



To The Parents

I find it hard to believe that this is the 17th and final edition of The Lion for this academic year. Relaunching the Junior School Newsletter seems so fresh in the mind, yet 17 weeks have passed since Rory went missing and so many fantastic stories have featured recounting the weekly happenings of the children at PGJS. I hope that you have enjoyed reading about the School and have a greater insight as to what your children do daily.

It has been a wonderfully successful year at PGJS and the children should be rightly proud of their many achievements and of their individual contribution which is so greatly valued. I would like to thank each and every one of them for bringing their enthusiasm, personalities and smiles into school every day.

Goodbye and thank you

I am sure you will join me in wishing the following staff the very best of luck as they move on from PGJS at the end of term.

Mr Rowley is fulfilling his long held ambition of becoming a Headmaster as he takes up this prestigious post at Ditcham Park School in September. Mr Rowley has played a significant part in the development of the Junior School and is involved in so many of the good things that go on here. He is tremendously well respected and liked by his colleagues, the children and their parents, and we shall all miss him; especially his wonderful array of dressing up costumes. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside Mr Rowley, he makes an outstanding deputy, and has helped and supported me greatly since I took up post in January. I have no doubt that he will make an excellent Head and Ditcham Park are lucky to have someone with such great passion and dedication to education. (see Mr Rowley's message on back page).

Miss Watkins, Year 1 Form Teacher and Year Leader, is taking up a very exciting post in Dubai, where she will be

teaching at the newly opened Wellington Academy. Miss Watkins has been a great asset to the Infant team and has contributed so much to its continued success. She will be missed by her colleagues, parents and of course the children.

Miss Gaughan, Teaching Assistant for 2M is leaving, in order to take a PGCE and then pursue a career in teaching; she has hopefully been inspired by her colleagues here at PGJS. Her sunny disposition and smile will be missed by all.

Also intent on entering the teaching profession is our gap student Ollie Griffin. Ollie has been a popular addition to the staff this year and we wish him the very best as he moves to London to start his teaching course.

I would also like to thank you all, our parent body, for the support and feedback since I joined the school as Headmaster in January. It has been a breath-taking two terms and I am confident that I am now up to pace with this very busy and dynamic school. The daily challenges and opportunities set by the teaching staff ensure that every child is able to fulfil their potential; academic and personal. The positive way in which the children rise to the challenges set is what makes PGJS such a very special and unique school.

I have worked in and been Head at some outstanding independent and maintained sector schools but I can say, hand on heart, that PGJS is by far the most impressive and exhilarating I have worked in to date, and I am so very proud to be its Headmaster

Happy Holidays

Finally, I wish you all a very happy summer holiday. I hope that it proves to be a restful and enjoyable one. The children certainly deserve a long break after all their hard work and exertions and I am looking forward already to the autumn term and the start of an exciting new academic year.

PS Hopkinson

Rory's Report of the Week

Rory couldn't help but feel very proud on reading this story and so very impressed at Grace's efforts at fundraising. It sounded like a great day and Rory is sorry he wasn't able to attend as would have rather liked his nails painting. He has also suggested that the children help raise money for research into Grace's condition in school next year by holding a sponsored swim.

Fundraising Fun

On Sunday 3rd July, me and my family held a fundraiser (Garden Party) for Kidney Research. I suffer from Kidney Disease so we were raising money to find medicine/a cure for it. It was a fantastic day with waterslides, nail and face painting bars, a raffle, table top sale and tethered hot air balloon rides.



We raised over £5,500 and we set up a 'just giving' account too which raised £400. The event was amazing and I wish I could go back in time and do it all again. I think everybody would agree what a fabulous day it was. Thank you to everybody who came and supported the event.

By Grace Acklam (5P)

Rory would like to thank all the children for sending him stories and he is sorry that he cannot choose them all. He is looking forward to receiving more when *The Lion* returns in September.

THE LION'S PRIDE

The following Head Teacher's Awards were awarded:

Sienna Bentley, Thomas Baker, Iman Alayyan, Oliver Swales-Green, Thomas Leggett, Finley Bacon, Elizabeth Jones, Naeve Molho, Hazel Bennett and Adam Brown for working brilliantly in a group to produce a rap documenting immigrants arriving in Britain, **Jake Austin** for his fantastic reading over the last half-term, **Will Donworth** for hard work and excellent presentation of Maths over the term, **Ella Davenport** for independently using her ICT skills to produce a fantastic 'Splish Splash' picture, **Thomas Baker** for applying his excellent understanding of algebra when solving arithmogons, **Nicole Hucecova** for her excellent knowledge of algebra to be able to solve arithmogons, **Ajay Patel** for applying his knowledge of algebra brilliantly to solve arithmogons, **Charlotte Howard** and **Emily Parekh** for creating a playground game in music, **William Percival, Maria Deter, Jack Sillett** and **Arthur Guillo** for making a wonderful aquarium during Independent Learning Week, **Ben Nash** for being an excellent supportive partner, **Mackenzie Gilmore** for a fantastic story book

