



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

As I write this last newsletter of the Spring Term I am reflecting on the term, wondering why, in some respects it has felt such a long term—it seems ages ago that the term began - and yet, as always, it has flown by. I suspect the reason for this is because so much has been fitted in to the term and certain events have had quite an impact on school life. Right at the beginning of term we experienced the severe weather, necessitating the closure of the school; a situation that was unimaginable until it happened. And then, while the school was working hard to return to normal in spite of the impact of everywhere being covered in snow and ice, we welcomed the ISI inspectors in to school to take part in the first of two inspection visits. Although inspections, by their nature, can cause anxiety, they are to be welcomed and valued as they provide the opportunity for objective assessment on the quality of all aspects of a school's provision and make comment on how well a school is meeting its aims and what it needs to do to further improve. I have to say that every aspect of the inspection process went extremely well; all the teachers responded calmly and professionally to the process, taking everything smoothly into their stride, and our pupils well and truly proved how wonderful they are! I am most keen for parents to read the full report and should be very interested for any feedback from you. You will notice a letter from the Chairman of Governors, the Headmaster and myself, in the end of term mailing that refers specifically to the inspection and its outcome, the inspection report. In this letter you are given guidance as to how you can view the report via the website. Parents are also most welcome to request a hard copy from the Junior School Office if required.

I would sum this term up as a term of triumphs and will be wending my weary way home this evening feeling that it has been a very successful and satisfying term indeed. To start with we were delighted with the findings of the inspection, then we were so pleased with the sporting success of the U11 soccer 'A' team for reaching the finals of the Portsmouth Schools Knock Out Cup and absolutely thrilled when the U11 netball 'A' team became National Champions. On the cultural front, the performance of our string players and brass players in the Portsmouth Music Festival led to much significant

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acclaim and recognition by the eminent musicians who acted as the adjudicators. They described the musical accomplishments of the brass band, and string orchestras, their groups and ensembles, to be both outstanding and exceptional.

In all manner of respects, this term has seen many achievements that our pupils can well and truly be proud of: the two very entertaining musical productions featuring the pupils of Year Three and Year Five; the Gala strings concert, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the string scheme; the Hot Cross Bun concert, which took place this week, featuring many of our instrumentalists; the winning of a host of different tournaments in soccer, rugby and netball in all age groups; winning the local prep schools cross country competition, (on our first time of entering); having two pupils being awarded bronze medals in the national finals of the Primary Maths Challenge (Holly Baker and Joe Allen); two of our pupils winning the Bryanstone Maths Challenge (Christian Thomas and Jack Silver); experiencing considerable success in the Senior School 11+ assessment with a pleasing number of pupils being awarded scholarships, exhibitions and awards.

In addition to all these amazing achievements we have enjoyed a host of special events: book week, 'living history' days, swimming galas, an inter-school design technology challenge, a science day and two very successful grandparents' concerts.

A number of special events have taken place this week alone. Last Friday and this Monday we held our Grandparents' afternoons which once again proved extremely popular with the large numbers of grandparents who were able to attend; over 500 in total. Each year group from Nursery to Year Six contributed to the occasion, singing songs, acting and dancing, and reciting poetry which all added up to being a delightful concert for the grandparents to enjoy. The afternoon concluded with a special tea and a personalised tour of the school conducted by the grandchildren.

National Science Week this year had 'Earth' as its theme, so it was decided that aliens contacting Earth would be the basis of our joint Senior School/Junior School activity. Accordingly,

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Mr Jeremy Thomas (SS Physics) and a group of Year 12/13 Science Mentors crossed to the Upper Junior School site with a 'briefing' for 24 Year 5/6 scientists from Deep Space Monitoring—aliens had developed specialized wormholing technology and wished to visit our planet! Our task was to supply them with information about Earth so they could land safely and survive in our environment taking into account the differences between our planet and theirs. It was a hugely successful experience greatly enjoyed and valued by both Senior and Junior School pupils alike.

