



To The Parents

It is quite hard to believe that we are at the end of the spring term already and after an unusually long spring term I hope that you are all looking forward to the Easter break.

For most of the staff and children the end of the term brings the much anticipated residential trips. This type of trip adds so much to the all-round education of the children and enables them to shine and succeed in a totally different environment. I know there will be some anxious parents out there and for many of you this will be the first time your child has been away without you, but rest assured, and based on 20 years' experience, the children will have a wonderful time and will be so busy they won't have the time to miss home. The plans have been made, the risk assessments completed and the bedrooms allocated, all we need now is for the sun to shine.

As I now have a whole term under my belt, the first of many, as Head of PGJS, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous support and words of encouragement since January. I am still getting to know the school; its staff, children, parents and wider community, but as I do I am consistently encouraged, surprised, amazed, proud, impressed and genuinely delighted by what I see.

I have worked at four schools previously, two as Head, all of which were excellent schools. However, PGJS offers an educational and pastoral provision that is far in excess of anything I have previously experienced and this is due mainly to the dedication and hard work of the teaching staff here. Our teachers and support staff are our greatest resource and I am impressed daily by how much they care and how hard they are prepared to work in order to ensure that the pupils receive the very best education we can give them.

Sadly, the April Fool story in last week's edition of The Lion was the one about my playing for Man City in the semi-final of the FA Cup...but I can still dream.....

PS Hopkinson

Science Fact



During Science week Year 3 and 4 were very lucky to have a visit from the TV presenter Kate Bellingham. She talked to us about the importance of maths and science and all the different jobs you could do. She started with an experiment. She dropped a grape into some Lucozade. All the bubbles carried the grape up to the top of the glass. It was really interesting.

Anna Caldwell 3J

Musical Treat

The Hot Cross Bun Concert proved to be a real treat and displayed the great depth of musical talent we have in the Junior School. From the opening number, 'Puff the Magic Dragon', performed by the Corelli Orchestra to the Brass Band's finale performance of 'Tragedy', the whole event oozed talent, enthusiasm and fun.



The musical repertoire ranged from the very modern performance of Snow Patrol's 'Chasing Cars' by the Guitar Ensemble, to the sophisticated *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* by the Jazz Cats; from the traditional pieces of the Vivaldi Orchestra to the ever popular *Yellow Submarine* by the Year 5 Brass Ensemble.

It was a concert of high quality from a group of very talented musicians.

Great Fire of London

On Wednesday 30th March, Year 2 were transported back to September 1666 to experience life during the Great Fire of London. The morning was spent being apprentices for a variety of trades, such as, bakers, chandlers and tanners. The children enjoyed writing with a quill, crushing herbs in the apothecary and stitching their initial on a handkerchief. In the afternoon they became archaeologists to discover more evidence about what happened at the time of the fire. A fantastic day was enjoyed by pupils, teachers and parent helpers.



Speaking Out

Children from Years Five and Six were treated to an excellent and hard fought Spoken English competition last Tuesday in the DRT. Year Five gave superb performances of monologues from different plays, each one different in thought and characterisation. A very tough decision for judge Mary Mitchell but the winner was a worthy Aelfred Hillman, 5J. Year Six gave informative powerpoints on a topic of their choice that demonstrated their knowledge and understanding. The winner was Tom Ross, 6G with a toe-curling talk on Bugs of the Body! Well done to all finalists for a great hour's entertainment.

Nursery News



This week the children in nursery have been exploring the Sensory Room. It has been a very calm and tranquil environment where the children have been discovering their different senses. The projector turned the room into a scene from under the sea, with fishes and sharks swimming around. The light balls were a big hit especially in the dark! The children loved rolling them to each other watching all the different colours. Bumpy, squashy, spiky and soft are some of the words the children used to describe the 'touchy feely' board. They used their hands to feel the different textures and material.

Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers. Collection boxes are located in the Junior School Office

Website

You can view a digital version of *The Lion* on the school website @ www.pgs.org.uk

Parking

We would like to remind all parents to drive and park sensibly around school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Corelli and Vivaldi Orchestras

Please note that rehearsals will start in the second week of term, as follows:
Corelli Orchestra – Tue 3 May
Vivaldi Orchestra – Wed 4 May
Violin, viola and cello lessons will start on the first day of term.

