



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

There is no doubt about it, our location provides us with amazing opportunities for enhancing and enriching our children's learning experiences. This has certainly been the case over the past week with Year Six focusing on the 'D-Day' commemorations, Year One spending the day on

HMS Warrior, the Reception classes visiting the Camber to explore the fish market and Year Four experiencing the second sailing week.

As you will know, Portsmouth commemorated the 65th anniversary of the 'D' Day landings over the weekend and, as Year Six are studying World War II in History at the moment, Miss Jennings felt it was important that the pupils should gain a good understanding of why the commemorations were taking place. To achieve this she invited an 89 year old veteran of the Second World War, Mr John Jenkins MBE, to talk to the pupils. He regaled them with fascinating details of his life before the war, his many different roles within the conflict and his work since, first guarding German prisoners of war, later working as a groundsman at Portsmouth Football Club. Pupils were full of interest and the questions after the session could have lasted for hours.

Year One pupils took advantage of the close proximity of HMS Warrior at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to learn about seashores in the past. They took part in workshops on the ship where they experienced what it was like to take a stroll along a promenade and have the opportunity to dress in period costume. The children also played some of the traditional seaside games such as hoopla and wooden pinball and were able to create their own Punch and Judy show! During one of the workshops, the children learnt about where people used to stay when they visited the seaside in times gone by. They also thought carefully about the types of clothing needed for different events, including swimming and compared these with the garments worn today. The children had a guided tour of the Warrior and all took home a traditional sugar mouse that they had made as a souvenir!

This week the Reception children have been busy participating in their Independent Learning Projects. They have been given many opportunities to extend their learning of our 'Splish Splash' topic through child initiated and independent activities. The children have enjoyed designing and making their own aquariums, finding out information about their favourite sea creatures, exploring floating and sinking by designing and building their own boats and testing them on the water. On Tuesday the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the fish market where they were given a range of first hand experiences to enhance their knowledge and enthusiasm for our topic.

Langstone Harbour has been the location for the second week running for the Year Four sailing experience. Despite the change in weather conditions the pupils in 4J and 4S have stuck to the task of sailing in the true spirit of Lord Nelson. They were enthusiastic crew members in

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RS Visions and the harbour echoed with happy voices singing "What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor" and other pirate ditties. Wind and tide permitting they have sailed their Terras onto a beam reach and they have successfully maintained their course between the marker buoys. Several have fallen out, but all have got back into their boats and continued with smiles on their faces. The pupils are learning to cooperate with each other and they are becoming more confident at sorting out problems on their own. They are developing their levels of skill and Mr Sheldrick and Miss Charter have been impressed how quickly they are becoming sailors.

With the school year drawing to a close we like to acknowledge the musical accomplishment of our pupils by holding an instrumental music competition in each of the four Key Stage Two year groups. The competition first takes place in the performing arts lessons where the children audition for a place in the final. This week saw the Year Three Music Final when eight of our young musicians competed for the Laura Dickson Music Shield. We heard pianists, trumpeters, violinists and a guitarist, all of whom greatly impressed us with their very high standard of performance. We warmly congratulate Jonathan Yang and Matthew Holloway for being Highly Commended, Charles Elliot for being awarded third place, Douglas James for gaining second place and Oscar Cannon for being the proud winner of the Dickson Shield. The standard of playing was so good, with such a high level of accomplishment and confidence, the occasion can best be described as a hugely enjoyable concert and I warmly congratulate all the participants. I now look forward to the remaining three competitions that will be taking place over the next two weeks.

From time to time we have the privilege of having an exceptionally gifted mathematician among our pupils which is undoubtedly the case at the moment. On joining the school in Year Three, nearly four years ago, we quickly recognised Matthew Roberts' significant mathematical ability and set in place the opportunity for him to gain knowledge in relation to his ability. He is now nearing the end of Year Six and I am delighted to say that he took part in the 2009 UK Junior Mathematical Challenge for pupils in Years Seven and Eight and gained third place—a truly significant achievement.

Yesterday evening the Junior School hosted an inter-schools High 5 Netball Tournament and a six-a-side Football Tournament. We were delighted to welcome 29 football teams and 10 netball teams from local state primary schools to what has become a prestigious local schools' tournament. As this letter goes to print on Thursday mornings I am unable, as yet, to comment on the success of the occasion but look forward to doing so in next week's Newsletter.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DISCO—Wednesday 15th July

Volunteers are needed to help set up beforehand and be available during the evening. If you are able to help either with setting up, during the evening or both, could you please let Marony Choppen know by email at choppen.gosport@ntlworld.com as soon as possible.

