



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

The news is out, ending days of speculation, it was Miss Davies who 'dunnit'! Last Friday evening we were treated to a very enjoyable and hugely entertaining Murder Mystery Play. A cast of highly dramatic teachers and parents demonstrated considerable acting skill as they acted out the

events that led to a tragic 'murder' on the cricket field. While the audience of parents, pupils and staff ruminated over who the perpetrator of this dastardly crime was, a delicious meal, prepared by our school catering team, was enjoyed. A taxing quiz relating to the year the play was set in, 1978, further challenged everyone's brain power; the frequent cry from many members of staff and a number of parents of 'How can I remember, I wasn't even born then', made me feel somewhat old! The JSA have to be congratulated for their excellent efforts in staging such an enjoyable and successful evening: Jenny Cornell and Marony Choppen masterminded the event aided by Mr Ashcroft and Miss Watkins; Lee Simmonds and Michelle Lock did sterling work at the bar, catering manager Reg Way and his team, did us proud with splendid catering and cast members, Zoe Fisher, Trevor Thurgood, Nigel McTear, Neil Roderick, Guy Evans, Jenny Albuery, Natalie Davies and Caroline Chambers proved they had tremendous acting talent (and wonderful senses of humour!) I warmly thank everyone involved for their help in making it such a successful occasion which raised a magnificent £744 for JSA funds.

It has often been said that PGS is as close to being a boarding school as it possibly could be with regard to the commitment it gives to co-curricular activities and events that occur outside school hours (all that is missing is the overnight sleeping). Mrs Dean must certainly agree with this sentiment as last weekend she supported the JSA Murder Mystery on the Friday evening, saw her U11B rounders team romp to victory on the Saturday and dedicated Sunday morning to running a beach clean on Hayling Island sea front. No doubt in between these events, as Year Six Year Team Leader, she was busy finalising the arrangements for the Year Six residential long weekend trip to Nettlecombe Court that is taking place this weekend! Her efforts, and indeed those of all staff are hugely valued and appreciated.

This week, each of the Year Three classes has had the opportunity to spend the day at The News Centre. They were set the task of designing their own newspaper front page, based upon our history topic—The Romans. Working in pairs the children came up with the eye catching headlines, fantastic stories and even adverts to buy your own slave! They used all their knowledge of gladiators, schooling for children and the growth of the Empire to write factual reports about the Romans. The afternoon was most exciting, having become journalists the children were desperate to see their work put into print and to find out how so many newspapers could be produced in one place. We were astounded to see the rolls of paper weighing two and a half

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tons being put into the biggest printing press imaginable. As the motors gained full speed the newspapers started to flow thick and fast onto the conveyor belt. From start to finish a batch of newspapers can be wrapped and in the back of a delivery vehicle in less than a minute from the time the paper enters the printer ... now that's fast! The children all left with a copy of the newspaper in hand and their very own front page as a great souvenir of an incredibly interesting and exciting day.

On Tuesday, ten pupils attended the Mayor Making Ceremony at Portsmouth Guildhall. It was an occasion full of pomp and pageantry and a real experience for all, especially Brandon and Sabrina Choi whose father received a civic award. As the new Mayor of Portsmouth was signed in, robed, given the keys of the city and various speeches were given, pupils stood to attention, were entertained by the City Brass Band's fanfares and wondered at the magnificent display of flowers which stood as a backdrop to the proceedings. Terry Hall, the new mayor, has chosen as her charity for the year, Rowan's Hospice, a cause we have regularly supported and, perhaps, can become even more of a focus in the future.

Also on Tuesday the Junior School ski team represented the school on the dry ski slopes at Southampton. We are very proud indeed of their achievements which are reported in full later on in this Newsletter.