Go Compare!

Year Four have been looking at persuasive adverts in English this week. Their homework from the weekend was to write down as many jingles and slogans from adverts and products that they could. One of the most popular was also the most irritating being the 'Go Compare!' advert. The children were to then come up with a product and an advert to try and sell it! Can you think of any advert slogans? Ask your parents which ones they remember from when they were children!

Non-Gala Performance!

Whilst the other pupils were in the swimming gala, the portion of year 6 that were not had a special lesson with Mrs Reader and Mrs Evans; our task was this: We had to build a tower as tall as we could that would support a sponge ball and maybe a slightly heavier ball, but here's the twist. The only materials we had were newspaper and sellotape. What made this even more of a challenge was that if we needed more newspaper we had to tell a joke (that made **both** the teachers laugh!) We were not allowed to sellotape anything, but newspaper. Some of us produced a rather minute tower, while others created great looming structures! All of the designs held the sponge ball, but none the rubber. It was a great lesson and I think it is safe to say that every single one of us enjoyed it!

Katie Green 6P



Stamp Duty



This week the children have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman'. They have written their own postcards, invitations and letters to family and friends and have designed their own imaginative stamps. After addressing these letters and adding the stamps we went on a short walk to the post box to post our letters. The Mums and Dads are definitely in for a lovely surprise!

Hats Off

On Friday 25th March, KS2 children were invited to 'Wear a Hat to School' in aid of Brain Tumour Research. There was a variety of headgear to be seen, some stranger than others! But we were pleased to announce that we were able to donate just over £250 to the charity.

Up for Reading

If your child still has an Up for Reading Sponsorship form and money to hand in, please pass it to their form teacher as soon as possible. The running total is almost £1000 now, which is an incredible amount to give to this worthy cause.

Well Done

Congratulations to Jack Edmondson-Jones (RY) who plays for the U6's at Portsmouth Rugby and Football Club who won the 'Games Award' trophy on 3rd April between Gosport and Fareham. We wish him and his team all the best for Sunday's match against Caen, the visiting French team.





HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded:

George Silver for excellent challenge work in Maths, **Grace Loveridge, Abigail Wood, Rebecca Hawdon, Charlotte Dean, Evie McAuley, Shree Patel, Molly Gibb, Kirsten Goves, Sabrina Leung** and **Mia Austin** for their outstanding contribution to Inter House Netball, **Tilly Bell** for playing 'Do, Ra, Mi' beautifully in her piano lesson, **Emma Holmes, Matilda Goldman, Abigail Brader** and **Emily Parekh** for their contribution to Inter House Netball, **Edward Campkin, Nadine Hucecova, Mia Glover, Oliver Wisbey, Robert Mitchell** and **Sophie Jennings** for problem solving in Maths, **Oscar Cannon** for showing great empathy to another pupil during rugby sessions, **Molly Moriarty-Turnbull** for an excellent story book, **Poppy Herbert** for outstanding effort at Inter House Hockey, **Rosie Harfield, Emily Curwood, Alice Acklam, Anna Caldwell, Mia Glover, Athini Aranan, Ella Saunders, Charlotte Webb, Naeve Molho, Grace Acklam, Louise Askew, Charlotte Ross, Eliza Sharp, Christie Palmer** and **Elizabeth Jones** for outstanding performance at Inter House Hockey, **Charlotte Webb** for excellent percentage work in Maths, **Molly Renton** for excellent work all term in Maths

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Samara Materna (x3), Luca Williams (x2), Max Burlein (x2), Anna Caldwell (x2), Alice Leonard, Serena White, Margaux Welch, Charlotte Ross, Douglas James, Helena Pearce, Clemmie Gumm, Maria Buckeridge, Mia Glover, Edward Moger, Cameron McClure, Rosie Harfield, Bhooshitha Balaji, Oliver Wisbey, Alexander Barker, Emily Nelson, Lucy Budgen, Susannah Boydell, Poppy Herbert, Ben Priory, Aman Khanna, Jessica Werfalli, William Jones, Sophie Hamer, Emily Curwood, Grace Loveridge

