

Dear Parents,

I am particularly pleased with, and very proud of, the Under 11 netball team who, following their success in the regional netball tournament held at Port Regis School last week, have qualified for the National Netball Finals which take place tomorrow at Roedean School Brighton. This is the third consecutive year that our U11 netballers have qualified for the National Finals which is an outstanding and most commendable achievement. I have to express my admiration to all the staff whose expertise in teaching netball over the years has helped the girls achieve this exceptional standard of netball, most especially Mrs. Pineo and Mrs. Payne. We wish the girls who are playing tomorrow the very best of luck and a very enjoyable occasion: Annie Materna, Jessica Kissane, Melissa Smith, Tamara Manual, Katie Paxman, Georgina Gardner, Zoe Rundle, Sammy Gibb and Lucy Sullivan.

The U11 boys football team has also been very successful this week, following a convincing victory in the Portsmouth Schools Knock-Out Cup they have secured a place in the semi-finals. The U11 Rugby squad also deserves a special mention for their performance in the regional IAPS Prep Schools U11 Rugby Tournament which took place at Norman Court Prep School this week. Eight schools were represented, PGS won their group and secured a place in the final which sadly they then lost. Coming second was indeed a very worthy achievement and I warmly congratulate them all. This fine achievement follows on from a very successful season in which the team has only lost one match – and that was literally in the last minute!

Not only have the pupils been experiencing success on the sports field this past week – there have been many very commendable achievements by our instrumentalists in the Portsmouth Music Festival. All the pupils who entered the various classes last weekend performed very well and deserve particular commendation. In particular our warmest congratulations go to the Year 6 Brass Quintet: Gulliver Trim, Oliver Chubb, Josh Darlington, Alastair Gray and Isabel Howson, who were awarded 1st place in the 12 years and under class, winning the Kerin Moore Quartet Trophy, and to the Year 5 Brass Quintet: Hugh Summer, Tom Millett, Jamie Parker-Jervis, Agnes Price and Oliver Howard who were awarded 1st place in the Junior School Ensemble Class, winning the Maritime Brass Ensemble cup. Our string players experienced equal success in the string classes and particular congratulations go to: Sophie Parekh, Anthony Muscat, Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell, Brandon Choi, Charlie Wheeler, Nevin Subramaniam, Guy Snowball, Melissa Smith, Alex Dalgleish and Katie O’Leary for each of them winning their class and in so doing being awarded cups.

On Wednesday this week the Reception classes took advantage of the lovely spring weather and went on a ‘spring walk’ looking for all the signs of spring in the local environment, focusing in particular on the grounds and gardens of the Cathedral.

Pupils from Year 3 and Year 4 were treated to the dress rehearsal performance of the Year 5 musical ‘Daniel, a hard act to swallow’ which they all enjoyed very much indeed. The Year 5 pupils are keenly looking forward to presenting this excitingly ambitious performance to their parents at 4.00 p.m. on Monday in the school theatre. Another musical event to look forward to next week is the Hot Cross Bun Concert which takes place at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday in the theatre.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend and please take note of the following information.

Philippa Foster

CLUB CANCELLATION:

Please note that Mrs. Dipple's Craft Club **will not** take place next Thursday, 15th March.

KEY STAGE ONE REPORTS:

All Key Stage One pupils should have brought home their School report tonight.

KEY STAGE ONE PARENTS' EVENING:

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Key Stage One Parents' Evening being held on Thursday, 15th March from 1730 – 2030.

KEY STAGE TWO SATS:

Year 6 will be taking these in the week commencing 14th May. It would be appreciated if hospital and dental appointments were avoided during this week as the children will not be able to take the papers at another time and will therefore not receive a KS2 level.

CANCELLATION OF HILSEA GAMES ON WEEKDAYS:

It is always with the greatest reluctance that we cancel weekday Hilsea games sessions for the pupils. However, we would ask that all parents telephone the designated games line number every time their child is involved in games at Hilsea. Although recently the weather has been bright and sunny, due to the amount of rainfall we have experienced, Hilsea has, on occasions, had to be cancelled due to water logged pitches. It would therefore be very much appreciated if all parents would take note of the sports line number printed at the end of this Newsletter and ring in to check. Many thanks for your co-operation in this respect.

