

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

What a treat. The Art Exhibition and Fashion Show combined dazzled everyone on Friday and Saturday last week. The quality of the work was quite simply outstanding and how good it was to see every child represented in one form or another. The outfits and accessories modelled by our senior girls gave rise once more to yet another impressive dimension emanating from the art and design departments. I know it's easy for me to say, but I really genuinely believe that the quality and range of work witnessed is something you would probably not experience at any other prep school. Well done to all of the girls and to Mrs Sloggett, Mrs Goss and Mrs Zuberi.

Open day was once more very popular and thank you very much if you were able to attend – certainly our tour guides thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to show visitors why they are so proud of their school. You might like to know that 'tourists' always speak highly of our girls and their ability to talk – who would have guessed it?

Good luck to **Rumbi Wasterfall** and **Jasmine Wai** who compete at the IAPS National Swimming on Saturday. We also have a very busy day at All Saints Church in High Wycombe where Godstowe are involved in a theatrical production which forms part of the Wycombe Arts Week Festival. Anybody who would like to see the girls in action with a number of children from other schools could sneak into the church at 4pm on Saturday afternoon.

Notwithstanding the above, a number of Uppers boarders and day girls are going on what could only be described as a team building day at Bray Lake. Sounds like they're going to get very wet, one way or another.

On Sunday, all of the boarders are off to the Windsor Horse Show. This is a great fun, very busy and illustrious event to which I have been twice before. Once the sun shone very warmly and I was able to take on board several Mr Whippons, the other rained more than I can ever remember in a single day in my life. We were wading through mud all day forcing a smile. Good luck to a couple of our girls who are actually taking part in the event.

It's been a busy week for the photographer's shutter. The whole school have been snapped, individual classes have been snapped and 30 or so individuals have been snapped in order to create a collage-cum-montage depicting aspects of Godstowe School. That was particularly good fun to organise and the girls (and boy) involved were terrific.

Awards

The Housemistresses' Boarders of the Week are **Zanna Spencer** (Highlands) for making a brilliant start, **Rachel Lee** (Walker) for settling in so quickly and **Maria Li** and **Paola Arizti** (Turner) for being helpful and responsible. Great work, girls!

The Monday Badge was won by **Atousa Ramezani** for being a reliable and responsible girl. Well done, Atousa.

Artwork of the Week is by **EVERYONE** for an amazing Art Exhibition and to all the models for an excellent fashion show!

The Deputy Heads' Form Tidiness Awards go to **IG** (Lower Division), **MIIIJ** (Middle Division) and **IVP** (Upper Division). Keep it up!

This week's Colour Team Shield holders are the **Green Team**. Go greens!

Library News – Mrs Evans

The Read a Million Words total is now an amazing 234,987,101 words. Well done to our new Millionaires: **Lara Mullins, Ella Cockman, Cerys Leff, Kaitlin Eames, AJ Ajimobi**.

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. Which ocean is to the west of North America?
2. What sort of animal is a noctule?
3. Who was the Roman goddess of hunting?
4. What is it called when you link skills together in gymnastics?
5. Which Roman Emperor conquered Britain?
6. What is a polka?
7. How many days after Jesus was crucified did he rise from the dead?
8. Where in Spain is La Sagrada Familia?
9. What are the three secondary colours?
10. What is the name of the Queen of the Netherlands?

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was bok choy. Next week, curly endive, a great source of folic acid, fibre and Vitamins A and K.



FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman

Casino Royale Summer Ball – Saturday, 4 July

If you have not already done so, please send in payment for your ball tickets as soon as possible (reply slips are available at main school reception). We have just one table left... please e-mail me ASAP at jenniferthomas@btinternet.com if you would like to reserve it!

Raffle tickets are currently being printed (courtesy of Quickfold Business Solutions) and will be sent home with all children at half term. Please try and buy or sell as many raffle tickets as possible. If you aren't able to come to the ball, don't worry, you will still have the opportunity to win some fabulous prizes and remember, all profits will go towards the School Development Fund.

We are still urgently sourcing good quality raffle prizes – any donations would be gratefully received. To give you some ideas, personal gifts, smellies, books, vouchers, new jewellery, pictures, boxes of chocolates, ladies accessories, aftershave, perfume, ornaments, champagne etc would be fantastic. Please look out for the donation boxes in Lodge Conservatory and Main school reception. If anything is particularly valuable or fragile, please contact me direct and I will happily meet you.

Additionally, if you have a very exciting new idea for our Live Auction, please get in touch as we have a couple of slots left in our programme. For example, perhaps you have contacts in the media world and can help to get a group of children into the audience of *Gladiators* or you are able to offer tickets to go to the theatre together with a back stage pass so that you can meet the cast after the show? Just a few ideas...

Rounders Match – Thursday, 14 May

Main school won the rounders last night (score not available as they won by miles)! Well done to all the Main School Mums and Dads – you are just getting too good at this!

Next Week's Sports Fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2009/

Upper Division Production – Mrs van Hoegaerden

All Upper Third and IV Form girls should spend time over the half term holiday learning their lines for the Upper Division production. All costumes should please be brought into school after half term. Many thanks.

Sports News and Results – PE Department

Three new matches have been added to this term's fixtures list:

Monday, 1 June

U12 & U13 Tennis v Pipers Corner, away, 4.30pm

Tuesday, 16 June

U8 – U11 Swimming v High March, home, 4.15pm

Wednesday, 1 July

U8 – U11 Swimming v Heatherton House, home, 4.30pm

Results:

Tuesday, 12 May

U12 & U13 Athletics v Pipers Corner, away

U12 won 32-26

U13 won 36-21

Wednesday, 13 May

U12 & U13 Tennis v Wycombe Abbey, away

U12 lost 22-31, U13 lost 44-79

U12 lost 29-30, U13 lost 8-40 (Bucks Cup)

I hope you enjoy your weekend and look forward to seeing you next week, which ends with the half term music concert. Please do try and come along, even if your daughter is not involved because it is a wonderful opportunity to see several quite inspiring musicians. –
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Saturday, 16th	IAPS Swimming Finals	K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley	A	Afternoon
Wednesday, 20th	U11 Rounders	St Piran's	H	4.15pm
Thursday, 21st	U12 & U13 Bucks Cup Tennis	Sir William Borlase	A	4.30pm