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

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—toys and games

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The link for school photographs is rossyoung.co.uk/090533

CALL FOR BLING

Year 3 are running a stall at this year's fête with bling, scarves and fancy dress. If you have any spare costume jewellery, kids dressing up clothes or scarves, could you donate them to our stall. Any packages can be left at the Junior School Office marked for either Liza Howe-Walsh or Diana Turner.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FÊTE—bottles

Any donations for the bottle stall gratefully received. Any kind of bottle appreciated: wine, cordials, squash, olive oil, vinegar, bubble bath, bottled fruits etc. Donations can be left in the Junior School Office.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FÊTE—Cream Teas

Could any Year 6 parents who are able to help out with the Cream Teas please let Sarah know as soon as possible seggie_sarah@yahoo.co.uk.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Raunak Mukherjee** (5P) for achieving Level 5 of the ASA National Swim Awards.



Congratulations to **Marcus Gowers** and **Oscar Cannon** (3J) for receiving their first holy communion at St John's RC Cathedral.



Congratulations to **Holly Fisher** (1M) who has graded in Karate and achieved her green and white belt and to **Megan Fisher** (3J) who has



graded in Karate to achieve her brown and white belt.

Congratulations to **Isabel Boden** (5S), **Georgie McTear** (5S), **Alice Cheshire** (5G), **Emma Dorricott** (5G), **Caitlin Hoddle** (5P) and **Dominique Warren** (5G) who have been selected for a combined Portsmouth schools netball team to take part in the Hampshire Games for Portsmouth on 20th June in Aldershot.

Congratulations to **Ray Leach** (4P) who passed her Grade One Speaking of Verse and Prose with distinction.

BADGES

GOLD BADGE

Congratulations to **Nicholas Graham**, **Maisie Riddle** and **Catrina Ellis** for gaining their Gold Badge.

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Harvey Hamilton** for gaining his Red Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Joe McAuley** and **Arshan Varzandeh** for gaining their Green Badge.

MENU WEEK 3



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **George Campkin, Amy Stokely and Matthew Waters** for excellent RS work, **Tobias Scandling, Joe Stirrup and Christian Thomas** for fantastic English homework, **Thomas Miller** for producing thorough and accurate work, identifying and using O.S. symbols, **Tom Minall** for excellent, well structured creative writing of an exceptionally high standard, **Emily Pereira** for excellent drama poetry work, **Alia Alayyan, Susannah Boydell, Lucy Budgen, William Davis, Hans Miles Deter, Holly Fisher, Matthew Grandison, Oscar Hamilton, Poppy Herbert, Benjamin Nash, Hannah Rayner, Joseph Russell, Kian Souhani and Jessica Werfalli** for their fantastic Independent Learning Projects, **Bhooshitha Balaji, Tilly Bell, James Crundwell, Oliver Donworth, Rory Gillies, Matilda Goldman, Benjamin Hunter, Michael Kan, Edward Lovatt, Charlie Pereira, Ethan Simmonds, Adam Stokely, Victoria Toh and Toby Wingham** for super teamwork during Independent Learning week, **Rory Gillies and Benjamin Hunter** for super Maths investigation work, **Edward Lovatt** for super work this term and growing in confidence, well done, **Benjamin Nash** for super progress with his piano playing, **Joe Stirrup** for an excellent poem about being a neighbour, **Lillie Simons** for excellent writing about a life changing experience, **Cameron Manson, Luca Williams and Isabel Herbert** for consistently excellent work in RS, **Alice Acklam, Abigail Brader, Elliot Chubb, Annabel Cunningham, William Doyle, Henry Edge, Freddie Fenton, Emma Holmes, Grant Jackson, Samara Materna, Benjamin Steggall, Oscar Tagg and Henry Wood** for an excellent attitude to work during Independent Learning Week, **Holly Baker** for excellent progress in Drama, **Rory Bell** for excellent work in Drama, **Peter Bustin, Meg Dennis, Edward Mitchell, Jasmine Nash, James Northey and Jack O'Leary** for working hard and making significant progress in Maths, **Alexander Butler and Emma Dorricott** for excellent effort in Drama, **Alice Cheshire** for good effort in Drama, **Louie Duncan** for good work in Drama, **Rebecca Pascoe** for excellent English homework, **Milly Trim** for outstanding performance in Dance, **Arshan Varzandeh** for great progress in English,

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Honor Appleby-Mell (x4), Harry Davis-Marks (x2), Rory Bell, Hannah Coyle, Noah Darlington, Harvey Hamilton, Alice Leonard, James Read, Emma Watkins,

English Poem: Marek Canavan

English Homework: Cameron Manson (x2), Lewis Walsh (x2), Thomas Austin, Joseph Gowers, Rory Greenwood, Olivia Hooper, Helen Jackson, Sachin Khanna, Josh Leigh, Emily Pereira, Tobias Scandling, Christian Thomas

