



Junior News

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Dear Parents,

Another busy and purposeful week has just flown during which a variety of different events have taken place. Last Thursday evening Mr Sharkey had to be in three places at once supporting: The Year Six Parents' Evening, The News Schools General Knowledge Quiz and the Parents' Forum! With very skilful time keeping and adept manoeuvring, Mr Sharkey managed all three commitments with considerable aplomb. No sooner had he said farewell to his last parent at the Parents' Evening that he was running to his car and driving along the sea front to the Royal Marines Museum where, much to his relief, the PGJS General Knowledge Team were already assembled; looking very smart and ready for action. 250 teams had entered the quiz but our pupils proved triumphant in the final competing against three other city Primary School teams. The four children: Alex Dassow, Bella Barrington-Clark (Both Year Six), Alice Leonard (Year Five) and Robert Mitchell (Year Four) came out on top after answering a series of wide-ranging questions. The team won every round, showing a great knowledge of all the topics. The success was all the more deserved as the children had given up a day of their half-term holiday to take part in the qualifying heat. The final was held in the impressive surroundings of the Royal Marines Museum. Team captain, Alex Dassow said, 'It was a really fun evening and we all enjoyed the great atmosphere. I was a little bit nervous at the start but when we got the first few questions right our confidence grew'. Mr Sharkey, commented, 'I think the parents and adults watching were more nervous than the children on stage. They were a great advert for the school and we are all very proud of their fine achievement. We will be back next year to defend our crown! With glittering trophy in pride of place alongside him in the passenger seat, Mr Sharkey drove back to school keen to share news of the team's success with the members of the Parents' Forum.

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The meeting was in full flow by the time Mr Sharkey arrived, however, everyone was delighted to be interrupted to be told such good news. The Parents' Forum meeting once again proved very constructive and helpful; both to the parents, the members of the Junior School's Senior Management Team and the Governor representative. Discussion centred on: transition, publicity and marketing, transport, the teaching of modern languages, communication, opportunities for woodwind players, succession arrangements and the Junior School's performance in last year's end of KS1 and KS2 SATs. As you can imagine such a broad agenda led to copious notes for the minutes and once Mr Ashcroft has finished editing these notes the minutes will be published on the school website.

With Christmas soon upon us the Brass Band got everyone well and truly into the Christmas spirit last week when they played in Palmerston Road on Thursday evening and then Gunwharf on Saturday evening for the turning on of the Christmas lights. For the first time for a number of years the Palmerston Road event was not held in the pouring rain! The Lord Mayor opened the event, then straight afterwards, the band played a selection of Christmas pieces, while mulled wine and mince pies were being served. Saturday in Gunwharf was a big event with Father Christmas, snow machines and fireworks. The Junior School Brass Band were part of the entertainment along with the University Big Band. Our children were certainly the smallest there, but again people were amazed at their standard for such young children. They performed on stage to thousands of people, getting the crowd into the Christmas spirit.

The JSA's Murder Mystery event on Saturday evening proved to be great fun for everyone involved: the cast, the parents and the pupils. The evening began with

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people assembling at their supper tables in the dining hall—each table forming a team of detectives. Following a period for drinks, nibbles and the opportunity to take part in a Crime Quiz the audience were invited to assemble in the DRT to watch the first act. Three scenes later the dastardly deed had taken place and the audience were set the challenge of deciding 'who done it' over supper. Following an excellent curry meal the audience and cast returned to the theatre for the second act and the denouement! It was former Junior School Director of Drama, Mrs Lockyer, who had 'done it' bumping Mr Evans off in style! The evening ended with the awarding of raffle prizes and trophies to the successful teams. All in all it was a truly enjoyable occasion and I am most grateful to Mr Ashcroft and his energetic team of JSA members, Mr and Mrs Chipper, the other Mrs Lockyer, Mrs Parker and Mrs Appleby-Mell, for their excellent organisation of the event and to the all-star cast of, Mr Hampshire, Mrs Lockyer, Mr McTear, Mr Evans, Mr Griffin, Mrs Sayers and Mrs Townsend for 'treading the boards' with me so expertly and to the now famous wig that made all the difference!

On Sunday I was joined by thirteen of our Junior School monitors at the very special Remembrance Day Service and Ceremony held in the Guildhall Square. I was tremendously proud of the monitors for the way in which they responded to this occasion; for over an hour they had to stand in the cold and the pouring rain, with no cover (as we were asked, out of respect, not to put up our umbrellas) yet not one person complained, quite the opposite, understanding so clearly the enormity of all that the occasion represented, recognising that any discomfort we were feeling was so minimal and trivial in comparison to those who have been, and still are, involved in war-fare. For so many reasons I felt enormously proud standing there. Our Head Girl and Head Boy represented the Junior School paying respect to the fallen as they placed a poppy wreath at the foot of the cenotaph.

