



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

It is amazing how frequently we experience a week when something out of the ordinary and very special happens; this has certainly been the case this past week. Last Thursday, we were extremely fortunate when world class cellist, Daniel Müller-Schott visited the school. In 1992, at the age of fifteen, Daniel first caused a sensation internationally by winning the 1st Prize at the Moscow International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians. In only a few years, Daniel Müller-Schott has succeeded in establishing himself on the world's important concert stages, fascinating audiences with his technical brilliance and authority which are coupled with great intellectual and emotional spirit. On Thursday, Daniel visited the Junior School to play to our pupils in the intimate surroundings of the Rotunda and to give guidance and advice to our string players. This was a sensational and truly memorable experience for all those who were fortunate enough to be there. Daniel's cello, an instrument which is almost exactly the same age as the school, dating back to 1729, filled the Rotunda with its rich sound as Daniel played various pieces from his repertoire, sharing with the children the contrast of breathtaking finger work and a special talent for bringing music to life. It was not a surprise to hear Daniel speak such fluent English, and it was a delight to see and hear him play with some of our young string players. With delightful flair and imagination he accompanied the cello club as they practised their scales, he listened attentively to the Year Six Strings group, before praising them on their fine performance and for Jon Tarifa Garcia, there was the unique opportunity for him to play a few notes on Daniel's special historic cello. It is rare to meet someone as talented as Daniel and to have been able to enjoy his unique ability in such a special way. This was one of life's special opportunities and I am so glad that the Junior School String players were fortunate enough to share this inspirational time with Daniel last week. The school is most grateful to the Stokely family, who, because of a close family connection with Mr Müller-Schott, were able to arrange the visit. That evening Daniel was the guest performer with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Portsmouth Guildhall. It was a wonderful concert, not only special because of Daniel's earlier visit to the school but also because, sitting in the audience, there were many of our Junior School pupils taking a second opportunity to experience Mr Müller-Schott's amazing talent. Apparently Daniel said he had a wonderful time when he visited us and after his Guildhall performance he said that the highlight of his day had been the school visit.

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Then, on Tuesday, there was another out of the ordinary event when the U11A team footballers played the semi final of the Portsmouth Schools' Knockout Cup against Lyndhurst School and won thus qualifying for the prestigious final which is due to be played on the hallowed turf of Fratton Park. The boys played superbly with every member of the squad playing to the highest standard and to 'a man' they played their best match of the season, both individually and collectively. We are very proud of them! A full match report follows in this newsletter.

Whenever we can we like to bring history 'alive' to our pupils and on Monday this week Year One had a fantastic day learning about Old Toys through first hand, practical experiences when the history group 'History Off the Page' visited us. They were able to spend time playing with different types of old toys and finding out how they work, which introduced them to lots of new vocabulary and scientific concepts. They learned all about archaeologists and looked at some interesting artefacts. The children spent the afternoon making their own old toys, including spinning tops, finger puppets and fishing rods, which they were proud to take home!

Over the past week all the Key Stage Two pupils have been taking part in the inter-House Cross Country running races. The children responded very well to the challenge and we were very impressed with many of their performances; our warm congratulations go in particular to all the year group winners: Emma Holmes and Jack Pearce from Year Three, Evie McAuley and Oliver McTear from Year Four, Eve Stainton and Edward Donnelly from Year Five and Georgie McTear and James Harper from Year Six (further details follow in this Newsletter). It is interesting to note how very important the collective efforts were in determining the winning Houses and how dependent, in particular, their results were on the performance upon those runners who were further down the standings.

We have another busy weekend ahead of us with intermediate entrance assessments for pupils hoping to join the Junior School in September, Key Stage Two Badge testing at Hilsea on Saturday and a Beach Clean on Hayling Island Beach.

Whatever you are doing, I wish you all a very happy weekend.

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## INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY—REMINDER

As stated in Mr Rowley's recent letter, Friday 12th February is now a normal school day and not an INSET day as shown in the Red Book. We would like to check the effectiveness of our new system of sending out letters to parents by e-mail. If you did not receive the whole school e-mail about the change of INSET day, (sent on 15th January), please would you contact Mrs Bull at g.bull@pgs.org.uk to update your e-mail address.

### CHANGE TO MENU CYCLES

Due to supply difficulties earlier in the term the menu cycle displayed on the school web site and that actually being served are no longer in sync. Therefore, with effect from Monday 1st February the catering department will be serving menu week 5.

