



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

I am sure that anyone who attended the Summer Fête at Governors' Green last Sunday will agree with me that it was tremendous! With 41 stalls, a magic show, story telling, bouncy slide, all manner of refreshments, ongoing activities in the arena, a festival of football matches plus performances from the Year Six strings group and Junior School Brass Band, it was a truly enjoyable, fun packed family occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all. In financial terms it was a huge success as it raised over £4,300. I would like to thank Sarah Joy and Maddy Appleyard for all their magnificent efforts in organising and running the event, so ably assisted by Mr Ashcroft, Mr Ainsworth, Mr Rowley, all the many JSA members, and a host of pupils (present and past). Governors' Green proved an ideal location which without a doubt, further enhanced the occasion. Everything about the event impressed me tremendously; occasions where every branch of the school work together—staff, parents, pupils plus their relatives and friends—are, in my mind, very special. I was particularly impressed with the pupil-run stalls where pupils displayed tremendous initiative and confidence, I was very proud of them.

The Junior School Brass Band has been extremely active over the past week not only performing at the Sports Days and the Summer Fête but also at the Festivities when they performed in a special charity concert at Trinity Methodist Church and at Grand Parade as pupils assembled to take part in the Ghost Ship pageant procession. The charity concert was very well received, raising £470 for the church refurbishment appeal. And then, on Wednesday evening, the Brass Band performed at Portsmouth Guildhall in the annual School's Concert, where they were the opening act, giving a very polished and entertaining performance which hugely impressed the packed audience.

What a brilliant occasion the Ghost Ship pageant proved to be on Sunday evening! I was tremendously proud that the Junior School played a part, albeit a very small part, by taking part in the procession that wound its way through the streets leading from Grand Parade in Old Portsmouth to the Band Stand by Southsea Castle. The pupils were very proud of their pennants which they waved as they processed. These have been made in art lessons under Mrs Tilling's very able direction. The evening event was spectacular, in every sense of the word, when under the backdrop of the castle and its ramparts we were treated to music (Tudor and modern), dance, drama, and pyrotechnics in the form of a magnificent firework display and the dramatic burning of the Ghost Ship. It was amazing!

There were two other Festivities events that involved our pupils last week; on Friday Year Four pupils were involved in a 'Musical Mystery Tour' in the Cathedral and on Thursday all children in the Nursery, Reception and KS1 were treated to a fantastic performance of 'Room on the Broom', by the Tall Stories Children's Theatre Company. Adults and children alike were enthralled by the different characters, including the cat, the dog, the bird, the frog, the dragon and of course the witch! The audience participated by helping the witch cast her spells to remedy her various mishaps! Some children in Year One said that the performance was "very funny...especially when the dog sang a song" and "so cool at the end when they got the brand new, extra special broom stick"! This show really did bring this much loved story alive for all who watched it.

If you went into Reception and KS1 on Friday, you were sure of a big surprise! All of the children had brought their favourite teddies to school and had gathered in their classrooms for a fantastic picnic. The wet weather had not dampened the children's spirits as they were joined by their parents for this exciting event. The teddies were treated to a menagerie of culinary delights before setting off to the 'woods' at Governors' Green to continue the fun outdoors with

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a special playtime. The children enjoyed entertaining their guests and showed them how to use a range of toys including balls, hoops and frisbees. After the activities, the exhausted bears walked back to school for an afternoon nap before returning home with the children at the end of the day!

On Monday morning all the pupils in Years Five and Six took part in the Athletics Sports Day which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Held at the Athletics Ground at HMS Temeraire, the pupils competed in seven different events: high jump, long jump, cricket ball/rounders ball throw, turbo javelin, sprint and the 200m run. Placed in ability groups, pupils enjoyed the challenge of competing alongside their equals with everyone taking part enthusiastically; very evidently enjoying the occasion. The final event is the House Relays with the fastest runners representing their House in the 4 x 100m relay and all the remaining House members competing in the team relay. The length of this relay is determined by the largest number of House team members (e.g. if the largest number of House members is 16 then all the Houses run 16 laps). At the end of each track and field event a small presentation took place when Gold, Silver and Bronze stars were presented to those who achieved first, second or third place. At the very end of the Sports Day medals were awarded to all the relay runners and to the best all-round girl and boy athlete in each year. Huge congratulations go to Georgina McTear and James Woodward in Year Five and Edwina Bishop and Jevon Subramaniam in Year Six for this significant achievement.