ROLL OF HONOUR KS2

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Luca Williams (x2), Charlotte Dean, Rebecca Hawdon, Grace Acklam

English Homework: Archie Bennett (x3), Milly Henderson, Molly Renton, Serena White

Maths: Thomas Coyle (x4), Maxwell Gumm (x2), Luca Williams (x2), Thomas Ross (x2), Sam Richardson (x2), Isabella Barrington-Clark (x2), Phoebe Simons, Milly Henderson, Abigail Wood, Charles Elliott, Loren Dean, Sujata Dutta, Amy Stokely, Olivia Smitherman, Lydia Buckeridge, Ajay Patel, Fergus Gibson, Ethan Hoddle, Serena Graham, Patrick Caldwell, Sophie Hamer

GOLD BADGE

Congratulations to **Patrick Caldwell, Elizabeth Jones** and **Harry Minall** for gaining their Gold Badge.

History: Thomas Matthews (x2), Sean Hill
Mental Maths: Lorne Gibson

Geography: Phoebe Simons (x2), Charlotte Dean, Grace Acklam, Thomas Groves, Max Hill, Thomas Coyle

French: Emily Curwood, Ahtini Aranan

Science: Serena White (x4), Charlotte Dean (x2), Matthew Holloway(x2), Thomas Austin, Thomas Groves, Rebecca Hawdon, Yic-Hin Jim, Maxwell Gumm, Lydia Buckeridge

RS: Serena White (x5), Molly Renton (x3), Lorne Gibson (x3), Finley Howe-Walsh, Sean Hill, Oscar Cannon, Sienna Bentley, Poppy Herbert, Matthew Walton, Ahtini Aranan

Reading: Naeve Molho

Spelling: Charles Elliott (x2), Rebecca Hawdon

Music: Alexander Barker, Sara Hill, Harry Tolcher, Emily Nelson, Emily Parekh, Oliver Thomas, Alice Robertson, Joseph Russell

Performance in the Play: Danny Atherton, Tara Bell, Jon Garcia Tarifa, Ethne Leaver, Claudia Bishop, Thomas Matthews

Conduct: Alice Leonard

Extra Work: Anna Caldwell

KS1 HONOURS

The following pupils signed the Honours Book this week:

Lucinda Hawdon (x2), George Tolcher (x2), Joshua Scott (x2), Gabriella Boydell, James Cuthbert, James Chivers, Elliot Hartridge, Samuel Zhou, Erica Currie, Isabella Devereux, Oliver Evans, Oliver Fraser-Harris, Judith Jellicoe, Harry Loveridge, Clara Matthews, Amelie Parker, Imogen Potts, Mei-Ling Reader, Julien Schouller, Jason Shiu, Miles Webb, Lucy Albuery, Monty Wingham, Omar Chowdhury, James Christensen, Christopher Yang, Rebecca Cleary, Ashwin Elanchcheliyan, Lily Gibbs, Ethan Hards, Samuel Head, Caleb Hillier, Louie Howe-Walsh, Milla Macanovic, Hannah Millerchip, William Moore, Maddy Oliver, Avinandan Sengupta, Hazel Porter, Theo Roseblade, Amber Bradley, Bella Digby, Oscar Hung, Edward James, Emma Hale, Max Povey, Sam Tran, William Trise, Chi-Yiing Lim, Evan Cole

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Nikhila Behari** and **Emma Holmes** for gaining their Blue Badge.

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Sabrina Choi** and **Abigail Wood** for gaining their Red Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to **Josh Chipper, Ryan Buckley, William Davis** and **Frazer Mackenzie** for gaining their Green Badge.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Mia Glover (4G) for achieving her 200m swimming award.



Message From Mr Rowley

What a joy it was for me to present the prizes at the Junior School Prizegiving this week and it is certainly a very special way for me to mark my last few days as Deputy of PGJS. Fun and challenge are two words which I associate most strongly with my time at PGS and, like the pupils, I have so enjoyed working and learning in this very happy school. Being Deputy Head at PGJS has been a wonderful journey of challenge, excitement and discovery, where undoubtedly no two days have been the same. It has been a true delight to teach your wonderful children, work alongside an outstanding team of staff and with such a supportive and enthusiastic parent body. I am so excited about my new position as Head of Ditcham Park School but I do leave PGJS with so many very happy memories. I thank you most warmly and sincerely for all of your support and kindness over the last eight years; it is a chapter of my life which I will never forget.

Mr Rowley