



To The Parents

Quiz

I am looking forward to the JSA Pub Quiz this Friday, which promises to be a fun evening and should raise further funds for our exciting playground redevelopment. I have the honour of asking some of the questions this year, and together with Mr Ashcroft we hope to live up to Hugh Dennis' high standards last year (sorry, no late refunds on tickets!!).

Workshop

I was once again overwhelmed with the response to the Maths Workshop, and delighted that these events are proving so popular and useful. If there are any other similar events you would like to see, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Coats

I would like to urge you to send your children in with coats, hats and gloves during the colder weather

PS Hopkinson
Headmaster

Beach Clean

The 21st Beach Clean saw a superb turn out, with over 60 pupils, staff and parents and a record amount of litter collected.

Interesting finds were part of an old rubber diving suit with a rusted valve and the contents of a fish tank -all the luminous pebbles and fake greenery.

Thanks to all those who helped out.



Maths Made Simple?

Take 125 parents, add 15 teachers, and the result is a very successful Maths Workshop. The focus for the second of our workshops, aimed at helping our parents understand how their children are taught and learn, was on multiplication and division. Mrs Hardy and Mrs Minall took parents through the progression in teaching and learning and then encouraged our willing mums and dads to have a go at solving some problems themselves. It is fair to say that division proved a little more challenging than multiplication, but there was no evidence of copying and no calculators were spotted. It was great to see our parents and teachers engaging so closely and we are sure this will lead to our children learning even more.



Afghan Bound Bears

A parent working in the armed forces recently told us about the plight of the children in Afghanistan, many of whom have been badly injured during the conflict. These children spend a long time in hospital, many of them with few or no toys to play with.

Our children have been delighted to donate some of their soft toys to this worthy cause and Mrs Kaznowski has been busy counting them as they are boxed and sent off. So far nearly 200 toys have begun the journey to find a new and loving owner. All the children have been very pleased to make a small but meaningful donation of something which



Rory's Report of the Week

Rory has chosen two stories this week. The first, Eliot's account of his trip to the theatre, for which he receives a Rory Badge, and second, Matthew's story about his holiday, for which he receives a Cub Reporter Certificate

Last Minute Call

On Wednesday I went to the theatre to see Cinderella with my Mum, Grandma and Grandad. It was very busy when we arrived. Grandad had to park the car a long way from the theatre. I saw a lot of people from the Junior School. The audience joined in the show by clapping, singing and dancing. There was a break half way through the show, so that people could buy drinks and ice cream. At the end of the show they said the actress that normally played the part of Cinderella was ill, so her under study took over. She was only told three quarters of an hour before the show started.

Eliot Robinson-Randell 3J

Top of the Hill

Before Christmas, I went on holiday to Cornwall with my family. We did lots of walking, and one day I walked 6 miles. This is a picture of me standing on top of a really big hill that I climbed.

Matthew Guyver RO



was precious to them in hope that they could bring a smile to another child's face. We'll keep you updated with just how many we have collected!

Nursery News



On Wednesday of last week the Nursery had a visit from a fire engine. The children couldn't believe their eyes as they entered the Senior School Quad! The Firemen were very friendly, letting the children try on their helmets and look at all the different equipment they use. The children were allowed to sit inside the fire engine and pretend to drive. Using the hose to squirt water was really fun. The children had to try to knock a ball off the top of a cone. Thank you to the Fireman from Southsea Fire Station for making the visit so much fun!

Olympic Maths

Studying the Olympics in Maths has been fun and it suits all maths sets. It also gives you a break after the 11+ that feels slightly easier than has been normal recently.

It is really amazing because you can do lots of stuff that you've learned over the last couple of weeks!



It's different, because all the facts are real and it's tricky creating pie charts, as there are many recurring numbers which are harder to calculate.

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Mrs Hague's Drama Club

Drama Club will run as usual on the 8th February starting at 3.30pm. There will be no Drama Clubs after 7th March and no Speech and Drama Clubs after 9th March although Speech and Drama Club for Year 1 on 14th March will go ahead.

