



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

I can not remember when I last had quite such an eventful and exciting week to write about! It has been packed full of amazing events and significant achievements and I am delighted to be able to share these with you.

I have to start with the truly excellent news that the U11A netball team players are National Champions—an outstanding and fantastic achievement. Because of this, I think it is reasonable to say that they are the best U11 team in the whole of Great Britain! You can imagine how very proud we all are of them. It all happened last Saturday when the girls travelled to Roedean to play in the finals of the IAPS National Netball Tournament. The team qualified for this by winning the south west of England regional round, which they did decisively by winning all their matches. On Saturday the National Finals involved 36 teams representing IAPS schools from across Great Britain (I gather there was even a school from Belgium taking part). I am told that altogether 216 teams entered the regional competitions which were held in six different regions. As you can imagine, the finals on Saturday proved tremendously exciting (not to mention nerve-wracking!) They began with the group stage when we had to play 8 teams. Each match was played for 6 minutes each way. We were delighted when we won every match in our group thus qualifying comprehensively for the quarter finals. Although it was a bit of a battle, we still won the match comfortably. The semi-final proved much more challenging, extra time needed to be awarded twice in order to find a winner. But win we did, thus presenting us with a place in the finals! Again it wasn't an easy match, in fact it began with us going 2 goals down in the first minute. But the girls were not fazed, they calmly 'fought' on and by full time the score was level! Three extra minutes were then awarded and the battle re-commenced. The girls collected themselves and quite simply and calmly raised their game, (quite where they got their energy from I'll never know), they applied the required strategies and, a second before the final whistle, got the winning goal. What an amazing moment and what an amazing achievement; after six years of chasing the title we had done it—National Champions! Huge congratulations and admiration go to: Isabel Boden, Emma Dorricott, Meg Dennis, Kira Walker, Dominique Warren, Alice Cheshire, Caitlin Hoddle, Georgie McTear, Holly Baker and Kate-rina Sillett for this outstanding achievement. I would also like to convey my sincerest gratitude to Mrs Evans who has guided, supported and coached the team and, as such, has been significantly instrumental in aiding their success. I would also like to thank Senior School netball coach, Di Spencer, for the contribution she has made in helping to train the squad.

Events across the rest of the week have also proved hugely enjoyable.

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Last Thursday, 15 members of Year Six attended 'Getting Ready to Run!' - an event held by the Senior School Politics department for local schools which taught of the British electoral system via a quiz in which one of our teams achieved a highly commendable 13/15. They were then shown how to hold a mock election at school—an event the pupils are very keen to develop for the second half of the summer term. Following refreshments, local party candidates introduced themselves and responded to questions from the floor. Georgia Henderson enquired regarding whether voting could move to become via the internet—an issue which united all the candidates as none trust the technology or the governmental systems which seem to lose so much data, but all predicted that such a move would occur in the future. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and, who knows, there may have been a political passion ignited already!

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be in the audience of the Year Three musical production 'Golden Arrow', were treated to an exquisite performance; it was an almost magical experience. With imaginative choreography, outstanding singing and acting and such evident enjoyment on all the faces of our young pupils, the whole experience was delightful! Well done to the performing arts team of Mr Evans, Mr Webber, Mrs Sheldrick and Mrs Townsend and well done indeed to Year Three!

On Monday 15th March we welcomed 105 Year 4 pupils from St Jude's Primary Portsmouth, St John's Rowlands Castle and St James's Emsworth to participate alongside our Year 4 pupils in a special Design technology day. The focus of the day was for pupils from different schools to work alongside each other in pairs to make a motorised buggy which could transport a cream egg over a distance of 5 metres as quickly as possible. The children worked in 6 different classrooms where they planned, constructed, tested and evaluated their buggies. Each classroom was led by a Junior School DT expert from PGJS and we are most fortunate that we have so many talented teachers who were really able to bring this challenge to life. KS2 DT coordinator Mrs Townsend was joined by Mr Sheldrick, Mrs Younger, Mrs Tilling, Mrs Dean and Mr Warin and they all instructed, guided and encouraged the pupils as they used a variety of tools and materials to create their special buggies. At the end of the day, a grand final took place in the DRT before pupils made their way home, tired but extremely satisfied with their days work.

While buggies were busily transporting cream eggs round classrooms, a most memorable event was taking place in the Cathedral, the String Gala Concert, marking the 10th anniversary of the String Scheme. Pupils aged from seven to seventeen took part thus involving pupils who have been part of the string scheme from its earliest days, ten

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## INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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.