The Year 5/6 swimming gala also took place last Friday. We were delighted to have the largest ever number of contestants taking part this year in the gala which featured 20 events. The swimming pool at Temeraire proved the perfect venue and we were pleased to have the support of so many parents and grandparents. The overall swimming champions were in Year Six: Kira Walker and Luke Robins with runners up, Rebecca Alcaraz and James Harper and in Year Five: Charlotte Amenta-Lynch and Joe Hunter with runners up, Loren Dean and Jack Hussey. The winning House was Jerrard with Privett as runners up.

The Hot Cross Bun concert on Tuesday evening provided an excellent opportunity for our musical instrumentalists to 'show case' their talents. With performances from the Corelli and Vivaldi orchestras, the Brass Band, Wind Band and various brass and string ensembles, and groups the audience was treated to a very enjoyable concert indeed.

Our Easter service took place in the Cathedral on Wednesday when we were delighted to be joined by the Dean of the Cathedral, David Brindley. The story of Easter and its significance was sensitively shared with the congregation of pupils, parents and grandparents and traditions associated with Easter were explained. Pupils shared their thoughts, poems and prayers and the choir gave a memorable performance of the song, 'Faithful and True'. Ethan Hoddle amazed us all with his solo singing, filling the Cathedral with a truly wonderful sound.

As I write this letter I am nervously awaiting the Spoken English finals as I have been asked to adjudicate this special event. I am very aware how hard a task this will be and hope that whatever the outcome all the entrants will realise their special achievement in qualifying for the finals. I look forward to sharing the results with you in the first newsletter of next term.

The wonderful, and very colourful, East Bonnet Parade took place this morning involving all the children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. This year we were delighted to have a number of the builders of the new science block join us at the end sporting their own very special Easter bonnets—their hard hats that had been decorated by the pupils! A delightful and entertaining addition to proceedings.

In closing I would like to wish all the pupils and staff who are taking part in the three residential visits that are taking place over the Easter holidays a very enjoyable time and look forward to hearing all about the trips at the start of next term. Year Three are experiencing a history and natural

history trip in Yorkshire, year Four an activity holiday in Herefordshire and Year Five will be 'down on the farm' in Somerset.

I wish everyone a very happy and restful Easter holiday.

Philippa Foster

## INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### KS2 RESCHEDULED PARENTS' EVENING

**Mon 26 April, 4.15pm-6.45pm**

Appointment schedules will be emailed to parents during the Easter holidays with a paper copy being issued in the first week of the summer term.

### YEAR 5 AND 6 SAILING

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a sailing club directly through the school club system this summer term. However The Portsmouth Outdoor Centre are able to provide a two hour session each week from 4-6pm on Thursday afternoons for an Year 5 and 6 children from PGJS who would like to improve their sailing skills. In order to find out more details and book in, please ring this number—they are expecting your call! 023 9266 3873. (Cost is approximately £18.80 incl. of VAT for each session).

### YEAR 3 AND 4 HOCKEY CLUB

Mr Herbert is continuing his Year 3 and 4 hockey club on a Monday morning at 7.30am until half term in the summer term.

### SUMMER FETE - CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

This year's summer fete is fast approaching and once again we are hoping to make this year's event even better than 09. **Commercial Stalls:** If you have a business and would be interested in having a stall to display and sell your products at the summer fete which will be held on Sunday 27th June **OR Advertising Space:** You would be interested in advertising your company's products or services, we are offering advertising space at a fantastic price in the colour fete program. Any company or business that would be interested in placing an advert in the fete program or having a stall at the event please contact Sarah Joy either via e-mail : - [seggie\\_sarah@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:seggie_sarah@yahoo.co.uk) or by telephone on 07940419757 for more information.

### MUSIC PRACTICE-A-THON

Please could all pupils who took part in the sponsored practice give their money to Mrs Ingamells as soon as possible.

### STRING PLAYERS!

String lessons will start on the first day of term, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Corelli Orchestra will start on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Vivaldi Orchestra on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

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### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—ALTERATIONS

Please note that all staff run clubs will start on Monday 26th April. External provider clubs will start Tuesday 20th April.