PGJS Pupils Going Downhill



We had a very positive experience on Friday, the absolute beginners were taught about their skis and bindings, how to carry them and put them on. They skied parallel and snowplough stopped and the adventurous even skied backwards down the slope! The Novices found their ski legs very quickly and raced Mrs Townsend. The intermediates and advanced went up onto the longest slope, which had just been fitted with the newest top of the range surface available in the world! They whizzed down the slalom course with style and speed. The staff at Snow Trax were very complimentary about the children's behaviour and their ability.

African Prints



Year Two have been learning how to print using some very sticky printing ink. Some children have been printing Kenyan scenes with a matchbox as their tool whilst others have used rolled colours to make an African sunset and then printed acacia trees with sponges and match boxes to create a scene from the Savannah. The Year Two teachers and pupils would now like to request a school visit to Kenya as part of their learning...if only!!!!

Safety First

On Monday it was amazing to have the Fire Engine come to our school.

We all learned how important it is to wear our seatbelt in the car, so we can be safe on the road, and why we need to wear our helmet when riding our bike. We watched a video, where you had to count how many passes a basketball team made, and at the same time spot a moon walking bear!

These exercises showed us how important concentrating is.



When we got outside, we saw the fire engine. Inside was a pretend house, one room before a house caught fire and one after. We investigated why the house caught fire. My friend Abi found some hair straighteners and thought that maybe that is why the house caught fire. There were matches too, and a lighter. Then the fire safety men, Dave and Gary, told us what to do in a real fire.

Altogether, I think it was a great day.
Tilly Bell 5S

Let Me In!



We had huge fun in Year One this week re-enacting the story of "The Three Little Pigs". We got into groups of 4 or 5 and sorted out who would be the Big, Bad Wolf (possibly played by two children) and who would be the First, Second and Third Little Pigs. There was plenty of huffing and puffing going on, but all our little piggies remained safe.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded:

Jimmy Cathie-Kirby for a fantastic picture of all the characters in the Little Red Hen, **Thomas Austin** for his Level 6 in the Electricity assessment, **Thomas Robertson, Benjamin Thomas, Oliver Nash, Oliver Taylor, Will Donworth, Douglas James, Eleanor Wilson, Abigail Wood, Max Burlein, Maxwell Gumm, Matthew Cheung, Sean Hill, Emma Watkins, Archie Bennett, Alice Leonard, Nicholas Ng** and **Thomas Groves** for their Level 6 in the Changing Circuits assessment, **Georgina Lewis** for excellent reading and 100% spellings since September, **Eleanor Osbaldestin** for consistently well mannered and excellent behaviour, **James Crundwell, Amun Laly, Giorgio Dellesite, Ollie Tinson, Anthony Cheung** and **Thomas Placintescu** for outstanding writing of an interview with an Olympian

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Nadine Hucecova (x2), Henry Wood (x2), Freddy Wood (x2), Benjamin Steggall (x2), Will Donworth, John Taylor, Tom Lees, Ethan Simmonds, Toby Wingham, Freddy Wood, Freddie Fenton, Lauren Johnstone, Eleanor Matthews, Reuben Hogg, Emma Holmes, Louise Shannon, Rory Buckeridge, Matthew Pidden, Ewan Fleming, Omar Talaat, Amir Choudhury, Maddy Oliver, Sakina Khaja, William Hartridge, Kristian Fraser

English Homework: Evie McAuley, Eleanor Wilson, George Whelan, Alexander Gibson, Jude Hyatt, Eleanor Bolton, Edward Lovatt, Jack Pearce, Robert Mitchell, Henry Wood, Victoria Toh, Holly Fisher, Danny Atherton

Maths: Abigail Brader (x2), Eleanor Matthews (x2), Amun Laly (x2), Matthew Pidden (x2), Thomas Gibb (x2), Poppy Herbert (x2), Joseph Kooner-Evans, Charlotte Webb, Cameron Clarke, Ben Priory, Henry Wood, Grant Jackson, Freddie Fenton, Freddy Wood, Oliver Donworth,