This week has been dedicated to anti-bullying when discussions about bullying have been held in PSHE lessons across the week and special assemblies have been held on the theme of 'Say no to Bullying'. Each of the 'G' classes across Key Stage Two presented one of these assemblies to the rest of their year group. The causes, the responses to, the management of and the prevention of bullying have been discussed in detail and it is hoped very much that such unpleasant behaviour will never have a place at PGJS.

This week many pupils across Years Five and Six sat the National Primary Maths Challenge. If our scoring is

accurate, 7 of our pupils will have achieved the Gold Award, 33 the Silver and 34 Bronze. A significantly excellent achievement. The 7 pupils with Gold Award will hopefully be invited to take part in the next round—fingers crossed! When the results have been verified we look forward to sharing them with you.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

Philippa Foster

PGJS General Knowledge Team



INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 PARENTS' EVENINGS—Years 3, 4 & 5

Appointment letters will be coming home towards the end of next week, and I would like to reassure you that you will have your appointments very closely aligned to your preferred times and certainly on the day you selected when you replied.

YEAR 4 PANTOMIME - Tuesday 23rd November

We warmly invite you to come to the DRT on Tuesday 23rd November to enjoy our Year Four Pantomime, 'Hansel and Gretel'. The performance starts at 4pm and refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall afterwards.

CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

As usual, we will be celebrating the 'lighting up' of our Christmas tree with Carols, Mince Pies, Mulled wine and maybe even a visit from Santa. Please do come along and join us, in the Junior School Quad, for these seasonal festivities on Monday 29th November from 3.10pm to 3.45pm

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Phoebe Simons, Lorne Gibson, Jack Norton, Eleanor Wilson, Douglas James, Alexander Dassow, Holly White, Iman Alayyan, Thomas Ross and Amy Stokely for an excellent contribution to the Remembrance Service, Jonathon Easton for a very moving performance of 'The Last Post' at our Remembrance Service, Daniel Appleton, Callum Mackenzie and Alexander Stocks for careful painting of poppies on Remembrance Day, Aimon Haba for excellent work in ICT and helping others, Poppy Herbert for an excellent tourist leaflet on Old Portsmouth and for helping other pupils in Maths lessons, Edward Campkin for writing a beautiful rhyming poem, Miles Toh for excellence on the climbing wall, Eve Stainton, Caroline Clayton, Kirsten Goves, Zachary Toh, Amy Stokely, Adam Boxall, Tom Ross, Naeve Molho, Oliver Saunders, Sebastian Ansell-Virco, Ray leach, Charlotte Amenta-Lynch and Eliza Sharp for exceptional service to the school when attending the Ceremony of Remembrance at the Guildhall, Thomas Placintescu for a fantastic alliteration poem, Stewart Jack and Victoria Toh for excellent work in English, Abigail Brader for excellent rapid recall of tables, Ollie Tinson for working very hard with his reading, Oliver Wisbey, Samara Materna and Robert Mitchell for maintaining an excellent standard of work

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Joseph Hopkinson (x2), Henrietta Clare, Yic-Hin Jim, Max Hill, Emma Watkins, Alexander Gibson, Oliver Lilley, George Whelan, Sasha Wells, George Campkin, Serena Graham, Ryan Zhou, Charlie Pereira, Amun Laly, Erik Hillman, Emily Curwood, Xavier Barfoot, Louis Stelling, Rory Gillies, Abigail Brader, Edward Lovatt, Ben Priory, Max Burnett, Rufus Hornsey, Henry Wood, Edward Campkin, William Doyle, Aman Khanna, Grant Jackson, George Downing, Tilly Bell, Holly Fisher, Joseph Russell, Grace Beardsley, Hannah Rayner, Samuel Stocks

English Homework: Archie Bennett (x2), Rebecca Hawdon, Sabrina Choi, Grace Acklam, Milly Henderson, Alexander Gibson, Raveena Laly, Alexander Turner, Judy Hyatt, Kirsten Goves, Finley Bacon, Max Burnett, Emily Clark, Jacob Bund, Joseph Hopkinson, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Claudia Bishop, Matthew Walton

Maths: Holly White (x2), Edward Moger (x2), Robert Mitchell (x2), Cameron Clarke (x2), Isaac Hillier (x2), Charlotte Dean, Grace Acklam, Thomas Austin, Alice Leonard, Emma Watkins, Will Donworth, Kirsten Goves, Hazel Bennett, Madeleine Alcaraz, Haraman Badial, Naeve Molho, Jai Thakrar, Eliza Sharp, Adam Boxall, George Silver, Jack Pearce, James Crundwell, Sophie Jennings, Priya Badial, Verity Glading, Max Burnett, Hannah Rayner, Grace Beardsley, Grace Taylor, Alice Robertson, Charlotte Howard, Samuel Stocks

