



To The Parents



End of Year Report

It is hard to believe that this time last year I was still on the Fylde Coast; it seems like such a long time ago whilst at the same time my first year at PGJS has flown by. I do remember very clearly having to dig my car out of about two feet of snow and then driving down south on motorways and 'A' roads that resembled the ice rink that now sits in the main quad. However, the difficult journey down here pales into insignificance when I think about the incredible journey I have had since becoming Head here last January.

It has been such a busy and breath-taking 12 months that I am sure I won't be able to fully take stock until I am sat with a mince pie and glass of mulled wine over the Christmas break. PGJS is a challenging place to work and learn, and I mean challenge defined as *a test of one's abilities or resources in a demanding but stimulating undertaking*. In order for us to meet our vision of being a happy and successful school challenge is absolutely fundamental. Our children and staff are happy because they are successful and successful because they are happy; if we took away the challenge they would be neither. It should come as no surprise to you as parents that children enjoy challenge, for without it they quickly become disengaged and frustrated. I hope that you share in my pride and privilege at being part of such a stimulating school and I thank you on behalf of the staff for your wholehearted support. I appreciate equally the positive and constructive comments you have made about the School and look forward to 2012 and all it has to offer.

2011 has undoubtedly been a wonderfully challenging and exhilarating year; definitely worth the long and treacherous journey south. I have felt very much at home here at PGJS and as a family we have settled very quickly into the area. The School has an exciting future ahead of it and will cement further its place as the leading independent school in the area. I am proud to be part of it and have enjoyed my 'annus mirabilis'. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PS Hopkinson

Farewell

I am sure that neither the playing fields at Hilsea nor the touchlines of many a local school, will ever be the same again without the sound of Mr Faulconbridge's shouts of encouragement, passion and very occasionally frustration (!) ringing around them. After three years wonderful service as Director of JS Sports, Mr F is off to pastures new and an exciting new role at Brooke Priory School, and we will all miss him very much. He is deeply passionate about sports coaching and teaching and this has enabled the PGJS Sports Dept to become the envy of many a school. Under Mr Faulconbridge's leadership the 'sport for all' ethos has been greatly enhanced and it is not uncommon to see A, B and C fixtures being played, as well as Saturday mornings at Hilsea and the excitement of House sports competitions.



We wish him and his family all the very best with the move and in his new role and thank him for all his hard work and commitment to the cause over the last three years.

Mrs Evans will take up the role of Director of Sport and Mr Chappell will come in as Head of Boys' Games.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Allen, who leaves her role as Teaching Assistant for 20. She has only been with us since September but has been unable to resist the pull of returning to the classroom. Mrs Allen is a qualified teacher and is to take up a post teaching Modern Foreign Languages from January. Mrs Shahran will become 20's full time TA and Mrs Hawdon will join the team in Year 3.

Rory's Reports of the Week

Rory would like to thank all the children who have sent him stories for *The Lion* this year and is looking forward to a fresh batch in the New Year. He is so impressed that so many children want to write stories and also with the standard of their writing. The final *Lion* of 2011 features two stories; one from Danny and one from Themis, both telling about their great days out.

Spinning Pots

On Saturday my mum and I went to the Taste of Christmas show in London. Before we got there we had to go on a train to London. The tube took us to Canning Town then we got the DLR (Docklands Light Railway) to Excel. We were having a wander around when we saw a man doing all sorts of tricks. Then he asked me to hold up two giant spinning pots! We also saw Mary Berry from Junior bake off! I had a great day.

Danny Atherton (4P)



All Aboard

On Saturday 3rd December I visited the Historic Dockyards and especially HMS Warrior, it was thrilling to walk on the deck of a ship with such an important history on it. Launched in 1860, powered both by steam and sail she was the largest and fastest ship in her day. I enjoyed being a captain for the day and giving orders to my family for ship ahoy. I loved seeing the boiler and engine room and I imagined how hot it must have been to work down there. I was amazed to see hammocks hanging over the tables and canons, so little space! I loved the experience.

Themis Orfanidis (10)



THE LION'S



PRIDE

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded:

William Trise for excellent progress in his reading, **Lilly-Mae Prentice** and **Honor Gillies** for a super topic book, **Max Lancaster** for his Michael Faraday homework in Science, **William Parker** for careful nativity painting, **Charles Elliott** and **Thomas Robertson** for outstanding maths, **Harvey Hill** for being a wonderful friend, **Lucy Albuery**, **Meha Patel** and **Miles Toh** for a great effort in Science, **Gabriel Appleby-Mell** for a great improvement in Science, **Edward Campkin** and **Daniel Kirwan** for excellent reflection of co-ordinates in four quadrants, **Isaac Hillier** for his fantastic mini project on Pantomime, **Patrick Kirwan** for an excellent performance as King Herod, **Cameron Clarke** for an excellent performance as the Shepherd, **Eleanor Wilson** for an excellent performance as Mary, **Rufus Hornsey** for a great performance as Joseph, **Jean-Mickael Hopkinson** for a great reading in the Carol Service, **Aelfred Hillman** for a wonderful performance as Charles Dickens

