



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

PGS not only provides countless learning opportunities for its children but also actively encourages and provides similar for its staff. In addition to the INSET days, twilight training sessions, courses attended and most importantly the opportunities to learn from each other, there is a regular flow of guest speakers and lecturers who provide stimulating, interesting and enjoyable opportunities for our teaching staff to learn about, and enhance their understanding of, education and the world beyond. I was most fortunate to attend the annual Charles Dickens Lecture at The John Pounds Memorial Church last Saturday evening and beforehand chat to two of the great man's great, great grandsons. It was fascinating to find out about the links between the School and Dickens and of course his association with the City of Portsmouth. Our very own Dicken's Library now has much great significance to me and I look forward to the Junior School celebrating the 200th anniversary of his birth next year.

It would be tremendously interesting to hear Dickens's views on how written communication has been transformed, especially over the last decade, with the explosion of electronically generated material. He would, I am sure, have comment to make on the fact that his complete works are now available for download for the grand sum of £2.22!! We now communicate with you, our parents, in the written form through various media: traditional letter, e-mail, website, VLE and now even Twitter, and I hope that this enables you to be fully informed about the School. This newsletter is perhaps the most effective and popular of those mediums and it is because of this that will be re-launching it into a new,

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exciting format following the half term break. The children have already been involved in this process, thinking of a new name for the weekly publication. Their ideas were interesting and varied, some quite amusing, but we have decided that **'The Lion'**, suggested by Jake Austin (6G), was a name worthy of the PGJS newsletter. **The Lion** will include more stories and pictures about what is happening in the classrooms and around school on a weekly basis and other new features, as well as retaining the popular rolls of honour in the **Lion's Pride** section. So watch out, **The Lion** is coming soon.

PS Hopkinson

INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CLUBS

There will be no staff run clubs on Wednesday 16th February. Externally run clubs will continue as normal.

BRASS BAND

The Junior School Band is performing at Southsea Castle Rotary Club's Charity Music Concert at St Jude's Church, Kent Road, Southsea on 12th March, start time 7.00pm. Admission is only by ticket. They are only available in advance as numbers are limited and are priced at £5 for adults and free for accompanied under 16 year olds. Jerry Wilson, parent, can supply tickets. Contact him by phone on 02392321480 or by email jerronnie@hotmail.com.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Ctd...

KS2 SPOKEN ENGLISH

The KS2 Spoken English heats take place in each year group after half term. Your children may be coming home with a poem or a piece of prose to learn. Please help them to practise this piece of work, so that on return from the half term holiday they will enjoy the experience of participating in the Year Group heats. Following the heats, the best pupils from each year group will go through to the Finals, which take place on the 22nd of February.

WANTED

Second hand digital/electronic piano for child's first piano. Must be in good condition, in good working order and ideally have Clavinova functioning keys. If you have one you wish to part with or know of a friend or relative who does, please contact Helen Nelson on mobile 07722298683 or email nelson1991@ntlworld.com.

MOBILE PHONES

The Junior School is currently sending old mobile phones to the Pink Ribbon Foundation who support women suffering from breast cancer and who also research the early detection and treatment of breast cancer. Can you please turn your cupboards out and bring any old mobile phones to the Junior School Office where Mrs Kaznowski will gladly send them off. Only the phone is required not the charger.

Alexander L'Estrange
ZIMBE!
"Come, sing the songs of Africa!"
"Njooni! Zimbe! Nyimbo za Afrika"
JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING SINGING WORKSHOP
@ Portsmouth Cathedral
on Saturday 12 March 2011

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Amber Bradley** (10) who has passed her pre Ballet Assessment and has also achieved her Stage 2 Swimming Certificate.

Congratulations to **Thomas Groves** (5P) who was awarded 'Best Instrumentalist Prize' at the Wessex Brass Band Association Youth Music Festival, beating soloists from 10 other Youth and Training Bands.

Congratulations to **Ben Hunter** (4J) who swam 1 mile, 64 lengths, in his swimming lesson gaining his 1 mile swimming badge.