English Homework: Jack Pearce (x5), William Doyle (x2), Tilly Bell (x2), Alice Leonard, Sean Hill, Max Lancaster, Raveena Laly, Kirsten Goves, Molly Gibb, Philip Macanovic, Serena Graham, Thomas Crundwell, Maria Buckeridge, Oliver Wisbey, Ethan Simmonds, Verity Glading, Callum Percival, Georgina Lewis, Grant Jackson, Rory Gillies, George Downing, Abigail Brader
Maths: Rebecca Hawdon (x4), Margaux Welch (x3), Raveena Laly (x2), Charlotte Ross (x2), Maxwell Gumm, Jasmine Thornell, Lorne Gibson, Serena White,

Charlotte Webb, Eleanor Bolton, Joseph Kooner-Evans, George Whelan, Syed Chowdhury, Max Lancaster, Sabrina Leung, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Sujata Dutta, Alexandre Sautreau, Sophie Jennings, Edward Moger, Charlie Pereira, James Crundwell, Eleanor Matthews, Stewart Jack, Poppy Herbert, Sara Hill, Thomas Gibb, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Reuben Hogg, Kirsten Goves

Maths Homework: Jack Hussey, Maria Buckeridge, Jon Garcia Tarifa

Science: Eve Stainton (x3), Max Lancaster (x2), George Whelan (x2), Stewart Jack (x2), Jean-Mickael Hopkinson, Patrick Kirwan, Emily Whitehead, Will Donworth, Charlotte Webb, Charlotte Ross, Eleanor Wilson, Helena Pearce, Clemmie Gumm, Molly Harfield, Maria Buckeridge, Jack Hussey, Shree Patel, Ethan Hoddle, Serena Graham, Zackary Toh, Omar Talaat, Jevon Hannah, George Gregory

RS: Raveena Laly, Charlotte Ross, Alexander Gibson, Will Donworth, Eleanor Bolton, Eleanor Wilson, Charlotte Webb, Clemmie Gumm, Serena Graham, Mia Glover, Bhooshitha Balaji, Ryan Zhou, Aimon Haba

French: Douglas James, James Taylor

Geography: Thomas Matthews, Susannah Boydell, Anna Caldwell, Ryan Buckley, Emily Nelson, William Doyle, Emily Curwood, Rory Buckeridge, Erik Hillman, Jessica Werfalli, Sophie Hamer

History: Charlotte Webb, Thomas Matthews, Patrick Caldwell

Spelling: Bhooshitha Balaji, Rory Buckeridge, Sophie Hamer

Reading: Thomas Atkinson (x2), Eleanor Bolton, Adam Brown, Ethan Hoddle, Benjamin Brooks, William Jones, Erik Hillman

PE: Kian Souhani

GOLD BADGE

Congratulations to **Louise Askew** for gaining her Gold Badge

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Patrick Kirwan** for gaining his Red Badge

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Alistair Wilson** for gaining his Blue Badge

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Oliver Tinson, Alice Robertson** and **Sophie Hamer** for gaining their Green Badge

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

Arya Patel (x2), George Buckle, Abi-Mae Budgen, Sophia Caldwell, Henry Cannon, Jack Edmondson-Jones, Montgomery Rothwell, Diarmuid Bailey, Maria Deter, Lucia Garcia Tarifa, Callum Mackenzie, Ethan Platts, Alexander Stocks, Gabriella Giordano, Molly Moriarty-Turnbull, Ana Powell Ramallal, James Cuthbert, George Tolcher, Clara Matthews, Amelie Parker, Sam Tran, Evan Cole, Amber Bradley, Joshua Scott, Christian Sim, William Moore, Avinandan Sengupta, Hannah Millerchip, Omar Chowdhury, James Christensen, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan, Henry Buckle, Harvey Hill, Douglas Henderson, Martyn Lloyd, George Summerskill, Alex Ly, Miltiadis Orfanidis, Meha Patel, Isaac Platts, Noah Stocker, Giselle Barfoot, Adam Heyes, Sophie Gale, Asef Mahir

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Yasmin Dyer (3P) who not only came 20th out of 69 gymnasts in the whole of Hampshire in the Hampshire County Grades Gymnastics competition but also passed her Grade 14 with distinction.