Two Parents' Information events also took place this week. On Monday we welcomed the parents of those pupils who attended the Year Three York trip to a meeting where they were able to see photographs of the many different experiences. They also viewed the DVD that was taken of the children enjoying their day's visit to a Roman fort when they had a brilliant time acting as Roman soldiers, learning how life would have been like for them. Later that day we were pleased to see so many Year Two parents in attendance at the information evening designed to explain how we manage the transition from Year Two to Year Three, when the classes are re-structured in order to accommodate the entering pupils as well as to create classes that are well balanced in age, ability, gender and personality. We hope that parents found this helpful and informative. It is amazing how quickly the time passes from when the pupils enter the Reception year to the end of Year Two and the conclusion of their experience of Key Stage One.

In closing I would like in particular to wish the choristers, who are visiting Chambéry in France, and the Year Six pupils and staff, who are on the residential trip to Somerset, a very happy and enjoyable weekend; as indeed I wish all of you.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GIRLS CRICKET CLUB—MONDAY 18TH MAY

The year 5/6 girls cricket club will not be held on Monday 18th May as the year 6 team are at Nettlecombe.

ATHLETICS CLUB—FRIDAY 22ND MAY

The athletics club is cancelled due to a Royal Navy booking which requires use of HMS Temeraire. Apologies to all in this club, but keep training for next half term!

YEAR 4 FOSTER MUSIC FINAL

As 4J and 4S will be on their Sailing Week, the Year 4 Music Final will not now take place on 11th June. A new date will be announced very shortly.

MOUTHGUARD FITTINGS

Mouthguard fittings will take place at the end of the Summer Term. Current Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils only. Year 6 will take place in September. If parents would like their child to be fitted they need to email Tracy Reid at t.reid@pgs.org.uk by 15th June.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION—SUMMER 2009

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July at 7pm

The Year 6 production of Alice in Wonderland is in rehearsal and everyone is working very hard, learning songs, dances and words. This year the performance will take place in the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth which will provide a wonderful venue for the show. Tickets are now available from the theatre (not here in school), either in person at the Box Office or through their website - www.newtheatroyal.com and are priced at £5 for adults and £2 for children.

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

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

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.

BABYSITTING

Sammy, aged 16, a student in Year 11, is available for babysitting evenings, weekends and during school holidays. She may be known to some of you as she helps with girls' sport on a Saturday at Hilsea. Sammy enjoys the company of children and hopes to become a junior school teacher after University. If interested please contact Sammy on 023 9238 3252.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to five Year 6 boys **Henry Ling, James Blake, Tom Woolas, Charlie Boyd and Sam Tagg** who made a major contribution to the Castle United team that lifted the Portsmouth youth football league C division trophy at the end of a long

hard fought season.

Congratulations to **Grace Loveridge** who has achieved the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award Grade 4.

We would like to celebrate all of the Junior School children's accomplishments and recognise their achievements outside of school. If you have had a recent success that you would like us to share, please email Mr Ashcroft (j.ashcroft@pgs.org.uk) with your child's name, class a brief description of their achievement.

BADGES

GOLD BADGE

Congratulations to **Sam Gibb** for gaining his Gold Badge.

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Loren Dean and Ben Brooks** for gaining their Blue Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Aelfred Hillman and Matthew Holloway** for gaining their Green Badge.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are advertising for a Teaching Assistant for 35 hours a week Monday to Friday to commence September 2009. It is expected that applicants for this post would have an NVQ3 qualification in Child Care and Development. It would also be helpful if they had up to date Food Hygiene training and a Paediatric First Aid Qualification. Please apply in writing giving the names of two referees to Mrs E Day by 1st June.

WEB LINK FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

To access school photos please type in www.rossyoung.co.uk/090533 in the address bar at the top of your internet browser. It will not work on any search engine such as google or yahoo.