BADGES

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Charlie Dean** and **Antonia Phillips** for gaining their Red Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Oliver Donworth** and **Emily Curwood** for gaining their Green Badge.

MENU WEEK 2

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR ZIMBE!

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Email address:

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass (please circle)

Adults £10 Under 16 £5 Family (2 adults plus children) £20
In aid of the Mivumoni Library in Kenya and Sunyani Diocese in Ghana

Cantate girls' choir from Portsmouth Cathedral invites you to sing Zimbe! - an exciting choral work featuring songs from Africa - at our workshop on Saturday 12 March 2011.

Led by Cantate director Andrew Cleary and the composer of Zimbe! Alexander L'Estrange, we'll spend the day learning the songs and then perform a short early evening concert in the Cathedral, accompanied by a jazz band. The workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities so please come and join the fun!

Registration for the workshop begins at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Music will be provided. The concert is at 6.30pm. Both rehearsal and concert will take place in Portsmouth Cathedral. For directions check: www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Refreshments will be on sale during morning and afternoon breaks (tea, coffee, soft drinks and home made cakes). But please bring a packed lunch.

Send your completed form together with payment (cheques payable to Cantate please) and a stamped addressed envelope to: Fiona Alsop, 8 Wallis Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 7RX

For more information about the event contact: andrewcleary@virginmedia.com

HOUSE TIMES TABLE COMPETITION

I was really pleased to win the Year 4 Jerrard House Times Table Competition a few weeks ago and to have a chance to represent my House in the House Times Tables Final. When I entered the David Russell Theatre on Tuesday, I felt a little nervous especially with the whole of Key Stage 2 present and watching so closely. It was quite scary. However, when the Competition began, I was able to focus and work my way through the questions quickly. When Mr Ainsworth announced that I was the Year 4 winner I was really surprised and very happy. I feel very proud to have won for Jerrard, especially since I have only been at PGS since September.

I really enjoy Maths - it is sometimes hard work but achieving good results in class and winning today makes it all worthwhile. My congratulations also go to Ahthini Aranan who won in Year 3, Matthew Cheung who won in Year 5 and Ajay Patel, who won in Year 6.

By Isaac Hillier



(from left to right - Matthew Cheung, Ajay Patel, Isaac Hillier and Ahthini Aranan)

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Following our Christmas card project last term, we are pleased to announce that through the proceeds of the sale of the cards, we were able to raise £2197 for the Charity "Facing The World". This charity provides life changing reconstructive surgery to children with severe facial disfigurements in under-privileged countries, in not only conducting surgery where they live, but also being able to transport them back to the UK and give them specialist surgery to reconstruct their faces. We were hoping to have a visit from Sarah Driver-Jowitt (Chief Executive) and Simon Eccles (Surgeon) to receive the cheque but since they are extremely busy visiting potential patients, they are unable to visit the school at present. We all wish the Charity well for the future and look forward to hearing of how your money has facilitated giving children hope for the future.



FACING THE WORLD

Many thanks for all your support for such a worthy cause. **With your help even more children will have the chance to smile.** Please visit their website at www.facingtheworld.net

Mrs B E Tilling

6S SUCCESS—U11B NETBALL TEAM



Can you believe it! All the players in the U11 B netball team on Saturday 5th February in our match against Cheam were solely from 6S, our class. It was only during our warm up that we realised. We were playing against Cheam away, who were undefeated this season. After the first quarter it was 4-4, half time we just edged ahead 8-6 even though they were extremely tough opposition and hard to beat. In the last quarter, we raced away to eventually win with the amazing score of 20-8.

