

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

What's happened? Another week's gone by. We do seem to be suffering from a few girls taking to their beds, but I think we're over the worst of it.

We have enjoyed a very busy week in and out of the classroom. We have enjoyed National Children's Book Week this week, and particularly entertaining was the visit of Mr Leander Deeny who came to read chapters of his book *Hazel's Phantasmagoria*. There have been book displays at Lodge, competitions, poetry readings a visit to the theatre last week to see *Singing in the Rain*, oh, and we've done some teaching too.

I am delighted to inform you that our second ICT Room, a fully-fitted suite adjacent to the DT Room is now open and, with 18 new PCs, renders our computer provision in the school extremely comprehensive and easily comparable to that you would find anywhere. We have plans in place to have a brand new refit of the Lodge and Nursery ICT department (which should be completed before half term, again with new PCs) and very soon the modern languages room in the Main School will be fitted with six computers to allow for language lab interaction. We are also planning a new lighting rig with control desk in the JK Hall, and a new sound system will allow for much improved performance in drama and theatre. And finally, we are building a castle at Lodge to replace the defunct Transition playground. This project and many of the others above have all been made possible by your efforts through the excellent activities of the Friends of Godstowe. Very many thanks again to them for continuing to support our initiatives so positively. I am particularly excited about all these new provisions that will enhance the education experience at Godstowe still further.

Awards and appointments

This week's Borders of the Week are **Isabella Choi** (Highlands) for being a lovely person, **Ekaterina Lelikova** (Walker) for being nice and kind to everyone and **Diane Kim** (Turner) for a cheerful nature and being responsible in the House. Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Allegra D'Virgilio**, **India Fox** and **Emily Peel** for excellent fish drawings.

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

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

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

Thank you very much to all the parents who came into Lodge to read stories this week. The children love to share their home books and are so pleased to see their mummies sharing their special stories.

Parents meetings are taking place in form rooms next week on Tuesday, 13 and Wednesday, 14 October from 3pm – 4pm. Clubs will take place as usual.

The Wendy House has been repaired. If you have any suitable plastic furniture that you no longer need, we would be happy to put it to use at playtimes.

The winners of our Super Heroes drawing competition were **Lydia Viney** (Transition), **Jemima Gibbs** (Kindergarten) and **Sara Akhtar** (Beginners). Well done to you all.

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was aubergine. Next week, mushrooms, a good source of Vitamin B and potassium.

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Spain?
2. Who lost his head outside Whitehall?
3. What colour was the submarine that the Beatles sang about?
4. In the story of Noah's Ark, what does the word *ark* mean?
5. On the standards of which army would you see the letters SPQR?
6. According to the French, what is the difference between a mouse and a bat?
7. What is the staple food of koalas?
8. What is the technique when making pictures on windows out of glass and lead?
9. How many points does a tie break have in tennis?
10. What is the date of the annual International Day of Peace?

National Children's Book Week – Mrs Evans

Thank you to everyone who voted for their favourite author. Here are the top five for the whole school:

Joint 4 th	15 votes each	Malorie Blackman Michael Morpurgo
3 rd Place	18 votes	Roald Dahl
2 nd Place	21 votes	Jacqueline Wilson
1 st Place	39 votes	Enid Blyton



FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman

Caribbean Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Caribbean Night last weekend. We are confident that everyone had a great time!

Plant Sale

Our order has now been placed for the plants and will be available for collection after school on Friday, 16 November. Watch the FOG boards for details of exactly where and when.

Christmas Offers

All day pupils will be receiving details of the FOG Christmas offers today, including the ever popular Hoodies! Please check children's prep bags for the full information. Parents of boarders will receive this information in due course.

Sports News and Results – PE Department

Thursday, 1 October

U11A & B Netball v Royal Masonic School

U11A won 5-3

U11B won 7-1

Saturday, 3 October

U12 & U13 Lacrosse v St Bartholemews

U12 drew 3-3 v Pangbourne

U12 won 3-1 v St Barts

U13 won 2-1 v St Barts

Sunday, 4 October

U12 & U13 Berkhamsted Lacrosse Tournament

U12 won all but 1 game to finish overall runners-up.

U13 drew 1, won 3 to finish runners up in section.

The Last Word

The Lacrosse squads have had a very successful start to the season, and we wish the U12 and U13 teams the best of luck at Queens Anne's on Saturday.

Saturday is also our Open Morning, as I'm sure you know by now. Please come and join us any time between 10am and 1pm and bring a friend or two.

And finally, congratulations to Mrs van Hoegaerden, who celebrates her '30th' birthday today.

Have a good weekend. – **DG**

Next week's sports fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Autumn_2009/

OCTOBER				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 10th	U12A & B Lacrosse	Queen Anne's	A	1.30pm
Monday, 12th	U10A & B Netball	St Mary's, Gerrards Cross	H	4.30pm
Tuesday, 13th	U12A & B Netball	Pipers Corner	H	4.30pm
Thursday, 15th	U11A & B Netball	Maltman's Green	A	4.45pm
Saturday, 17th	Form I – MIII Cross Country	Chesham Prep & Gateway	A	9.00am
	U12 & U13A & B Lacrosse	Wycombe Abbey	A	1.30pm