



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

If it is true what they say about time flying when you are enjoying yourself, it is hardly surprising that the past week has flashed by. It has been packed with a wonderful assortment of different events and experiences.

As I was busy writing last week's Newsletter, all of Year Five were travelling to London to visit the National Gallery in relation to their Art curriculum. It was probably one of the most perfect visits so far, a very easy journey there by coach; in fact they wondered what had happened to the traffic! The children had time to gaze at Nelson's Column and have photographs taken before they were treated to an hours guided tour by the Education Staff at the Gallery. They looked in great detail at paintings such as Stubbs' 'Whistlejacket', Cione's 'Altarpiece', Holbein's 'Ambassadors', Giordano's 'Perseus' and many more. The staff there and various tourists commented on how interested and knowledgeable they were about the paintings and so keen to learn more! As ever they were a credit to the school! Mrs Tilling is now looking forward to extending their knowledge and enthusiasm in three dimensional sculptures based on characters from the paintings!

On Friday all Year Five and Six pupils were involved in a sponsored swim. They had been inspired to raise money after an assembly by Senior School teachers, Anna Howarth and Steve Hawkswell, who are involved in a project in conjunction with United World Schools to raise money to build and run a school in North East Cambodia. To do this they need to raise £10,000. Our pupils swam their way to helping this worthwhile cause by completing a constant relay of widths across the HMS Temeraire pool during their swimming lessons. Amazingly one of the Year Six teams managed to complete 100 widths to add to the total. As each width is 15 metres it is an incredible feat that the children swam 18,489 metres in all. That's nearly 11½ miles! The Commanding Officer of HMS Temeraire noted the event and made comment on how good it was to see young people so actively participating to raise money for such a worthy cause. We now look forward to collecting all the sponsorship money and cannot wait to announce a grand total before too long!

As part of a focus on beliefs and practices of Sikhism, the Year Six pupils welcomed Mr Chadha into school on Friday, to provide them with first hand experience of his faith. They listened to stories which explained how the Sikh religion started and how the first Guru shared his wisdom and experience with those he encountered. As part of the session, pupils were given the opportunity to handle special artefacts and taste sweet and savoury food items associated with Sikh culture. Rory Bell bravely volunteered to be dressed as a Sikh which involved him wearing a turban and holding a Kirpan (sword) with which Sikhs traditionally defend the weak and poor. Pupils were polite and extremely well behaved throughout the talk and when given the opportunity to ask questions, showed how carefully they had listened and how much they had learnt. Mr Chadha finished his talk by setting the pupils a challenge, to express their thoughts about ways in which the teachings of Sikhism can help us in our

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world today. The best responses will receive prizes early next half term.

Later that day 36 Year Six and Five children set off to Snow Trax for 2 hours of lessons separated by a play in a woodland park and a basket meal tea. The absolute beginners were shown how to put their boots and skis on; they played games on the slopes, skied and learnt how to side step up hill. The instructor was superb and made their first experience extremely positive. Mrs Townsend was impressed with how quickly the children learnt the basics. The intermediates and novices re-acquainted themselves with the equipment; they mastered the button lift and were soon zipping up and down the slope. Mrs Giles commented on the children's good ski ability and enthusiasm. The advanced group were coached to find their centre point to enable more efficient skiing; this included skiing with their eyes shut! The children thoroughly enjoyed many drills and finished with slalom skiing. On their journey home children were awarded certificates for stylish skiing, perseverance and being kind and helpful. This was just a taste of what awaits in the Alps during half term and has definitely whetted both the children's and staff's appetite.

On Tuesday this week Mrs Sayers and I travelled to Wakefield and back so that we could investigate a new 'Tudor' experience that the Year Three pupils are going to have on the York Trip this year. Although a long way to travel in one day it certainly proved very worthwhile and we now can't wait to share this experience with the pupils on the York Trip which takes place over the Easter Holidays.

On Wednesday, the Year One children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the Fire Safety Team. The day began as the fire engine reversed into the Small Quad and the children eagerly awaited the fire fighters within. The Fire Team began by asking the children what they knew about the hazards in their own homes and outlined safety measures that can be easily implemented. The children then undertook a carousel of activities which included, a road safety board game, a selection of puzzles depicting the emergency services, and the much anticipated visit to the fire engine! Pupils had the opportunity to dress up in helmets and tunics, listen to the various sirens and put out their own fire using the large hose. To round off the experience, the children were shown the full fire fighting uniform and an explanation was given for how each part protects against fire and heat. Pupils were set the challenge of memorising their own address and given a fire safety sticker to take home.