Maria Buckeridge GS, Molly Harfield GA, Eve Stainton WA/C, Sophie Forrest C/WA/WD, Emma PRIORITY WD/WA Shree Patel GD, Kirsten Goves GK. We proved to be a fandabbytastic team. Written by all the 6S Success Team (U11Bs)

BRYANSTON MATHS CHALLENGE

Earlier this week Mrs Minall and Mrs R Evans took six Year Six pupils to Bryanston School in Blanford Forum, for the annual Bryanston Maths Challenge. There were 67 pairs of pupils from a variety of independent and state primary schools. The pupils were split into two groups; the red and blue sections. In the Red section we had Alex Dassow and Tom Ross working together and Finley Bacon and Ajay Patel also as a pair. In the Blue section, Tom Baker worked with Nicole Hugecova. The children completed 3 exercises: **The Mental Test** - 20 gruelling questions (1 mark each), **Counting Down** - 5 points gained for each correct solution plus 5 bonus points if the pair completes the solution first in their section and **The Big Event** - 5 point per problem solving question.



After two gruelling hours of maths, the children scored as follows: Alex Dassow and Tom Ross - 20/20 mental test, 90points Counting Down, 70 points Big Event - Total points 180 Tom Baker and Nicole Hugecova - 20/20 mental test, 85 points Counting Down, 65 points Big Event - Total points 170 Finley Bacon and Ajay Patel - 19/20 mental test, 60 points Counting Down, 75 points Big Event - Total points 154. Tom Baker and Nicole Hugecova won the Blue section and won maths sets and calculators! Unfortunately Alex and Tom were pipped into third place in the red section! Overall out of all the 67 pairs there: Alex and Tom R were 3rd, Tom B and Nicole C 5th and Finley and Ajay came 12th, which was a brilliant achievement.

The children worked extremely hard, and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. We were extremely proud of their achievements and how well they applied themselves to the challenging questions.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded:

Poppy Davenport for a fantastic African monoprint, **Milly Henderson** and **Charlotte Webb** for excellent investigative work in Maths, **Miltiadis Orfanidis** for a beautifully detailed Masai head in DT, **Thomas Ross** for his excellent playscript which included all of the Level 5 elements, **Rebecca Hawdon** for her amazing model of 'Little London' which was created for her Red Badge, **Matthew Waters** for an excellent PowerPoint on the butterfly life cycle, **Sasha Wells** for outstanding work in Maths, **Oliver Nash** for outstanding descriptive writing, **Benjamin Nash** for excellent work in Drama, **Thomas Placintescu** for excellent work in English, **Isaac Hillier** for excellent English homework, **Mia Glover** for working extremely well in English, **Alice Leonard** for excellent use of co-ordinates in four quadrants, **Diarmuid Bailey** for showing good tactical awareness in simple games, **Loren Dean** and **Iman Alayyan** for being very helpful at House table tennis, **Thomas Robertson** for a fantastic acrostic using the term sacred,

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Alexander Gibson (x2), Alistair Wilson (x2), Joseph Hopkinson (x2), Antonia Philips, Luca Williams, Finley Howe-Walsh, George Whelan, Eleanor Wilson, Samuel Elliott, Molly Harfield, Sophie Forrest, Clemmie Gumm, Fergus Gibson, Patrick Caldwell, Ryan Zhou, Victoria Toh, Ethan Simmonds, Cameron McClure, Stewart Jack, Thomas Placintescu, Benjamin Steggall, Holly Fisher, Claudia Bishop, Frazer Mackenzie, Priya Badial, Susannah Boydell, Sara Hill, Samuel Bayco-Walker, Amir Choudhury, Rory Buckeridge, Ahthini Aranan, Emily Curwood, Erik Hillman, Zavier Barfoot

English Homework: Milly Henderson, Megan Fisher, Tristram Randall, Margaux Welch, Naeve Molho, Hazel Bennett, Jai Thakrar, Oliver Swales-Green, Thomas Ross, Finley Bacon, Joseph Hopkinson, Tara Bell, Ahthini Aranan

Maths: Rebecca Hawdon, Finley Howe-Walsh, Luca Williams, Jasmine Thornell, Oscar Cannon, Charles Elliott, Eleanor Bolton, Sasha Wells, Charlotte Webb, Samuel Elliott, Joshua Ellard, Benjamin Brooks, George Davis-Marks, Omar Talaat, Claudia Bishop, Emily Nelson, Ahthini Aranan

