



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

The speed at which time passes seems to be accelerating as we experience the final weeks of the school year; with many interesting events interspersed amongst all the work that needs to be completed before the term ends, the days are flying by!

Although hampered by poor weather conditions across the week, pupils in 4J and 4S responded extremely well to the sailing experience last week, quickly acquiring skills that enabled them to make excellent progress. Overall, the two sailing weeks proved tremendously successful with every single Year Four pupil being awarded RYA Level One; an outstanding achievement which has not been achieved previously by any year group. The success has largely been due to the high level of responsiveness and attentiveness of all the pupils, as well as their tremendous ability to co-operate with each other and to support and help each other. They deserve a huge plaudit!

I mentioned in last week's Newsletter that we were hosting the annual PGJS inter-schools Football and High Five Netball Tournaments at Hilsa playing field on Thursday evening last week. The rainy conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the players and their team coaches and the event proved a tremendous success. 42 Under 11 teams involving 25 schools from across the city and beyond took part. All told, 120 matches were played with all teams displaying very evident enjoyment of the occasion. We fielded two netball teams, our Under 10 and Under 9 A teams, and one football team involving our Under 11 boys. It was interesting to learn from chatting to the teachers from other schools that in many cases either football or netball is the sole sport played by those pupils across the whole year. We are indeed fortunate that our pupils have the opportunity to experience the range of sports that they do and to be able to take part in both summer and winter sports. We were pleased with the performance of our teams at the tournament, especially the netballers, with the Under 10 A team winning the High Five tournament and the Under 9 A being semi-finalists. I am most grateful to Mr Rowley for organising the event and to all the many members of Junior School staff who supported the event by refereeing, umpiring, time keeping and score keeping.

In preparation for next year, various teachers are in the process of making transition visits; the Reception class teachers and Mr Ashcroft are visiting the Nursery School to meet the pupils they will be responsible for next year, Mr Ainsworth is getting to know the Year Two pupils, Mrs Giles the Year Four pupils and Mr Hampshire, Head of the Middle School, is visiting Year Six and taking an assembly. Between now and the end of term hand-over meetings are taking place between year groups so that all teachers will have a good understanding of the pupils they will be teaching next year. This week the Year Seven tutors from the Middle School met with our Year Six teachers and Mrs Giles to learn about the pupils who are moving to the Senior School in

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We are also looking forward, very much, to the New Pupils' afternoon that is happening next Wednesday when all the pupils spend the afternoon with their form teacher of next year in the class they will be joining. The afternoon is designed to be most enjoyable and to whet the children's appetites so that they spend the holidays looking forward to all that the next school year has to offer. Please note the details concerning the New Pupils' Afternoon in the back pages of this Newsletter.

I am writing this Newsletter on Thursday morning and I have just had two excellent experiences this morning so far that I would like to share with you. Firstly, I have been listening to the Year Four presentations of their Independent Learning projects when each group shared their project with other members of the year group. The presentations were excellent, with pupils delivering information in a clear and confident manner. They have very evidently been inspired and enthused by all that they have discovered while undertaking the project. Their presentations have been most informative and, as a member of the audience, I have learnt some fascinating and very interesting information! The second experience was the Year Five Dickson Music Competition Final when eight very fine young instrumentalists from Year Five performed to a very appreciative audience of friends and family members. The quality of each and every performance was exceptionally high, greatly impressing and entertaining the audience. I am so glad that I was not asked to judge who should win the competition as I thought all the performers deserved to win! However, Mrs Yi-Ru Hall, a member of the Senior School music department, proved an excellent adjudicator commenting on the strengths of each contender and the qualities of each performance. Third place was awarded to violinist Michaela Clancy, second place went to flautist Caitlin Huddle and the triumphant winner was Harry Tyacke who gave an excellent rendition of Offenbach's 'Can-can' on the tuba. Such was the panache of his performance, he had every member of the audience smiling from ear to ear and swaying in time to the music! I now look forward to the Year Six Music Competition Final which takes place later today.

As this week draws to a close I am beginning to look forward to some of next week's events. Tomorrow, we are to be treated to the Year Two musical production of 'Skellybones', the House picnics and the Birds of Prey demonstration. The Festivities opens tomorrow evening with a splendid concert in the Cathedral. Next week we have the New Pupils' Afternoon, the Tall Stories Children's Theatre Company entertaining our Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One pupils, Year Four experiencing Tudor music in the Cathedral, a Teddy Bear's Picnic for R/KS1 and the Junior School Brass Band performing in a concert at Trinity Methodist Church, as part of the Festivities—a lot to look forward to!

I wish you a pleasant and relaxing weekend.
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INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

VIVALDI ORCHESTRA—Wed 24 June (New Pupils' Afternoon)

Mrs Ingamells will collect all members of the orchestra from the Upper Junior School site at the end of the school day and take them across to the main site for rehearsal.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB—Thu 25 June

There will be no table tennis club on Thursday 25th June, pupils will need to be collected at the normal time on this occasion.