### LADIES' NETBALL

To all those ladies who have played netball in the past and would like to join some like-minded ladies to rekindle those memories from years ago when we were all faster, fitter, more flexible, etc, etc. You know what we mean. We would like to create a list of those of you interested in joining us. Once we have an idea of numbers we can discuss all the practicalities and how to take this further. Our short-term goal is to meet once a week over the summer term with a coach who we already have on board. We want this to be a fun, social experience that appeals to both existing and new mums/guardians wishing to make friends with others at PGS. If you would like to join us please contact either Nicky ([nicola.baker5@googlemail.com](mailto:nicola.baker5@googlemail.com)) or Dawn ([dawndewilde@hotmail.com](mailto:dawndewilde@hotmail.com)): We very much look forward to hearing from you.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs from a number of Junior School events can be found at <http://rossyoung.co.uk/pgs2010/>

### INGAMELLS 2 INGOLDMELLS

To celebrate their silver wedding anniversary and to raise funds for Musequality, Jane and Nick Ingamells are spending part of the Easter holiday cycling by tandem to the remote village of Ingoldmells in Lincolnshire and back again, approximately 500 miles. They are looking forward to seeing the place where Peter de Ingoldmeles, Jane's first recorded ancestor, lived in 1234! If you would like to sponsor them please visit [www.justgiving.com/nj-ingamells](http://www.justgiving.com/nj-ingamells) to make an online donation.

## BADGES

### BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Grace Acklam** and **Thomas Robertson** for gaining their Blue Badge.

### GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Sienna Bentley** for gaining her Green Badge.

## PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Tom Phillips** (4P), **Jack Norton** (4J) and **Tom Coyle** (4P) who reached the final whilst representing Havant RFC U9's in the prestigious Hampshire Rugby Festival.

Congratulations to **Harry Loveridge** (RM) for achieving a Level 7 British gymnastics proficiency award.

### BOYS' CRICKET—SUMMER TERM

Please note that KS2 boys can only wear either a PGS cricket shirt or a plain white polo shirt for cricket in the summer term

### LONDON MARATHON

Roland Ainsworth is running the London Marathon on 25th April this year. He is running for Sentebale (which is Prince Harry's charity) and would be very grateful if anybody would like to sponsor him - every little helps and may make some of the pain worthwhile! You can sponsor him at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RolandAinsworth> (don't forget gift aid) or you can see Mrs Bull or Mrs Kaznowski in the Junior School office.

### VISIT TO ST. JAMES' PALACE BY ROLAND AINSWORTH RUNNING FOR SENTEBALE

On Friday 19th March, I visited St. James' Palace to meet Prince Harry and Lesotho's Prince Seeiso. They are the founders of Sentebale, the charity for which I am running the London Marathon this year. There are an estimated 400,000 orphans and vulnerable children in a country of 1.8 million. Life expectancy has plummeted to 34 years.

On arrival at St. James' Palace, security was extremely high. I was given a brief tour and then met up with the other 15 or so Sentebale runners in a room with cucumber sandwiches and water. Prince Seeiso gave us an inspirational talk for about 15 minutes about Sentebale and Lesotho, including some of the projects they are currently undertaking. Prince Harry then entered the room and came to chat to us all individually. He seemed very interested about us all as individuals. He asked me what I did for a living, so I showed him my PGS tracksuit! He asked me why I wanted to run a marathon and we talked about the amazing feat of Eddie Izzard completing 43 marathons in 51 days! He seemed a really genuine young man.

We then had a photo shoot with the two Princes and then talked more about training, injuries and raising money for charity! A fantastic and somewhat surreal day that I will cherish forever!