KIT LEFT ON LUCKETTS COACHES

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

MENU WEEK 5



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Emily Curwood, Tara Bell, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Emily Parekh and Thomas Gibb for writing brilliant stories based on 'The Enormous Turnip', Tamara Crocker for a super information book about the beetle in her garden, Nahum Stocker and Miles Toh for fantastic maths work, Joseph Allen, Raunak Mukherjee and Josh Leigh for an outstanding persuasive letter, Honor Appleby-Mell and Olivia Hooper for a superb persuasive letter, Matthew Cheung and Daniel Hill for an excellent attitude towards learning languages, Dominic Chew for improvement in English, Joe Copsey for excellent maths work, Jonathon Easton for writing a super play script, Kirsten Goves for excellent work produced and start at PGJS, Jack Norton for improved focus when working, Zoe Rademacher for an excellent story about Cinderella, Oliver Saunders for a brilliantly designed Environmental Quality Assessment in Geography, Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell for showing great sportsmanship and humility, Thomas Atkinson for excellent conduct and being helpful, Isabel Boden for outstanding maths homework this term, Kirsten Goves for excellent work in English, Rhys Johnson for excellent participation in Drama, Oliver Nash for excellent question and answer skills in Drama, James Northey and Peter Bustin for excellent knowledge of their multiplication tables

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Sophie Whitehead (x3), Olivia Hooper (x2), Oliver Nash (x2), Thomas Atkinson, Archie Bennett, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Thomas Groves, Aelfred Hillman, Rhys Johnson, Ahrash Nazaripour, Jack Norton

English Homework: George Campkin (x2), Sabrina Choi (x2), Max Hill (x2), Amy Stokely (x2), Isabella Barrington-Clark, Sebastian Hiller, Matthew Holloway, Joseph Hunter, Rebecca Pascoe, Ajay Patel, Ella Povey, Matthew Waters

Maths: Oscar Cannon (x2), Charles Elliott (x2), Molly Renton (x2), Thomas Baker, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Jonathan Brook, Patrick Caldwell, Febe Campbell-Collins, Matthew Cheung, Henrietta Clare, Katy Courtnell, Charlotte Dean, Meg Dennis, Megan Fisher, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Harry Harrison, Rebecca Hawdon, Max Hill, Aelfred Hillman, Olivia Hooper, Harry Minall, Naeve Molho, Cicely Podmore, Jai Thakrar, Dominique Warren

Maths Homework: Charlotte Amenta-Lynch, Harry Harrison, Rebecca Hawdon, Joseph Hunter, Yic-Hin Jim, Zoe Rademacher, Oliver Taylor

Negative Number Work: Amy Stokely

Geography: Georgina McTear (x2), Henry Percival (x2), Callum Trimmer (x2), James Clare, Meg Dennis, Cameron Manson, Jack Silver, Lillie Simons

History: Charlotte Amenta-Lynch, George Campkin, Nicholas Goodall, Sebastian Hiller, Oliver Saunders, Olivia Smitherman, Matthew Waters

Science: Holly Baker (x2), Emma Dorricott (x2), Dominique Warren (x2), Thomas Atkinson, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Jonathan Brook, Dominic Chew, James Clare, James Cunningham, Harry Harrison, Georgia Henderson, Roame Leaver, Alice Leonard, Edward Mitchell, Oliver Morrell, Jack Norton, Jack O'Leary, Rebecca Pascoe, Chester Tagg, Callum Trimmer, Emily Whitehead, Georgia Wright

RS: Chester Tagg (x2), William Bates, Matthew Cheung, Daniel Hill, Caitlin Hoddle, Darcy Hyatt, Oakley Murphy, Molly Renton, Callum Trimmer, Georgia Wright

Reading: Matthew Holloway, Charlotte Webb

Retelling of "Little Red Riding Hood": Joseph Kooner-Evans

Spelling: Grace Acklam, Henrietta Clare, Harry Davis-Marks, Charlotte Dean, Thomas Groves, Rebecca Hawdon, Max Lancaster, Eleanor Wilson

