

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Many thanks indeed to all of the girls and staff who enjoyed the Music Tour so enormously. I have heard nothing but good reports about the girls, their performances and their ambassadorial approach to the tour – representing Godstowe every step of the way. I am both delighted and proud of their success.

Please may I remind you of the Senior Schools Exhibition at Godstowe on Friday next week from 4pm to 8pm? No fewer than 24 highly-respected and recommended senior schools will be in attendance. This is an excellent opportunity to browse informally around the various stands, meeting the heads, registrars and house staff so you can get a flavour of what they have to offer and the suitability of the school for your children in the future. This exhibition is open to any parents in the school and you may be accompanied by as many friends and interested parties as you wish – regardless of which schools their daughters (or sons, as we have a good number of co-educational schools involved) currently attend. One thing I do want to do is to make this as worthwhile as possible for the senior schools as they have given up valuable time to attend together. It is worth noting the enthusiasm with which these schools rapidly signed up to exhibit here at Godstowe. Indeed several schools, some of them very eminent, have been turned away due to the tardiness of their replies! It is evident that the senior schools take Godstowe very seriously indeed and we want to continue to maintain excellent relationships with them. Help us to make it as busy as possible.

I, like, gave, like, an assembly this morning designed to, like, emphasize why using the word, like, 'like' over-enthusiastically and, like, completely inappropriately, is going to be outlawed by, like, the staff as often as, like, necessary. I, like, wondered whether or not you could, like, help us, as we are all becoming, like, infuriated by the, like, incessant, like, gross-misuse of this like, expression and stuff. Please do what you can to, like, help us, and we will promise to, like, do our bit.

Awards and achievements

The Monday Badge was awarded this week to **Yan Yan Wai**, for being kind and helpful.

Boarders of the Week are **Jasmine Wai** (Walker) and **Athena Bentley** (Turner). Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Isabelle Choi**, **Alessandra Hutson** and **Amy Couch** for beautiful peacock feather paintings.

Friends of Godstowe News

Coffee Morning

We are very grateful to Mrs Wyman for allowing us use of the Lodge Hall on Tuesday, 10 November after drop off, for our next Coffee Morning. We hope it will allow more Lodge parents to attend and allow those who have moved up to Main School to return for a reminisce! It would be great to see you all there.

Christmas Fair

We hope you have all booked Saturday, 28 November in your diary for our Christmas Fair. As always we rely heavily on the support of parents to make this a success. Class Reps will no doubt be in contact soon, if not already, and we are also looking for quality donations for the Raffle, red wine for the mulled wine stall, soft toys, jam jars (filled or unfilled) homemade cakes or sweets and unwanted jewellery or accessories – please see our notice boards, or ask a member of the committee for more information. Also, if you have any spare time and would like to get involved in the organisation, we would love to hear from you! Please contact either Tara Leaver on 07941 251488 or taraleaver@me.com or Norma Gardner at norma.gardner@btinternet.com.

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Germany?
2. Name Nelson's flagship at Trafalgar.
3. What is a pilgrimage?
4. What was the date of the Battle of Actium when Octavian defeated Mark Anthony and Cleopatra?
5. From where does the Spanish word *tapas* originate?
6. What bird has a pouch attached to its bill for catching fish?
7. Name the four main instrumental sections of a full Symphony Orchestra?
8. What sport takes place at Brands Hatch?
9. In which gallery would you find the sculpture *Venus de Milo* and the painting *The Mona Lisa*?
10. Who is the Lord Mayor of London?

IV Form Parents' Evening – Mrs Wright

The IV Form Parents' Evening takes place next Friday, 13 November between 4.15pm and 7.30pm. If you have not yet completed the online form to let us know which staff you would like to see, please do so by this Monday. Please go to www.godstowe.org and choose *Parents' Evening* from the *Parents' Menu*. Many thanks.



Love in a Shoebox – Mrs Buckland

This year's Love in a Shoebox appeal has begun, and we have already received a number of boxes in Main School Reception and in Lodge. The appeal deadline is next Friday, 13 November, so please use this weekend to pack up a box of goodies for a little boy or girl – it could be the only gift they get receive this Christmas. Don't forget to label your box and include the fee for transportation costs. Many thanks indeed.

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was pumpkin. Next week: parsnips, a good source of vitamin C, fibre, folic acid and potassium.

Sports News – PE Department

All Main School girls should now have their swimming kits in school every week.

There are no results to report this week, as Tuesday's two fixtures were not played. The U12A & B Netball match v Sir William Borlase has been rescheduled for March next term.

Glitter and Fizz! – Mrs Burton-Phillips

Current parent Mrs Bird and former parents Mrs Hafner and Mrs Cooper cordially invite you to a *Christmas Glitter and Fizz Evening* at House of Fraser in High Wycombe on Wednesday, 11 November between 7pm and 10pm. The store will be closed to all other shoppers and the evening will feature a fashion show, champagne, 10% off selected purchases and a goody bag. Tickets cost £10 and proceeds go towards DrugFAM. I do hope some of you will join me. Please contact Mrs Hafner for tickets on 01494 837712 or email gilly@thehafners.com. Tickets will also be available on the door.

The last word – Mr Gainer

I look forward to seeing you, like, this evening (oh no, now I'm doing it) at the Middles' production, which went very well at dress rehearsal yesterday afternoon. I then have two fireworks displays to attend with the boarders: one at Wellington College on Saturday night and the other our own boarders' display preceded by a delicious Diwali curry.

Please may I sign off this week by just, like, reminding you that this will be the first, like, entirely electronic Snippets and that if you really want, like, a printed out version, please, like, contact Mrs Wright at lwright@godstowe.org. Have a, like, good weekend.

Next Week's Sports fixtures:

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

NOVEMBER				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 7 th	U12 & U13 Lacrosse	St George's, Ascot	Away	9.00am
	U11A Manor Netball Tournament	Various	Away	9.30am
Tuesday, 10 th	U13A & B Netball	Sir William Borlase	Home	4.30pm
Saturday, 14 th	U12 Netball Tournament	Queen Anne's	Away	10.00am