To The Parents

2013/14

It is the end of another school year and may I say what a tremendous year it has been. Our children have performed superbly well academically and across the many activities they have engaged with and always with great enthusiasm, energy and determination. They should each be proud of their own relative success and attainment and should take time to reflect on their achievements as they enjoy their well-earned summer break.

There have been so many outstanding highlights over the year, from individual achievements to large events like our Prizegiving, which was held earlier this week. Our guest speaker for the event, Mike Wedderburn, delivered an inspirational speech to the children, and I hope they hold close the message of never giving up and working hard, as they progress through school and beyond.

Goodbye

The end of an academic year inevitably sees staff and pupils moving on from the Junior School. We say a very fond farewell to Mrs Crossley and Mrs Sheldrick, both of whom have given so much to the school for so long. We cannot thank them enough for their contributions and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best in their new roles.

We also bid farewell to our Year Six cohort, most of whom will be staying at PGS in the Senior School. I wish them all good luck and success in the future and thank them for being such a fantastic group of children. We also wish all those moving on from the Junior School the very best for the future.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of all the staff at the Junior School I would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement over the academic year and wish you a very happy and restful summer break. The Junior School’s success and happiness is due to so many contributing factors, not least the cooperation and positive relationship we have with you, our parents. I look forward to 2014/15 with great excitement as we continue to develop and improve our provision. Best wishes,

PS Hopkinson
Headmaster

Rory’s Stories of the Week

Rory would like to thank all the children who have written stories for The Lion this year; here are the final four. He hopes you all have a lovely summer and will look after the School until September.

Galaxy Zoo

Galaxy Zoo is a website that helps scientists on research of galaxies. I enjoy Galaxy Zoo and I think other children would like to go on it over the summer.

The scientists have Galaxy Zoo because there are hundreds and thousands of photographs from the Hubble Space Telescope, far more than they can get through on their own. So you could help by going on Galaxy Zoo.

Galaxy Zoo asks questions about a picture of a galaxy it gives you like “Does it have a spiral effect to it?” or “Could it be an edge-on photograph?” Basically, it asks you to put them into different groups. The website is called: galaxyzoo.org.

It is really fun to look carefully at the galaxies and say “Yes it is a bar galaxy” and stuff like that. And, of course you are learning something! You can put the galaxies you like in as your favourites, too.

Dawn Y2

Taking Flight

My brother Ethan and I attended the HMS Sultan Open Day with our Dad on Father’s day. It was great fun. There was a terrific field gun race display by local cadets, a “Monster Truck” display also a Fun Fair and many stalls.

Dad had saved a special treat for us, a ride in a helicopter, our hearts raced as we boarded the helicopter; it proved to be a brilliant experience and most exhilarating. Although the flight only lasted 15 minutes it seemed much longer. I sat in front with the pilot and my brother and Dad sat behind us. It was truly an all round special day to remember. Isaac P 5J

Zooters!

Me, Jo S, Ed W, Jacob P and Thomas L took part in the Zooters Under 9 Cricket Festival last week playing for Portsmouth Cricket Club.

On a sunny day, we played 7 matches at Hampshire’s Ageas Bowl and won 6 of them beating Burridge in the final to win the Zooters Plate Trophy.

My favourite part of the day was getting my first ever six and seeing Jacob and Ed take some great catches. The only bad thing about the day was a painful, but funny, quick single which is now going viral on YouTube!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30FGeCtEeqQ

Dougie H Y4

which proves that the universe isn’t infinite but started with the Big Bang.

I enjoyed my visit to ICG and especially seeing the amazing pictures of the universe. Oliver T Y6

The Final Frontier

After school on Friday 6th June, my dad took me to visit the Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation (ICG) at Portsmouth University, where he is working for six weeks. At the ICG there are a lot of scientists and mathematicians working on theories of how the universe began. There are also astrophysicists who find out how stars and galaxies work.

When we were looking at the pictures some of the astrophysicists and cosmologists came to talk to me. One was called Dr David Bacon and he does research on different theories of gravity. Then I met Professor Bob Nichol, who is a director of ICG and Professor Rob Crittenden who does research on the early universe.

I learnt that the early universe had a lot of structures that stars and galaxies formed from. Professor Nichol explained to me why space is black. This is because the light from those parts hasn’t reached us yet.
Nursery News

With the ‘Leavers’ Concert’ well underway it gives the Nursery a chance to say goodbye to our older children who are moving on to new adventures. The children have all blossomed into confident little learners during their time at Nursery. We wish them the best of luck for their futures. They will be greatly missed.

Sorting Shells

This week we have enjoyed learning about data handling in maths. We have learnt about tally charts, Venn diagrams, block graphs and pictograms. We really enjoyed finding different ways to sort the shells that we collected from the seaside!

