



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

There is a very special atmosphere across the school at the moment, enhanced no doubt by the lovely weather we have been experiencing, but mostly due to the nature of the tasks that the children have been undertaking this week.

Wherever possible the Reception Year curriculum is planned to take place out of doors where the external environment can contribute to the quality of learning. This week has seen the children releasing butterflies in the cottage garden adjacent to the medical centre. Before half term, the book 'The Hungry Caterpillar' was the stimulus for numerous cross-curricular activities which included caring for caterpillars, watching their transformation into cocoons and then, to the children's wonder and amazement, seeing them emerge from the cocoons as butterflies. The act of releasing the butterflies on Monday drew the topic to an exciting close. This week the book 'Mrs Mopple's Washing Line' has been the trigger to stimulate learning in all areas of the curriculum. Washing lines, strung up in the small quad, have been used to order the alphabet and numbers. In addition to this the small quad has been the ideal venue for all sorts of activities linked to washing which the children have enjoyed in the sunshine.

Year One pupils have been undertaking their Independent Learning Projects; with the theme of 'Portsmouth' they have been exploring the key land marks of the area and have been kept very busily engaged this week creating models of their favourite land mark. The children are looking forward to their linked trip to the 'Warrior' next week where they will be involved with a 'seaside holiday experience'. The Independent Learning Project in Year Two is related to Admiral Lord Nelson; as a stimulus and source of information the children were taken to the Historic Dockyard where they undertook an HMS Victory experience. The pupils had a wonderful time touring HMS Victory, visiting the Royal Navy Museum and taking part in an exciting workshop called 'A sailor's home'. In the workshop they were told the story of a boy, Thomas, who was transported back in time to become a boy on the Victory in 1805. The children were allowed to touch a variety of artefacts including their eating implements, a holystone (for scrubbing the deck), whips and speaker phones. They had to scrub the decks and hoist heavy imaginary objects. They were told about their food and drink, working conditions and punishments and other aspects of life on the Victory. The children were then split into groups and had a variety of activities to do. These were: dressing up in costumes, eating and drinking at the table and drawing a variety of artefacts. The children had a great time and learnt a lot.

Year Four pupils in 4P and 4G must have derived the most benefit from the glorious weather this week as they have been experiencing their sailing week. On Monday the children were excited and maybe a little apprehensive, but raring to go. The Portsmouth Outdoor Centre was the base for the week on the water. After a safety briefing and a quick talk about the boats they were going to sail, the children practised putting the sail up and getting the boat ready—on dry land! After an early lunch they went sailing. Monday was a little blustery so the instructors took the children out in groups of four and sailed with them. On Tuesday the

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children were ready to sail with their partners. Each pair had to rig the boat and push it to the water's edge. They were then towed out and they sailed! Wednesday was a little windier, but the children rose to the challenge and started sailing up-wind and down-wind, rather than across it. The waves were bigger, and there were a few more who took an early bath, but the children worked extremely hard to master whatever had been asked of them. Throughout the week all the children have been brilliant. If they capsized they got straight back onto the boat and carried on. They have listened carefully and used all the new information to help improve their sailing technique. Mrs Nash and Mr Sheldrick would like to congratulate all of the children for their exemplary behaviour and their commitment to master whatever has been asked of them. It has been a fantastic week. Next week it is the turn for pupils in 4J and 4S to go sailing, hopefully the weather will be good for them too!

The two Year Four classes who remain in school use this time to undertake their Independent Learning Projects. There has been a tremendous buzz of excitement in the two classrooms this week while the children have been working in groups to find out as much as they can about a chosen country and then choosing what they would like to include in the zig-zag books that each group is going to produce.

Independent Learning Projects are undertaken by all our pupils this half of term; with assessments out of the way and the weather hopefully providing enhancement to the linked visits, it is an ideal time of year to involve the pupils in independent and group study, investigation and enquiry. Pupils in Year Six have evidently benefited from their long weekend at the Nettlecombe Court Field Centre in Somerset as it has promoted interest in a wide variety of topics which have become the subject matter of their project. It is now each group's challenge to work together to produce a stimulating and interesting presentation, relating to their topic of study. This will take place on the occasion of the Leavers' Tea which is held on the last week of this term. During their Independent Learning week Year Five pupils will be focussing on the History of Portsmouth and Year Three pupils will be investigating the life of a specially chosen famous historical figure. Each project has a desired outcome, such as a PowerPoint presentation, zig-zag book or model, that will provide the focal point of a presentation to a chosen audience. I look forward to experiencing the different presentations.