### START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Now we seem to have gone through the worst of the disruptive weather we are delighted that the school is back to our full normal timetable with regard to the school day and co-curricular activities and clubs. Please can I ask all parents to continue to support us in trying to ensure that all pupils are on site at 0825 for the start of school so that class registration and the start of the day can be as smooth as possible for all. Please note that if you do arrive later than 0840, pupils in Year R -4 must report to the Junior School Office to register and then go to their normal classroom. In Year 5 and 6 pupils who arrive after 0840 should report to Mrs Kent to register and then directly to their Form Room. Thank you for your ongoing support with this key aspect of our school day.

### HOUSE SWIMMING GALAS—date changes to Red Book

The Year 3/4 House swimming gala will now take place on Friday 5th March and the Year 5/6 House swimming gala will now take place on Friday 12th March. Both swimming galas are from 9.00-12.00 at HMS Temeaire.

### HOUSE SWIMMING GALA TRIALS

The House swimming gala trials are taking place on Friday 5th February.

### SCOOTER STORAGE

A storage box for pupils' scooters is now in full operation and is in the main quad. It is super to see so many using it. As the door is quite heavy please can parents ensure that they open and close the door on this storage unit and not the pupils.

### STRING TEACHERS' CONCERT

Mrs Ingamells, Miss McGibben and friends are giving a concert on Friday, 5th February at 1930 in the Rotunda. The concert will include music for strings and piano and is in aid of the charity Musequality ([www.musequality.org](http://www.musequality.org)). Tickets for adults are £5.00 and are available from Mrs Nicky Fretwell in the Senior School music department. Entry for pupils is free (although they will require a ticket as numbers are limited) and there will be refreshments available during the interval.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

We understand that the children at Portsmouth Grammar Junior School achieve a range of awards and accolades outside of the school environment and we are always keen to celebrate their successes. If you would like to share your child's achievements in the newsletter, please email Mr Ashcroft ([j.ashcroft@pgs.org.uk](mailto:j.ashcroft@pgs.org.uk)) who will ensure that these are recognised in this way.

## PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

★ Congratulations to **Callum Percival** (3P) who was commended for his 'immaculate appearance' on his recent cruise, in a personal letter written to him by the Comodore of RMS Queen Mary 2.

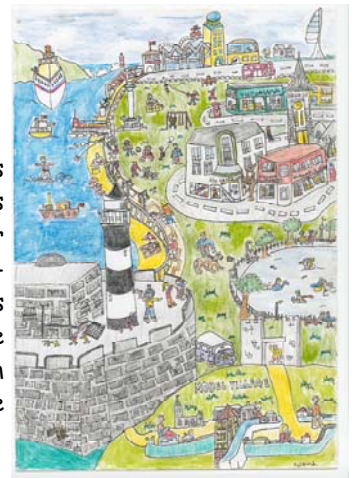
## BADGES

### BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Devlin Stigant, James Read and Thomas Matthews** for gaining their Blue Badge.

### DEC HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Aelfred Hillman (4J) has designed a card and is selling it for 50 pence or 5 for £2.00 in aid of the Haiti Earthquake appeal. The card comes with an envelope. These can be purchased from Aelfred direct or from the Junior School Office.



### POLITE REMINDER - end of school collection and waiting in Senior School Quad

Please could I ask that all parents and pupils who wait for Senior School children in the Senior School Quad at the end of our Junior school day, do ensure that they wait quietly on the benches and that no children play in the Senior School playground or run around the walkways until the end of senior school lessons which will be signalled by the bell ringing at 3.50pm. This is for safety but also to ensure that Senior School lessons and examinations are not disturbed unnecessarily.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

The Year 4 play photographs are now online at [www.rossyoung.co.uk/pgs09](http://www.rossyoung.co.uk/pgs09) and the Year 1 Nativity photographs are at [www.rossyoung.co.uk/yr1nativity](http://www.rossyoung.co.uk/yr1nativity).

### BABYSITTING

Sammy, aged 16, a student, is available for babysitting evenings, weekends and during school holidays. Sammy enjoys the company of children and hopes to become a junior school teacher after University. If interested please contact Sammy at [Samantha.gingell11@pgs.org.uk](mailto:Samantha.gingell11@pgs.org.uk).