Elliot Hartridge (RO) who has passed his ASA Swimming Grade 1 award.

William Hartridge (2M) who has achieved his Grade 4 ASA National Plan award and has also achieved his 50m distance ASA Rainbow Swimming award.

Jonathon Easton (6P) for achieving a Merit in Grade 7 Trumpet.

George Gregory (3G) for passing his piano prep test.

Lorne Gibson (5J) whose football team, East Lodge A, won the League Cup final at Lee on Solent. Lorne and his team were presented with a beautiful cup and medals.

Joshua Scott (10) who has achieved his Stage 2 swimming certificate and badge.

Max Povey (10) who has been awarded a trophy for the Under 7's Player of the Week at Portsmouth Rugby Club.



Gala Performance



The Year 5 and 6 House Swimming Gala took place last week and as the teachers and parents wilted in the sub-tropical climate of the swimming pool, the children showed their cool by gliding through the water in a succession of hard fought races.

After three hours of swimming Jerrard came out as victors and were deserving of the House trophy (see picture above).

However, the real winner was the manner in which the children went about supporting each other and their House opponents. The cheering and vocal support in general did not wane over the three hours and more impressive was the sight of children completing their races and then shaking hands, high fiving and back slapping each other, regardless of their House or their finishing position.

The House spirit was evident throughout the whole, busy week of sporting competition and the PE/Games staff were very proud of all those who took part.

Results

Boys' Football

Team	Opposition	Score
U10	Portsmouth Schools Semi-Final v St Judes	Won 3-0

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**

NO HILSEA GAMES

On 9, 16, 23 or 30 April

Inter House Swimming Results Years 3 and 4

Team:

1	Privett	376
2	Nicol	352
3	Hudson	338
4	Jerrard	266

Individual Champions

Year 3:

	BOYS	GIRLS
1	Joseph Russell	Yasmin Dyer
2	Rory Buckeridge	Poppy Herbert
3	=Henry Simmons =William Davis	Anna Caldwell

Year 4:

	BOYS	GIRLS
1	Cameron Clarke	Georgina Lewis
2	Henry Wood	Sammie Materna
3	Adam Stokely	Lauren Johnstone

Years 5 and 6

Team:

1	Jerrard	574
2	Privett	542
3	Nicol	494
4	Hudson	324

Individual Champions

Year 5:

	BOYS	GIRLS
1	Matthew Holloway = Oscar Cannon	Abigail Wood Charlie Dean
3	Oliver Lilley	Evie McAuley

Year 6:

	BOYS	GIRLS
1	Joe Hunter	Charlotte Amenta-Lynch
2	Thomas Atkinson	Lydia Buckeridge
3	William Lewis	Amy Stokely

Years 5 and 6 Inter House Netball

Year 5:

		Team Star
1	Nicol	Abigail Wood
2	Hudson	Rebecca Hawdon
3	Jerrard	Charlie Dean
4	Privett	Evie McAuley

Year 6:

		Team Star
1	Privett	Shree Patel
2	Jerrard	Molly Gibb
3	Nicol	Kirsten Goves
4	Hudson	Sabrina Leung

Girls' Inter House Hockey Results Years 3 and 4

=1	Privett
=1	Jerrard
3	Nicol
4	Hudson

House Stars:

House	Year 3	Year 4
Privett	Poppy Herbert	Rosie Harfield
Jerrard	Emily Curwood	Alice Acklam
Nicol	Anna Caldwell	Mia Glover
Hudson	Ahthini Aranan	Ella Saunder

Years 5 and 6

1	Privett
2	Jerrard
3	Nicol
4	Hudson

House Stars:

House	Year 5	Year 6
Privett	Charlotte Webb	Naeve Molho
Jerrard	Grace Acklam	Louise Askew
Nicol	Charlotte Ross	Eliza Sharp
Hudson	Christie Palmer	Elizabeth Jones

Quiz Corner

Mrs Budgen's Brain Boggler:

Sudoku - every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers 1 through 4. Don't guess - use logic!

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1			
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Answer from last week:

1	3	2	4
2	4	1	3
4	2	3	1
3	1	4	1

The anagram answer: House Swimming Gala