



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

We have just experienced a truly splendid week which has brought the school year to a close in a very happy and satisfying manner.

Last Thursday every single pupil from Reception to Year Six experienced Activities Day; a day that is designed to give the pupils an enjoyable and memorable experience that serves as a treat recognising all the hard work that the children have done over the year. Reception and Year One explored Marwell, Year Two visited the Owl and Otter Sanctuary in the New Forest, Year Three had fun at Paulton's Park, Year Four toured Arundel Castle and its grounds, Year Five were very energetic at Robin Hill and Year Six enjoyed all manner of activities at Marwell Activities Centre. A host of happy and somewhat exhausted children (and staff) returned at the end of the day having thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Every single member of staff commented on how well behaved all the children had been, each child a real credit to the school.

The following day, all the Reception and Year One pupils had tremendous fun at their Sports Day which took place at the Hilsea playing fields. The children were divided into teams within their year group with children competing against those of similar sporting ability. Two Year Six monitors were put in charge of each team giving the team a special identity by naming it and giving it a flag to wave. Following a grand procession of all the teams led by the Junior School Brass Band, the sporting fun commenced. Each child took part in six individual events which involved the sprint, hurdles and throwing for all pupils and, depending on age, they took part in a long jump, sack race, hoop race, skipping race or bricks in a bucket race. At the end of each race children were given first, second and third place star badges or effort stickers. The finale of the whole Sports Day was the relay event when the three classes of each year group competed against each other. It was hard to tell who was more excited by this event—the children or the teachers! When the final relay event had been completed a medal ceremony took place when all the children received either a gold, silver or bronze medal. Our two guests of honour, Mrs Mills and Mrs Minall, helped me to present the medals; my guests were chosen in recognition of the fact that Mrs Mills is leaving the School at the end of this term to move to Scotland and Mrs Minall is leaving KS1 to teach in KS2!

Friday was indeed a glorious sporting day in more ways than one! I am very proud and so very pleased to announce that the PGS Junior School U11 Mixed Rounders Team are NATIONAL CHAMPIONS—a truly magnificent and outstanding achievement. The team of: Ben Stainton, James Blake, Ben Caldera, Charlie Boyd, Harry Norton, Danny Heyes, Flavia Elphick-Smith, Charlotte Povey, Jenny Evans, Evie Howard and Alexi Paxman travelled all the way to Stafford where they competed against 19 teams from across Great Britain. Accompanied by their coach, Ann Evans, and Senior School sports teacher, Miss Cooper, the team utilised the boys' best cricketing skills in the outfield, and the girls' excellent understanding of the game of rounders on the pitch, and romped their way to the final facing Alton Park School from Clacton-on-Sea. This they won by 8 rounders to 5½. A very fine victory and a momentous achievement! My

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congratulations go to this super team and to Mrs Evans and Miss Cooper whose strategic tactical advice undoubtedly helped steer them to success.

The Year Six pupils presented their Independent Learning Projects to their parents on Friday afternoon. Each class was divided in four groups, each group being collectively responsible for the project content and the presentation. The presentation techniques varied from group to group utilising drama, IT and artistic skills. Each group produced a PowerPoint presentation and pamphlets. Some groups chose to create models and posters to convey information. Four members of the Senior School teaching staff, Simon Lemieux, David Hampshire, Christine Giles and Alison Dyer, gave feedback to the groups following the presentation; saying what they had enjoyed and making helpful and constructive recommendation as to how such presentations could be further enhanced. The Leavers' Tea then followed when parents sat with the pupils round large class-based tables decorated with balloons in the four House colours. It was a lovely occasion, tinged with sadness at the thought that soon these pupils would be leaving the Junior School.

The numerous successes and achievements of the year were well and truly celebrated at Prizegiving which took place in the Cathedral on Tuesday afternoon. Chairman of Governors, David Bawtree, was the honoured guest who presented prizes to children in each year group of KS2. Enhanced by outstanding performances by the Junior School Orchestra and the full cast of 'Alice in Wonderland' (in other words, all of Year Six!) and concluded by prayers read and written by Head Girl, Madeleine de Vere and Head Boy, Tom Minall, it was a very splendid occasion indeed.

