



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to report that we have had an excellent start to the summer sport fixtures with the U11 and U9 'A' cricket teams experiencing convincing wins against Durlston Court and the U11 'A' and 'B' rounders teams victorious in their matches against Guildford High School. I am also extremely proud of the achievements of our U11A boys' football team whose performance in the finals of the Portsmouth Schools knock-out football tournament led them to being joint winners of the cup. It was an excellent, very exciting match with a 2-2 draw being reached by full time and, following extra time, the score was 3-3. It was a unanimous decision, as all the boys had played so well, displaying the best possible team spirit and camaraderie, that neither team should lose. Both the teams were delighted with this decision which undoubtedly reflects superb achievement.

Last Friday we were visited by two of my former pupils, Abigail and Fleur Emery, who gave interesting presentations in each of our assemblies. The Emery sisters have shown tremendous originality and initiative in setting up a business called 'Team Grasshopper' selling 'porridge in a pot'. Aimed at providing sporty people in more isolated conditions (up mountains, out at sea, on the beach etc.), with a quick and easy way of restoring energy through nourishment the product has become extremely popular, being stocked by all major supermarket chains. The presentation was aimed at inspiring the children to have self belief, to pursue dreams and ambitions and to think creatively. It was a very rewarding experience for me in two respects; firstly, learning about the considerable success of two former pupils and, secondly, hearing their very positive feedback about the responsiveness of our Junior School pupils. Having visited a number of schools they were able to compare the responsiveness of the different pupils and were extremely impressed by the quality of the questions our pupils posed, in particular by the children's confident articulation of their questions. Later this year the Emery sisters will be doing a presentation to the Senior School Business Studies pupils who will undoubtedly be inspired by what they hear—who knows what it might lead to!

There has been a very different focus in our assemblies this week with Miss Jennings wearing her History Co-ordinator's 'hat' telling us all about King Richard the Lionheart and Prince John explaining their link to Portsmouth and indeed to Portsmouth Grammar School. She then explained the purpose of the BBC television 'Time Team' dig that is taking place on Governors' Green this week. Although more absent from England than present during his reign,

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King Richard established a Royal Residence in Old Portsmouth believed to have been on the site of PGS. The 'Time Team' crew are hoping to discover more evidence about King Richard's involvement in Portsmouth and about the 'Domus Dei', the original name of the building that stands in the corner of Governors' Green; now known as the Royal Garrison Church. The Domus Dei was an almshouse and hospice offering shelter and help to pilgrims from overseas bound for the shrines at Canterbury, Chichester and Winchester. As King Richard died in 1199 and the Domus Dei was founded in 1212 it is possible that the Time Team are seeking to establish whether in fact the Royal Residence could have been situated on the same site as the Domus Dei. It is the belief, however, of former city archivist and PGS governor, Sarah Quail, that the Royal Residence was sited more or less where our Dining Hall stands—the King would have taken the route from Sally Port up Penny Street to enter the grounds of his home at the point where the back gates to the School stand. Miss Jennings has certainly excited a great interest in the 'Time Team' project and we now eagerly await the 'Time Team' programme scheduled to be aired later this year.

PGS is also privileged to have a very close link with the Cathedral in Old Portsmouth and is delighted to be able to provide the Cathedral with choristers. This qualifies the School to be members of the Choir Schools Association and earlier this week James Priory and I attended the C.S.A. annual conference at the Prebendal School, Chichester. The Key Note speaker was the Rt. Revd and Rt. Hon Lord Hope, former Archbishop of York. He gave a very inspiring talk raising our awareness of the role church music and, in particular the singing, plays in conveying both religious messages and a sense of spirituality. He spoke of music leading into silence—a stilling saying that music can blend and enhance a sense of awe and mystery helping people to participate by being, rather than doing. It made me realise, and value, all the more, the very important role our choristers play.

In closing, I would like to share with you the splendid news that Mr Faulconbridge and Ms Paffey are now very proud parents! Their daughter, Anoushka, was born last week and mother and baby are making very good progress. We send them our warmest congratulations.

