



# Junior News

THE PORTSMOUTH  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

It is at this stage of the school year that I wish I could either put a few additional hours into each day or discover a method of slowing everything down so that I can have plenty of time to enjoy and savour all the many special events that take place to mark the conclusion of the year. Since I

last wrote to you we have experienced: the IAPS U11 national rounders finals, the Year Six, Year Four and Year Three music competitions, a visit of the 'Stuff and Nonsense' Theatre Company, Year Six Independent Learning presentations to their parents, 'moving up' day, the JSA second hand uniform sale, a reciprocal visit of the Year Six French pen-pals from Collège Jean Monnet, Sports Day practices for Reception/KS1 and Years Five/Six, a visit by the Headmaster-to-be, Mr Hopkinson, and Caribbean Week with Alex Pascal.

Our U11 rounders girls did us proud at the national finals playing two matches, the first match being the qualifying match for the final. It was a very close match indeed; sadly with nerves getting the better of them, they just couldn't pull it off, narrowly missing out on winning. However, they went on to storm through their second match seizing an easy victory thus becoming the third best U11 girls rounders team in the UK. A superb achievement!

Each of the three music competitions was amazing, every single performer producing quite outstanding performances for their age and experience. I can not tell you how glad I was not to have to adjudicate any of the competitions, fortunately this unenviable task fell to members of the Senior School music department, each of whom spoke very positively and encouragingly to every performer. Year Three winner was pianist, Rufus Hornsey with second place going to pianist, Thomas Placintescu and third place to cornettist, Ben Stegall. In Year Four, joint first place was awarded to pianists, Max Burlein and Duggie James with third place going to clarinettist, Aelfred Hillman. The Year Six competition saw joint winners, singer, Caitlin Hoddle and viola player, Matthew Llewellyn with violinist, Christian Thomas gaining third place. All in all, because each contestant gave a truly fine performance the three competitions provided the lucky audiences with three super concerts!

We were delighted to see so many parents at the Year Six Independent Learning Presentations on Monday afternoon. The presentations were of such a high quality it was hard to believe that the children produced them without adult help. In delivering their presentations the pupils demonstrated considerable confidence and very adept skill in using ICT. It was very evident that the French trip, which stimulated the choice of topic, had been both greatly enjoyed and hugely informative, making me feel that it had been a very worthwhile experience indeed.

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On Tuesday, all of the children in the Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One were treated to a performance of 'The Deep Blue Sea' by the 'Stuff & Nonsense' Theatre Company. The children were captivated by the imaginative storyline of a lone fisherman who went to sea and had to dive below the water to escape from pirates. They saw many kinds of under-water life including sea anemones and a teacher fish! When the boat re-surfaced, the audience was given a taste of the ocean as a whale sprayed majestically out of the water. At the end of the play, the children were delighted as the fisherman was granted his two wishes; he found both dry land and a friend (Mr Ashcroft!) The pair sailed away into the sunset with the distant sound of Junior School pupil seagulls to live happily ever after! The children had a fantastic time and sailing boats have been a frequent playground theme during the rest of this week!

This week has also seen the 'moving up day' when all the pupils from Nursery to Year Six spent Wednesday afternoon with their next year's form teacher in the classroom where they will be based next academic year. I love visiting all the different classes over the afternoon and I have to say that all the children, from the very youngest to the oldest, appeared to be very happy while they engaged in a variety of different activities that are designed to be an appetiser of what they will be experiencing next year. Hopefully all the pupils are now very enthusiastic and excited about what lies ahead. I was delighted that my successor, Mr Peter Hopkinson, was able to join me on my wander, which gave him an ideal opportunity to introduce himself to all the pupils. He too ended up very enthused saying that he can not wait to start his job in January. We have arranged to meet on several occasions over next term to ensure that the handover is as smooth as possible.

So far, we have held two out of the three sports day practices; yet to come is the Year 3/4 practice. These practices are designed to prepare all the children well for the challenges they will face on the day thus enabling them to give their best performances. Although we were initially disappointed to learn that Burnaby Road athletics stadium is not now available for us to use for the Years 5/6 sports day, I have been assured that in some respects this is to our benefit as the Mountbatten Stadium offers superb facilities. I certainly look forward to all three sports days and hope that as many parents as possible can join us to cheer on their children.