SKI-TRIP MEETING:

Please note there is an information evening on Monday, 12th March at 1900 in the David Russell Theatre for all parents of pupils going on the ski trip to Les Arcs in 2008. I am now sending all information via email. However the emails are not reaching anyone with AOL addresses. If you have an AOL email address, please could you email me an alternative email address that I can use. The school is currently working with AOL to sort this problem out, however this is not proving very easy and is a long process.

HEADLICE:

We would be grateful if **ALL** parents could check their child's hair over the weekend, especially pupils in Year One, to try and eradicate this little pest!

YEAR THREE AND ANY NEW KEY STAGE TWO PUPIL MEDICALS:

Across the term one of the school doctors, either Dr. Saunders or Dr. Scott-Brown, will be undertaking medicals for all pupils in Year 3 and any new pupils in Key Stage 2. These medicals, which involve physical examination, will take several weeks to complete. Prior to the medical the School Nurse will weigh, measure and test each child's hearing, as well as test a sample of urine. Please provide a sample of urine, in a clearly labelled clean container, which can be left in the Junior School office any morning. ***If your child is involved in medicals on Friday 16th March you will have received a letter via the external post.*** If you have any concerns regarding this medical please do not hesitate to ring Sister Cave on 023 92364243.

COMIC RELIEF:

We have a number of red noses on sale in support of Comic Relief. Each nose costs £1.00 and can be purchased in the Junior School Office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YEAR 5 MUSICAL 'DANIEL, A HARD ACT TO SWALLOW': You are warmly invited to this musical on Monday, 12th March at 1600 which will take place in the David Russell Theatre.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH: On Tuesday, 13th March we are having a whole school photograph in the afternoon. Please make sure all pupils are particularly smart on this day. **All pupils must have their jumpers and their blazer in school.** School will finish at the normal time.

HOT CROSS BUN CONCERT: This will take place on Tuesday, 13th March at 1600 in the David Russell Theatre. Again, parents are warmly invited to attend.

PORTSMOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL STRING CLASSES:

Well done to all those who took part in the string classes at the weekend: **Year 4:** Sophie Parekh, Matthew Roberts, Dimitri Sautreau, Harry Norton, Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell, Louis Goldman, Anthony Muscat, Jude Corker, Hannah Piggott, Zachary Choppen, Thomas Langford, Nicholas Graham. **Year 5:** Edwin Spraggs, Romana Rai, Brandon Choi, Agnes Price, Emma Read, Dominic Waters, Cameron Roberts, Florence Stow, Lucy Mills, Chloe Wheeler, Dillon Hoddle, **Year 6:** Julia Alsop, Charlie Wheeler, Alastair Gray, Evie Williams, Misha Hooda, Guy Snowball, Melissa Smith, Nevin Subramaniam, Katie O'Leary,, Tom Kershaw, Alexander Dalglish. **Special congratulations go to those who won their classes and came home with cups:** Sophie Parekh, Anthony Muscat, Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell, Brandon Choi, Charlie Wheeler, Nevin Subramaniam, Guy Snowball, Melissa Smith, Alex Dalglish and Katie O'Leary.

YEAR 3 STRING SCHEME PRESENTATIONS:

There will be concerts on Wednesday 21st March in the New Hall, given by those classes who have taken part in the String Scheme this term. 3S will perform at 1400 and 3J at 1500. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend. Please could all string players from these classes remember to bring their instruments on the day.

EASTER BONNET PARADE:

The annual Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Friday, 23rd March 0900 - 0930 for all R and KS1 pupils - parents welcome. A separate letter will come home this week with all R and KS1 pupils.

PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to **Zachary Choppen** (4J) who showed amazing determination over half term to pass his 3rd Etoile (3 Star) ability test with the French Ecole Du Ski Francais in La Plagne. The ski school has very strict standards at this level and this was **Zachary's** third attempt. The second attempt was aborted due to heavy snow falls.