SPORTS DAY PRACTICES

All Year 5 and 6 must have full PE kit, water bottle and sun cream applied for their sports day practice on Mon 22nd June. All Year 3 and 4 should have the same for their sports day practice on Fri 26th 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 LEAVER'S DISCO—Wed 15 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

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to **Rebecca Pascoe** (5J) who has passed her grade 4 tap dancing exam with distinction.

Congratulations to **Charlotte Amenta-Lynch** (4J) who has gained RYA stage 1 and OICA grade 1 sailing awards and swimming awards of Rookie Lifeguard Bronze award 1 and 2 along with **Joe Hunter** (4J) and **Harry Harrison** (4J)



Congratulations to **Cameron Clarke** (2O) who recently won the Penarth 9 and under open tennis tournament in Cardiff. Cameron represented England as the only English competitor.

On Sunday **Sam Burlein** (5G) and

Max Burlein (3G) took part in the 3 Valleys cycling event in Dieppe.



This annual event is very challenging with a lot of uphill biking, but the boys managed to cycle a total of 60km and raised £200 for LEPR.

Congratulations to **Katheryn Richardson** (5J) and **Florence Bishop** (4P) who have been selected to represent Havant in netball at the Hampshire Mini Games, in Aldershot on 20th June. We wish the girls good luck in the tournament.

BADGES

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Clemmie Gumm** and **Matthew Waters** for gaining their Blue Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Sasha Wells** and **Dominic Chew** for gaining their Green Badge.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FÊTE—Parking

On the day of the Junior School fête parents will be able to park in the school playground.

MENU WEEK 4

INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Ctd.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FÊTE—toys and games

Any unwanted toys and games would be greatly appreciated for sale at the fêete. Please bring them to the Junior School Office as soon as possible.

CALL FOR BLING

Year 3 are running a stall at this year's fêete 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.

URGENT HELP NEEDED FROM YEAR 6 MUMS

Traditionally Year 6 run and make scones for the PGS summer fêete. Presently we have very few volunteers to help on the day or to donate scones. Please could any Year 6 parents who could spare a little time on the day to help contact Sarah asap on seggie-sarah@yahoo.co.uk. Also all donations of scones are greatly appreciated, these can be brought on the fêete day or left at the Junior School Office from Thursday 25th June. If you are donating could you also let Sarah know how many so that we can be sure to have enough on the day.

THE WEATHER LOTTERY

A reminder about our new Lottery Draw. It's fun, easy to play and provides much-needed project and Bursary income directly to PGS. For just £1 per week players have a very real chance of winning a monthly jackpot of £10,000 as well as other cash prizes. Winners are automatically notified and it's easy to set-up. Pick-up a leaflet from the Junior School Office or join on-line through the PGS website: www.pgs.org.uk. Select 'Development' and then select 'The Weather Lottery' from the list displayed on the left hand side of the screen. We hope you will join 'The Weather Lottery' - and encourage others to do so too.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The Summer sports teams are at www.rossyoung.co.uk/090676. The links should be typed in the address bar and not the google bar.

The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery Early Years Assistant

Part time - Term Time only (temporary)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, appropriately qualified and experienced person to work in this busy, thriving nursery. The successful applicant should have NVQ3 or equivalent qualification. Knowledge of the EYFS document is essential. This role includes taking 'key person' responsibility for a small group of children including leading some activities, making observation records of children's achievements; daily organisation and clearing away of the play areas. You will assist the Head of Nursery in all aspects of this provision. Hours of work will be Wednesday all day, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning with the possibility of more hours to cover staff sickness and course attendance. If possible this post will commence on 27th August 2009. Please telephone for an application form: 02392 681337. Closing date for applications: 9th July 2009. Interviews will take place in the week commencing: 16th July 2009

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(Part time - 48 weeks per year)

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

2.30pm Wed 24th June—Junior School Quad

All unsold items can be collected from the Junior School Office. Money will be in a named envelope and available for collection from Mon 29th June at the Junior School Office.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Harvey Hamilton** for good work in Drama, **Thomas Ross** for an excellent written report for the Year Book, **Merlin Wright** for excellent ideas and contribution in Drama, **Thomas Ross** for fantastic map work, **Oliver Saunders** for support and patience during sailing week, **Milly Trim** for outstanding devotion to duty, **RM** for wonderful Independent Learning Projects, for working hard, using imaginative ideas and skills they have learnt over the year, **Jacob Bund** for super kindness on the class trip to the Warrior, **Louis Crocker** for sharing his fantastic knowledge of nature with the rest of the class, **Will Donworth** and **Max Lancaster** for an excellent and detailed diary entry, **Charles Elliott** for always gaining 100% in his weekly tables tests, **Yic-Hin Jim** for gaining 100% every week in his weekly tables tests, **Molly Renton** for her unbeaten run in the mental maths game Splat! and for always gaining 100% in her weekly tables tests, **Mani Spencer** for his 100% record in his weekly tables tests

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Rebecca Alcaraz (x4), Oliver Barnett (x3), Joseph Allen, James Brader, Ned Davies, Olivia Hooper, Raunak Mukherjee, Ahrash Nazaripour, Dimitri Sautreau

