Won 4-0
U9C	Twyford	Won 3-0

### Girls' Netball

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Barrow Hills	Won 31-1
U10A	Barrow Hills	Lost 8-14
U10B	Barrow Hills	Drew 9-9
U9A	Barrow Hills	Won 17-1
U8A	Barrow Hills	Won 10-0

### Portsmouth Mixed Hockey League

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A	Highbury A	Won 4-0
U10A	St Johns College A	Won 2-0
U10B	St Johns CCP	Won 1-0
U10B	Court Lane B	Won 1-0



## The Under 11A Netball team.

Proud winners of the  
Tournament at Manor Prep  
School

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Tickets are now on sale for the Senior School production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' at the Kings Theatre, Southsea.

To purchase tickets telephone the Kings Theatre on 02392 828282 or book online at [www.kings-southsea.com](http://www.kings-southsea.com). The dates and times of the performances are:

Thursday November 26th 7.30pm

Friday November 27th 7.30pm

Saturday November 28th 2.30pm

Saturday November 28th 7.30pm

