

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

It seems our internal system crashed just at the same time as we were emailing Snippets last week – the result being that Snippets was not sent and we had no idea! Therefore, today's Snippets is a combination of this week's and last week's news:

Snippets this week really does begin with some fun snippets!

1. **Mrs Hutcherson** has had a baby girl (Isabella).
2. **Madame Labourdette** has also had a baby girl (Amelie).
3. **Mrs Kane** will be having a baby boy or girl (probably not both) in the summer.
4. **Rachel** and **Emily Kemp's** dog has had seven puppies (not certain if they're all accounted for yet).
5. **Mrs Sloggett** has fallen over and broken her wrist roller skating! We hope she gets better soon.

Scholarship season is upon us again, and we have some terrific results to report this week. Congratulations to the following girls: **Clemmie Alexander** (Academic Scholarship to Headington), **Sophie Fallen** (Academic Scholarship to both Wycombe Abbey and St Helen's, Northwood) **Ineke Mann** (Music and Drama Scholarship to Queen Anne's), **Ambika Handa** (Wycombe Abbey's top Academic Scholarship) and **Jacqueline Cho** (Academic Scholarship to Benenden). All that extra hard work has really paid off.

Could all parents please check that there are no items of uniform, sports kit or footwear at home that belong to other children? Please return any such items to school as soon as possible, if that is the case.

Awards and Appointments

Boarders of the Week last week were **Ella Cockman** (Highlands) for her maturity and being a great monitor, **Anne-Marie Pepera** (Turner) for being polite, showing kindness to others and setting a good example and **Claudia Maravall** (Walker) for being helpful and kind to all in the house.

Boarders of the Week this week are **Arabella Young** (Highlands) for her happy nature and always having a smile on her face, **Filipa Yekini** (Turner) for settling in well and making so many friends both in school and in the house and **Sarah Yoon** (Walker) for leading by example and showing great maturity.

Artwork of the Week is by Mimi Nwamu, for an excellent pencil drawing.

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

Many thanks indeed to Mrs Mark for her inspiring and enthusiastic talk to Transition about Leonardo da Vinci. We learned such a lot and the children are still talking about her visit.

Could you please ensure that all children return to school with red socks and red polo shirt in their PE bags after the half term holiday? Thank you.

All trophies should be returned to Lodge on the first Monday after half term, 22 February, please, in time for our Perriss/Knight awards on Friday, 12 March.

The Kindergarten and Transition forms attend Main School assembly on alternate Tuesday mornings. The next one will be the first Tuesday after half-term. If you are late, please drop your child off at Lodge as usual where they will be looked after by either Mrs Sisman or Miss Loisy. We leave Lodge at around eight thirty to be prompt for prayers. Thank you.

The Nursery and Beginners have their own assembly together on Tuesdays, accompanied by Mrs Lake. This helps the Nursery children get to know Lodge teachers and children whilst enjoying a good singalong in a happy environment.

Missing Part? – Mrs King (Beginners)

If anyone bought a yellow polystyrene 'Sky Scorcher' aeroplane at the Bring and Buy sale, they will have found that it is missing the Flight Control Unit. This item may be collected from the Main School Office after half term. Apologies for any disappointment this may already have caused.

Lost Property – Main School Reception

We have a basket full of lost watches, glasses and front door keys behind the desk at Main School Reception. They are all unnamed and many have been here for some time! If you or your daughter have lost any of these items, please come and see Mrs Batchelor in the morning or Mrs Summersgill in the afternoon.

Charity Recycling for Haiti – Mrs Western-Kaye

Turner House have been raising money for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal by recycling old clothes, shoes, sheets, blankets, curtains and soft toys. We would like to thank you all so much for your donations – we let you know the total raised in due course.



Friends of Godstowe News

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who helped out at the discos two weekends ago – over 180 children joined us across the two discos and they certainly seemed to have a great evening.

The second hand uniform shop also held its first sale of second hand skiwear – this was well attended and raised over £200 for FOG. We could have sold even more so when you pack up at the end of the season, remember to put any outgrown items to one side ready for our next sale. We will hold this earlier next time so that everyone has a chance to kit themselves out!

The second hand uniform shop is also looking for some extra help to run the shop. Can you spare an hour on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm and the Wednesday before term starts from 1pm to 3pm? Please contact Dizzy at dizzy.parker@btinternet.com or Joy at david@drees2.orangehome.co.uk

Our next event is the Quiz Night – forms should be returned to a FOG box by tonight. Tickets are £15 a head and includes a two course meal, with wine, beer and soft drinks available to buy on the night. If you haven't returned your form yet, please let us know – teams can now be up to ten but smaller teams are also welcome. If you're not able to get a full table together, we will be more than happy to help you make up a team or if you would like to ask friends and neighbours, they are welcome too! If you are worried that your knowledge isn't up to it, don't worry, this is not a serious event, it is purely for fun!