The outstanding success of our U11A netball team players was recognised at a tree planting ceremony at Hilsea on Wednesday evening. You may have noticed a number of trees at the school playing field with plaques commemorating the special sporting achievements of teams or individuals. I am most proud to say that there is now a tree dedicated to a particularly fine Junior School sporting achievement; hopefully the first of many.

I wish you all a restful and happy weekend.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GAMES—THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

All Year 3 and 4 games will take place at Governors Green as detailed in the Red Book. All Year 3 and 4 pupils should be collected from the school quad at 3.35pm. Pupils who catch private buses home will be able to catch buses home from the Upper Junior School site as normal.

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.newtheatreroyal.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 by Friday 12th June.

PORTSMOUTH FESTIVITIES

LEANDER DEENY 24TH JUNE

Leander Deeny has cancelled his appearance at the festivities therefore Years 3 and 5 will now not attend and will have normal lessons.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FÊTE

Any unwanted toys and games would be greatly appreciated for sale at the fête. They can be used or new, as long as they are complete and still fit to enjoy. Please bring them to the Junior School Office as soon as possible.

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 **Grace Loveridge** (1Y) for gaining third place in the 5-10 year old Lead Rein Class and fourth place in the Child Handler Class at Lavant Horse Show.

A double congratulations to **Callum Percival** (2O) who has recently been awarded a trophy by his rugby club for the 'Most improved player of the year 2008-2009' and a medal for his super team effort in the football matches he played at Portsmouth Football Club over the half term break.

Congratulations to **Oakley Murphy** and **James Lilley** (5S) who raised £66.52 for the Mary Rose School. Oakley and James would like to thank all of their friends who supported the event and helped them raise this fantastic amount.

BADGES

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Harry Tyacke** for gaining his Red Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Marcus Gowers, Sabrina Choi, Jude Hyatt, Jack Norton** and **Finley Howe-Walsh** for gaining their Green Badge.

PARENT ALERT

Please would all parents be extremely vigilant as we have had cases of head lice reported to us recently. Children's hair needs to be inspected regularly. If you find head lice then you should speak to the local pharmacist who will recommend one of the preparations currently being used. However advice from our medical centre is that for a period of two weeks after treatment hair should be washed and conditioned daily and combed through using a nit comb to comb out any newly hatched eggs. This ongoing treatment is an important part of the process of ensuring the hair is free from head lice.

MENU WEEK 2



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Zaeem Kara** and **Adam Buckley** for super unaided writing telling the story of 'The Tiny Seed', **George Hodell** for making an amazing hungry caterpillar and butterfly from octons, **Grace Acklam** for thinking of others before herself, **Lauren McClure** for superb descriptive writing in English, **Oliver Morrell** for improved attitude in Music, **Ryan Buckley**, **Ethne Leaver**, **Frazer Mackenzie**, **Murray McLeod**, **Matthew Walton** for excellent writing about the life cycle of a broad bean, **Grace Brumder**, **Kathryn Richardson**, **Aadam Mactoom**, **Joseph Gowers** and **Ben Hall** for making significant progress in Maths

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Rebecca Alcaraz (x2), Honor Appleby-Mell, Michaela Clancy, Olivia Hooper, Mani Spencer

English Homework: Joseph Allen (x2), Benjamin Roberts

Maths: Joseph Gowers, Benjamin Hall, Aadam Mactoom

Maths Homework:

Geography: Emily Pereira (x2), George Sinden

History: George Campkin, Rebecca Hawdon, Jamie Mellor, Ajay Patel, Olivia Smitherman

RS: Benjamin Caldera (x2), Lotte Hayward (x2), James Clare, Roame Leaver, Michael Rollins,