BADGE SUCCESS

RED BADGE

Congratulations to **Timothy Roberts** and **Luke Chew** for gaining their Red Badge. **WELL DONE!**

BLUE BADGE

Congratulations to **Flavia Elphick-Smith** and **Anthony Muscat** for gaining their Blue Badge.

GREEN BADGE

Congratulations to for gaining her Green Badge.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to **Tom Baker** for being extremely kind and caring, **Natasha Iliffe** for an outstanding HTML project in ICT, **Tom Minall** and **Matthew Roberts** for fantastic poetry, **Noah Darlington** for excellent progress with reading

ROLL OF HONOUR;[8

The following pupils have signed the Honours Book this week:

English: Jenny Evans (x2), Ben Stainton (x2), Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell (x2), Jevon Subramaniam (x2), Louisa Dassow (x2), Rohan Bungaroo (x2), Sara Peacock, Chloe Wheeler, Emma Read, Jack Hamer, Isabel Howson, Darcy Hyatt, Kathryn Lock, Joe McAuley, Harry Norton, Amelia Trim, Henry McStay, Josef Moon, Ben Newman, Daniel Rollins, Morgan Tilling, Misha White, Priyanka Sethupathi, Josef Moon

Maths: Brandon Choi (x3), Sophie Whitehead (x2), Zachary Choppen (x2), Ned Davies, Jevon Subramaniam, Chloe Wheeler, Daniel Heyes, Lydia Brown, Guy Cripps, Natasha Iliffe, Henry McStay, Verity Summers, Ben Tucker, Tom Warren, Rohan Bungaroo, Katharine Campkin, Tony Faulkner-Stone,

Spelling: Calvin Cheung (x3), Jevon Subramaniam (x2), Henry McStay (x2), Ned Davies, Francesca Strongitharm-Cornell,

Science: Lucy Mills, Jevon Subramaniam, George Dear, Ben Tucker, Daniel Newman, Alastair Gray

Reading: Tristan Canterbury, Brandon Choi, Henri Dobbs, Tom Cleary, Liam Stigant, Evie Williams, Tom Lavery, Alastair Gray

History: Isabel Howson (x2), Sidonie Bada-Cocker, Sam Collings-Wells, Jordan Moon, Tristan Orchard, Katie Paxman, Evie Williams

Geography: Tom Gambs (x3), Tony Faulkner-Stone (x2), William Smitherman (x2), Henry McStay (x2), Nevin Subramaniam (x2) Melissa Smith, Jevon Subramaniam, Tom Upton, Lydia Brown, Joshua Darlington, Guy Snowball, Lucy Sullivan, Verity Summers, Stephanie Tindal, William Sparkes

Religious Education: Edward Ellis (x4), Tom Lavery (x2), Misha White (x2), William Smitherman (x2), Priyanka Sethupathi, Harry Boorman, Brandon Choi, Avi Das, Sam Gardener, Emily Preece, Alice Jervis-Prax, Rohan Bungaroo, Katharine Campkin, Adam Filip, Edward Lloyd, Ben Newman, Tom Perrin Morgan Tilling

World Book Day Writing: James Baker, Max Bazley, Alice Bennett, Graihagh Guille, Philippa Harris, Ben Jackson, Anastasia Manuel, Christopher Nash, Shivani Patel

Design Technology: Alexandra Madden, Isabel Boden, Cicely Podmore, Georgina McTear, Meg Dennis, Henry Percival, James Lilley, Sam Perrin

