

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

So here we have it – the final Snippet for 2008/2009. It seems just yesterday that you received the very first Snippet of the year and so much has happened during an eventful, happy and successful 11 months. You will have heard more today if you were able to join us for the festivities and I hope very much that the girls enjoyed Prize Giving, the Leavers' Service and the inevitable tearful tea afterwards as the leavers compose themselves for the very last time at Godstowe. I have enjoyed keeping in touch with you every week and would like to wish you all a very enjoyable, restful (if possible) summer holiday and look forward to welcoming most of you back soon after bank holiday Monday in September. My very best wishes to all of our leavers and, if this also happens to be the last of your children leaving Godstowe, we wish you, as parents, every success and happiness in the future too. Do keep in touch.

Incidentally, one final scholarship result has just come in, and as we had hoped, **Ashley Hwang** has secured for herself an impressive Art Scholarship at Downe House (her second award). Well done, Ashley. What a staggering haul of 23 scholarships and exhibitions this year alone! That makes in excess of 65 in the last three years – a wonderful achievement.

Awards

Artwork of the Week is by **Zoe Hill** and **Rosanna Mullins** for excellent still life sketches. Well done to you both.

FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman

You will be delighted to hear that with your help, support and generosity we managed to raise in the region of £27,000 at the Casino Royale Summer Ball on Saturday night. Please look out for a ParentMail giving information on Raffle Prize winners.

Two men's dress shirts were left hanging outside Mr Gainer's study on the night of the ball. Please see Mrs Ackermann in the School Office if they are yours.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and please make a note of our next FOG event: the Caribbean Party on Saturday, 3 October.

Library News – Mrs Evans

Our *Read a Million Words* challenge has reached its end, and I can confirm that the school has read a staggering 315,856,097 words over the year! (The red line conveniently finished at reception so everyone can see the final result.) The Word-o-meter in the Library shows the Middles to be the biggest readers, and the Blue team top the colour team reading table. Three quarters of the girls who took part reached their targets and many others came very close. Some individual Read a Million Words prizes were given out in the final assembly.

Last minute millionaires are **Rebecca Deane** and **Phoebe Andersen-Cox** – well done girls. Congratulations too to all those who have reached their targets of less than a million throughout the year. There has been a fantastic amount of enthusiasm for reading in school this year, and it has been wonderful to see a number of new book-lovers emerge. I am sure that, being Godstowe, this enthusiasm will continue into the future. Well done, everyone, and keep on reading!

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was lettuce – one of the best sources of iron and rich in Vitamins E and C. Look out for new vegetables next term!

Sports News and Results – PE Department

Wednesday, 1 July

U8 – U11 Swimming v Heatherton House

U8 lost 21 – 35, U9 won 35 – 23

U10 won 39 – 29, U11 lost 29 – 39

There will be a mouth guard fitting by OPRO for pupils in the Middles, Uppers and IV Form from 11.30am onwards on Friday, 4 September.

Netball and Lacrosse Team Trials for Middles, Uppers and IV Form will take place on Saturday, 5 September from 9.30am – 12.30pm at Godstowe.

Well, this is it! It just remains for me to say have a fabulous summer holiday, and good luck wherever you may be in September.

You have just read 669 words

