



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

As you can imagine, with the end of term fast approaching, the weeks are filled with all sorts of interesting and enjoyable events and activities; this certainly has been the case over the past week.

The Year Six music competition final, when eight instrumentalists competed for the Peter Fellows Music Cup, proved to be a truly wonderful concert with each player treating us to a performance of an exceptionally high standard. The concert involved two pianists, one trumpeter, two violinists, a clarinettist, a cellist and a viola player playing music that ranged from classical to jazz, blues, modern and folk. I was so glad that I was not given the responsibility of selecting the winning performance as each and every performance was outstanding; thankfully this tricky task fell to a member of the Senior School music department, Mrs Yi-Ru Hall who proved a very skilful adjudicator indeed. After words of excellent and encouraging advice she announced the winner to be pianist Kelvin Shiu, with violinist Catriona Ellis being placed second and viola player, Jude Corker, gaining third place. Our warm congratulations go to these players as indeed to all the other finalists for their excellent performances and for entertaining us so well.

We were treated to more excellent musical entertainment on the following day with the Year Two pupils' performance of 'Skellybones' and a real treat it was. With brilliant singing, skilful dancing and expertly delivered lines, the performance was superb and hugely enjoyed by performers and audience alike. It was so entertaining it had the audience dancing in the aisles! Thank you Mrs Sheldrick and the team of Year Two teachers for providing us with such a special experience.

Later that day it was a real delight to welcome back to school Mr Alan Ames from Eagle Heights Conservation Centre. He brought with him four birds of Prey; a Bald Eagle, a Harris Hawk, a Peregrine Falcon and a Barn Owl. He gave two most enlightening and stimulating talks on birds of prey, habitats and caring for the environment. The pupils were totally mesmerised as he flew three of the birds over their heads; the huge wingspan and 'whoosh' of the Bald Eagle contrasted magnificently with the silent flight of the tiny Barn Owl. Children from Nursery to Year Six listened with tremendous interest and concentration and many then enjoyed having their photograph taken whilst holding one of the birds. In welcoming Mr Ames and having photographs taken we also contributed significantly to the ongoing protection of these endangered species.

Raising money for good causes is one of the aims of the four Houses in Key Stage Two. Each House has its own chosen charity that the

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pupils raise money for across the year by holding all manner of events from cake sales to concerts. This week Nicol House staged a sponsored 'work out' raising money for LEPRO. Children took part in a dance workshop on Tuesday with everyone dancing around the school gym and some children from other Houses were so infected by the music that they joined in as well. The aim is to raise £21 each which covers the cost of the course of treatment needed to cure a person of leprosy and so far we have raised around £600 with money still coming in. Max and Sam Burlein have both completed a 60km bike ride and raised over £200 between them.

One way or another the four Houses have been very busy this week with their best spellers competing in a 'Spelling Bee' and attending a House picnic on Governors' Green. The picnic provided the opportunity for the children from across the four year groups to enjoy each others' company while eating their picnics and playing games in the sunshine. It certainly gave each House the opportunity to celebrate its identity, enabling each pupil to be proud to be part of a very special family group.

The Headmaster, James Priory, joined pupils from Year Five and Year Six at their assembly on Wednesday when he told the pupils what was happening during the closing ceremony of the Festivities this Sunday when there will be a Ghost Ship Pageant. He explained that the Pageant celebrates the 500th anniversary of the accession of King Henry VIII and the commissioning of his favourite warship, the Mary Rose. The Pageant, inspired by the Tudors with a cast of sailors, shipwrights, flag bearers and musicians will set off from the Mary Rose museum in the Historic Dockyard at 3.30 to parade through the streets of Old Portsmouth, past Governors' Green and on to Southsea Bandstand. A Family Picnic and Food Fair will then take place accompanied by various entertainments and music. Following this a 'Ghost Ship Spectacle' is taking place on Castle Field with a cast of hundreds, a burning anchor, lighting effects and spectacular staging, dancing, music and drama with fire and fireworks celebrating the birth of the modern Navy and Henry VIII's favourite warship. Year Six pupils have designed and made pennants in their art lessons which they will be proud to be carrying in the procession. It promises to be a very exciting and memorable occasion that will fit in so well with our own Junior School special event: The Summer Fête which takes place on Governors' Green from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm.

What a wonderful day to look forward to this weekend—which I hope I will be able to share with many of you.

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## INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### BALLET CLASSES

Monday 29th June is the last Ballet class for the year. Could all outstanding fees please be paid to Miss Sarah as soon as possible. The Ballet teachers will be in touch over the Summer with invoices and exam certificates etc.

### SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

Susy Hague's drama club and speech and drama lessons will finish at the end of next week 3rd July.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL FÊTE—Sunday 28th June

Governors Green, Southsea 12.15-3.30pm

Parking is available in the school playground.

### STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM CHOIRS CONCERT

The two KS2 choirs; Years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 are putting on the annual Strawberries and Cream concert next Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June in the DRT. The concert will begin at 4.00pm and strawberries will be served afterwards. Please come along and enjoy the performance.

### YEARS 5 AND 6 SPORTS DAY

Monday 29th June

Burnaby Road Athletics Stadium 9.20-12.30.

All pupils must have full school PE kit, packed lunch, bottle of water, sun cream applied.

### YEARS 3 AND 4 SPORTS DAY

Friday 3rd July

Burnaby Road Athletics Stadium 9.20-12.30.

All pupils must have full school PE kit, packed lunch, bottle of water, sun cream applied.

### ALICE IN WONDERLAND

#### YEAR 6 PRODUCTION—SUMMER 2009

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.newtheatreroyal.com) and are priced at £5 for adults and £2 for children.

### PGS PARENTS V STAFF ANNUAL 20/20 CRICKET MATCH

**Tuesday 14th July 2009—6.00pm start—Hilsea**

This keenly contested fixture has been held for a number of years with honours between the sides fairly even. If you are available to play please contact Ron Hodgson on 07740 636624.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

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

## PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to four Year 6 boys, **Jevon Subramanian, Sam Tagg, Tom Woolas and James Blake**, the backbone of a six a side team who guided by their coach, ex Junior School pupil James Woolas, swept to victory (9 wins with no goals conceded) at the Pickwick youth football tournament last Sunday.

Congratulations to **Clemmie Gumm** (4S) who recently passed her Intermediate Piano examinations gaining a merit.

Congratulations to **Grace Acklam** (3P) and **Alice Acklam** (2M) who were recently awarded their RYA Badge 2.

Congratulations to **Peter Bustin** (5S) for gaining his orange belt in Karate.

## BADGES

### RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Rory Bell** and **James Harper** for gaining their Red Badge.

### BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **George Wilcockson** for gaining his Blue Badge.

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DISCO

All Year 6 pupils should have brought home an envelope this week containing their invite to the Year 6 Leavers' Disco that also includes an explanatory note for parents. Could all parents respond promptly as numbers need to be in by 3rd July. If you do not have the envelope then please contact Marony Choppen on [choppen.gosport@ntlworld.com](mailto:choppen.gosport@ntlworld.com) as soon as possible.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Many items have not sold. Please collect items by Friday 3rd July. If items are not collected we will assume you are happy for it to be sold for £1 an item to raise money for the JSA.

### YEAR 3 & 4 STRING PLAYERS

Parents of any Year 3 and 4 string players are invited to attend an informal concert on Wednesday, 8th July at 1600 in the Rotunda. The concert will feature solo items and performances by the Year 3 Violin Club and Year 4 Vivaldi Orchestra.

**MENU WEEK 5**



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: Kelvin Shiu for an outstanding performance, on the piano, winning the Year 6 music competition, Harry Tyacke for an outstanding performance, on the tuba, winning the Year 5 music competition, Jude Corker, Catriona Ellis, Samuel Gibb, Nicholas Graham, Tom Minall, Michael Rollins and Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell for outstanding performances in the Year 6 music competition final, Joseph Allen, Alexander Butler, Michaela Clancy, Caitlin Hoddle, Matthew Llewellyn, Ben Nash and Christian Thomas for outstanding performances in the year 5 music competition final, Sienna Bentley for learning "Für Elise" by Beethoven in two lessons, Kirsten Goves for very good work in the Independent Learning Project, Clemmie Gumm for excellent effort in presentation in all subjects

## ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

**English:** Isobel Gumm (x3), Nicholas Graham (x2), Adam Boxall, Megan Canavan, Rumaanah Cassamo

**English Homework:** Nicholas Graham (x5), Nicholas Goodall (x3), Will Donworth (x2), Henry Doyle (x2), Nancy Fenton (x2), Isobel Fraser-Harris (x2), Sabrina Choi, Edward Donnelly

**Maths:** Oakley Murphy (x2), Jack O'Leary (x2), Emily Pereira (x2), Frederike Rademacher (x2), Roame Leaver, Alice Leonard, William Lewis, Thomas Matthews, Joseph McAuley, Lauren McClure, Naeve Molho