### BALLET CLASS—Mon 22 March

There will be no ballet classes on Monday 22nd March. Classes will start again after Easter.

### SUMMER FETE - CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

This years summer fete is fast approaching and once again we are hoping to make this years event even better than 2009. **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 companies 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### MUSIC PRACTICE-A-THON

Many thanks to those pupils who have already collected their sponsorship money and handed it in to Mrs Ingamells. The total is rising! Please could any further money be collected before the end of term.

### 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.

### STRING SCHEME TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Mrs Ingamells would like to thank all the Junior School string pupils and their parents for helping to make Monday's concert such a special occasion, and one that will be remembered for a very long time. The concert was recorded and a DVD will be available next term.

## TRINITY GUILDHALL STRING EXAMINATION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following pupils who all passed their exams with flying colours!

### INITIAL

Distinction – Bhooshitha Balaji, Jack Anson, Will Donworth, Chi-Yunng Lim, Alice Leonard  
Merit - Evie McAuley, Syed Al-Rahim

### GRADE 1

Distinction – Oliver Nash, Jonathan Yang, Daniel Garcia-Tarifa, Tom Randall, Ben Brooks  
Merit – Sabrina Choi, Ben Thomas

### GRADE 2

Distinction – Kirsten Goves  
Merit – Adam Boxall, Benny Wong

### GRADE 3

Distinction – Michaela Clancy  
Merit – Alex Butler, Matthew Llewellyn

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Theo Roseblade, Evie Chapman and Sisi Haba for writing a super letter to the Jolly Postman with no help at all, Alice Leonard for an excellent interpretation of a cat in drama, Peter Millett for a brilliant diary extract for the killer cat, Robert Mitchell for 100% accuracy in weekly spelling tests, Alexander Turner for a fantastic interpretation of a cat in drama, Toby Wingham for excellent effort in Year 3 play rehearsals, Douglas James and Helena Pearce for excellent effort in English, Matilda Goldman for excellent note taking, Isabel Herbert for an excellent diary entry of her weekend, Stewart Jack for outstanding effort in German club, Molly Renton for a brilliant diary entry of her weekend, Benjamin Thomas for a fabulous diary entry of his weekend, Emily Whitehead for a super diary of her weekend, Oliver Evans for making good progress with number work, George Tolcher for drawing a super map for the Jolly Postman so that he knew how to get to the Three Bears' House, Thomas Coyle for outstanding contributions to Circle Time discussions, Thomas Coyle for outstanding contributions to Circle Time discussions, Edward Campkin and Georgina Lewis for consistent hard work in Science, Sabrina Choi for drawing and writing descriptive labels for a beautiful dragon, Annabel Cunningham for hard work in this term's Science unit, Charlotte Dean for writing a fantastic diary entry, Freddie Hares for excellent poetry work in English, Joseph McAuley for consistent excellent effort in French, Freddie Hares for great work on a diary for English, Oliver Taylor for excellent Maths homework, Luca Williams for excellent effort in Maths

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Jack Silver (x3), Charles Elliott (x2), Georgia Henderson (x2), Jak Waktare (x2), Rumaanah Cassamo, Dominic Chew, Imogen Davies, Mia Glover, Rebecca Hawdon, Aelfred Hillman, Olivia Hooper, Raunak Mukherjee, Oakley Murphy, Jasmine Nash, Jack Pearce, Thomas Placintescu, Cicely Podmore, James Read, Molly Renton, Thomas Robertson, Devlin Stigant, Adam Stokely, Ruby Turner, Alistair Wilson

**English Homework:** Charles Elliott (x3), Rumaanah Cassamo, Caroline Clayton, Megan Fisher, Daniel Hill, Lillie Simons, Phoebe Simons, James Taylor, Anna Thornell, Matthew Waters, Margaux Welch, James Woodward

**Maths:** Joseph Kooner-Evans (x2), Lauren McClure (x2), Frederike Rademacher (x2), James Read (x2), Sasha Wells (x2), Merlin Wright (x2), Nikhila Behari, Isabel Boden, Rumaanah Cassamo, Caroline Clayton, Yasmin Deter, William Doyle, Alexander Gibson, Isobel Gumm, Ethan Hoddle, Alice Leonard, Cameron Manson, Evie McAuley, Georgina McTear, Raunak Mukherjee, Ben Priory, Devlin Stigant, Jak Waktare