Two special pupil presentations took place on Wednesday this week. Year Five pupils presented their Independent Learning Projects to their year group and to Mr Sharkey and myself. We were both very impressed by the quality of the content of the projects with the pupils demonstrating considerable creativity and productivity. Year Six were treated to a series of presentations by pairs of Year Nine pupils from the Senior School. The Year Nines had been visiting and researching some less well known local sites of historic interest as part of a wider project to help place Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight and Spithead on the UK's tentative list for inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. Year Six were then given the opportunity to vote on which presentation and location they preferred. The clear winner was the ship testing facilities at Alverstoke, and second place went to Spitbank Fort. We hope that Year Six have been given some ideas and confidence when they give their presentations at the end of term.

As you will no doubt be aware, we like to celebrate the accomplishment of our many instrumentalists and instrumental groups in the autumn and spring terms by holding the Mince Pie and Hot Cross Bun concerts. In the summer term, however, it is the turn for the Junior School Choirs to entertain us at the Strawberries and Cream Concert. This concert was held on Tuesday evening in the DRT when the Years Three and Four Choir and Years Five and Six Choir entertained us splendidly, singing a variety of very tuneful summery songs. At one point Mr Webber and Mrs Nash had us singing in the aisles—which was great fun! The concert was hugely enjoyed by the pupils and audience alike.

In closing I would like to mention a very special occasion that I was privileged to attend last Saturday; the sixth form leavers' service in the Cathedral. I was so proud to see what splendid young adults our former Junior School pupils have become, full of poise, self belief and wonderfully individual. As I sat in the Cathedral I thought 'Yes, this is what it is all about!'

I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Joshua Chipper** for his super concentration with his reading, **Imogen Davies** and **Cicely Podmore** for great descriptive work in English, **Hans Miles Deter** for his fantastic book about nocturnal animals, **James Fretwell**, **Will Jones**, **Ben Stainton**, **Noah Darlington** and **Katie Wood** for amazing Algebra, **Isaac Platts** and **Kirav Behari** for excellent phonics work drawing and matching pictures to the alphabet mat, **Alia Alayyan** and **Amir Choudhury** for their super effort with their maths work, **Brynmor Bidwell-Richards**, **Anna Caldwell** and **Emily Nelson** for making an excellent non-fiction book about hedgehogs, **Claudia Bishop** and **Emily Curwood** for making an excellent non-fiction book about owls, **Oliver Thomas** for making an excellent non-fiction book about badgers, **Yasmin Deter**, **Isobel Fraser-Harris**, **Isobel Gumm**, **Alice Leonard**, **Fenton Murphy**, **Alexander Turner**, **Emma Watkins** and **Luca Williams** for their consistent high level of achievement in dance this half term, **Alice Leonard** for outstanding progress in mathematics, **Phoebe Simons** for wonderful research on authors in English

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: George Campkin, Dominic Chew, Charles Elliott, Nicholas Goodall, Jamie Mellor, Tom Randall, Oliver Saunders, Alexandre Sautreau

Maths: Benjamin Thomas (x3), Aelfred Hillman (x2), Thomas Phillips (x2), Sienna Bentley, Nicholas Goodall, Harry Harrison, Ajay Patel, Imojen Penry

Maths Homework: Oscar Cannon

RS: Kathryn Lock, Emma Watkins

Drama: Thomas Phillips

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Jevon Hannah (x2), Henry Simmons (x2), Lucy Albuery, Frederick Ansell-Virco, Giordano Avondo, Harry Barnett, Kirav Behari, Henry Buckle, Taariq Cassamo, Poppy Davenport, Ethan Hards, George Hodell, Zaeem Kara, Sakina Khaja, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, William Moore, Meha Patel, Isabelle Pearce, Isaac Platts, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Tom Shahrn, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Miles Toh, Danny Atherton, Alexander Barker, Susannah Boydell, Edward Campkin, Amir Choudhury, Elliot Chubb, Emily Clark, William Doyle, Yasmin Dyer, Henry Edge, Freddie Fenton, Thomas Gibb, Harry Hellyer, Poppy Herbert, Rufus Hornsey, Stewart Jack, Grant Jackson, Charlotte Johnson, Samara Materna, Murray McLeod, Robert Mitchell, Callum Percival, Jem Porter, Ben Priory, Hannah Rayner, Joseph Russell, Louise Shannon, Benjamin Steggall, Daisy Summerskill, Oscar Tagg, Grace Taylor, Ollie Tinson, Harry Tolcher, Frederick Williams Brown, Oliver Wisbey, Henry Wood



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 cricket for the boys and rounders for the girls as well as tennis for both boys and girls if numbers permit.

NO FIXTURES—Saturday 4th July

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.

