

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Snippets is being prepared in a new office. I should first like to thank our maintenance staff for undertaking such an Herculean task during the course of half term and for setting such high standards in the quality of their work. Many of you will have noticed the new school office, waiting room and Headmaster's study, and the library is about to be reopened. Please do take a look if you haven't had the chance so far.

Please may I remind you that we would very much appreciate your cajoling, encouraging, forcing, coaxing, duping and enticing as many as possible to join us for Open Morning tomorrow. You might be interested to know that nearly 40 prospective families have pre-booked for tours. We are so appreciative of your efforts when recommending Godstowe and I hope that you will make an extra effort to bring people along in the morning. Please also feel free to visit even without guests because there are always interesting parts of the school you may not have had the chance to see recently. Lodge parents are particularly encouraged to come and see Main School again, and to see the boarding houses, which will all be open.

More scholarship news – it keeps on coming. This is turning into an extremely successful year once more and every credit must be given to the girls and staff who have worked so hard to achieve their rewards. Since last writing, I can tell you that **Sarah Yoon** has an Academic Exhibition to Downe House and an Art Scholarship to Cheltenham Ladies' College, **Maria Li** has a Commendation for Art from Cheltenham Ladies' College, **Mairidgh O'Brien** has an Art Scholarship to Pipers Corner, **Chelsea Chae** has two Art Scholarships, one to Cheltenham Ladies' College, the other to St George's, Ascot and **Elizabeth Bosson** has been awarded a Music Scholarship to Downe House. That brings the total to date to 15, with a few attempts still to come. Well done girls!

Many congratulations also to the following girls for achieving internal Godstowe Scholarships: **Srija Ghosh** and **Mia Rogers** (8+) and **Olivia Keatley** and **Laura Bailey** (11+). These are well-deserved awards and well done to all the girls who took part.

Awards and Appointments

Boarders of the Week are **Beatrice Byford** (Highlands) for settling in so well, **India Green** (Turner) for her caring nature and excellent time management and **Michele Balogun** (Walker) for her mature attitude to boarding life.

Artwork of the Week is by **Gigi Ruan**, for an excellent pencil drawing of a baseball boot.

Hannah Peart is this week's Monday Badge recipient, for being so helpful and cheerful.

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

The Lodge Parents' Evenings take place on Wednesday, 10th and Thursday, 11th February between 6pm and 8pm. Please sign up for a five minute time slot on the door of your children's form room. If these dates and times are not convenient for you, you may arrange a separate appointment directly with the teacher.

A comprehensive list of forthcoming events will be sent by ParentMail in the next few days. Please look out for this, as it gives invaluable information about the last few weeks of term.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Phonics Evening in Lodge on Wednesday, 28 February.

As part of a special project for Open Morning, each child has a piece of handwriting on display in Lodge. You are very welcome to come and have a look.

Charity News – Mrs Buckland

On Tuesday, 26th January, Mrs Gail Mason came to Godstowe and spoke in Assembly about the work of LEPRO. She described what leprosy was like and how it affected people's lives. We saw pictures of leprosy sufferers and were humbled to discover it costs just £21 to cure someone.

Girls were challenged to collect money for LEPRO. On Friday, 26th February the collecting envelopes were brought into school and the girls were rewarded with a Fun Workout in the JK Hall. Everyone who raised £21 or more was rewarded with a T-shirt or cap. An amazing number of girls raised considerably more than this, with a few reaching hundreds of pounds in their envelopes! Thank you to everyone who was raised some money – whatever the amount.

Lower Thirds' Parent's Evening – Mrs Wright

Please take a moment to complete the online form at http://www.godstowe.org/Parents/Parents_Evening/ for the Lower's Parents' evening *whether or not you intend to join us*. Meetings take place in the Recital Hall between 4.30 and 7.30pm. There are no formal time slots; parents may meet with staff for five minutes each as and when they become available.



Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was purple sprouting broccoli. Next week it will be spring onions: a good source of vitamins B and C, folate and fibre.

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. Name the volcano in Italy
2. What is carrion?
3. What was the name of the ferryman who transported the dead across the River Styx?
4. Which Italian traveller wrote a famous account of life in the Far East?
5. Which musical does the song *Fat Sam's Grand Slam* come from?
6. In which sport do you do a Fosbury Flop?
7. What is the main ingredient of paella?
8. What is the name of a famous, giant sculpture of a man by Michelangelo?
9. Which sign of the zodiac is also called the waterbearer?
10. What does BAFTA stand for?

Sports News

Tomorrow's Cross Country fixture will take place at Lowndes Park in Chesham. Girls should arrive by 9.30am to walk the course and the race begins at 10am. Because of Open Morning, Mr Sloggett will be on hand to assist the Godstowe team, and will be collecting entrance fees. Good luck, girls.

Forthcoming sports fixtures:

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Spring_2010

FEBRUARY				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 27 th	USA Lacrosse Squad Practice		H	10.30am
	U10A Netball Tournament	Maltman's Green	A	9.30am
	Form I – MIII Cross Country	Lowndes Park, Chesham	A	9.00am
FEBRUARY				
Tuesday, 2 nd	U10 & U11 Netball	Maltman's Green	H	4.45pm
Thursday, 4 th	U11 IAPS Netball	Various	A	9.30am
Friday, 5 th	U12 & U13 IAPS Netball	Various	A	9.30am
Saturday, 6 th	U12 & U13 Lacrosse Tournament	Various	A	10am

Friends of Godstowe News

We look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow night for our annual Quiz Night! Parking will be available on Walker tennis court and entrance to the Dining Room will be via the Link door.

We will be hosting a coffee morning on Monday, 1st March after drop off in Turner Boarding House (the one near the Recital Hall). Please come and join us for a coffee and to see a boarding house if you missed the Boarding Open Afternoon this week.

Our next cake sale will take place on Friday, 5th March in the usual locations. Forms I and II have been asked to bake for Main School and Kindergarten for Lodge. We look forward to some tasty treats!

Richard Starey, a professional photographer and a Lodge parent, has kindly offered to host our first photo shoot next Saturday, March 6th. There are a few slots still available to book through his website: www.richardstareyphotography.com/godstowe.

The third annual Godstowe Golf Day will take place on Thursday, 17th June at the Lambourne Club near Burnham. Golfing will be followed by dinner to which non-golfing spouses are invited. More details have been sent home with the children or, alternatively, you can download a form from our page on the school website.

The last word – Mr Gainer

I look forward to seeing many of you (perhaps even competing against you) at the Quiz Night tomorrow evening and on Sunday, I am going to my Mum's birthday party.