Lauren Johnstone, Reuben Hogg, Matthew Grandison, Frederick Williams Brown, Omar Talaat, Danny Atherton, Tara Bell, Samuel Stocks, Emily Nelson, Ryan Buckley Verity Glading, Samuel Bayco-Walker, Anna Caldwell, Samuel Hemingway, Samuel Head, Caleb Hillier, Asef Mahir, William Hartridge, Eleanor Osbaldestin

Maths Homework: Alistair Wilson Oliver Wisbey, Aman Khanna, Cameron Clarke, Erik Hillman

Science: Mia Glover (x3), Adam Stokely (x2), Oliver Donworth (x2), Joseph Kooner-Evans, Charlotte Webb, Jude Hyatt, Eleanor Bolton, Evie McAuley, Abigail Brader, Ethan Simmonds, Freddy Wood

History: Eleanor Bolton, Alistair Wilson, Abigail Brader

Geography: Charlotte Webb, Eleanor Bolton, Abigail Brader, Aman Khanna, Freddy Wood, Henry Wood, Benjamin Steggall, Emily Curwood, Erik Hillman, Jevon Hannah, Ethne Leaver

French: George Whelan, Erik Hillman, Frederick Williams Brown, William Jones, Rory Buckeridge, Tara Bell, Ethne Leaver, Kian Souhani, Danny Atherton, Benjamin Nash, Ryan Buckley

RS: Abigail Brader (x3), Cameron Clarke (x3), Jevon Hannah (x3), Joseph Kooner-Evans, Charlotte Webb, Alistair Wilson, Eric Sanders, Aman Khanna, Hannah Richards-Kellett

ICT: Matthew Grandison, Harvey Hill

Reading: Joseph Kooner-Evans, Jude Hyatt, Adam Stokely, Mia Glover, George Downing, Benjamin Hunter, Grace Loveridge, Matthew Grandison

Spelling: Oliver Wisbey, Edward Moger, Ben Priory, Jack Pearce, George Silver, Timothy Downing, Caleb Hillier, Ava Hooper

Handwriting: Alistair Wilson, Ethan Simmonds, Grant Jackson, Freddie Fenton

Comprehension: William Jones, Matthew Grandison, Benjamin Jones, Jaden McCoy, Sophie Hamer, Grace Loveridge, Matthew Pidden

Dance: Emma Holmes

Cello: William Moore, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan

Conduct: Matthew Grandison, Eleanor Osbaldestin

Effort: Susannah Boydell

Grown up behaviour: Adam Heyes

Note Taking: Matthew Grandison, Amy Scott, Erik Hillman

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

Brooke Edyvane (x3), Evie Howard, Miles Powell, Lu-Li Reader, Milly Wilson, Ravi Anil Kumar, Harry Ariaratnam, Nicholas Ball, Martha Bell, James Carlin, Eva Durrant, Evie Howard, Chandhana Iravindranath, Archie Simmons, Vidhyabhushan Balaji, Jimmy Cathie-Kirby, Mei-Ling Reader, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Judith Jellicoe, Thomas Lockyer, Miles Webb, Lucinda Hawdon, Jesal Patel, Daniel Perkins, Sophia Caldwell, Poppy Titheridge, Ella Davenport, Henry Cannon, Elsa Hares, Samuel Hargreaves, Michael Stylianou, Henry Cannon, Hope Esme Hillier, Toby Foord, Emily Gibb, Ciaran Hards, Christy Hosford, Douglas Henderson, Harry Jones, Seth Maxwell, Beatrice Oliver, Georgina Turner, Evie Chapman, Christian Clark, Daisy Crane, Theo Roseblade, George Summerskill

BADGES

RED BADGE - Congratulations to **Isaac Hillier** for gaining his Red Badge.

BLUE BADGE - Congratulations to **Elliot Chubb** for gaining his Blue Badge

Quiz Corner

Mrs Budgen's Brain Boggler:

Ten people were sheltering under one umbrella but none of them got wet. Why?