English Homework: Rebecca Hawdon (x3), Maxim Greenfield, Josh Leigh, Frederike Rademacher, Devlin Stigant

Maths: Joyce Lui (x2), Aadam Mactoom (x2), Imojen Penry (x2), Zachary Choppen, Harry Davis-Marks, Hannah Evans, Rebecca Hawdon, Venetia Law, Sophie Locke-Cooper, Claudia Materna, Ahrash Nazaripour, Jack O'Leary, Gabriella Roberts, Timothy Shannon, Emma Watkins, Joseph Younger

Science: Georgia Henderson, James Northey

Geography: James Campkin, Matthew Cheung, Zachary Choppen, Hannah Evans

French: Ahrash Nazaripour (x2)

RS: Dominic Chew, James Clare, Rebecca Hawdon, Yic-Hin Jim, Callum Trimmer, Harry Tyacke

D.T.: Georgia Henderson, Frederike Rademacher

Reading: Ned Davies (x2), Zachary Choppen

Spelling: Jack Shahrhan

Handwriting: Jack Shahrhan (x2), Oliver Barnett, Maxim Greenfield, Olivia Hooper

Drama: Rebecca Alcaraz

Dance: Honor Appleby-Mell, Michaela Clancy, Caitlin Hoddle, Olivia Hooper

Sports: Molly Harfield

Conduct: Sebastian Ansell-Virco, Henry Doyle, William Lewis, Gregory Porter

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Samara Materna (x2), Henry Simmons (x2), Daisy Summerskill (x2), Omar Al-Rahim, Frederick Ansell-Virco, Giordano Avondo, Kirav Behari, Henry Buckle, Adam Buckley, Taariq Cassamo, James Christensen, Rebecca Cleary, Poppy Davenport, Ethan Hards, Adam Heyes, Harvey Hill, George Hodell, Sakina Khaja, Sophie Matheson, William Moore, Maddy Oliver, Meha Patel, Isabelle Pearce, Tom Shahrhan, Dan Sherburn, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Noah Stocker, Miles Toh, Alice Acklam, Alexander Barker, Claudia Bishop, Amir Choudhury, Cameron Clarke, Louis Crocker, Annabel Cunningham, Emily Curwood, Oliver Donworth, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Rory Gillies, George Gregory, Poppy Herbert, Benjamin Hunter, Sophie Jennings, Frazer Mackenzie, Robert Mitchell, Emily Parekh, Ben Priory, Benjamin Steggall, Oscar Tagg, Harry Tolcher, Matthew Walton, Jessica Werfalli



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 20 June—2.30pm

U9B & C Cricket v Pilgrims (home)
U11A, U10A, U9A, U8A Cricket v Twyford (away)
U11A & U10A Rounders v Twyford (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.

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	Pilgrims	Won by 33 runs
U11B	Pilgrims	Won by 21 runs
U10A	Pilgrims	Lost by 3 wickets - PGS 107-9, Pilgrims 108-7
U11A	Farleigh	Won by 50 runs
U11B	Farleigh	Won by 40 runs
U10A	Farleigh	Lost by 9 wickets
U10B	Farleigh	Lost by 64 runs
U8A	Farleigh	Won by 41 runs - PGS 284, Farleigh 243
U8B	Farleigh	Won by 22 runs - PGS 300, Farleigh 278

Girls' Rounders:

U11A	Barrow Hills	Matches cancelled
U10A	Barrow Hills	
U11A	Westbourne House	Won 18.5-13
U11B	Westbourne House	Lost 8.5-12
U10A	Westbourne House	Won 13-4.5
U10B	Westbourne House	Won 16-15.5
U9A	Westbourne House	Drew 15-15
U9B	Westbourne House	Drew 13-13

Local Schools Football:

U11	Unfortunately we were knocked out in the group stages
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Local Schools High 5 U11 Netball Tournament:

U10A	Won the tournament
U9A	Semi-finalists

NEW PUPILS' INDUCTION AFTERNOON

On Wednesday June 24th, all pupils will be spending the afternoon with their new form teacher for next year in their new class rooms. Please note the following arrangements:-

- There will be no teacher led clubs after school on that afternoon.
- Club run by external providers will take place and we will help direct Year Four pupils to these clubs from the Upper Junior School site

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS:-

Year R pupils moving up to Year 1)
Year 1 pupils moving up to Year 2) should all be collected from the small quad
Year 3 pupils moving up to Year 4)

Year 2 pupils moving up to 3G and 3J should be collected from the entrance to 'O' block directly opposite the Dining Hal.

Those moving into 3P should be collected from the small quad.

Year 4 pupils moving up to Year 5) should be collected from the front of the
Year 5 pupils moving up to Year 6) Upper Junior School

Year 6 pupils should be collected from the Senior School as directed in the information sent by the Senior School.

PLEASE NOTE YEAR 6 PUPILS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO WEAR SENSIBLE CASUAL CLOTHES TO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

COLLECTION TIMES:-

New Year R - 3.25
New Year 1 - 3.30
All new KS2 classes—3.35