Also on Wednesday nine pupils represented the Junior School in the finals of the Primary Maths Challenge. Back in November 2009, more than 94,000 pupils in 2,577 schools took the initial round of the Mathematics Association Primary Maths Challenge. 83 children in Years Five and Six entered this national competition, answering multiple choice questions designed to test their mental agility and problem solving skills. We discovered last week who had reached the finals, which took place on Wednesday. The finalists from PGJS were Year Six pupils Holly Baker, Christian Thomas, Jack Silver, James Woodward, Grace Goodfellow, Georgia Henderson, Joseph Allen, James Read and Thomas Ross from Year

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Five. The paper challenged the pupils to solve 25 gruelling problems. The children did not look up in the 45 minutes given, except to ask for additional paper to work out their solutions! We are hopeful to match our success from last year, when Matthew Roberts and Nicholas Graham received Bronze awards. The papers will be marked by the Maths Association. Watch this space—we should have the results back mid March.

Wednesday afternoon saw two special events; the Children's Classical Music Concert in the Guildhall, involving all the pupils in Year Two, Three and Four and the PGJS U11 netball tournament.

Fourteen Prep-school teams from central southern England took part in what proved to be a very exciting and hard fought competition that demonstrated a very high standard of play throughout. I am exceedingly delighted (and proud) to say that our U11A team did not lose a single match either in the qualifying stages nor in the finals and as such were crowned the winners and in so doing became the first recipients of the tournament trophy: The Philippa Foster Shield. I am hugely touched that Mrs Evans has chosen to name the trophy in such a way and am delighted that this very special group of girls are the first to receive it.

The annual children's concert, once again, proved very popular with our pupils. With music by Strauss, Rossini, Vivaldi and Britten, performed by the Southern Pro-Musica and conducted by Jonathan Willcocks, the pupils all listened in rapture. Poppy Herbert was thrilled to be asked to conduct the orchestra as they played the 'Thunder and Lightning Polka' by Strauss. Mrs Sheldrick was pleased to note the steady beat Poppy held whilst demonstrating considerable confidence and musicianship. Many of our young string players were so impressed by the concert that they are now hoping that one day they will have the skill that will enable them to perform Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons'.

Our Food and Nutrition teacher, Mrs Low, had a very pleasant surprise this week when she took delivery of 18 Kenwood food mixers plus 36 Kenwood aprons and tea towels. All the boxes had on the delivery note was 'BFF winner'. Mrs Low decided that the 'BFF' must refer to British Food Fortnight. Over the past few years Mrs Low has involved the Junior School Year Six classes in British Food Fortnight by taking the pupils to Buckwell Butchers in Southsea to watch sausages being made. Last term she held a competition with the Year Six children to invent a new sausage flavour, the best of which the butcher made up and brought into school for the children to taste. The competition received coverage in the local newspaper. On contacting the organisation who run the 'BFF' she was informed that they had come across the press cutting about the sausage competition and had entered the school into the competition! Mrs Low is quite delighted.

Last weekend proved almost as busy as the weeks on either side. On the Saturday Mr Ashcroft, Mrs Day, Mr Rowley, Mr Sharkey and myself were actively involved in assessing a healthy number of candidates for 5+, 6+, 7+, 8+, 9+ and 10+ intermediate entry into the Junior School. We were delighted with the calibre of these young students and look forward to welcoming them to the school in September. Sunday saw the 9th Hayling Island Beach Clean. Started in November 2008, this is now a regular half termly event. Mrs Dean, the co-organiser with her husband, reports that we have a super bunch of regulars, comprising staff, parents and pupils past and present. This hardy bunch comes out no matter the weather. Last Sunday they had a record haul; there was a huge amount of drain storm waste which included sets of false teeth!

Perhaps the forthcoming weekend will not be quite so eventful, however we do have the PGS U10 netball tournament to look forward to and, hopefully, the weather will be kind enough to enable the Saturday morning voluntary sports programme to go ahead.

