

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

This will be the last Snippets you read before the tour party leaves for Prague. I'd like to wish them every success and I know that they are very excited about this wonderful opportunity to experience other cultures and to perform in concerts for members of the general public. I'm sure they will do Godstowe proud.

Thank you to those many parents (50ish) who attended the academic seminar. I hope you found it helpful, and to those of you who were unable to join us, please do feel free to contact me for an individual meeting to discuss your particular requirements or to have me email you some of the blurb that was given out on the night. Please remember the significance of Friday, 13 November, which is the occasion of our Senior Schools Exhibition. It is worth noting that 24 schools are attending, all of whom could not get back to us quickly enough accepting their invitations. This evening is open to any parent of children in any part of the school and we will also have information available from the four boys' prep schools that we most regularly feed. You may even like to bring family or friends of children at other schools who would benefit from the opportunity to meet with the heads and registrars of so many schools under one roof. It falls on the same night as the IVs' parents' evening and also the final exeat of the term, thus making it convenient for boarding parents to attend. Put it in your diary.

Many congratulations to a group of eight girls who attended and enjoyed a debating workshop at Wellington College with me yesterday. It was a very worthwhile experience for them to learn something of the intellectual skill involved in combative debating.

---

## Awards and appointments

The Monday Badge was awarded this week to **Tuscany Leftwich**, for being nice to others.

This week's Boarders of the Week are **Olivia Keatley** (Highlands), **Yasmina Atta** (Walker) and **Olivia Macmillan-Scott** (Turner). Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Olivia Annable** and **Grace Castle** for excellent portraits.

This week's Colour Team Shield Winners are the **Green** Team.

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room Competition has been won this week by **IS** (Lower Division), **MIIM** (Middle Division) and **UIIM** (Upper Division).

---

## Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

If you have not managed to see your child's teacher for a short update, do try to make an appointment before half term.

---

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

This week's guest vegetable was mushrooms. Next week, pumpkin: an excellent source of vitamin A and beta-carotenes, plus vitamins C, K, and E, magnesium, potassium and iron.

---

## Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Portugal?
2. How many people died in the Great Fire of London?
3. What does the word *angel* mean?
4. In Roman mythology, who was the messenger of the gods?
5. What would you buy in *una heladería* in Spain?
6. What are male ducks called?
7. Who painted lots of views of Mount Fuji in Japan?
8. Apart from back crawl in swimming, name a sport that you win by going backwards.
9. How many symphonies did, strangely, Beethoven, Schubert, Dvorak, Bruckner, Mahler and Vaughan-Williams each write?
10. Who has been awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize?

---

## Harvest Festival – Mrs Buckland

A huge thank you to all for the Harvest gifts we received over the past week. They will be gratefully received and will make a real difference to some very needy families. Your generosity is amazing, as always.

---

## Form I and II Parents' Evenings – Mrs Gillett

Parents' Evenings for the Lower Division take place on Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 21 October from 4.30pm onwards in form rooms. Please book a slot on the form in the Link Corridor if you haven't already.

---

## Learning Support Parents' Evening – Mrs Warner

Parents' Evening for children receiving Learning Support will take place on Friday, 23 October, from 4pm to 6pm. Please call Reception on 01494 529273 to secure an appointment time.



### Library News – Mrs Evans

My Book Week Quiz turned out to be much more difficult than I had intended, so very well done to the 19 girls who persevered to the end. I have promised that the next quiz will not be quite so hard!

The winners are the only ones who answered every question correctly: **Kaity Eames** and **Emily Lane**. They are followed by **Laura Bailey**, **Olivia Keatley**, **Romilly John** and **Larissa Robertson**, with a number of others very close behind. Well done girls! Next we are running a creative writing competition – you can get details from the Library or from your English teacher.

### FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman Plant Sale

By the time you read this, we will have taken delivery of the plant orders. Hopefully you will have seen us at school and collected them already but if not, please call Tara Leaver on 07941 251488 to arrange for a suitable time for collection.

### Christmas Offers

Last week we sent home details of our Christmas offers. Order forms should be returned to a FOG box by **Wednesday, 21 October** in order that we can ensure delivery by the end of November. Please make sure that the forms include your child’s details – we have one Christmas card order with a beautiful drawing but no other information at all! If you have any questions, please contact Tara Leaver at [taraleaver@me.com](mailto:taraleaver@me.com) or Norma Gardner at [norma.gardner@btinternet.com](mailto:norma.gardner@btinternet.com).

### Sports News and Results – PE Department

On Friday, 9 October, the English Schools Division Ten Primary Championships were held at Barnet Copthall Swimming Pool for swimmers from the Lower and Middles. **Rumbi Wasterfall**, **Alessandra Hutson** and **Daisy Hacking** braved the weather and travelled to Barnet Copthall to participate and represent Godstowe on the night. The girls swam well, earning seven top-eight places! This was as many top-eight places as teams with four times the number of swimmers! Rumbi earned a 7th and 8th place, Daisy Hacking a 6th place, and Alessandra a 3rd, two 7ths and an 8th place. Well done girls!

### Saturday, 10 October

#### U12A & B Lacrosse Tournament at Queen Anne’s

U12A won 12-0

U12B won 8-1

U13 lost 11-0

### Tuesday, 13 October

#### U12A & B Netball v Pipers Corner

U12A won 24-5

U12B lost just 4-14 against Pipers’ U13A side.

### Thursday, 15 October

#### U11A & B Netball v Maltman’s Green

U11A lost 1-4

U11B drew 6-6

### The last word – Mr Gainer

I’m looking forward, I think, to a visit to the London Dungeons with the boarders this weekend. I’ll let you know all about it next week, if I’m still in one piece.

### Next week’s sports fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Autumn\\_2009/](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Autumn_2009/)

OCTOBER				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Form I – MIII Cross Country	Chesham Prep & Gateway	Away	9.00am
	U12 & U13A & B Lacrosse	Wycombe Abbey	Away	1.30pm
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	U13A & B Netball	Wycombe Abbey	Home	4.30pm