As I write this letter I am looking forward to the 'Thankyou Assembly' which is being held this afternoon. This special assembly enables me to express my gratitude to all those parents and grandparents who have helped the Junior School across the year by giving so freely of their services, in all manner of ways. It also provides the perfect opportunity for me to thank the pupils and the staff for all they have contributed in helping to make this year such a successful and happy year. Indeed this has been a tremendously successful year in so many ways, I have enclosed a copy of my Prizegiving Speech in this terms final mailing to you all so that you can read of the many fine achievements of the year.

In closing I would like to wish departing staff, Mrs Mills and Miss Vinsen every happiness in the future and thank them warmly for all they have contributed to the Junior School over the past few years. I also wish all Year Six a very happy future in the Senior School and beyond; they have been an exemplary year group, it has been a pleasure overseeing their development during their time in the Junior School. They will be missed. I also wish Miss Davies, Miss Jubb and Miss Chambers each a very happy wedding day and marriage.

I wish you all a very happy Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again in September.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The Summer sports team photographs are at www.rossyoung.co.uk/090676. Alice The Musical photographs are at www.rossyoung.co.uk/alice, Portsmouth Music Festival photographs are at www.rossyoung.co.uk/music and the Sports Prizegiving photographs are at www.rossyoung.co.uk/sportsprizegiving. The links should be typed in the address bar and not the google bar.

JULY FLOWER FESTIVAL—23rd—26th July Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth

Circus inspired flower festival open 10am-7pm Thursday 23rd July to Saturday 25th July and 1pm-6pm Sunday 26th July. Exciting and unique flower arrangements depicting clowns and fire eaters. Big Top in the Nave with professional and amateur clowns, jugglers and dancers. Admission £8.00—Ticketline 023 9289 2968. Shopping marquee on Cathedral Green and refreshments in Cathedral House.

JSA BARN DANCE

Sun 20 Sep 2009—2.00-5.00pm in the small quad. The JSA would like to invite you to a Barn Dance. Fun for all the family with dancing to Squinty McGinty and his band, snacks and bar. Tickets £6.00 each (under fives free), available from Junior School Office or your class rep.

ROAD WORKS

17 July for 1 day - Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth (near junction with High Street).

16—21 July—Broad Street, Old Portsmouth.

16 July for 1 day—High Street, Old Portsmouth (junction with Oyster Street).

16—20 July—Cambridge Road, Portsmouth

PRIZEGIVING PHOTOGRAPHS

To order a special photograph of your child collecting a prize go to www.peterlangdown.co.uk, click on 'client area' and then click on 'click here' to view photographs and order.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Alastair Cunningham** (45) who has gained his Grade 1 (Foil) Achievement Award from the British Fencing Association.

Congratulations to **Harvey Hamilton** (5G) for being promoted to a 'Sixer' at cubs and for being awarded his red belt and attaining the grade of 1st Mon in Judo

BADGES

GOLD BADGE

Congratulations to **Madeleine de Vere** for gaining her Gold Badge.

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **James Ross, Jasmine Nash, Alex Butler** and **James Lilley** for gaining their Red Badge.

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Jones, Hector Bonnin, Caroline Clayton, Alexandre Sautreau, Holly White** and **Nancy Fenton** for gaining their Blue Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Henry Elphick-Smith** and **Chi-Yung Lim** for gaining their Green Badge.