We are looking forward to the second part of the ISI Inspection which is taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Four

experienced inspectors will be joining us on these three days which I hope will prove very helpful and informative, providing us with further guidance as to how we can ensure that our pupils are all supported in the best possible way.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

Philippa Foster

YEAR SIX WELCOME SIKH VISITOR



FIRE SAFETY VISIT TO YEAR 1



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Georgina Lewis** for being a superb story writer, **Samuel Head**, **Maddy Oliver**, **Avi Sengupta**, **Milla Macanovic** and **Lucy Albuery** for writing an excellent story about the Three Little Pigs, **Thomas Robertson**, **Oliver Taylor** and **Luca Williams** for excellent Maths homework, **Georgia Henderson** for excellent poetry, **Thomas Phillips** and **Ryan Webb** for excellent mask making in Drama, **Elicia Seebold** for gaining 100% in her 11+ Mental Maths mock, **Brandon Senior** for excellent note taking in English, **Isabel Boden**, **Meg Dennis**, **Lotte Hayward**, **Georgia Henderson**, **Jasmine Nash**, **Ella Povey**, **Frederike Rademacher** and **Joe Stirrup** for an outstanding ICT project, **Frederick Ansell-Virco** for his fantastic effort with his writing, **Kirav Behari** and **Ava Hooper** for their excellent co-operation with others, **Susannah Boydell** for a beautiful, empathetic piece of work about Africa, **Peter Bustin** for outstanding work in a maths investigation, **Edward Campkin** for working very hard and making good progress in English, **Michaela Clancy** for showing initiative and acting on designing a new school bag, **Tamara Crocker** awarded for her excellent co-operation with others, **William Doyle** for being very helpful and courteous, **Joshua Ellard** for a fantastic attitude and interest expressed in the National Art Gallery, **Freddie Fenton** and **Jack Pearce** for fantastic shape poems based upon an apple, **Molly Harfield** for accurate multiplication and super layout of answers, **Lotte Hayward** for consistent hard work in Maths, **Grant Jackson** for working really hard and making good progress in English, **Helen Jackson** for a superb attitude towards work in all areas of the curriculum, **Thomas Miller** for improved participation during lessons, **Naeve Molho** for fantastic written multiplication, **Raunak Mukherjee** for consistent, thorough and high quality homework, **Jasmine Nash** and **Lillie Simons** for outstanding work in Geography, **Jack Pearce** for a significant improvement in hand writing, **Ben Priory** for consistently outstanding creative writing, **Emma Priory** for excellent multiplication and presentation, **James Read** for improved effort and achievement during English lessons, **Dominique Warren** for excellent attitude towards Maths and improved attainment, **Alistair Wilson** for trying hard to improve his hand writing, **Emily Nelson** for writing a super story, **Ahthini Aranan** for amazing quick and accurate mental Maths, **Sam Caldera** for an excellent investigation finding consecutive numbers, **Anna Caldwell** for fabulous problem solving in Maths, **George Gregory** for really careful, systematic problem solving work in Maths, **Emily Parekh** for a fabulous story 'The Golden Zebra', full of adjectives and similes, **Emily Pereira** for her systematic and organised approach to a Maths investigation, **Jai Thakrar** for an exceptional newspaper article, **James Woodward** for outstanding contribution to class discussion in Maths and for an excellent investigation using square numbers

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Max Burlein (x2), Isobel Gumm (x2), Alice Leonard (x2), Hector Bonnin, Matthew Cheung, Alexander Dassow, Sophie Dennis, Henry Doyle, Jonathon Easton, Maxim Greenfield, Reuben Hogg, Ray Leach, Edward Lovatt, Cameron Manson, Harry Minall, Antonia Phillips, Tom Randall, James Read, Molly Renton, Katheryn Richardson, Guy Sharp, Oliver Swales-Green, Oscar Tagg, Emma Watkins, Henry Wood

English Homework: Matthew Holloway (x3), Oliver Nash (x3), Phoebe Simons (x3), Thomas Austin (x2), Thomas Coyle (x2), Megan Fisher (x2), Daniel Garcia Tarifa (x2), Thomas Groves (x2), Maxwell Gumm (x2), Yic-Hin Jim (x2), Ryan Webb (x2), Dominic Chew, Michaela Clancy, Henrietta Clare, Henry Gill, Rebecca Hawdon, Milly Henderson, Alice Leonard, Jack Norton, Antonia Phillips, Mani Spencer, Oliver Taylor, Benjamin Thomas, Zackary Toh, Henry Wood