**Science:** George Wilcockson

**Geography:** Isabel Herbert, Sean Hill

**History:** Aelfred Hillman, Joseph Hunter, Ray Leach

**RS:** Devlin Stigant (x2), George Sinden, Olivia Smitherman

**D.T.:** Jake Austin

**Reading:** Amy Stokely

**Drama:** Florence Bishop

**Dance:** Joseph Allen, Sebastian Ansell Virco,

**Games:** Isobel Gumm, Harry Harrison, Lotte Hayward, Georgia Henderson

**Rounders Leaflet:** Katrina Trim, Sasha Wells, Emily Whitehead

## KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Yasmin Dyer (x2), Louie Howe-Walsh, William Moore, Alice Acklam, Alia Alayyan, Priya Badial, Bhooshitha Balaji, Nikhila Behari, Brynmor Bidwell-Richards, Ryan Buckley, Lucy Budgen, Anna Caldwell, Joshua Chipper, William Davis, George Davis-Marks, Hans Miles Deter, Freddie Fenton, Matthew Grandison, Harry Hellyer, Charlotte Howard, Grant Jackson, Sophie Jennings, Michael Kan, Ethne Leaver, Samara Materna, Emily Parekh, Louise Shannon, Daisy Summerskill, Omar Talaat, Jessica Werfalli, Oliver Wisbey



## HOUSE PICNICS 2009



On Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> all Key Stage Two staff and pupils went down to *Governors Green* for our annual House picnic. On this occasion all Houses were together and there was a fantastic atmosphere amongst staff and pupils. After eating lunch there was an opportunity for games together and then a chance to celebrate this year's achievements through the releasing of coloured balloons. All House Captains this year were given the chance to say a few words about achievements this year or wishes for next year and cheers resounded around *Governors Green* as each balloon went high into the sky. I would like to thank all the pupils for their fantastic spirit, the staff for all their support and wish all Houses success in the remaining events this term.

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## Year 4 Learn about Judaism

On Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> two of the classes in Year Four were fortunate enough to be visited by Mrs Molho, who came into school to speak about her Jewish faith and what it means to her. Each year group across Key Stage Two has the opportunity to learn about two major religious traditions as part of the Religious Studies curriculum. The pupils learnt about Shabbat and some of the other festivals and traditions and had the opportunity to pass artefacts around and ask questions. Mrs Molho was impressed by the level of concentration and the quality of the questions that were posed by the pupils. All staff and pupils enjoyed the experience and Mrs Molho will be returning on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to visit the other two classes.



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## HAMPSHIRE GAMES

There were 2 teams from Portsmouth in the Hampshire Games. Team 1 which included from PGS: Alice Cheshire, Emma Dorricott, Dominique Warren and Georgina McTear won the tournament overall without losing a game. Team 2 which included from PGS: Isobel Boden and Caitlin Huddle came 4th overall. The girls played out of their skins and made many good friends from the other schools during the training for the games.



# 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 27 June—2.30pm

U8 & U11C Cricket v Stroud (away) - 1030am  
U11A, B & C Cricket v Westbourne House (away)  
U10A, B & C Cricket v Westbourne House (away)  
U9 Cricket v Westbourne House (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 1 July—2.30pm

U11A Cricket v Norman Court (home)  
U10A Cricket v Norman Court (away)  
U10A & B and U11A & B Rounders v St Ives (home) - 3.00pm  
**Thursday 2 July—2.30pm**  
U8A, U9A & B Rounders v Barrow Hills (away)

## 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	Barrow Hills	Won by 20 runs
U11B	Barrow Hills	Won by 86 runs
U9A	Barrow Hills	Won by 27 runs
U9B	Barrow Hills	Won by 61 runs
U8A	Barrow Hills	Won by 50 runs
U8B	Barrow Hills	Won by 20 runs
U9B	Pilgrims	Lost by 50 runs
U9C	Pilgrims	Lost by 35 runs
U11A	Twyford	Lost by 5 wickets
U10A	Twyford	Lost by 4 wickets
U9A	Twyford	Lost by 30 runs
U8A	Twyford	Lost by 14 runs

### Girls' Rounders:

U10A	West Hill Park	Won
U10B	West Hill Park	Won 23-15
U9A	St Ives	Won 20.5-15.5
U9B	St Ives	Won 15-9
U9C	St Ives	Lost 9-15
U8A	St Ives	Lost 8-9.5
U8B	St Ives	Lost 7-14
U11A	Twyford	Won 14-9
U10A	Twyford	Drew 13-13