Wild West Maths

The children in Year 3 have had the opportunity to create their own maths board games. The name, design and rules have been decided upon and made totally independently. From fractions to times tables, the children are testing each other on all they have learnt during the year and they have come up with some wonderful themes. James C and Themis O designed ‘Wild West Maths’, whilst Isabelle D and Arya P came up with ‘Balloons and Lakes’. Perhaps one day we will see these games in shops for sale!

Fangs for the Memories

The Year Six production of Dracula was certainly a blood curdling spectacular and will remain strong in the memory for many years to come. A wonderful mix of gothic horror and humour, rousing songs and music, highly creative dances and set pieces, stunning costumes and props and amazing make-up, ensured a very professional and polished performance. But it was the effort and energy of the children that truly impressed, every one of them playing their part as they performed their last ever Junior School musical; Year Six, fangs for the memories!!

Dragonology Theme sheets: Form 5J

This week in English lessons we have been working on a project based on dragons. Some of us have been making dragon-based theme sheets. The theme sheets were very decorative and had borders ranging from flames to scales and blood-curdling dragons. The central areas contained drawings which included fire with writing through it, spinning wheels with facts, and intricate, detailed drawings on paper that was tea-stained and singed to make it look antiquated.

It was obvious everyone was very enthusiastic about this exciting project.

Some of the class chose to make little booklets for their Jane And The Dragon project. (Jane And The Dragon is a book we had to up- and down-level.) Some produced it for a younger audience and two people made one for older people. The booklets are coming along well and are really spectacular. The booklets are made of tea-stained paper and are being hole-punched then being sewn with a special gold thread.

The drawings of the dragons are so amazingly detailed they are almost like photos.

What a fantastic way to end the year!

By Charlie W
**Results**

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**HILSEA GAMES**

There will be no games sessions for KEY STAGE 2 at Hilsea until Saturday 13th September from 0900 to 1000. Saturday morning games are voluntary.

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**Summer Sports Camps 2014**

Dates: 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th August
Time: 9:00am to 15:30
Location: Hilsea
Info: Choose your own activities/sports that you want to do.
Contact: Mr A Chappell
PGJS_sportscamps@pgs.org.uk

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**Mrs Budgen’s App of the Fortnight**

Mr Thorne Does Phonics: Safari

Mr Thorne’s Safari app features 4 games to help with sound recognition, word recognition, phoneme to grapheme correspondence and grapheme to phoneme correspondence.

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**Mrs Budgen’s Quiz Corner**

**This Week:**
1. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
2. What is the name of the hero in The Lion King?
3. In which sport do you do a slam dunk?

**Answers from last time:**
1. Robin Hood
2. Brother John
3. Cycling

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**Rory’s Sports Story of the Week**

On Sunday 29th June Lola M, Lilly- Ella B, Alice C, Henry C, Maddy O, Sam B, Henry B and George B did a triathlon on Southsea seafront. For the Tristarts (U8’s), Lola, Lilly-Ella, Henry C and George B, the distances were Swim - 50 m, Bike - 1500m, Run - 400m. For Tristars 1 (9-10’s) the distances were Swim - 150m, Bike - 2610m and Run - 1.2k.

After our safety briefing we all made our way down to the sea. It was tough because we all had to swim in the cold, salty sea with lots of other kids all swimming on top of each other! Also, there was a little current so we had to swim against it. Then we all scrambled out of the water and charged up the mat into our first transition. We had to grab our helmets and trainers, get our bikes off the rack and then run with the bike to the end of the transition area, only then were we allowed to get on our bikes and pedal fast! We had to then cycle back to transition, put the bikes back, and then set off for the final run. The finish line was close to the Pyramids and had a big inflatable arch to run through.

Everyone tried so hard, especially the younger Tristarts, and we all got medals, a t-shirt and a goodie bag! We got some good results too, with Sam Bryan receiving a certificate as 3rd boy in Tristars 1 and Henry Collins who came 3rd boy in Tristarts. It was a brilliant day for everyone, the sun was shining, and we all hope to do it next year.... would anyone like to join us?

By Alice C 5S and Henry C 3P

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**Thank you from the Sports Department**

As we pack away the rounders and cricket equipment for another season and reflect upon another wonderful sporting year in the Junior School, the Sports Department want to use this final opportunity to thank everyone involved in Junior School sport.

• Thank you to the pupils for their wonderful commitment, determination and enthusiasm in all areas of the sports programme. From PE and Games lessons, to swimming galas and sports days to Inter house, inter school and National fixtures and tournaments our pupils have represented the School and themselves fantastically well and we are all very proud to be a part of their sporting lives.

• Thank you to the teaching staff who have supported the PE Department and pupils in their endeavours throughout the year. Without them we would not be able to provide the range of opportunities to pupils currently on offer.

• Finally, thank you to the parents and grandparents for all your help and support, getting pupils to matches, Saturday practices at Hilsea and early morning training sessions. Thanks too for ensuring they are always appropriately clad and equipped for all eventualities.

We hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer break. Remember to take a ball and bat to the beach.......