**MENU WEEK 5**

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Henry Elphick-Smith** for excellent effort in both English and Maths, **Alexander Gibson**, **Evie McAuley** and **Freddie Hares** for excellent work in Drama, **Freddie Hares** for an excellent start to the new term, **William Lewis** and **Zackary Toh** for excellent Maths homework, **Evie McAuley** and **Charlotte Ross** for excellent story writing in English, **Oliver McTear** for being very kind to younger children, **Harry Tyacke** for a great improvement in creative writing, **Giordano Avondo**, **Harvey Hill** and **Quinn Sinton-Gerry** for writing fantastic similes to describe the Big Bad Wolf, **Henry Gill** and **Thomas Robertson** for producing an excellent descriptive story, **Sebastian Brown** for using his mathematical knowledge to help solve a complex problem, **Matthew Cheung** for continued excellence in Mathematics, **Sean Hill** for working consistently well in Mathematics, **Eve Stainton** for excellent use of figurative language, **Elliot Chubb** and **Henry Wood** for excellent work in Drama, **Ethan Hoddle** for accurate punctuation in dialogue work, **Joseph Kooner-Evans** for excellent work in English and RS, **Rebecca Pascoe** for her amazing poems, The Robin and A Snowy Landscape, **Antonia Phillips** for excellent work in Maths, **Zoe Rademacher** for trying to improve her presentation in Maths, **Emma Watkins** for her excellent dragon story, **Erica Currie** for super use of phonics in her writing, **Miles Webb** for independently using his phonics to write the names of the animals in the Little Red Hen, **Isabella Devereux** for independent drawing and writing of the Little Red Hen story, **George Tolcher** for working hard to develop lovely cursive handwriting, **Charlotte Dean** for writing a super descriptive setting, **Milly Henderson** for improving a piece of writing by adding adjectives and adverbs, **Alexander Turner** for showing great enthusiasm for reading, **Luca Williams** for fantastic work and effort in maths

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Oliver Donworth (x3), Rory Bell (x2), Rebecca Hawdon (x2), Isabel Herbert (x2), Emma Holmes (x2), Stewart Jack (x2), Cameron McClure (x2), Peter Millett (x2), Raunak Mukherjee (x2), Jack Pearce (x2), Thomas Placintescu (x2), Molly Renton (x2), Benjamin Thomas (x2), Emily Whitehead (x2), Alistair Wilson (x2), Alice Acklam, Bhooshitha Balaji, Samuel Burlein, Alexander Butler, Alice Cheshire, Elliot Chubb, Harry Davis-Marks, Charles Elliott, Mia Glover, Matilda Goldman, Isabel Herbert, Daniel Hill, Caitlin Hoddle, Reuben Hogg, Matthew Holloway, Amun Laly, Sabrina Leung, Lauren McClure, Jack Norton, Shree Patel, Jack Pearce, Charlie Pereira, Thomas Row, Brandon Senior, Ethan Simmonds, Lillie Simons, Benjamin Steggall, Adam Stokely, Ollie Tinson, Josh Titley, Victoria Toh, Ryan Webb, Toby Wingham

**English Homework:** William Lewis (x3), Peter Millett (x2), James Woodward (x2), Jozef Wragg (x2), Alice Cheshire, Michaela Clancy, Charles Elliott, Megan Fisher, Molly Gibb, Marcus Gowers, Daniel Hill, Aelfred Hillman, Chi-Yunng Lim, James Taylor, Anna Thornell, Jak Waktare, Emily Whitehead

**Maths:** Alice Cheshire (x2), Alexander Dassow, Harry Davis-Marks, Jake Ellard, Molly Gibb, Clemmie Gumm, Freddie Hares, Evie McAuley, Lauren McClure, Peter Millett, Naeve Molho, Raunak Mukherjee, Jack Norton, Ajay Patel, Emma Priory, Louise Shannon, Eleanor Wilson

**Maths Homework:** Dominic Chew (x3), Rumaanah Cassamo (x2)

**Science:** Alice Cheshire, James Crundwell, Guy Sharp, Anna Thornell, Oliver Wisbey, James Woodward

**RS:** Grace Acklam, Alice Cheshire (x2), Rebecca Hawdon (x2), Milly Henderson (x2), Ray Leach (x2), Jack Shahrn (x2), Anna Thornell (x2), Nikhila Behari, Rory Bell, Michaela Clancy, Harry Davis-Marks, Louie Duncan, Jake Ellard, Georgina Lewis, Edward Lovatt, Raunak Mukherjee, Ben Priory, Amy Stokely, Oliver Wisbey, James Woodward

**DT:** Joseph Gowers

**Geography:** Alice Cheshire (x2), Sebastian Brown, Louie Duncan, Daniel Hill, James Lilley, Chi-Yunng Lim, Molly Renton, Thomas Row, Harry Tyacke, Dominique Warren, Charlotte Webb, Margaux Welch, Eleanor Wilson