ICT: Joseph Allen

Reading: Michaela Clancy, George Sinden

Spelling: Sabrina Choi, Harry Davis-Marks, Rebecca Hawdon, Matthew Holloway, Yic-Hin Jim, Phoebe Simons

Drama: Lotte Hayward, Jack O'Leary, Henry Percival

Effort in Class: Mia Austin, Sebastian Hiller

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

Grant Jackson (x2), Harry Barnett, Adam Buckley, Tamara Crocker, Harvey Hill, Zaeem Kara, Asef Mahir, Tess Matheson, Nathan McBride, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Dan Sherburn, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Bhooshitha Balaji, Alexander Barker, Grace Beardsley, Tilly Bell, Brynmor Bidwell-Richards, Claudia Bishop, Abigail Brader, Lucy Budgen, Elliot Chubb, James Crundwell, Annabel Cunningham, Hans Miles Deter, William Doyle, Freddie Fenton, Matilda Goldman, Matthew Grandison, Aimon Haba, Emma Holmes, Rufus Hornsey, Charlotte Johnson, Edward Lovatt, Samara Materna, Robert Mitchell, Emily Parekh, Callum Percival, Charlie Pereira, Ben Priory, Benjamin Steggall, Adam Stokely, Grace Taylor, Victoria Toh, Toby Wingham, 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.

FIXTURES—Saturday 6 June—2.30pm

U9A & B, U10A & B, U11A & B Cricket v Highfield (away)
U10A & B, U11A & B Rounders v Cheam (home—Clarence Field)
U9A&B Rounders v Cheam (away)

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 10 June—2.30pm

U11A & B Cricket v Pilgrims (home)
U10A Cricket v Pilgrims (away)
U10A & U11A Rounders v Barrow Hills (away)
Thursday 11 June—4.00pm
6-a-side Football and High 5 Netball Tournament for local Portsmouth Schools, Hilsea

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:

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| U11A | Amesbury | Won by 61 runs |
| U11B | Amesbury | Won by 100 runs |
| U10A | Amesbury | Won; PGS 98-6, Amesbury 96-8 - won by 2 runs |
| U10B | Amesbury | Won; PGS 103-7, Amesbury 92-6 - won by 11 runs |
| U9A | Amesbury | Won; PGS 266, Amesbury 236 - won by 30 runs |
| U9B | Amesbury | Won; PGS 364, Amesbury 304 - won by 60 runs |
| U8A | Amesbury | Won by 30 runs |

Girls' Rounders:

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| U11A | IAPs 2 nd round v. St Neots | Won 21-8.5 |
| U11A | Princes Mead | Won 23.5-3.5 |
| U11C | Westbourne House | Lost 10.5-15.5 |
| U10A | Princes Mead | Won 13.5-8.5 |
| U10C | Westbourne House | Lost 13.5-4 |
| U9A | Amesbury | Lost 8.5-10 |
| U9B | Amesbury | Won 7.5-7 |
| U8A | Amesbury | Won 8.5-6 |
| U8B | Amesbury | Drew 6-6 |

PGS IN BLOOM 2009



Pupils in the Junior School have been busily designing attractive hanging baskets as part of a House competition. This week the finalists will be travelling up to B&Q in order to select plants to match their designs and their finished baskets will be displayed around the school ready to be judged by a member of the Senior School staff at the end of term. The standard of entries has been excellent this year and it was extremely difficult to narrow it down to just eight finalists. Runners up and pupils in third place will be receiving certificates and small prizes in assembly in recognition of their efforts.

Congratulations to finalists in Years 3 and 4 who were:- Matthew Waters(H) Eleanor Wilson(J) Madeleine Alcaraz(N) and Isabel Herbert(P)

Congratulations also to 5/6 finalists who were:- Cicely Podmore(H) Lauren McClure(J) Lana Watt(N) and William Bates(P)

Well done runners up:- Florence Bishop, Jonathan Yang, Nancy Fenton, Grace Acklam, Alice Leonard, Sebastian Brown, Syed Al Rahim, Henrietta Clare, Matthew Roberts, Harry Tyacke, Sam Gibb, Sophie Parekh, Amir Thakrar and Georgia Henderson.

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YEAR 2 TRIP TO

HMS VICTORY



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.