Answers from last week:

Silence



Results

Boys' Rugby

Team	Opposition	Score
U10B	Barrow Hills	Lost 0-30
U10C	Barrow Hills	Drew 10-10
U11A	Barrow Hills	Won 53-19
U8A	Barrow Hills	Drew 25-25
U8B	Barrow Hills	Won 40-35
U8C	Barrow Hills	Won 15-10
U9A	Barrow Hills	Lost 5-20
U9B	Barrow Hills	Won 25-20
U10	Westbourne House Tournament	5 th overall

Boys' Football

Team	Opposition	Score
U11A	Portsmouth School semi-final v Lyndhurst	Lost 1-3

Girls' Hockey

U10A	West Hill Park Tournament	4 th overall
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Girls' Netball

U11C	Farleigh 'A'	Lost 1-31
U11A	Ryde	Won 14-8
U11B	Ryde	Won 27-1

Fixtures

The U9A & B Girls' Hockey matches v Farleigh this Saturday 4th February have been cancelled by Farleigh.

Sat 4 Feb

U11A Girls' Hockey Tournament at Westbourne House (a) – 1400-1630

Wed 8 Feb

U11A Netball Tournament v Millfield (a)
U8 Tag Rugby Festival at Norman Court – 1300

U11B & C Netball v Princes Mead (h) – 1400

Thu 9 Feb

U8 Girls' Hockey v Twyford (a) - 1330

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.

Under 10 - PGS C Rugby Vs Barrow Hills B

At the start of the match we lined up and Mr LeClercq selected the team to start. The weather was overcast and cold, and it was clear from the start that we were in for a tough match. The pitch had a steep slope and we had to run up hill for the first half, which gave them the advantage. They pinned us into our own half and eventually scored a try. Some of their players were very rough and a number of high tackles were made. For most of the first half, we had to hold our positions and put pressure on the ball to stop them scoring another try. As they were pushing downhill, they managed to break through our defensive line, just before the end of the first half, and we were down 2-0.

After half an orange and a team chat, we went back out determined to take advantage of the slope and immediately we had the upper hand. Soon we had pushed them back into their own half and Max Burnett squeezed over the line and scored. Now it was 2-1 and things started to get heated. More high tackles were made (by both sides) but we pulled ourselves together and pushed them back.

The last 5 minutes were spent within 5 metres of their try line and with less than a minute to go, Edward Lovatt, with Daniel Kirwan and myself in support drove over the line. All of a sudden the whistle was blown and the match was over. The final score was 2-2. A tough match followed by a great tea!

Isaac Hillier 5P

Answerphone System

In the event of uncertainty due to inclement weather please check the 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.** Regardless of the weather, please always ring the sports line as arrangements can change for numerous reasons. In **EMERGENCIES ONLY** please ring the following number: **07738 958314.**

U8A,B,C Rugby v Barrow Hills Thursday 26th January

The boys were very excited about their first rugby fixture for the school. The matches were 12 mins each way, which was plenty of time for each team to put their training into practice. The U8C team lead by Mrs Sheldrick managed to win 3 tries to 2 with Noah Stocker performing extremely well. The U8B team was influenced by the dynamic coaching from Mr Ainsworth. The match was end to end with each team showing great agility to evade the tags. Sam Head impressed scoring a brace of tries helping his team to win 8 – 7. The U8A match was extremely close with a stand out performance from Kirav Behari. A 5 – 5 draw was a fair result.

U10A/B Rugby v Sherborne

Wednesday 1st February

A bitterly cold day did not halt the impressive performance from the U10A/B Rugby team. The hard work in training certainly paid off. From the start PGS looked to apply pressure on their opponents Sherborne House. When PGS had the possession they looked to pass and run with purpose at the defence. Charlie Pereira carried the ball well, evading tackles from all angles. Jack Pearce at fly half organised the back line from ruck to ruck. PGS managed to run in 5 tries before half time. The second half saw Sherborne fight back with a solo effort try from their speedy winger. PGS regrouped to score 3 more tries to come out winners by 40 – 5. A fantastic performance from Charlie Pereira earned him Team Colours for this match.

Saturday Sport

Please note that to ensure site security is maintained, parents will not be able to access the school on a Saturday to retrieve forgotten items of Games kit.