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' Cricket:

U11A	Westbourne House	Won by 80 runs
U11B	Westbourne House	Lost by 33 runs
U10A	Westbourne House	PGS 100 A/O, Westbourne House 101-4 - lost by 6 wickets
U10B	Westbourne House	Lost by 21 runs
U10C	Westbourne House	Lost by 36 runs
U9	Westbourne House	PGS 177, Westbourne House 203 - lost by 26 runs
U8	Stroud	PGS 251-6, Stroud 314-0 - lost by 63 runs

GAMES SESSIONS ARRANGEMENTS TO THE END OF TERM

- Wednesday 8th July - All Year 5 and 6 boys and girls at Governor's Green for games. Pick up at 3.35pm as normal at school.
- Thursday 9th July - No Games—Activities Day for all pupils.
- Wednesday 15th July - No Games—End of Year Service and Thank You Assembly
- Thursday 16th July - No Games—Last day of term.



HOUSE SPELLING FINAL 2009

On Tuesday June 30th, all KS2 pupils and staff gathered to witness a very competitive final in the David Russell Theatre. Each House had two or three representatives from each year group and these pupils had proved, by surviving both first round and semi-final that they were outstanding spellers. As the competition got underway, the spectators had their own spelling challenges to focus their attention on and their ability to remain silent whilst others were thinking really helped the competitors to concentrate.

Runner up in Year 3 was Emma Watkins and overall winner was Alice Leonard.

In Year 4 Alex Dassow and Naeve Molho were joint second and the winner was Ajay Patel.

In Year 5 Grace Goodfellow finished third, runner up was Raunak Mukherjee and worthy winner was Jack Silver.

The Year 6 pupils were so closely matched in ability that it was difficult to distinguish between them, meaning that Matthew Roberts, Sophie Whitehead and Sophie Parekh were joint third, Kimiya Erfanmanesh was second and the winner was Ella Tusler!

Well done also to the 'on the spot' winners who were:- Freddie Hares, Benny Wong, Roame Leaver and Milly Trim.

I would like to thank all pupils for their excellent behaviour and staff for their support.

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BEACH CLEANING - Sunday 5th July

Hayling Island, 9.50am start.

Calling all members of our school community. Grab your coat, gloves and wellies and join our gang.

Would love to see any beach cleaning novices.

Join the team, do your bit for our environment, have a chat and enjoy the fresh air!

BBQ afterwards.



The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery Early Years Assistant

(37 ½ hours per week - 49 weeks per year)

Required for September 2009.

This thriving and popular nursery is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic person to work in a happy team. The successful applicant must have NVQ3 or equivalent and at least one years experience of working in a nursery. This role includes supervising an area of the nursery environment; leading daily group time activities, making observation records of children's achievements; daily organisation and clearing away of the play areas with additional responsibility for 'After Care'. Hours of work: Monday - Friday 9.45 a.m. - 5.45 p.m. Interviews will take place in the week commencing 20 July 2009.

Please telephone the nursery for an application form: 02392 681337.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 16 July



6TH FORM LEAVERS, ALL FORMER JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS

A Reflection concerning hopes and aspirations on leaving Portsmouth Grammar School.

Greatness, Fulfillment, Enjoyment. These are just a few of my hopes and aspirations on leaving PGS and I believe that PGS has put us all in the position to achieve them. We have been at school for about 14 years and today, finally we come to the end. Yet, it is in fact just the beginning. We are a set of people who aspire to be doctors, authors, journalists, lawyers, teachers, singers, businessmen (and women), designers, models and much more besides. Personally, thinking about what is to come is rather daunting at times. It will take me a minimum of 5 years to qualify as a barrister and as a collective it will take us anything from 3-10 years to realise our dreams, maybe longer. This will require more hard work, probably more exams and a lot of time and effort. But, we must always remember to enjoy the experience, to be happy, to love well and to laugh hard so that in achieving success we also achieve fulfillment.

Today's reading captured some of the ideas about living a life of grace, about giving everything even when that seems impossible, in order that, in the end, we will gain the rewards we deserve. I think if there is one thing that stands out from people's 'future plans' section in the yearbook it is the hope to be happy and live life to the full. Next year, whether you are taking a gap year or heading straight to university I hope that you will not take a moment for granted and that you continue to grow and enjoy life. This has been a hard year and there are no guarantees that life will get easier, but it does get freer now. No one else can dictate what you should or will do anymore. Now is our time, the time to realise ourselves and how amazing we can be. Now is the time to be great, to combine grace, happiness and hard work to accomplish our desires. I hope that in giving everything, I can and I will achieve everything I want and that the same applies to you.

Greatness is not learnt, it is not given, it is not tangible, but to achieve it is possible. When you achieve it you will not get a piece of paper and certificate letting you know but you will be complete.

Aspire to be a success and hope to be happy. Aspire to be great because it is possible and you deserve to be. PGS has brought us so far and for this we must always be thankful but now we have the chance to be the people we have always dreamed of being. We have our whole lives ahead of us to enjoy. So, Good Luck and be great.

Written by Sixth Form leaver, Katie Sage