Homework: Mia Austin (x2), Caroline Clayton (x2), Ajay Patel

Good Investigation Skills: Aadam Mactoom

Games: Ella Povey, Matthew Cheung

Dance: Honor Appleby-Mell, Holly Baker, Caitlin Hoddle, Olivia Hooper

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Daisy Summerskill (x2), Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, Frederick Ansell-Virco, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Ashwin Elanchchelian, Ethan Hards, William Hartridge, Samuel Head, George Hodell, Ava Hooper, Louie Howe-Walsh, Milla Macanovic, Asef Mahir, Nathan McBride, Hannah Millerchip, William Moore, Maddy Oliver, Isaac Platts, Erik Hillman, Emma Holmes, Charlotte Howard, Benjamin Hunter, Sophie Jennings, Michael Kan, Ethne Leaver, Edward Lovatt, Murray McLeod, Robert Mitchell, Emily Nelson, Jack Pearce, Charlie Pereira, Ethan Simmonds, Henry Simmons, Benjamin Steggall, Adam Stokely, Oscar Tagg, Oliver Thomas, Victoria Toh, Toby Wingham, 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 16 May

U10A, B & C Rounders v Farleigh (away)
U9A & B Rounders v Farleigh (home)
U8A & B Rounders v Farleigh (home)

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 20 May

U11A & B Cricket v Amesbury (home)
U10A & B Cricket v Amesbury (away)
U11A & U10A Rounders v Princes Mead (away)
U11C & U10C Rounders v Westbourne House (home)

Thursday 21 May

U9A & B Cricket v Amesbury (away)
U8A Cricket v Amesbury (home)
U9A & B Rounders v Amesbury (away)
U8A & B Rounders v Amesbury (home)

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

Girls' Rounders:

U11A	Guildford High	Won 22.5-15.5
U11B	Guildford High	Won 14-12.5
U11C	Guildford High	Lost 12.5-13.5
U11D	Guildford High	Lost 11-17.5
U11A	Highfield	Won 14.5-8.5
U11A	Cranleigh	Won 33.5-11.5
U11B	Cranleigh	Won 15-6.5
U10A	Cranleigh	Won 21-12
U9A	Cranleigh	Won 13.5-7
U8A	Cranleigh	Won 9.5-9

Boys' Cricket:

U11A	Stroud	Won by 76 runs
U10A	Stroud	Won by 130 runs
U9A	Stroud	Stroud 303, PGS 338, won by 35 runs

PGS SKI TEAMS



The PGS ski teams from both the Senior and Junior schools were in action on Tuesday afternoon at the Southern Area Ski Association Interschool Ski Challenge held at Southampton dry ski slope. PGJS put forward a team of six pupils: Marcus Gowers (Year 3); Joseph Gowers, Tom Row; Cameron Manson; Christian Thomas and Georgia Wright (Year 5). These pupils and their parents show great dedication, with weekly training and competitions which take them as far afield as Welwyn Garden City to Edinburgh.

After an hour of impressive warm-up runs, each competitor had 3 race runs on a slalom course set for the event. From these runs the fastest three children are taken and added to make a team score. Two runs over and we were 0.08 seconds in the lead - it was incredibly close and exciting! However, on the last set, although we improved our time overall, we were beaten into second place by a mere 1.3 seconds. All the children skied with great skill, but Christian managed to come in as second fastest boy, and Cameron was the fastest girl on the slope in the Junior competition; both won marble plaques, and the team were presented with a large silver medal. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all the parents for their tremendous support, to Mrs Staley for her organisation and to Mrs Albuery for driving the minibus.



DRAMA EXAMINATIONS MARCH 2009



The following children took LAMDA examinations and the results are as follows:

Group Preparatory

Stewart Jack, Benjamin Steggall, Oliver Wisbey, Oscar Tagg Distinction A*

Booshitha Balaji, Callum Percival, Rory Gillies, Matilda Bell, Henry Edge Distinction A*

Alice Acklam, Samara Materna, Emma Holmes Distinction A*

Group Preliminary

Matthew Holloway, Grace Acklam, Evie McAulay, Sean Hill, Oliver Lilley, Fenton Murphy Distinction A*

Isobel Fraser-Harris, Thomas Phillips, Jude Hyatt, Phoebe Simons, Daniel Hill Distinction A*