**History:** Lewis Walsh (x2), Rebecca Pascoe (x2), Joseph Allen, Rory Bell, Imogen Davies, Maxim Greenfield, Emily Pereira, Frederike Rademacher, Amy Stokely, Anna Thornell, Georgia Wright

**French:** Madeleine Alcaraz, Joseph Allen, Sebastian Brown, James Cunningham, Emma Dorricott, Maxim Greenfield, Roame Leaver, Oliver Morrell, Raunak Mukherjee, Oakley Murphy, Henry Percival, Cicely Podmore, Ella Povey, Tobias Scandling, Jozef Wragg

**Reading:** Madeleine Alcaraz, Sebastian Ansell Virco, Tilly Bell, Sabrina Choi, Alastair Cunningham, Charlotte Dean, William Doyle, Molly Gibb, Ethan Hoddle, Harry Hoolahan, Helen Jackson, Edward Lovatt, Raunak Mukherjee, Emily Pereira, James Read, Jack Shahrn, Benny Wong

**Spelling:** Michaela Clancy, Alastair Cunningham, Serena Graham, Robert Mitchell

**ICT:** Samuel Burlein, Grace Goodfellow, Robert Quinn, Lewis Walsh

**Dance:** Harry Davis-Marks, Lana Watt

**Games:** Molly Gibb, Edward Lovatt

**Fashion Work:** Chi-Yunng Lim, Peter Millett

**Group Work:** Margaux Welch, Jozef Wragg

**Being helpful in class:** Isabel Herbert

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Evan Cole, Isabella Devereux, Oliver Evans, Toby Foord, Emma Hale, Elsa Hares, Oscar Hung, Edward James, Chi-Yiing Lim, Verity McStay, Max Povey, Julien Schouller, Joshua Scott, Christian Sim, Michael Stylianou, Sam Tran, William Trise, Miles Webb, Christopher Yang, Alia Alayyan, Danny Atherton, Priya Badial, Alexander Barker, Tara Bell, Lucy Budgen, Anna Caldwell, Taariq Cassamo, Joshua Chipper, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Louis Crocker, William Davis, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, Ethan Hards, Samuel Head, Erik Hillman, Charlotte Johnson, Sakina Khaja, Grace Loveridge, Jaden McCoy, Emily Nelson, Maddy Oliver, Emily Parekh, Isabelle Pearce, Jem Porter, Hannah Rayner, Daisy Summerskill, Harry Tolcher, Jessica Werfalli



# 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 hockey for the girls. Girls should bring shin pads and mouth guards.

### 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.*

### FIXTURES—Wednesday 3 February—1430

PGS U11 Netball Tournament (home)  
U10A & B, U11A & B Rugby v Highfield (away)

### Thursday 4 February

U9A & B Rugby v Highfield (home) - 1430  
U9A & B Girls' Hockey v Edgeborough (away) - 1545

## 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 Rugby:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Barrow Hills	
U10A	Barrow Hills	Matches cancelled
U9A	Barrow Hills	Won 20-15
U9B	Barrow Hills	Won 45-5
U8A	Barrow Hills	Lost 25-40
U8B	Barrow Hills	Lost 25-35
U10A	West Hill Park	Drew 5-5
U9A	West Hill Park	Lost 5-30
U9A	Westbourne House	Won 30-5
U9B	Westbourne House	Won 25-5
U11A	Westbourne House	Lost 0-42
U11B	Westbourne House	Lost 0-45

### Boys Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11	Sherborne Hockey Tournament	3 <sup>rd</sup> overall

### Girls Netball:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U8	St Ives	Match cancelled

### Girls Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A	Farleigh	Drew 2-2
U10B	Farleigh	Lost 0-5
U10C	Farleigh	Lost 1-5
U10A	West Hill Park	Lost 0-1
U9A	West Hill Park	Won 3-0



## INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



### YEAR 3

#### Girls

- 1 Emma Holmes (Privett)
- 2 Bhooshitha Balaji (Hudson)
- 3 Annabel Cunningham (Jerrard)

#### Houses

- 1 Jerrard
- 2 Hudson
- 3 Privett
- 4 Nicol

#### Boys

- 1 Jack Pearce (Hudson)
- 2 Henry Wood (Nicol)
- 3 William Doyle (Hudson)

#### Houses

- 1 Nicol
- 2 Hudson
- 3 Privett
- 4 Jerrard

### YEAR 4

#### Girls

- 1 Evie McAuley (Privett)
- 2 Charlie Dean (Jerrard)
- 3 Millie Henderson (Privett)