Maths: Alice Leonard (x2), Honor Appleby-Mell, Joshua Atkins, Charlotte Dean, Isabel Gunn, Rebecca Hawdon, Alexi Paxman, David Richardson, Katheryn Richardson, Emily Tandy

Maths Homework: Jonathan Yang

Science: Samuel Burlein (x2), Harry Davis-Marks, Dominique Warren

Geography: Callum Trimmer (x2), Syed Al-Rahim, Alexander Butler, Samuel Elliott, Freddie Hares, Raveena Laly, Max Lancaster, Charlotte Webb, Sasha Wells, James Woodward

History: Jonathan Brook, Rebecca Hawdon, Henry Percival, Jack Silver

French: Marek Canavan, Sophie Parekh, Ella Tusler

RS: Tom Minall (x2), Thomas Austin, Isabella Barrington-Clark, Oscar Cannon, Sabrina Choi, Charlotte Dean, Nicholas Goodall, Aelfred Hillman, Joseph Hunter, Alice Leonard, Ajay Patel, Tom Randall, Olivia Smitherman, Callum Trimmer, Jessamie Waldon Day, Emily Whitehead

ICT: Harry Davis-Marks

Reading: Rory Bishop, James Cunningham, Maxim Greenfield, Isabel Gunn, Finley McBride, Sophie Parekh, Ellie Prosser, Matthew Roberts, Adam Smith, Emily Tandy, Lana Watt

Spelling: Alice Leonard (x2), Matthew Cheung, Joe Copsey, Fenton Murphy, Matthew Roberts, Emma Watkins

Drama: Rory Bell, Harvey Hamilton

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Samara Materna (x2), Lucy Albuery, Omar Al-Rahim, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Ashwin Elanchchelian, Ethan Hards, Samuel Head, Louie Howe-Walsh, Milla Macanovic, William Moore, Maddy Oliver, Samuel Bayco, Grace Beardsley, Ryan Buckley, Anna Caldwell, Emily Clark, Annabel Cunningham, Emily Curwood, George Davis-Marks, Henry Edge, Holly Fisher, Thomas Gibb, Rufus Hornsey, Charlotte Howard, Sophie Jennings, Grace Loveridge, Emily Nelson, Ben Priory, Hannah Rayner, Joseph Russell, Henry Simmons, Kian Souhani, Oliver Thomas



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 13 June—2.30pm

U11A, U10A & B, U9A & B Cricket v Farleigh (away)
U11B, U10C, U8A & B Cricket v Farleigh (home)
U11A & B, U10A & B Rounders v Westbourne House (away)
U9A & B Rounders v Westbourne House (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 17 June—2.30pm

U11A & B Cricket v Barrow Hills (home)
U10A & B Rounders v West Hill Park (away)

Thursday 18 June—2.30pm

U9A & B Cricket v Barrow Hills (away)
U8A & B Cricket v Barrow Hills (home)
U9A, B & C, U8A & B Rounders v St. Ives (home) 3.00pm

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	Haslemere	Lost by 9 runs
U11B	Haslemere	Won by 3 wickets
U11	PGS 8v8 Competition	Lost in the Semi-Final v. Yateley Manor
U9A	Haslemere	Won by 13 runs - Haslemere 161, PGS 174
U9B	Haslemere	Won by 49 runs - Haslemere 194, PGS 243
U8A	Haslemere	Won by 47 runs - PGS 307-2, Haslemere 260-7
U8B	Haslemere	Won by 30 runs - PGS 324-4, Haslemere 294-3
U11A	Highfield	Lost by 1 run! - PGS 120-6, Highfield 121-6
U11B	Highfield	Won by 7 runs
U10A	Highfield	Won by 7 runs - PGS 112 A/O, Highfield 105-9
U10B	Highfield	Lost by 3 wickets - PGS 77-8, Highfield 79-7
U9A	Highfield	Won by 3 wickets - Highfield 77-1 in 20 overs, PGS 78-2 in 15 overs. First game with a real cricket ball!
U9B	Highfield	Won by 17 runs

Girls' Rounders

U11A	Edgeborough	Lost 17-28
U10A	Guildford	Won 13-9
U10B	Guildford	Lost 14.5-21.5
U10C	Guildford	Drew 8-8
U10D	Guildford	Lost 6-9
U11A	Cheam	Won 14.5-11

U11B	Cheam	Won 10.5-8
U10A	Cheam	Won 22-19.5
U10B	Cheam	Won 12-10
U9A	Cheam	Drew 15-15
U9B	Cheam	Won 12-9