Music: Ben Sharkey

Games: Rebecca Ding, Kimiya Erfanmanesh, Charlotte Povey, P.E. Emma Read,

KSI: Loren Dean (x3), Harry Minall (x2), Fenton Murphy (x2), Syed Al Rahim (x2), Ella Donovan, Daniel Garcia-Tarifa, Ryan Webb, Finley Howe Walsh, Dominic Chew, Jack Anson, Jude Hyatt, Taylor Barrington Clark, Oscar Cannon, Rory Gillies, Jackson Jones, Sean Pettinger, Samuel Pinn, Ethan Simmonds, Victoria Toh, Oscar Tagg, Ben Hunter, Henry Wood, Oliver Wisbey, Robert Mitchell, Matthew Cheung, Henry Elphick-Smith, Chi Yunnng, William Marsh, Matthew Holloway, William Marsh, Charlotte Webb, Sam Elliott, Emily Whitehead, Aelfred Hillman, Joshua McCoy, Jack Norton, Luca Williams, Harry Davis Marks, Charlotte Ross, Isabel Herbert, Arshan Varzandeh, Oliver Lilley, Peter Millett, Sam Richardson, Charlie Ogden, Jossie Madden, Joe Hunter, Charlie Clough, Bella Barrington Clark, Thomas Atkinson, Matthew Waters, Edward Donnelly, Greg Porter, Philip Macanovic, Jonathan Easton, Katy Green, Thomas Ross, Jack Allan, Haraman Badial, Tom Baker, Adam Boxall, Ethan Hoddle, Thomas Matthews

SPORT

RESULTS

NETBALL:

U11A v Durlston Court	Won 7 – 0
U11A Regional Tournament at Port Regis	Played 9 games in their group won 8 and drew 1. PGS won their group and played Twyford in the final 4 – 4 at full time but lost in extra time 5 – 9. PGS finished 2 nd and qualified for the Nationals taking place on the 10 th March at Roedean. Well done to everyone!
U10 v Twyford	Won 9 – 5
U10A v PHS	Won 10 – 5
U10B V PHS	Won 9 – 0
U11A V PHS	Won 9 – 3
U11B V PHS	Won 11 – 0
U11B V Highfield	Lost 12 – 13
U11C V Highfield	Won 12 – 0
U10A V Highfield	Lost 12 – 6
U10B V Highfield	Won 14- 2

RUGBY:

U11 v Norman Court	Won 12 – 5
U10A v Durlston Court	Won 6 tries to 3 tries
U10A v Pilgrims	Drew 0 – 0
U10B v Pilgrims	Drew 3 – 3
U11 Rugby Tournament	
v Sandroyd	Won 14 – 5
v Salisbury Cathedral	Won 41 – 0
v Norman Court	Won 21 – 0
Semi-final v Twyford	Won 21 – 0
Final v Cheam	Lost 0 – 12

SOCCER:

U11 7 a side PSFA Cup tournament	Powered their way through to the semi-finals of the Portsmouth Schools Cup beating Medina School 8 – 1. An excellent performance by all.
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HOCKEY:

U11 v Durlston Court	Lost 8 – 1
U10 v Durlston Court	Lost 7 – 0
U 9 v Durlston Court	Lost 7 – 1

SATURDAY FIXTURES**RUGBY:**

U11 Rugby 7's Tournament at Farleigh	1300 (A)
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SOCCER:

Cape Town Tourists' v Castle United	1100 (A)
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BOYS' HOCKEY:

U10B v Boundary Oak	1430 (A)
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GIRLS' HOCKEY:

U10 A and B 7's v Farleigh	1430 (A)
U 9 A, B, C and D 7's v Farleigh	1430 (A)

GIRLS' NETBALL:

U11A Netball National finals	Roedean. Good luck girls.
U11B & C v Farleigh	1430 (A)

WEEKDAY FIXTURES**NETBALL:****EXTRA FIXTURE MONDAY, 12TH MARCH**

U9A v PHS	1545 (a)
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SATURDAY PRACTICES

SATURDAY 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. the number to ring is now 02392 364266 and listen to the games information. In EMERGENCIES ONLY please ring the following mobile numbers.

Boys: Mobile (Emergencies only) 07738958314

Girls: Mobile (Emergencies only) 07842121925

GAMES DAYS

Please adopt the following procedure to find out any games information for the Junior School.

- 1. Please dial the main school number (023 92364266) and listen to the games information.**
- 2. 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.**

POLITE NOTICE

Please may I remind you to telephone the games line number on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please do not ring before 1330. If the weather is not looking too promising the decision as to whether games takes place or is cancelled will not be made until the last moment i.e. 1330, therefore please do not ring the designated games line number until after this. Also the date is always stated on these occasions to ensure that there can be no misunderstanding.