

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

I am thoroughly looking forward to this evening's art exhibition and fashion show and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this outstanding annual event. You may not be aware that we attract several visitors from senior schools to this exhibition each year and they always comment on the extraordinary quality of work which they claim rarely to have seen in other prep schools.

Between the end of the school day and the exhibition starting, I will bomb down the corridor towards the Recital Hall in order to watch the latest in our series of music recitals, whilst at the same time, ensuring we are ready for Open Morning which begins at 10am tomorrow. Again, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible so that you can enjoy areas of the school you might not have seen for some time. Perhaps you may like to see a boarding house or the latest developments in our ICT Rooms, for example. Remember the Art Exhibition remains throughout Open Morning and the Fashion Show will be repeated at 12.30pm for those who are unable to attend tonight. I have decided to withdraw from the fashion show on account of the fact that I have simply nothing to wear.

Many of you may already be aware that Mrs Lesley Wright leaves us at half term following her husband's transfer to a promotion in California. These are undoubtedly exciting times for the Wright family. It has necessitated, therefore, a recruitment process in order to find Mrs Wright's replacement and I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Claire Podesta who will be taking over from the beginning of the second half of this term. Many congratulations to her and we are very much looking forward to a long and happy association. I should add that Mrs Wright has done well to type all of this without shedding too many tears.

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## Awards and Appointments

Boarders of the Week are **Sofia San Martin** (Highlands) for being positive, helpful and kind, **Chelsea Chae** (Walker) for her consistent politeness and unfailing support given to Walker girls and staff and **Georgie Wright** (Turner) for improvement in personal organisation, tidiness, helpfulness and for always having a cheerful disposition.

The Monday Badge is held this week by **Srija Ghosh** for being friendly and caring.

## Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

### Transition

We can thoroughly recommend Mrs Rowlin's expertise and knowledge about plants. She thrilled and enthused Transition as she helped reinforce their knowledge about variation in the plant world. Finally, each child has planted a strawberry plant to take care of until it bears fruit.

Please remember that photographs are being taken on Thursday, 13 May. Neat hair, school uniform and short white socks with summer dresses (for the girls), please.

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## Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's quiz questions are:

1. What is the capital of Italy?
2. Who flew the first powered aeroplane?
3. How many colours are mentioned in the song *Joseph's Coat* from *Joseph*?
4. In what month is *La Fête des Mères* celebrated in France?
5. How long did Leonardo da Vinci spend painting the *Mona Lisa's* lips?
6. The first space traveller was a dog. What was her name?
7. What is our modern name for the Roman country of *Gallia*?
8. Which international organisation was formed to care for soldiers wounded in war?
9. Which was the only country to host the summer Olympics and not win a single gold medal?
10. How many parliamentary constituencies are there in the UK in 2010?

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## Fundraising – Mrs Thomas

### Buy4Schools

Please don't forget to open your free account with Buy4Schools for discounts and cash back on your every day shopping. If you join today you will support Godstowe and get £5!

<http://www.buy4schools.co.uk/godstowe222>

This link is available on the bottom of every ParentMail you receive. We have been notified that if every parent joins, we could receive a cheque for £1,000 each term!

### Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please bring in all your Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers – boxes can be found in Main School Reception and Lodge conservatory.



**FOG News – Mrs Leaver and Mrs Gardner**  
**Rounders Match – Thursday 27th May starting 7pm**

We have had a number of replies for the rounders match but the more, the merrier! Forms for the tickets are in Reception in both Main School and Lodge and can be returned to either FOG Box. We hope you can join us and remember, no skill or knowledge of rules is required!

**Village Fete Saturday 3rd July 1-5 pm**

A big thank you to everyone who has made bunting for our Village Fete. We are hoping to use the bunting to decorate the marquee, so we would be grateful for any more pieces decorated in our colours of red white and blue. Any contributions can be left in one of the boxes in the receptions of Nursery, Lodge or Main School.

Details of the children's competitions will be sent out in the next couple of weeks – we hope that there will be something to interest all the children and that they will have time to plan their entries over the half term. 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.

**School Photographs – Mrs Wright**

Peter Whyte, the school photographer, will be coming to Godstowe on Thursday, 13 May to take class photos throughout Nursery, Lodge and Main School. Please ensure your sons and daughters are looking at their very smartest with clean uniform, neat hair and polished shoes. Thank you.

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

This week's guest vegetable was asparagus. Next week: carrots – an excellent source of beta carotene, vitamins B, C, D and E and potassium.

**The last word – Mr Gainer**

Early warning! Be prepared for the fact that two weeks today will be the last occasion on which you will be able to use Reception. Starting the following Monday, the demolition process will begin and mayhem has the potential to ensue. However, we intend to govern the situation with a considerable majority and inform you well in advance of all new procedures and arrangements associated with getting in and out of the school. Watch this space.

Do have a good weekend and with any luck at some point soon we might know more about whether Number 10 is to receive a new tenant or a sitting tenant. – **DG**

**Next week's sports fixtures**

A full list of summer term fixtures is now available to view on our website.

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>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 & U13 Tennis – Bucks Cup	Sir William Borlase	A	4.45pm
<b>Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 Tennis – Bucks Cup	Beaconsfield High	A	4.45pm
<b>Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	U8 – U11 Swimming	High March	A	4.15pm
<b>Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 & U13 Athletics	Pipers Corner	A	4.30pm
<b>Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 & U13 Athletics	Heathfield	A	9.30am

**Cirque de Musique** – *Mrs Gillett*

I am performing in two tap dances in a charity show at Wycombe Swan, along with other local performers. The show is called *Cirque de Musique* and takes place on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm. If anyone would like to go, tickets are available from Wycombe Swan priced £15.

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

This week's guest vegetable was watercress. Next week: radishes, a great source of vitamin C sulphur, iron and iodine.

**The last word** – *Mr Gainer*

I shall be spending the weekend largely not running the London Marathon but I do know that some of our parents are taking part and I wish them every success – give us a wave. – **DG**