Ryan Webb, Oliver McTear, Max Lancaster, Charlotte Ross, Yasmin Deter Distinction A*

Group Recital Entry

Caroline Clayton, Madeleine Alcaraz, Iman Alayyan, Benny Wong, Gregory Porter,
Isabella Barrington-Clark Merit A

Oliver Swales-Green, Shree Patel, Emma Priory, Patrick Caldwell, Oliver Saunders Merit A

Elizabeth Cameron, Thomas Ross, Ajay Patel, Molly Harfield, Sienna Bentley Distinction A*

Phillip Macanovic, Jack Hussey, Haraman Badial, William Lewis, Thomas Matthews Distinction A*

Group Acting Grade 1

Emma Dorricott, Ella Povey, Rebecca Alcaraz, Rory Bell, Christian Thomas, Joseph Gowers,
Chester Tagg, Alexander Butler Distinction A*

Kathryn Richardson, Lauren McClure, Rory Greenwood, Joseph McAuley, Lillie Simon,
Grace Goodfellow, Henry Percival, Matthew Llewellyn Distinction A*

Jack Shahrhan, Benjamin Hall, Georgina McTear, Isabel Boden, Adam Dixon, Lana Watt Merit A

Charlotte Hayward, Devlin Stigant, James Ross, George Sinden, Toby Scandling,
Callum Trimmer, Raunak Mukherjee, Harvey Hamilton Distinction A*

Group Acting Grade 2

Jack Ross, Kimiya Erfanmanesh, Darcy Hyatt, Samuel Gibb, Alexi Paxman, Kristian Masters Distinction A*

Finley McBride, Ella Tusler, Charlotte Povey, Claudia Materna, Katharine Lister, Evie Howarth,
Sophie Locke-Cooper Merit A

Ahrash Nazaripour, Marek Canavan, Megan Canavan, Hannah Coyle, Joshua Atkins, Poppy Baskcomb,
Samuel Messenger, Emily Tandy, Gabriella Roberts, Jude Corker Distinction A*

THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL FETE

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 12-3.30PM

GOVERNORS GREEN

INFORMATION ON PUPIL STALL ENTRY

IN addition to the stalls which will be organised and run by the class reps we are hoping to have lots of stalls organised and run by pupils.

Any Key Stage 2 child may apply to have their own stall at this year's summer fete which is being held at Governors Green, Southsea on Sunday 28th June between 12 noon and 3.30pm.

There will be prizes presented by Mrs Foster for the most inventive stall and also the stall which raises the most money. Please try to get your child to be as inventive as possible with their stall ideas.

Children may have a stall with friends from any class in KS2. Please note that if we receive too many entries for the same/similar type of stall then the application that was received first will be given priority. In this event the children will be given another opportunity to come up with an alternative stall idea.

ENTRY FORMS FOR STALLS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM MRS S SKENT ON UJS SITE OR FROM MAIN JS OFFICE AND MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY FRIDAY MAY 22ND

It is advised that parents arrive with their children to set up the stalls at least 1 hour prior to the fete opening at 12 noon. If you have any queries regarding stalls or the school fete in general please do not hesitate to contact either your Class Rep who may be able to assist or this year's organisers, Sarah Joy - seggie_sarah@yahoo.co.uk or Maddy Appleyard - sammax126@ntlworld.com.

Football competitions for KS2 pupils at the Fete

There will be two football competitions at the Fete this year; one for Year 3&4 pupils and one for Year 5&6 pupils.

Entry forms can be collected from Mrs Kent or the Main Office and completed registration forms should be returned to school, with the full entry fee, as soon as possible in a clearly marked envelope. As there is a limit on the number of teams, places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

All further information is available on the entry form.

Main Fete Raffle Tickets

Before half term, all children will bring home JS Fete raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. Please help by returning the money and ticket stubs in a clearly marked envelope.

Special Fete Raffle Prize

Win an 8GB iPod Nano

for only £1

Tickets available from Junior School Office or Via Class Reps.