

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

It has been great fun to support one of our favourite charities today. Main School girls enjoyed an assembly where the girls saw DVD footage of a project that Brookwood, our caterers, have been supporting for some time. Moreover, at lunchtime, we enjoyed a specially prepared African lunch and the kitchen staff even dressed for the occasion! Many thanks to everyone involved.

We have continued to enjoy success on the sports field and in the swimming pool this week. It has been particularly notable that our athletes are performing outstandingly once more with several personal bests. They have been victorious in all of their meets so far.

Please may I draw your attention to a special ParentMail you should have received this afternoon which outlines the temporary arrangements whilst Reception is out of commission. I will be very grateful if you could take note of the various suggestions made therein.

Those observant among you will have noticed we have Mrs Joanne Jones working at the reception desk whilst Mrs Smith is on holiday. Had I not mentioned it, you may never have seen her as she is currently tucked away next to my office.

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## Awards and Appointments

Boarders of the Week are **Annabel Collings** (Highlands) for being helpful and looking after ill girls in the house, **Hannah Tong** (Walker) for care and attention of Walker gardens and **Olivia MacMillan-Scott** (Turner) for exceptional maturity and being an excellent role model.

The Monday Badge was won this week by **Emma Hill** for being very hard-working.

**Artwork of the Week** was won by **Larissa Robertson** and **Olivia Gough** for their life-like paintings of Liquorice Allsorts.

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room Competition was won this week by **IS** (Lower Division), **MIIIA** (Middle Division) and **IVP** (Upper Division). Keep it up, girls!

This week's Colour Team Shield Holders are the **Blue Team**.

## Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

### Beginners

Fun was had by all Beginners on their trip to Speen Woods. The children built dens for their teddies, played lots of games, went on a nature trail and after a picnic lunch had a hike around the woods looking for all the characters from the Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

### Kindergarten

Thank you very much to Megan Harris' mummy for coming in to talk to Kindergarten about the water cycle and sewage treatment last Friday. We all now know exactly what we should and shouldn't be putting down the toilet – do you know what the four P's are? Ask us!

### Transition

Well done to Transition for their assemblies over the past couple of weeks. We were treated to the talent of TrH and the inspiration of a book from Talla, all about the relationship between a boy as he grows to be an old man, and a tree. All the boys and girls had fun dressing up, thinking about their presentations and learning how to share and appreciate each other and the nature that surrounds them.

Please look out for forms and information about our Lodge outing which is planned for Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June to Wellington Country Park.

All trophies, including all sports cups are to be returned, latest, 7<sup>th</sup> June. We would be grateful if you could save us a lot of time by polishing them before returning them. These cups are passed on from term to term and are not for keeping.

The Uniform Shop has taken delivery of black cycling shorts in small sizes for Lodge girls. These will replace the 'red athletic briefs' from September. They will now match the big girls in Main School.

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## Fund Raising – Mrs Thomas, Development Manager

Both Tesco and Sainsbury's are offering some wonderful resources for schools in return for their vouchers. Please don't forget to collect yours (including family and friends) and place them in the box provided in Main School Reception and Lodge Conservatory. Although the Tesco voucher scheme stopped on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010, they still seem to be appearing in the bottom of bags, so please bring them in. I would be most grateful for some volunteers to help me count them up after half term. If you can help, please email me at [jthomas@godstowe.org](mailto:jthomas@godstowe.org). Thank you!



### Shoe Styles – Mrs Kenyon

May I please remind you that girls should not be wearing ballet style pump shoes to school? Our recommended shoe styles may be viewed at [www.godstowe.org.uk/Parents/Resources/Whole\\_School/](http://www.godstowe.org.uk/Parents/Resources/Whole_School/)

**Fund Raising – Mrs Thomas, Development Manager**  
Invitations have now been sent out for our 110 Year Reunion at 11am on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We have been overwhelmed by the response and as numbers are limited, invitations have only been sent to those who have been in touch via Facebook and Friends Reunited. If you know of an Old Godstownian who has not received an invitation and would like to come, please ask them to email at [jthomas@godstowe.org](mailto:jthomas@godstowe.org) me as soon as possible with their postal address so that I can send them a formal invitation. This is an invitation only event.

### FOG News – Mrs Leaver and Mrs Gardner

#### Cake Sale – Friday 28th May

There will be cake sales at Lodge and Main School next week with kind donations from Transition, Lower and Middles. We'd be grateful if you could give your children some pocket money to come and buy something or perhaps you would like to pick up a cake or two for half term?

#### Rounders – Thursday 27th May 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Thank you for all those who have returned your forms. If you would like to join us, it is not too late! Please call or email us or drop a cheque into the FOG box by Tuesday morning – the more the merrier!

#### Godstowe Village Fete – Saturday 3rd July 1-5 pm

Next week we will be sending out details of all the children's competitions for the fete, together with raffle tickets and also the order form for tickets for the fete. Please check your child's bag to ensure it doesn't spend the half term lurking at the bottom! Thank you.

If you have any other queries or questions, please feel free to contact Tara Leaver (07941 251488 or [taraleaver@me.com](mailto:taraleaver@me.com)) or Norma Gardner (07801958956 or [norma.gardner@btinternet.com](mailto:norma.gardner@btinternet.com)) at any time.

### Next week's sports fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Summer\\_2010](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2010)

Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	U12 & U13 Athletics	Wycombe Abbey	A	1.00pm

### Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was rocket. Next week: bok choy – a rich source of vitamins A, C and K.

### Can You Help? – Miss Todd

A parent from Nursery/Lodge is taking part in a non-stop challenge for charity. Along with the other eight members of his team they are going to bike, hike and kayak 250 miles from High Wycombe to the Isle of Wight and back again. They hope to raise money and awareness for the Newlife Foundation for disabled and terminally ill children. The Challenge will take place on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July and they expect it to take them over 40 hours nonstop. As part of the fundraising for this, the 'Wightout Team' have organised a local fun day on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Beginning at Holmer Green Common there will be a variety of activities for people to participate in including a five or 13 mile walk or, for those enthusiastic cyclists, a 62 mile cycle! For more info please go to [www.wightout.co.uk](http://www.wightout.co.uk). Hope to see you there!

### Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's quiz questions are:

1. Which city was wrecked and flooded by Hurricane Katrina?
2. How many English kings have been called Henry?
3. Who wrote the song *Yesterday*?
4. What is *la bûche de Noël*?
5. Who was the supreme commander of the D-Day landings on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944?
6. Name the Roman god of fire.
7. What does *allegiance* mean?
8. What is the name of the British swimmer who won the 400m freestyle and 800m freestyle events at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing?
9. When does Lent end?
10. Which two brothers both want to be leader of the Labour Party?

### The last word – Mr Gainer

I look forward to more athletics tomorrow morning at Wycombe Abbey. We take the boarders to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Sunday, where I am led to believe we will swelter. Let's hope so, it may be the only summer we get. – **DG**