Today 88 French pupils and a number of teachers from the Collège Jean Monnet paid a reciprocal visit to the Junior School These pupils are all pen-pals of our Year Six pupils who greatly enjoyed meeting their French pen-pals during the French trip in May. Arriving at 7.45am, following an overnight channel crossing, our visitors were

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treated to a breakfast in the dining hall prior to experiencing registration and ERIC time in groups of four in classes across the school. Following a short concert, when Year Six sang a medley of songs from their forthcoming play, Treasure Island, and the Brass Band performed, the party spent the day visiting HMS Victory at the historic dockyard and playing rounders. Hopefully this inaugural reciprocal visit will be the first of many visits to come.

I owe many debts of gratitude to the JSA for the support they give the school in all manner of ways. This week the JSA has funded the visit of Alex Pascal thus enabling all the children to gain a wonderful understanding of Caribbean culture through song, poetry, music and dance. Each year group has been treated to a different perspective: the Year Six focus was African rhythm and rhymes; during this session 6J pupil, Rebecca Pascoe, was given the opportunity to demonstrate her drumming talent; Year Five were encouraged to write their own lyrics to a song all about market sellers and to sing about the jungle; Year Four learnt about life on the Caribbean island of Grenada and helped to compose a brand new song called 'Vuvuzela' inspired by the World Cup and the buzzing horn that has become a feature of all the games; Year One children were delighted to hear stories about Alex's childhood and particularly enjoyed learning the song, 'Have a Cup of Tea'; Year Three pupils were thrilled to hear ghost stories and to learn a song called 'City boys, city girls' singing about famous figures associated with the city of Portsmouth.

As I write this letter the Reception Year and Year Two are yet to have their Caribbean experience which no doubt will present even more opportunities for our pupils to have a wonderful time while learning about the Caribbean. We would all like to pass on a huge vote of thanks to the JSA for enabling such an enjoyable experience to take place.

In closing I would also like to thank the JSA mums, Susan Lilley, Liz Barrington-Clark and Lisa Howe-Walsh plus their helpers, for organising and running the Second Hand Uniform stall on the 'moving up' afternoon which was greatly appreciated by many parents. The JSA will be very active again this Sunday when it is holding the magnificent and eagerly anticipated summer fête. I hope that many families are able to attend the fête which we are pleased to be holding on Governors' Green again this year—I look forward to seeing you there, fingers crossed for fine, sunny weather.

Philippa Foster

## INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Please note the dates below and that for all these events, if there are changes or cancellations due to poor weather, an updated message will be left on the games answerphone in the morning of each event.

023 9236 4266

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June

0915-1230 Year 5 and 6 Sports Day. Please note this event is at the Mountbatten Stadium not HMS Temeraire

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

R and KS1 Sports Day. Hilsea. 10am followed by family picnics

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July

1130-1500 Nursery and JS 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Picnic, Hilsea

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 3 and 4 Sports Day, HMS Temeraire. 0915-1230.

### PACKED LUNCH REMINDER—YEARS 3 AND 4

Can all children in Years 3 and 4 bring a packed lunch into school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June as they are going to Fratton Park for the astronaut event.

### CLUBS—Thu 1st July

Clubs on Thu 1st July are all on as normal.

### PORTSMOUTH FESTIVITIES

Kate Bellingham / Action Stations / 2 pm Saturday 26 June 2010

We regret to announce that this event is now CANCELLED. If you have purchased a ticket for this event please contact the Box Office to arrange for a refund. We hope to reschedule a visit by Kate Bellingham later in the year.

### CORNET FOR SALE—£275

Yamaha Cornet YCR2330. Excellent condition—good as new. Please email lisabrown@lisabrown.plus.com or telephone 07966 152626 for more information.

### SCHOOL CALENDARS

School calendars are now on sale in the Junior School Office for only £7.00! The calendars run from September 2010 to August 2011 and contain most Red Book dates and all holidays, INSET days etc.

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Table tennis club on Thursday 1st July is cancelled due to Mrs Albuery being on a course.

### YEAR 6 DRAMA

Thu 1st July—Mrs Hague will in the UJS for Drama. All children from the lunchtime and evening group should attend 3.40-4.25. NB Final week is 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July.

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> July—Due to Treasure Island all pupils should attend at lunchtime 12.55-1.30. There will be no after school lesson. This is the final lesson.

### 2nd HAND UNIFORM

Any items not sold will be put out on tables for parents to re-claim. Any items not claimed by Friday 2nd July will be disposed of.

### VIVALDI ORCHESTRA

Please take note of the following changes to Vivaldi rehearsals for the remainder of this term. There WILL BE normal Vivaldi on 30/6, all pupils must attend as this is our last rehearsal. On 7/7 Vivaldi Orchestra will give a short performance at 4.15pm in the New Hall. Parents of all members are very welcome to attend and we also invite pupils in Year 3, and their parents, who will be joining the orchestra in September 2010.

### STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM CONCERT

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm in the DRT**

All parents are most welcome to come and enjoy our special Strawberries and Cream concert at 4pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June in the DRT. Our Choirs from KS2 will be singing a variety of new and well-known songs, followed by tea and strawberries and cream in the Dining Hall.



**MENU WEEK 5**





# SPORT



## SATURDAY SPORT

### HILSEA GAMES

There will be games sessions 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.

### FIXTURES—Saturday 26 June—1430

U11A, U10A, U9A & U8A Cricket v Twyford (away)  
U11A, U10A & U9A Rounders v Twyford (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 30 June—1430

U11B Cricket v Norman Court (home)  
U10B Cricket v Norman Court (away)  
U11A & B Rounders v Amesbury (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 93 runs
U10A	Barrow Hills	Lost by 7 wickets
U10B	Barrow Hills	Won by 4 wickets
U9A	Barrow Hills	Won by 30 runs
U9B	Barrow Hills	Won by 10 runs
U8A	Barrow Hills	PGS 233-8, Barrow Hills 240-7 - lost by 7 runs
U8B	Barrow Hills	Match tied - PGS 272, Barrow Hills 272
U9A	Westbourne House	Won by 12 runs
U9B	Westbourne House	Won by 25 runs
U11A	Westbourne House	Lost by 5 wickets

### Girls Rounders:

U11A	Westbourne House	Lost 18-21
U11B	Westbourne House	Won 25.5-19
U11C/U10C	Westbourne House	Drew 17-17
U10A	Westbourne House	Won 10.5-10
U10B	Westbourne House	Lost 14-15.5
U9A	Westbourne House	Lost 13-16
U9B	Westbourne House	Won 15-9.5



## SUMMER FETE FOOTBALL COMPETITION



The following teams are in the football competition at the Fete on Sunday.

Governors Green. Portsmouth.

### Year 5/6 Competition

<u>Team name</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Help with refereeing</u>
The Underdogs	Harry Minall	Henry Doyle, Will Lewis, Jonathan Easton, Haraman Badial, Matthew Waters	NO
Thunder Dogs	Jake Austin	Tom Baker, Jai Thakrar, Ed Donnelly, Seb Hiller, Matthew Roberts, George Wilcockson	YES
Flubber hubbas	James Woodward	Oakley Murphy, James Clare, James Northey, Jack Shahran, Marcus Horton, Sam Caldera	NO
Red Lighteneing	Philip Macanovic	Tom Ross, Ethan Hoddle, Alastair Cunningham, Greg Porter, Seb Ansel-Virco, Alex Dassow	NO
Golden Shots	Jack Hussey	Jamie Mellor, Harry Harrison, Joe Hunter, Harry Hoolahan, Thomas Crundwell, Fergus Gibson	YES

### Year 3 & 4 Competition

<u>Team name</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Help with refereeing</u>
Mini Pompey	Freddie Fenton		YES
The Newspaper	Matthew Cheung	Chi-Yunng Lim, Max Burlein, Max Gumm, Henry Gill, Yic-Hin Jim, Thomas Robertson	NO
The Wasps	Fenton Murphy & Oliver Lilley	George Whelan, Sam Elliott, Fin Howe-Walsh, Henry Elphick-Smith, Taylor Barrington-Clark, Syed Chowdhury	YES
Thrashers	Jack Pearce	Henry Wood, Amun Laly, William Doyle, Robert Quinn, Edward Mitchell, Cameron Clarke, James Crundwell	YES

All players need to bring trainers, boots and shin pads.

The Year 3 & 4 competition will run from 12.15-1.30pm and all teams will need to report to Mr Ainsworth and Mr Rowley at 12.05.

The Year 5 & 6 competition will take place between 1.30-3.00pm and all teams must report to Mr Ainsworth and Mr Rowley at 1.15.

## HOUSE PICNICS 2010

On Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> teachers and pupils gathered together as in previous years to celebrate the successes and highlights of this year within the House system.

The weather was dry but breezy and these conditions meant that the releasing of balloons in House colours was rather challenging and many found their way into the surrounding trees!



All pupils who had been House Captains at some point during the year were given the opportunity to say a few words about achievements within their House or to make a wish for the new pupils entering Houses next year, or those being selected for positions of responsibility. After eating picnic lunches there was also time to play games on the grass and for all four Houses to come together at this point to enjoy the space.



I would like to extend my thanks to all of the staff who helped with this event, by escorting pupils safely to and from school and for supervising them while we were at the ground.

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