



Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasant week with all year groups making the most of the fine weather to pursue outdoor activities in the spring sunshine. Reception pupils have been exploring the different habitats of the school grounds, hunting for mini beasts and sketching the different environments where such creatures can be found. Year One, whose topic this half of term is concerned with living and growing, have been busy investigating all the plant life that can be found scattered round the school grounds carefully considering the variety of plant life that is evident in the different growing conditions. Pupils from Reception to Year Four have been enjoying swimming in the Junior School swimming pool, an activity that has generated a great deal of excitement among the younger pupils in particular. We are very grateful to the band of helping mums and grandmas who so willingly give of their time to accompany the younger swimmers, assisting with the otherwise rather time consuming task of getting the pupils changed and re-dressed.

All the Key Stage Two pupils are participating most enthusiastically in the summer sports programme playing cricket and rounders honing skills in batting and fielding and getting to grips with the more complicated rules of both these games. Rounders is a particularly strategic game, matches can be lost or won depending on the strategies deployed and a significant amount of time during coaching sessions is dedicated to explaining the strategies and developing the pupils' ability to 'read' each game so that appropriate strategies can be applied. Certainly the U11A rounders girls successfully deployed strategies in the first round of the regional IAPS rounders tournament that took place last Wednesday leading them to a resounding 28½—10 win: an excellent start to the season girls, well done!

Last Saturday saw a coach packed full of girls from Years Six, Five and Four excitedly travelling to Cheam School (located between Basingstoke and Newbury). Their extensive grounds enabled seven simultaneous matches to take place; we were particularly pleased that there was a sufficient number of U10 girls from both schools to enable every one of our Year Five girls to take part. Cheam provided strong opposition so the experience was particularly useful in helping the different PGS team coaches to identify those aspects of the game that they need to focus on during coaching and Games sessions.

The cricket season has got off to a gentle start with only the

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U9's and U8's experiencing matches so far; all three matches achieving very pleasing results. The U11 and U10 'A' cricket teams are looking forward to their first matches of the season this weekend when, accompanied by the more 'seasoned' U9 team face the opposition of Highfield, as indeed do rounders teams from Year Six and Year Four. I wish them all good luck.

The Saturday morning voluntary Games session last weekend proved highly popular amongst those boys and girls not otherwise engaged with fixtures; it is always most pleasing to see so many children playing so enthusiastically across the spread of Hilsea playing fields on such occasions. This Saturday will be the first opportunity for pupils to take part in the summer sport badge tests; House co-ordinator, Mrs Albuery, is hoping for a good turn out.

It might not have escaped your notice that I derive tremendous pleasure, and feel a considerable amount of pride in the sporting success of Junior School teams; and when there has been a significant sporting achievement we hold a celebratory assembly during which time the victorious team, adorned with specially personalised hoodies, is feted. This week saw the third consecutive assembly celebrating the recent success of our U11 girls' hockey team. Hockey coaches David Rutherford and Jan Dossett were special guests receiving our warm wishes and congratulations. On each such occasion I am honoured by being presented with my own hoody and am delighted to see my wardrobe growing in such a fine way—my ambition is to end up with a different hoody for each day of the week; I have only 3 left to go—play up Year Six!

Next week Year Six pupils will be facing a very different type of challenge to that of a sporting variety—the Key Stage Two SATs. As these tests are designed to identify how well pupils are progressing through the Mathematics and English National curriculum, they provide ideal assessment material for us to measure pupil progress and monitor the quality of our teaching year on year. It certainly appears as though each of our pupils is taking this challenge well and truly in their stride and we wish them a very positive experience next week.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded: **Jake Austin**, **Joshua Ellard** and **George Wilcockson** for excellent effort in Maths, **Alice Acklam** for consistent effort in all areas, **Grace Acklam** for writing a fantastic opening paragraph for a story, **Giordano Avondo**, **Poppy Davenport**, **Harvey Hill**, **Lauren-Lilly Prentice** and **Quinn Sinton-Gerry** for writing an excellent story based on 'The Enormous Turnip', **Oscar Bird** for an outstanding Earth, Sun and Moon assessment, **Isabel Boden** and **Georgina McTear** for an excellent micro-organism powerpoint, **Jonathan Brook** for excellent effort in Design Technology, **Adam Brown** for his English homework and English poem, **Meg Dennis** and **Jasmine Nash** for an excellent microbe powerpoint, **Daniel Garcia Tarifa** for a fantastic piece of creative writing, **Fergus Gibson** for excellent work in Maths, **Milly Henderson** for writing a super opening paragraph to a story, **Amun Laly** for improved effort with presentation, **Harry Loveridge** for an amazing painting of a speckled frog, **Benjamin Steggall** for improved attitude to work, **Victoria Toh** for always being kind and helpful, **Alexander Turner** for excellent story writing, **Toby Wingham** for continued effort with handwriting