**Maths Homework:** Rumaanah Cassamo, Lauren McClure

**Science:** Meg Dennis (x3), Lotte Hayward (x2), Lewis Walsh (x2), Isabel Boden, James Clare, Charles Elliott, Roame Leaver, Georgina McTear, Edward Mitchell, Jasmine Nash, Ella Povey, James Ross, Kira Walker, James Woodward

**Science Homework:** Jack Silver (x2)

**RS:** Olivia Hooper (x2), Rebecca Hawdon, Raunak Mukherjee, Jack Shahrhan, Devlin Stigant, Jak Waktare

**Geography:** Isabella Barrington-Clark (x2), Tilly Bell, Cameron Clarke, Sujata Dutta, Grant Jackson, Ben Priory

**History:** Ajay Patel, Georgia Wright

**French:** Georgia Henderson, Olivia Hooper, Joseph Kooner-Evans, Joseph McAuley, Raunak Mukherjee, Henry Percival, Antonia Phillips, Cicely Podmore, Jack Shahrhan, George Whelan

**ICT:** Anna Thornell

**Reading:** Honor Appleby-Mell, Serena Graham, Maxim Greenfield, Olivia Hooper, Marcus Horton, Anna Thornell, Samuel Tucker

**Spelling:** Annabel Cunningham, Rory Gillies

**Handwriting:** Amy Stokely

**Music:** Emily Whitehead

**Dance:** Raunak Mukherjee, Sasha Wells

**Conduct:** Sasha Wells

**Sportsmanship:** James Woodward

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Giordano Avondo (x2), Tariq Cassamo (x2), Yasmin Dyer (x2), Lily Gibbs (x2), Ethan Hards (x2), Harvey Hill (x2), Milla Macanovic (x2), Maddy Oliver (x2), Dan Sherburn (x2), Miles Toh (x2), Evie Chapman, Christian Clark, Daisy Crane, Brooke Edyvane, Oliver Evans, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Solomon Haba, Ciaran Hards, Lucinda Hawdon, Douglas Henderson, Christy Hosford, Martyn Lloyd, Thomas Lockyer, Seth Maxwell, Verity McStay, Thomas Moore, Beatrice Oliver, Hazel Porter, Mei-Ling Reader, Adam Robinson, Theo Roseblade, George Summerskill, Georgina Turner, Christopher Yang, Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, Athini Aranan, Danny Atherton, Priya Badial, Xavier Barfoot, Grace Beardsley, Kirav Behari, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Lucy Budgen, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Poppy Davenport, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan, Holly Fisher, Matthew Grandison, Aimon Haba, Jevon Hannah, Samuel Head, Harry Hellyer, Poppy Herbert, Erik Hillman, Charlotte Howard, Louie Howe-Walsh, Charlotte Johnson, Sakina Khaja, Grace Loveridge, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, Murray McLeod, Hannah Millerchip, William Moore, Meha Patel, Isabelle Pearce, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Alice Robertson, Joseph Russell, Avinandan Sengupta, Henry Simmons, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Daisy Summerskill, Omar Talaat, Harry Tolcher, Jessica Werfalli



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

### FIXTURES—Saturday 20 March—1430

U11A & B Hockey v Westbourne House (away)  
U10A & B Hockey v Westbourne House (home)  
U9A & B Hockey v Westbourne House (away)

## 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—Thursday 25 March—1430

U9A & B Hockey v Amesbury (away)  
U8A & B Hockey v Amesbury (home)

### Friday 26 March—1500

U11 Boys' Hockey Tournament (away)  
U11 Girls' Hockey Tournament (away)

## 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	Highfield	Lost 0-5
U11B	Highfield	Lost 0-1
U10A	Highfield	Lost 0-1
U10B	Highfield	Won 1-0
U9A	Highfield	Lost 0-8
U9B	Highfield	Drew 2-2
U9C	Highfield	Won 2-0

### Girls Netball:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10A	St George's Tournament	Runners up in the Tournament
U11A	IAPS National Finals	<b>We won the Nationals!!</b>
U11B	Cheam	Lost 6-7
U11C	Cheam	Lost 5-6

### Girls Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Result:
U10B	Cheam	Lost 0-6
U10C	Cheam	Drew 0-0
U9A	Amesbury	Drew 1-1
U9B	Amesbury	Won 2-0
U8A	Amesbury	Lost 0-7
U8B	Amesbury	Lost 0-2

# U11 GIRLS' NETBALL TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



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PGS Headmaster's XI

Versus

England Under 16



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ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

Hilsea Playing Fields

Sunday 21 March

2.30pm