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Oliver McTear** for improved effort resulting in excellent progress in French, **Emily Whitehead** for an excellent written argument with direct speech, **Hector Bonnin** for outstanding descriptive work, **Emily Curwood** for a wonderful non-chronological report about the Great Fire of London, **Edward Donnelly** for outstanding progress with the use of punctuation, **Alexander Gibson** for trying hard with handwriting, **Maxim Greenfield** for an excellent spoken English presentation, **Charlotte Howard** for writing a fabulous report about the Great Fire of London, **Douglas James** for excellent written work in English, **Joseph Kooner-Evans** and **Eleanor Wilson** for excellent creative writing, **Joseph Kooner-Evans** for consistent work in English, **Max Lancaster** for excellent work in English writing, **Ray Leach** for a consistent high standard of work, **Josh Leigh** for a super spoken English presentation, **Matthew Llewellyn** for kindness and consideration to fellow pupils, **Edward Moger** for excellent effort in Drama, **Gregory Porter** for outstanding fraction work, **Robert Quinn** for excellent work in Drama, **Charlotte Webb** for trying hard with handwriting, **George Whelan** for excellent creative writing and consistent effort in English, **George Wilcockson** for outstanding use of punctuation, **Eleanor Wilson** for excellent conduct and behaviour, **Ethan Huddle** for singing an outstanding solo at the Easter Service in the Cathedral, **Thomas Atkinson** for an interesting and informative presentation about the Aztecs, **Thomas Groves** for a fantastic piece of writing using direct speech, **Emma Hale**, **Chi-Yiing Lim**, **Max Povey** and **Michael Stylianou** for an excellent Topic Book

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Edward Donnelly (x4), Adam Boxall (x3), Alice Leonard (x2), Edward Mitchell (x2), Eliza Sharp (x2), Jack Anson, Rumaanah Cassamo, Dominic Chew, Sophie Dennis, Yasmin Deter, Henry Doyle, Grace Goodfellow, Marcus Gowers, Thomas Groves, Isabel Herbert, Daniel Hill, Sean Hill, Aelfred Hillman, Joseph Hunter, Thomas Matthews, Jack Norton, Grace Rafferty, Phoebe Simons, Emily Whitehead, Benny Wong, Jozef Wragg

**English Homework:** Grace Acklam (x2), Edward Donnelly (x2), Milly Henderson (x2), Sebastian Ansell-Virco, Rumaanah Cassamo, Sabrina Choi, Alastair Cunningham, Sophie Dennis, Yasmin Deter, Henry Doyle, Jake Ellard, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Thomas Groves, Maxwell Gumm, Rebecca Hawdon, Daniel Hill, Aelfred Hillman, Matthew Holloway, Yic-Hin Jim, Alice Leonard, Oliver Nash, Henry Percival, Molly Renton, Phoebe Simons, Benjamin Thomas, Emily Whitehead, Jozef Wragg

**Maths:** Ray Leach (x3), Sebastian Ansell-Virco (x2), Robert Quinn (x2), Katrina Trim (x2), Alexander Turner (x2), Max Bird, Florence Bishop, Abigail Brader, James Clare, Katie Green, Isobel Gumm, Alice Leonard, Sabrina Leung, Matthew Llewellyn, Robert Mitchell, James Northey, Olivia Smitherman, James Taylor, Jasmine Thornell, Merlin Wright

**Maths Homework:** Yasmin Deter, Jonathon Easton, Sean Hill, Oliver Morrell, Antonia Phillips, Jasmine Thornell

**Science:** Alexander Butler (x2), Edward Campkin (x2), Annabel Cunningham (x2), Georgina Lewis (x2), Florence Bishop, William Doyle, Rory Gillies, Katie Green, Reuben Hogg, Roame Leaver, Edward Lovatt, Robert Quinn, Alexander Turner

**RS:** Grace Acklam (x2), Sujata Dutta (x2), Jake Ellard (x2), Mia Austin

**Geography:** Georgina McTear (x3), Reuben Hogg (x2), Emma Holmes (x2), Edward Campkin, James Crundwell, Robert Mitchell, Edward Moger, Jack Pearce, Charlie Pereira, Ben Priory, Louise Shannon, Oscar Tagg, Ollie Tinson, Oliver Wisbey