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Lauren Johnstone (x2), Oliver Donworth (x2), Helena Pearce (x2), Eleanor Bolton (x2), Molly Renton, Tristram Randall, Jack Pearce, Alexander Gibson, Evie McAuley, Will Donworth, Poppy Herbert

English Homework: Aelfred Hillman, Molly Renton, George Silver, Joseph Kooner-Evans, Douglas James, Helena Pearce, Alexander Gibson, Samuel Hemingway, Hannah Richards-Kellett, Ethne Leaver, Evie McAuley

Maths: Margaux Welch (x2), Megan Fisher, Molly Renton, Robert Mitchell, Tom Lees, Charlie Pereira, Oscar Tagg, Max Burnett, Eleanor Bolton, Syed Chowdhury, Alexander Barker, Omar Talaat

Maths Homework: Dominic Chew, Nadine Hucecova, William Reynolds, Aman Khanna, Edward Moger, Sophie Jennings

Mental Maths: Syed Chowdhury

Science: Lorne Gibson, Isabel Herbert, Arthur Fry, Molly Renton, Oscar Cannon, Jack Anson, Natasha Palfrey, Margaux Welch, William Reynolds, Ryan Webb, Helena Pearce, Dan Sherburn, Henry Buckle

History: Megan Fisher, Molly Renton, Eleanor Bolton, Charlotte Ross, George Whelan, Harvey Hill

Geography: Oliver Donworth, Eleanor Bolton, Raveena Laly, Charlotte Ross, Asef Mahir

RS: Eleanor Bolton (x3), Helena Pearce (x2), Margaux Welch, Oscar Cannon, Emily Whitehead, Megan Fisher, Aelfred Hillman, Isabel Herbert, Dominic Chew, Adam Stokely, Oscar Tagg, Aman Khanna, Tilly Bell, Evie McAuley, Charlotte Ross, Raveena Laly, Emily Curwood, Erik Hillman, Timothy Downing, Frederick Williams Brown, Omar Talaat

French: Alexander Gibson, Eleanor Wilson, Eleanor Bolton

Music: Omar Talaat, Seth Eldrid, George Davis-Marks, Thomas Gibb

Reading: Evie McAuley, George Whelan, Will Donworth, Eleanor Wilson, Charlotte Ross, Eleanor Bolton, Alexander Gibson, Erik Hillman

Spelling: James Johnson, Sophie Jennings

Games: Emily Curwood
Listening Skills: Frederick Williams Brown, Emily Curwood

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

William Parker, Jacob Foster, Jimmy Cathie-Kirby, Henry Moran, Toby Foord, Emma Hale, Edward James, Chi-Yiing Lim, Verity McStay, Diarmuid Bailey, Mackenzie Gilmore, James Curwood, Clara Matthews, Alexander Stocks, Amelie Parker, Imogen Potts, George Tolcher, Mei-Ling Reader, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Judith Jellicoe, Brooke Edyvane, George Summerskill

String Orchestra Rehearsals

Vivaldi Orchestra will start rehearsals on the first day of next term, Wednesday 4th January. All other ensembles, including Corelli Orchestra, Cello Club and string quartets, will start the following week.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Jack Edmondson-Jones (1Y) for achieving his Level 4 ASA National Swim Award.

Miles Powell (RY) who has received his Duckling 3 and 1st Puffin award.

Joshua Chipper (4P) who has earned his brown belt in Karate.

Lilly-Mae Prentice (RM) for achieving the ASA National Swimming Award Level 2.

Lauren-Lilly Prentice (3J) for reaching the semi-finals in the Under 8 Slow Dance Section at the Phoenix Freestyle Disco Competition.

BADGES

GOLD BADGE - Congratulations to **Sabrina Choi** for gaining her Gold Badge.

BLUE BADGE - Congratulations to **Eleanor Matthews** and **Danny Atherton** for gaining their Blue Badge.



Results

Boys' Rugby		
U11A	West Hill Park	Won 27-12
U10A	West Hill Park	Lost 10-35
Boys' Football		
U10A	Hants Schools Cup 3 rd Round	Won 3-2
Girls' Netball		
U9C	PHS - A	Lost 1-2
U9D	PHS - B	Won 3-0

HILSEA GAMES

There will be no games sessions until Saturday 14th January.

Quiz Corner

Mrs Budgen's Brain Boggler:

What doesn't get any wetter, no matter how much rain falls on it?

Answers from last week:

The other end isn't tied to anything.