Looking forward, dates for the diary are:

Coffee morning:	Monday, 1st March
Cake sale:	Friday, 5th March
Photo shoot:	Saturday, 6th March
Parents Rounders:	Thursday, 27th May
Golf Day:	Thursday, 17th June
Godstowe Village Fete:	Saturday, 3rd July

More details on the Golf Day and the Photo shoot should be coming home in prep bags tonight with more information on all the other events are to follow.

If you have any questions, please call Tara Leaver (07941 251488) or Norma Gardner (07801 958956).

Accommodation to rent

If anyone is looking for accommodation to rent in High Wycombe, there is a modern, beautifully-furnished two-bedroom, two-bathroom flat with balcony available very close to the school. It is staff-owned. Please call 07957 385366.

New Uniform – Mrs Brook and Miss Gloster

Parents who have ordered new uniform may collect it from Main School Reception. Please have your payment ready at time of collection. Thank you.

More tea, Vicar? – Mrs Morley (parent)

Come and share Afternoon Tea with the Godstowe Christian Parents' Group. We will meet in the Common Room of Turner House (beside the Recital Hall) at 2.45pm on Wednesday, 24th February. This is just an informal gathering to meet and chat with other like-minded parents. Tea and homemade scones provided – a civilised moment before pick up! All very welcome. Please call Heather Morley on 01494 528633/07919 417860 or Norma Gardner on 01494 866499 if you have any questions.

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was parsnips. The week after half term it will be purple sprouting broccoli: packed with vitamin C, it is also a good source of iron, folic acid, calcium, fibre and vitamin A.

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

Last week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of New Zealand?
2. Who is our Head of State?
3. What is a black widow?
4. What two teams took part in the Ashes?
5. When is *la fête des Rois* celebrated?
6. What device did the Greeks use to enter the city of Troy?
7. Who composed *Messiah*?
8. Leonardo da Vinci was alive in which two centuries?
9. What follows yesterday and comes before tomorrow?
10. Where is the tallest building in the world?

This week's questions are:

1. The Pyrenees are found between which two countries?
2. What does a blue whale weigh at birth – 600kg or 6000kg?
3. The Latin word *gladius* means 'a sword'. In the Roman arena, what was a fighter who was armed with a sword called?
4. Who reached America in 1492?
5. Which musical fairytale features a crocodile and a ticking clock?
6. How many months of the year have 31 days?
7. Caneletto is famous for painting which European city?
8. What are brie and camembert?
9. On which part of your body would you find a bridge?
10. Where are the 2010 Winter Olympics being held?

Sports News and Results

Saturday, 30th January

U12A & U13B Netball v St Margaret's

U12A won 30-1

U13B lost 10-13

U13 Lacrosse v St Margaret's

U13 drew 3-3

U10 Netball Tournament at Queen Anne's

Finished 12th overall

Form I – Mill Cross Country

Form I – team silver

Form II – team silver

The rest of last week's fixtures were cancelled due to the bad weather.

Saturday, 6th February

U10A & U11A Netball Tournament v Berkhamsted

U10 finished 2nd overall

U11 finished 6th overall

U12 & U13 Midlands Schools Lacrosse Tournament

U10 finished 2nd overall

U11 finished 4th overall

Tuesday, 9th February

U13A & B Netball v Wycombe High

U13A won 15-12

U13B won 10-9

The last word – Mr Gainer

I think the snow has finally melted on the tennis court car park! Let's hope this is a good omen for fairer weather ahead – especially during the coming half term week. The children have all worked very hard this term, especially the girls tackling exams, so everyone deserves a well-earned rest. Enjoy yourselves and I'll see you back, refreshed, in a week.

Forthcoming sports fixtures:

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Spring_2010

FEBRUARY				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Wednesday, 24 th	U10A & B Netball	Berkhamsted	H	4.00pm
Thursday, 25 th	U10A & B Netball	Chesham Prep	H	4.30pm
Saturday, 27 th	USA Lacrosse Squad Practice		H	10.30am
	U10A Netball Tournament	Maltman's Green	A	9.30am
	Form I – Mill Cross Country	Little Kingshill and Ley Hill	A	9.00am