

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

As I write, Sports Day is upon us. I hope very much that you enjoyed the events and I can certainly report that the girls were looking forward to representing their houses with gusto. As regards athletics, we have recently enjoyed enormous and outstanding successes which I will detail further for you next week. Suffice it to say, we are talking gold, silver and bronze medals, records, area records and a number of girls selected for the IAPS National Finals in Birmingham. You will have seen some of this talent during the course of Friday morning.

Many congratulations to **Alexandra Hodgson** who has become our latest scholar. She is going to Oundle in September with an Academic Scholarship. Very well done also to **Emily Leung** who has been awarded a mathematics exhibition to Cranbrook School. I would also like to report that we had 100% success in the recent Common Entrance examinations and these included a very high proportion of A\*, A and B grades. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you once more to the staff responsible for preparing everyone so professionally.

Lodge Sports Day was terrific fun and it was good to see all the children enjoying themselves enormously. I believe the events are balanced well to allow a full range of involvement and although an element of competitiveness is inevitable, it was also all undertaken with good spirit and fun. Congratulations to the Perriss Knight award winners (of whom there were an enormous number) and my thanks to Mrs Hobbs, the sports staff and everyone at Lodge and Nursery for organising the occasion so well. My personal thanks to the ice cream man, as I am very partial to a '99'.

The boarders thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities again last weekend which included an exciting trip to Whipsnade Zoo. I had no idea there were so many exotic and unusual, sometimes rare animals on view.

Not wishing to date myself too much, you might like to know (or perhaps you don't care) that Mrs Gainer and I bopped at an Elton John live concert in Bristol on Saturday night, which was outstanding.

Next Thursday, we are delighted to welcome a considerable number of new pupils to our annual Induction Day and girls in the Main School will be involved as buddies and tour guides throughout the day. It looks as if over 80 children will be joining us at Godstowe in September so this is likely to be a very busy day!

## Awards and Appointments

Boarders of the Week this week are: **Georgie Wright** (Highlands) for being helpful and kind to the younger girls, **everybody from Walker** for good behaviour, especially during exam week and **Genna Jones** (Turner) for her friendship, kindness and support of staff. Well done!

Artwork of the Week is by **Kaila Wiggan** and **Lucy Brinklow** for their very creative self-portraits.

This week's Colour Team Shield holders are **Yellow**.

The Deputy Heads' Form Tidiness Awards have been won by **IIB** (Lower Division), **LIIP** (Middle Division) and **IVP** (Upper Division). Keep it up, girls!

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## Library News – Mrs Evans

The school word total now stands at 276,175,314. We have one more week to see if we can push it up to 300 million. I will be asking everyone for their final totals at the end of the week. This week's new millionaires are **Aimee Chantrasmis**, **Flora van Vredenburg**, **Elizabeth Raynsford** and **Sacha Martin**. Well done girls. One other reminder: It is time to find all those library books you have been meaning to return for ages. All books must be returned next week please.

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

This week's guest vegetable was watercress. Next week, peas – a good source of fibre and Vitamins C.

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## Enrichment Curriculum – Miss Herson

Next week is the final week for paid-for after school activities, including ballet, judo, fencing, LAMDA, riding and rowing. All other activities will continue for the week commencing Monday, 29 June.

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## YES Charity Event – Mrs Burton-Phillips

Godstowe is hosting a community fund raising event on Saturday, 27 June for the Youth Enquiry Service (TES). YES is a local youth charity that provides a confidential counselling, information and support service for young people living in the High Wycombe area. It would be lovely to see Godstowe parents at the evening for cheese, wine and a charity auction – hopefully hosted by a local celebrity. If you would like information, tickets or to make a donation towards the event, please contact Rebecca Burton (Nursery and Form II parent) on 01494 880522.



### Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This is the last set of quiz questions for the term. The girls will be tested next week, so should be looking back on all the questions so far.

1. Where is the volcano called Soufriere Hills?
2. How many teeth does an adult horse have?
3. Who was the last Saxon king?
4. What is the French composer Debussy's first name?
5. What is Hanukkah?
6. Under which Roman emperor was St Peter crucified?
7. What would you do with *la barbe à papa* in France?
8. What is the name of the special paints that are used to add colour to ceramic work?
9. In what country was the Football Champions League final held in 2009?
10. Which singer has just adopted her second child from Malawi?

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### FOG News – Mrs Thomas

Casino Royale Summer Ball – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009 7pm  
3 TABLES AVAILABLE!

Thank you very much to those who have returned their drinks and fun money pre-order forms. To encourage more of you to pre-order, I have pushed our deadline to Monday afternoon. With a number of tables going from 10 to 12 people we are now able to get three more tables into the marquee, so please contact me if you would like a table at [jenniferthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jenniferthomas@btinternet.com), or on 01844 343477 or 07980 003252. Friends and family are most welcome!

Details on our fabulous Live and Silent Auction prizes will be circulated to all parents next week. More raffle prizes would be very well received – please leave donations in boxes in either Lodge Conservatory or Main School Reception. Thank you.

### Sports News and Results – PE Department

#### Fencing

On Sunday, 7 June, five girls competed in the Bromsgrove School Challenge, a foil and épée competition for schools in the Worcestershire area and others by invitation. It is a team and an individual competition, entrants scoring points for their school with each victory round by round, or medal place.

#### U12 Foil

Lucy Von Hagen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Annabelle Garrood 6<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Pycroft 11<sup>th</sup>, Iona Moseley 12<sup>th</sup>, Emily Peel 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### U12 Epee

Lucy Von Hagen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Annabelle Garrood 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jessica Pycroft 4<sup>th</sup>, Iona Moseley 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Athletics

##### IAPS Regional Athletics Competition

8 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals, 5 new records, plus ten girls through to the finals on Monday, 29 June.

##### Wycombe District Sports

IV Form came 3<sup>rd</sup> and U111 came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### Rowing

Miss Caroline Taylor (Kindergarten T) is racing this weekend at Women's Henley. This is a prestigious event attended by the best rowers from throughout Britain and will therefore ensure tough competition all round. We wish her and her Marlow crew the best of luck on Saturday and Sunday!

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I look forward to seeing you from time to time between now and the end of term, let's hope that summer has returned. It looks as if it may have! **DG**

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### Next week's sports fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Summer\\_2009/](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2009/)

JUNE				
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	U8 – U11 Swimming	Maltman's Green	A	4.45pm
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	IAPS Athletics Finals	Birmingham	A	All Day
JULY				
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	U8-U11 Swimming	Heatherton House	H	4.30pm