KIT LEFT ON LUCKETTS COACHES

Any kit left on Lucketts coaches must be claimed from Lucketts lost property on 01329 823755.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Jack Anson and Rumaanah Cassamo for their kindness and bravery on the school trip, Grace Goodfellow, Caitlin Hoddle, Olivia Hooper and Theodore Hornsey for their excellent attitude towards learning French throughout the year, Daniel Hill for producing an amazing PowerPoint on French markets to show 3J, Joseph Allen and Benjamin Roberts for their outstanding comparative writing, Zac Choppen and Nicholas Graham for outstanding support with Year 3/4 Chess Club

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Harry Davis-Marks (x3), Ned Davies (x2), Nicholas Graham (x2), Jack Shahrn (x2), Rebecca Alcaraz, Joseph Allen, Samuel Burlein, George Campkin, Joe Copsey, Alexander Evans, William Grandison, Harvey Hamilton, Caitlin Hoddle, Elizabeth Jones, Sachin Khanna, Cameron Manson, Jamie Matheson, Lauren McClure, Sam Messenger, Ben Nash, Thomas Row, Oliver Saunders, Samuel Tucker

English Homework: Sachin Khanna, Katheryn Richardson

Maths: Thomas Ross (x4), Thomas Baker (x3), Hector Bonnin (x3), Iman Alayyan (x2), Thomas Atkinson (x2), Florence Bishop (x2), Naeve Molho (x2), Charlotte Ross (x2), Febe Campbell-Collins, Joe Copsey, Harry Davis-Marks, Will Donworth, Freddie Hares, Rebecca Hawdon, Sean Hill, Ethan Hoddle, Elizabeth Jones, Sachin Khanna, Philip Macanovic, Harry Minall, Samuel Richardson, Alexandre Sautreau, Eve Stainton, Oliver Swales-Green, Oliver Taylor, Katrina Trim

Maths Homework: Florence Bishop, Patrick Caldwell, Alastair Cunningham, Loren Dean, Olivia Hooper, Thomas Leggett, Philip Macanovic, Samuel Richardson, Amy Stokely

Science: Nicholas Graham (x2), Eleanor Wilson (x2), Shree Patel

Geography: Nicholas Graham, Aelfred Hillman, Molly Renton, Oliver Swales-Green

History: Hector Bonnin, Joseph Hunter, Ajay Patel, Shree Patel, Olivia Smitherman, George Wilcockson

French: Shree Patel

RS: Thomas Coyle (x2), Cameron Manson

Spelling: Thomas Groves (x2), Sabrina Choi, Freddie Hares, Max Hill

Reading: Rebecca Alcaraz, Finley Howe-Walsh

Homework: Yasmin Deter

Drama: Nicholas Graham

Conduct: Joe Copsey, Thomas Coyle, Henry Cresswell-Hogg, Henry Elphick-Smith, Joseph Gowers, Finley Howe-Walsh, Alice Leonard, Adam Mactoom, Christian Thomas

Rounders Leaflet: Iman Alayyan

Tidying Up: Rhys Johnson

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Louie Howe-Walsh (x2), Zaeem Kara (x2), Annabel Cunningham (x2), Yasmin Dyer (x2), Samara Materna (x2), Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, Harry Barnett, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Taariq Cassamo, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Poppy Davenport, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan, Ethan Hards, William Hartridge, Samuel Head, Harvey Hill, Sakina Khaja, Milla Macanovic, Sophie Matheson, Tess Matheson, Hannah Millerchip, William Moore, Maddy Oliver, Isabelle Pearce, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Dan Sherburn, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Miles Toh, Lucy Budgen, Anna Caldwell, Edward Campkin, Elliot Chubb, Cameron Clarke, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, William Doyle, Henry Edge, Freddie Fenton, Harry Hellyer, Emma Holmes, Rufus Hornsey, Stewart Jack, Grant Jackson, Sophie Jennings, Charlotte Johnson, Amun Laly, Ethne Leaver, Grace Loveridge, Jaden McCoy, Robert Mitchell, Benjamin Nash, Emily Parekh, Jack Pearce, Callum Percival, Ben Priory, Hannah Rayner, Louise Shannon, Kian Souhani, Benjamin Steggall, Oscar Tagg, Omar Talaat, Grace Taylor, Ollie Tinson, Jessica Werfalli, Frederick Williams Brown, Oliver Wisbey, Henry Wood



SPORT

SATURDAY SPORT

NO HILSEA GAMES

NO FIXTURES—Saturday 18th 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

The Year 6 mixed Rounders Team Won the National Championships on Friday 10th July