Maths Homework: Samuel Elliott

Science: Yasmin Deter, Sasha Wells, Ray Leach

RS: Isobel Gumm (x4), Jasmine Thornell, Brandon Senior, Eliza Sharp, Oliver Wisbey, Robert Mitchell, Grace Taylor, Aimon Haba, Grace Beardsley, Emily Parekh, Joshua Chipper, Tara Bell,

History: Ray Leach (x2), Patrick Caldwell, Fergus Gibson

Geography: Ray Leach, Grace Rafferty, Matilda Goldman, Poppy Herbert

Reading: Fergus Gibson, Serena Graham, Poppy Herbert, Benjamin Jones

Spelling: Alexander Gibson (x2), Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Jozef Wragg, Megan Fisher, Lorne Gibson, Eleanor Wilson, Grace Saunders, Emily Curwood

Dance: Emily Clark, Grace Saunders

Music: Charlotte Webb, Henry Wood

Games: Evie McAuley, Sasha Wells, Ray Leach, Emily Clark, Tara Bell, Grace Saunders

Hockey: Ahthini Aranan

Conduct: Oliver Donworth

PowerPoint Presentation: Fergus Gibson, Patrick Caldwell

School Trip: Benjamin Steggall

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

Verity McStay (x2), Isabelle Pearce (x2), Abi-Mae Budgen, Heloise-Thiané Cisse, Hope Esmé Hillier, Arya Patel, Montgomery Rothwell, Reuben Thomas, George Buckle, Daniel Appleton, Arthur Guillo, James Curwood, Callum Mackenzie, Eve Tanner, Lucia Garcia Tarifa, William Percival, Amelie Parnell, Ethan Platts, Isabella Devereux, Oliver Evans, Lucinda Hawdon, Thomas Lockyer, Amelie Parker, Imogen Potts, Julien Schouller, Christopher Yang, Christian Clark, Douglas Henderson, Christy Hosford, Georgina Turner, Daisy Crane, Ciaran Hards, Seth Maxwell, Thomas Moore, Brooke Edyvane, Ava Hooper, Asef Mahir, Meha Patel, Isaac Platts, Noah Stocker, Kirav Behari, Adam Heyes, Sophie Gale, Tom Shahrani, William Hartridge, Amber Bradley, Evan Cole, Emma Hale, Max Povey, Rebecca Cleary, Louie Howe-Walsh, Lucy Albuery, Lily Gibbs, Samuel Head, Ethan Hards, Sophie Matheson, Sakina Khaja, Gabriel Appleby-Mell, Giordano Avondo, Poppy Davenport



SPORT

SATURDAY SPORT

HILSEA GAMES

There will be games sessions for **KEYSTAGE 2 PUPILS** at Hilsea this Saturday from 0900 to 1000. Saturday morning games are voluntary. There will be rugby for the boys and hockey for the girls.

FIXTURES—Sat 12 Feb

U9A & B Rugby v Pilgrims (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—Wed 16 Feb

U11A & B Rugby v Haslemere (home) - 1430

U10A & B Rugby v Haslemere (away) - 1430

U11A & B Netball v Twyford (home) - 1430

U10A & B Girls' Hockey v Twyford (home) - 1430

U11C Netball v Cottage Grove (home) tbc

Thu 17 Feb

U9A 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**

RESULTS

Boys' Rugby:

Team	Opposition	Score
U11A	Twyford	Lost 19-21
U11A	Twyford	Won 50-0
U10A	Twyford	Won 20-10
U10B	Twyford	Won 60-5
U9A	Twyford	Lost 0-15
U9B	Twyford	Won 55-5
U11B	Pilgrims	Lost 0-33

Girls' Hockey:

Team	Opposition	Score
U10A	Cheam	Lost 1-3
U10B	Cheam	Drew 2-2
U9B	Cheam	Lost 0-4

Girls' Netball:

Team	Opposition	Score
U11A	St Ives	Won 13-8
U11B	St Ives	Won 24-1
U11A	Cheam	Won 18-8
U11B	Cheam	Won 20-8
U11C	Cheam	Won 24-9
U11C	Durlston Court	Lost 6-36 (played an astoundingly good Durlston team!)