Maths: Matthew Cheung (x3), Iman Alayyan (x2), Isabella Barrington-Clark (x2), Alice Cheshire (x2), Yasmin Deter (x2), Isobel Fraser-Harris (x2), Isobel Gumm (x2), Antonia Phillips (x2), Rory Greenwood, Sean Hill, Caitlin Hoddle, Alice Leonard, Harry Minall, Naeve Molho, Tom Randall, Alexandre Sautreau, Tobias Scandling, Devlin Stigant, Kira Walker, Luca Williams

Maths Homework: Yasmin Deter (x5), Merlin Wright (x3), Jasmine Thornell (x2), Rumaanah Cassamo, Dominic Chew, Alexandre Sautreau, Jasmine Thornell, Zackary Toh

Science: Alice Leonard (x3), Max Burlein, Emma Watkins

RS: Yasmin Deter (x2), Sienna Bentley, Matthew Cheung, Henry Gill, Oliver McTear, Ajay Patel, Tom Randall, Emma Watkins, Luca Williams

ICT: Emily Pereira

Geography: Matthew Cheung (x2), Raunak Mukherjee (x2), Jack Shahrani (x2), Luca Williams (x2), Grace Acklam, Haraman Badial, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Rory Bell, Harry Davis-Marks, Charlotte Dean, Isobel Gumm, Benjamin Hall, Alice Leonard, Thomas Miller, Dominic Page, Ajay Patel, James Read, Jai Thakrar, Emma Watkins, James Woodward, Merlin Wright

History: Devlin Stigant (x2), Ray Leach, James Read, Jack Shahrani

Reading: Michaela Clancy (x2), Maxim Greenfield, Philip Macanovic, Lauren McClure, James Read, James Woodward

Spelling: Henry Wood (x2), Benjamin Brooks, Molly Gibb, Serena Graham, Edward Lovatt, Tom Randall, George Wilcockson

Music: Oliver Lilley, George Whelan

Organisation: Rory Bell

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Ashwin Elanchchelian (x2), Poppy Herbert (x2), Sakina Khaja (x2), Evie Chapman, Christian Clark, Daisy Crane, Erica Currie, Brooke Edyvane, Solomon Haba, Ciaran Hards, Douglas Henderson, Martyn Lloyd, Thomas Lockyer, Harry Loveridge, Seth Maxwell, Thomas Moore, Beatrice Oliver, Hazel Porter, Adam Robinson, Theo Roseblade, Jason Shiu, George Summerskill, Georgina Turner, Monty Wingham, Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, Giordano Avondo, Giselle Barfoot, Samuel Bayco-Walker, Grace Beardsley, Kirav Behari, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Ryan Buckley, Jacob Bund, Taariq Cassamo, Amir Choudhury, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Emily Curwood, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, Yasmin Dyer, Holly Fisher, Lily Gibbs, Matthew Grandison, George Gregory, Aimon Haba, Jevon Hannah, William Hartridge, Harry Hellyer, Adam Heyes, Harvey Hill, Erik Hillman, Louie Howe-Walsh, Ethne Leaver, Grace Loveridge, Alex Ly, Milla Macanovic, Frazer Mackenzie, Asef Mahir, Tess Matheson, Hannah Millerchip, Benjamin Nash, Maddy Oliver, Meha Patel, Isabelle Pearce, Jem Porter, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Alice Robertson, Joseph Russell, Dan Sherburn, Henry Simmons, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Omar Talaat, Grace Taylor, Miles Toh, 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—Saturday 6 Feb

U9A & B Rugby v Pilgrims (home) - 1330
PGS U10 Netball Tournament (home) - 1430

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 10 Feb—1430

U10A Netball v St Johns School, Rowlands Castle (home)
U11A Boys' Hockey v West Hill Park (away)
U8 Tag Rugby Tournament at Norman Court (away)

Thursday 11 Feb

U8A & B Girls' Hockey v Twyford (away) - 1330
U8 A & B Rugby v Haslemere (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 Rugby:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10	Westbourne House Tournament	Runners up
U9A	Sherborne House	Lost 35-66
U9B	Sherborne House	Won 50-30
U8A	Sherborne House	Won 55-40
U8B	Sherborne House	Won 40-30

Boys Football:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Semi-Final Portsmouth Schools Cup	Won 2-1

Girls Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U11A	Amesbury	Won 20-1
U11B	Amesbury	Won 3-2
U10A	Amesbury	Won 3-2
U10B	Amesbury	Won 2-1

The 9th Hayling Island Beach Clean