I wish you a restful and happy weekend.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 SATs

These take place in week starting 11th May. Parents are asked to avoid medical or dental appointments in this week as if a child misses a paper they cannot do it another time and so will not be graded for that subject.

SUPER CAMPS

During the summer holidays we are delighted that 'Super Camps' - The No 1 Activity Day Camp provider for children aged 4-14 is operating for PGS children and friends between 20 July and 21 August 2009. The camps run a full range of activities for all children including sport, art, craft, drama, music team building and much more. For further details and booking call 01235 832222 or visit their website on www.supercamps.co.uk

JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

The Junior School Summer Fete will be here soon. For this years raffle prizes we are looking for that something special as well as all those little treats. So we are asking any parent, grandparents, friends or relatives who would like to donate any suitable prizes to the raffle to start bringing them into the Junior School Office. All funds raised at the fete go towards extra events for your child. If any parents have businesses, and would like to have a colour advertisement placed in the fete programme which reaches a large number of potential new clients, or would like a commercial stall at the fete, then please contact seggie_sarah@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Sarah on 07940 419757.

CALLING ALL KS2—YEAR 6 PUPILS

Would you like to have your own stall at this years Summer Fête?

Interested? Collect the registration form from the Junior School Office—prize for the most inventive stall.

2009 FLORA LONDON MARATHON

Adrian Jennings ran the London Marathon on 6th April and successfully completed it in 4 hours 58 minutes. Thank you to all those that helped him raise almost £1000 for his chosen charity Cancer Research UK. To make a donation or for further details please go to ww.runningsponsorsme.org/ adrianjennings.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

If you have any items of school uniform/games kit you would like to sell at the uniform sale on Wednesday 24th June please leave them in the Junior School Office asap. This year we will price all times (10% of sale will go to the JSA). Please label all items with your full name and child's class. If you have any queries please ring Susan Lilley on 023 9286 2636 or 07794 147030

KIT LEFT ON LUCKETTS COACHES

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

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Cameron Clarke, Robert Mitchell and Jack Pearce** (all from 20!) who took home the Moneyfields six-a-side football trophy after scoring a total of fourteen goals in their undefeated run of six matches!

Well done to **Daisy Summerskill** (1Y) for gaining a Certificate of Participation in a PADI Snorkelling Experience.

Congratulations to **Raunak Mukherjee** (5P) for passing his Step 1 piano examination and his drama examination both with distinction.

BADGES

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Patrick Caldwell** for gaining his Blue Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Matthew Cheung, Rebecca Hawdon, Max Gumm, Charlotte Ross and Isobel Gumm** for gaining their Green Badge.

The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery Early Years Assistant (Supply Work)

This thriving and popular nursery is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, appropriately qualified and experienced person to work in a happy team. The post is to provide cover for staff taking annual leave or attendance training courses or to work at short notice due to illness. The successful applicant should have NVQ2 or equivalent qualification. Hours of work: Variable. Required as soon as possible. Please telephone for an application pack: Telephone: 02392 681337. Closing date for applications: 22 May 2009

BE FIRST PAST THE POST!

PGS goes to the Goodwood races on Friday 5th June 2009. Coach departs from PGS at 4.30pm. There are 6 races with the last race at 8.55pm. Adults £20. Child (under 18 years) £12.50. To include return coach travel and admission. For further details please contact Sue Merton, Development Office, Tel: 023 9268 1385 email: s.merton@pgs.org.uk. Closing date is 12th May 2009.

MENU WEEK 4



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Joe Hunter** for brilliant fraction and decimals work in maths, **Henry Buckle**, **Lauren-Lily Prentice**, **Harvey Hill** and **Adam Heyes** for super story writing with excellent hand writing, **Charlotte Dean** for showing great courage when outside of her own comfort zone, **Devlin Stigant** for exemplary behaviour on the Year 5 and 6 South Africa trip, **Mia Austin**, **Isabella Barrington-Clark**, and **Ajay Patel** for a fantastic letter about Edward VI's reformation of the churches in History, **Charlotte Amenta-Lynch**, **Sebastian Hiller**, **Matthew Waters**, **Alex Sautreau** and **Joe Hunter** for a brilliant play script written for homework, **Ollie Tinson** and **Cameron Clarke** for working so hard on their maths homework, **Callum Percival** for concentrating hard on his number work, **Amun Laly** for super joined hand writing, **William Hartridge** and **Adam Heyes** for super drawing and writing about the Queen's visit, **Charles Boyd** for an outstanding maths result in the mocks, **Tom Minall** for an outstanding play script