**History:** Joseph Gowers, Katie Green, Thomas Matthews, Grace Rafferty

**French:** Grace Acklam, Sophie Dennis, Alexander Gibson

**ICT:** Robert Quinn

**Reading:** Benjamin Brooks, Alastair Cunningham, Annabel Cunningham, Fergus Gibson, Rory Gillies

**Spelling:** Mia Austin, Patrick Caldwell, William Doyle, Eliza Sharp,

**Handwriting:** Thomas Matthews

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Rebecca Cleary (x4), Oliver Evans (x2), Verity McStay (x2), Lucy Albuery (x2), Giordano Avondo (x2), Adam Buckley (x2), Taariq Cassamo (x2), James Christensen (x2), Yasmin Dyer (x2), Lily Gibbs (x2), Jevon Hannah (x2), Ethan Hards (x2), Samuel Head (x2), Harvey Hill (x2), Erik Hillman (x2), Louie Howe-Walsh (x2), Sakina Khaja (x2), Milla Macanovic (x2), William Moore (x2), Maddy Oliver (x2), Isabelle Pearce (x2), Avinandan Sengupta (x2), Dan Sherburn (x2), Daisy Summerskill (x2), Miles Toh (x2), Amber Bradley, Evie Chapman, Christian Clark, Daisy Crane, Brooke Edyvane, Toby Foord, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Solomon Haba, Emma Hale, Ciaran Hards, Elsa Hares, Lucinda Hawdon, Douglas Henderson, Christy Hosford, Oscar Hung, Chi-Yiing Lim, Martyn Lloyd, Thomas Lockyer, Harry Loveridge, Seth Maxwell, Thomas Moore, Beatrice Oliver, Amelie Parker, Hazel Porter, Mei-Ling Reader, Adam Robinson, Theo Roseblade, Joshua Scott, Christian Sim, George Summerskill, George Tolcher, Sam Tran, Georgina Turner, Miles Webb, Christopher Yang, Omar Al-Rahim, Frederick Ansell-Virco, Ahthini Aranan, Danny Atherton, Priya Badial, Xavier Barfoot, Samuel Bayco-Walker, Grace Beardsley, Kirav Behari, Brynmor Bidwell-Richards, Claudia Bishop, Henry Buckle, Lucy Budgen, Tamara Crocker, Poppy Davenport, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, Ashwin Elanchchelian, Holly Fisher, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Thomas Gibb, Matthew Grandison, Aimon Haba, William Hartridge, Harry Hellyer, Poppy Herbert, Adam Heyes, George Hodell, Ava Hooper, Charlotte Howard, Charlotte Johnson, Grace Loveridge, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, Nathan McBride, Murray McLeod, Hannah Millerchip, Meha Patel, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Alice Robertson, Joseph Russell, Tom Shahran, Henry Simmons, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Noah Stocker, Omar Talaat, Harry Tolcher, Jessica Werfalli



# SPORT



## SATURDAY SPORT

**NO HILSEA GAMES ON MARCH 27,  
APRIL 3, 10, 17**

**NO FIXTURES**

## 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.*

**NO FIXTURES**

## 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 Hockey:*

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Amesbury	Lost 1-6
U11B	Amesbury	Lost 0-2
U10A	Amesbury	Drew 2-2
U10B	Amesbury	Lost 2-6
U10C	Amesbury	Lost 0-10
U11A	Westbourne House	Lost 1-3
U11B	Westbourne House	Lost 0-11

### *Girls Netball:*

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10	Brighton College Tournament	Won the Tournament

### *Girls Hockey:*

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A/B	Durlston Court	Drew 1-1
U10C	Durlston Court	Drew 2-2
U11A	Westbourne House	Won 4-3
U11B	Westbourne House	Drew 3-3
U10A	Westbourne House	Lost 0-2
U10B	Westbourne House	Lost 0-7
U9A	Westbourne House	Won 2-1
U9B	Westbourne House	Won 3-1