#### Houses

- 1 Privett
- 2 Hudson
- 3 Jerrard
- 4 Nicol

#### Boys

- 1 Oliver McTear (Hudson)
- 2 Fenton Murphy (Jerrard)
- 3 Freddy Hares (Nicol)

#### Houses

- =1 Jerrard
- =1 Nicol
- 3 Privett
- 4 Hudson

### YEAR 5

#### Girls

- 1 Eve Stainton (Jerrard)
- 2 Maddie Alcaraz (Nicol)
- 3 Loren Dean (Jerrard)

#### Houses

- 1 Privett
- 2 Jerrard
- 3 Nicol
- 4 Hudson

#### Boys

- 1 Edward Donnelly (Hudson)
- 2 Harry Hoolihan (Nicol)
- 3 Tom Ross (Hudson)

#### Houses

- 1 Nicol
- 2 Hudson
- 3 Privett
- 4 Jerrard

### YEAR 6

#### Girls

- 1 Georgie McTear (Hudson)
- 2 Kira Walker (Jerrard)
- 3 Alice Cheshire (Hudson)

#### Houses

- 1 Nicol
- 2 Privett
- 3 Jerrard
- 4 Hudson

#### Boys

- 1 James Harper (Privett)
- 2 Thomas Miller (Privett)
- 3 Luke Robins (Hudson)

#### Houses

- 1 Hudson
- 2 Nicol
- 3 Privett
- 4 Jerrard



## Portsmouth Schools U11 Knockout Cup 2009/2010



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January the U11 A team footballers played the semi final of the Portsmouth Schools Knockout Cup against Lyndhurst.

The boys played superbly with a high tempo from the outset, pinning Lyndhurst in their own half and creating a number of great goal scoring opportunities. The Lyndhurst stand in goalkeeper made a number of outstanding saves and in the way in sport, Lyndhurst promptly managed to break away and take a shock lead. This set back was shortly followed by a penalty award to Lyndhurst. However, the penalty was missed and with great tenacity and self belief the boys gathered themselves to get back into the game. Just before half time their superior passing and teamwork finally played dividends with Jack Shahrn slotting home the equaliser.

After a fortifying team talk the boys came out for the second half revitalised and eager to finish the job they had started so well in the first half. It was not long before a neat fluid move down the right hand side involving James Clare and Oakley Murphy resulted in substitute Joshua Titley finishing coolly at the far post. The second half again was one way traffic as the boys pressed their advantage and went in search of the goal that would seal victory.

The third goal was not to arrive however and the boys had to fight out a tense final few minutes to ensure their place in the final, which is usually held at Fratton Park.

At the final whistle the boys were rightly elated at their achievement which is just rewards for their dedication and determination both in training and matches to accomplish the goal they set themselves at the start of the season which was to win some silverware.

Every member of the squad played to the highest standard and to 'a man' they played their best match of the season both individually and collectively.

In order the boys played as follows;

- James Cunningham - outstanding in goal
- Sam Caldera - read the game superbly and always in the right place defensively
- James Harper - marshalled the defence superbly and read the game instinctively
- Joe Stirrup - a tenacious tower of uncompromising strength at the back
- Luke Robins- played the hardest role on the pitch to perfection
- James Woodward - enigmatic and driven as always a driving force
- Oakley Murphy - steel and flare the heartbeat of the team
- James Clare - weaved his usual magic spells on the right hand side inspirational second half
- Max Greenfield - most complete performance he has played all year
- Jack Shahrn - captain quality everything he did was touched with class
- Harry Tyacke - the perfect foil for JS, a natural centre forward
- James Northey - utility man extraordinaire
- Joshua Titley - new boy and match winner

# PGS Beachwatch 2010

Walk along a UK beach and, on average, you'll find 2000 pieces of litter per kilometre. Beach litter is now a problem on a global scale and has major impacts on wildlife.



We will be meeting at 9.45 am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at the public car park on the beach between Gunner Point and the Ferry on Haying Island, but not in the ferry boat inn pub car park.

The pick will begin at 10am after we've had a health and safety briefing; clear instructions will also be given on exactly how the 'pick' is to be carried out.

The event will be finished by 12 noon and pupils can be picked up from the car park where they were dropped off. **FREE PARKING AT THE MOMENT.**

## See you at 9.45 am Sunday

Mrs C L Dean Co-ordinator of Year 6 & Geography

Remember: a completed consent form must be handed in to CLD before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010. This new form will clear you for the year.