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Thomas Matthews (x3), Sophie Whitehead (x3), Tom Minall (x2), Raunak Mukherjee (x2), Matthew Roberts (x2), Jessamie Waldon Day (x2), Rory Bishop, Benjamin Caldera, Joe Copsey, Isabel Gunn, Rebecca Hawdon, Evie Howarth, Katharine Lister, Finley McBride, Alexi Paxman, Ellie Prosser, Adam Smith, Emily Tandy, Alexander Turner, Ieuan Williams, Joseph Younger

English Homework: Sabrina Choi, William Forrest, William Lewis

Maths: Elizabeth Jones (x2), Haraman Badial, Lotte Hayward, William Lewis, Naeve Molho, Imojen Penry, Molly Renton, Katerina Sillett, Dominique Warren, Holly White

Geography: James Harper (x2), Harvey Hamilton, Theodore Hornsey, Sachin Khanna, Ben Nash, Katerina Sillett

History: Florence Bishop, Katie Green, William Lewis, Thomas Matthews,

Science: Holly Baker, Joseph Gowers, Aadam Mactoom, Raunak Mukherjee

French: Thomas Austin, Harry Davis-Marks, Mani Spencer

RS: Ella Tusler (x2), Rebecca Pascoe

Reading: Raunak Mukherjee (x2), Ella Tusler (x2), Marek Canavan, Ellie Prosser, Adam Smith

Spelling: Aadam Mactoom, Rebecca Pascoe

Games: Finley Howe-Walsh, Oliver McTear, Fenton Murphy, Callum Penry, Luca Williams

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Ben Priory (x3), Daisy Summerskill (x2), Harry Tolcher (x2), Kirav Behari, Tamara Crocker, Sofia Goodale, Adam Heyes, Harvey Hill, Asef Mahir, Sophie Matheson, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Miles Toh, Alia Alayyan, Danny Atherton, Priya Badial, Grace Beardsley, Abigail Brader, Ryan Buckley, Anna Caldwell, Edward Campkin, Amir Choudhury, Emily Clark, Cameron Clarke, Louis Crocker, James Crundwell, Yasmin Dyer, Henry Edge, Freddie Fenton, Thomas Gibb, Jevon Hannah, Poppy Herbert, Erik Hillman, Rufus Hornsey, Charlotte Howard, Benjamin Hunter, Stewart Jack, Grant Jackson, Sophie Jennings, Amun Laly, Grace Loveridge, Samara Materna, Robert Mitchell, Emily Parekh, Jack Pearce, Charlie Pereira, Jem Porter, Hannah Rayner, Matthew Walton, Jessica Werfalli, Frederick Williams Brown, 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.

FIXTURES—Saturday 9th May

U11A Cricket v Stroud (away) - 1030
U9A & U10A Cricket v Stroud (home) - 1030
U8A and U11A & B Rounders v Cranleigh (home) - 1430
U9A and U10A Rounders v Cranleigh (away) - 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—Wednesday 13th May

U11A & B Rounders v Amesbury (home) - 1430
U10A & B Rounders v Amesbury (away) - 1430
U9A Rounders Tournament at Westbourne House - 1400
U11A & U10A Cricket v Sherbourne House (away) - 1430
Thursday 14th May
U8A & U9A Cricket v Sherbourne House (home) - 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**



Saturday 9th May Rounders

Due to Time Team digging at Governors Green U8A and U11A & B Rounders will be at Clarence Ground for this week only.



SPORTS RESULTS

Boys' Cricket:

U11A	Durlston Court	Won by 6 wickets
U9A	Durlston Court	Won by 7 runs; 281-274 after a very exciting match decided in the last over.

Boys' Football:

U11A	Wimborne School Cup Final	Drew 3-3 after extra time
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