Maths Homework: George Whelan

Science: Kirsten Goves (x2), Maria Buckeridge (x2), Harry David-Marks, Archie Bennett, Charlotte Ross, Alexander Dassow, Erik Hillman, Verity Glading,

French: Thomas Austin, Archie Bennett, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Thomas Groves, Charlie Pereira

RS: Serena White, Natasha Palfrey, Iman Alayyan, Robert Mitchell, Edward Moger, Jack Pearce, Oliver Wisbey, George Davis-Marks, Priya Badial

History: Helena Pearce, Alexander Gibson, Eleanor Wilson, Charlotte Ross

Geography: Joshua Ellard (x2), Archie Bennett, Lorne Gibson, Jack Hussey, Fergus Gibson, Xavier Barfoot, Priya Badial, Grace Saunders, Frazer Mackenzie, Jacob Bund, Harry Hellyer, Oliver Thomas, Grace Beardsley, Omar Talaat, Emily Nelson

Reading: Fergus Gibson, Sophie Forrest, Thomas Crundwell, Kirsten Goves

Spelling: Archie Bennett, Oscar Cannon, Jude Hyatt, Eleanor Wilson, Alexander Gibson, Fergus Gibson

Comprehension: Tara Bell, Matthew Walton, Ethne Leaver

Group Work: Yasmin Dyer, Joshua Chipper, Grace Saunders, Jon Garcia Tarifa

Helping Others: Poppy Herbert

Music: Daniel Hill

Dance: Eliza Sharp

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Elsa Hares (x3), Oscar Hung (x2), Chi-Yiing Lim (x2), Grace Alexander, Gabriella Boydell, James Chivers, Nikhil Patel, Samuel Zhou, Ethan Buckley, Daniel Appleton, Lilly-Ella Beardsley, Ashnah Elanchcheliyan, William Percival, Alexander Stocks, George Tolcher, Harry Loveridge, Imogen Potts, Miltiadis Orfanidis, Noah Stocker, Giselle Barfoot, Ava Hooper, Tom Shahrar, William Hartridge, William Trise, Emily Gibb, Evan Cole, Oscar Hung, Edward James, Verity McStay, Joshua Scott, Emma Hale, Edward James, Max Povey, Sam Tran, Amber Bradley, Toby Foord, Christian Sim, Michael Stylianou, James Christensen, Ethan Hards, William Moore, Lily Gibbs, Caleb Hillier, Sakina Khaja, Adam Buckley, Dan Sherburn, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Giordano Avondo, Harvey Hill, Brooke Edyvane, Christy Hosford, Martyn Lloyd, Adam Robinson, Theo Roseblade, Evie Chapman, Daisy Crane, Ciaran Hards



SPORT

SATURDAY SPORT



HILSEA GAMES

There will be games sessions 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—Sat 20 November

U8 & U9 Netball v Durlston Court (home) - 1000
U10A Netball Tournament, Durlston Court—1000
U8A Netball Tournament, Cranleigh—1000

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—Wed 24 November

U10A Netball Tournament, Westbourne House—pm
U11A, B & C Hockey v Cheam (home) - 1500
U10A & U11A Rugby v Durlston Court (away) - 1430

Thu 25 November

U8A & B Netball v Barrow Hills (away) - 1430
U9 Netball v Barrow Hills (away) - 1430

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' Football:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Barrow Hills	Won 2-0
U11B/C	Barrow Hills	Won 3-1
U10A	Barrow Hills	Lost 0-5
U10B	Barrow Hills	Lost 2-3
U10C	Barrow Hills	Drew 3-3
U9A	Barrow Hills	Won 6-3
U9B	Barrow Hills	Lost 1-4
U9C	Barrow Hills	Won 3-2
U8A	Barrow Hills	Lost 1-4
U8B	Barrow Hills	Lost 2-3
U8C	Barrow Hills	Won 1-0
U8A	Twyford	Lost 1-5
U8B	Twyford	Lost 0-2
U8C	Twyford	Lost 0-7

Girls' Netball:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10	Guildford High School Tournament	6 th out of 40 teams
U11A	Westbourne House Tournament	3 rd overall
U11B	Princes Mead	Won 5-4
U10A	Princes Mead	Won 9-1
U9A	Cranleigh Tournament	4 th overall - losing in semi-final
U9A	Twyford Tournament	After 2 good wins in group stages, lost in semi-final

Girls' Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	West Hill Park	Won 2-1