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Alice Acklam, Matilda Goldman, Lotte Hayward, Sophie Jennings, Matthew Llewellyn, Cameron McClure, Jamie Mellor, Alexandre Sautreau

English Homework: Charlotte Dean (x2), Milly Henderson (x2), Jack Anson, Thomas Austin, Sabrina Choi, Henrietta Clare, Daniel Garcia Tarifa, Thomas Groves, Maxwell Gumm, Harry Harrison, Matthew Holloway, Yic-Hin Jim, Oliver Nash, Matthew Roberts, James Taylor

Maths: Sasha Wells (x3), Abigail Brader (x2), Fergus Gibson, Georgina Lewis, Thomas Placintescu, Olivia Smitherman, Henry Wood

Maths Homework: Yasmin Deter

Science: Alice Acklam, Abigail Brader, Oliver Donworth, Matilda Goldman, Theodore Hornsey, Stewart Jack, Sophie Jennings, Raveena Laly, Thomas Placintescu, Victoria Toh, Sasha Wells, Henry Wood, Jozef Wragg

Geography: Georgia Grant (x2), Benjamin Hall (x2), Rebecca Pascoe (x2), Katheryn Richardson (x2), Tobias Scandling (x2), Christian Thomas (x2), Ruby Turner (x2), Alice Acklam, Hermione Barrick, Abigail Brader, Sam Caldera, Henry Cresswell-Hogg, Joseph Gowers, Rory Greenwood, Cameron Manson, Oliver Morrell, Ella Povey, Joe Stirrup, Chester Tagg, Callum Trimmer, Kira Walker, Georgia Wright

History: Cameron Manson (x2), Hermione Barrick, Jonathan Brook, Sam Caldera, Joseph Gowers, Rory Greenwood, Marcus Horton, Ella Povey, Frederike Rademacher, Devlin Stigant, Chester Tagg, Anna Thornell, Callum Trimmer, Kira Walker

RS: James Harper (x4), Isabella Barrington-Clark, Sienna Bentley, Samuel Burlein, Alice Cheshire, Grace Goodfellow, Oliver Saunders, Katerina Sillett, Lana Watt

French: Honor Appleby-Mell, Louie Duncan, Ben Nash, Rebecca Pascoe, Ella Povey, Katheryn Richardson, Jack Shahrn, Joe Stirrup, Georgia Wright

Reading: Max Bird, Rory Gillies, Elizabeth Jones, Samuel Richardson, Anna Thornell, Holly White

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week: Christy Hosford (x2), Evie Chapman, Christian Clark, Daisy Crane, Brooke Edyvane, Oliver Evans, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Solomon Haba, Ciaran Hards, Douglas Henderson, Martyn Lloyd, Seth Maxwell, Thomas Moore, Beatrice Oliver, Amelie Parker, Hazel Porter, Mei-Ling Reader, Adam Robinson, Theo Roseblade, Joshua Scott, George Summerskill, George Tolcher, William Trise, Georgina Turner, Alia Alayyan, Lucy Albuery, Danny Atherton, Giordano Avondo, Alexander Barker, Susannah Boydell, Ryan Buckley, Joshua Chipper, Amir Choudhury, Louis Crocker, Tamara Crocker, Emily Curwood, Poppy Davenport, William Davis, George Gregory, Aimon Haba, Jevon Hannah, Ethan Hards, Harry Hellyer, Louie Howe-Walsh, Charlotte Johnson, Benjamin Jones, Frazer Mackenzie, Tess Matheson, Nathan McBride, Jaden McCoy, Hannah Millerchip, William Moore, Isabelle Pearce, Jem Porter, Lauren-Lilly Prentice, Alice Robertson, Quinn Sinton-Gerry, Nahum Stocker, Noah Stocker, Daisy Summerskill, Grace Taylor, Miles Toh, 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 and the opportunity for KS2 badge testing.

FIXTURES—Saturday 8th May—1430

U9A & U11A & B Rounders v Highfield (away)
U11A, U10A & U9A Cricket v Highfield (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 12th May

U10A & U11A Cricket v Sherborne House (home) - 1430
U9A Rounders Tournament at Westbourne House—1400

Thursday 13th May

U8A & U9A Cricket v Sherborne House (home) - 1430

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:

U9A	Haslemere	Won by 20 runs
U9B	Haslemere	Won by 80 runs
U8A	Haslemere	Won by 107 runs

Girls Rounders:

U11A	Cheam	Lost 7 - 14.5
U11B	Cheam	Won
U10A	Cheam	Lost 7.5-9.5
U10B	Cheam	Won 20-5
U10C	Cheam	Lost 4.5-12.5
U9A	Cheam	Lost 4.5—10.5
U9B	Cheam	Won 21.5 — 12.5