

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Good afternoon. Welcome to the end of another week. We have been very busy and some girls have been royally entertained with that ever-popular event known as an examination. They have been working very hard and I am sure that, so long as they have done their best, we will have sets of very pleasing and encouraging results. Also, now begins the merry-go-round of external examinations and my best wishes to all girls involved in the coming months.

The deadline for snow photographs submitted for the competition will be next Friday, and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the trouble to bring them in so far. Therefore, my announcement of the winners has been delayed – I never expected to get quite so many in!

For your interest and information I should tell you that we are planning some room changes spanning half term and that this requires a certain amount of preparation beforehand. You may notice, therefore, a small storage container and skip outside the school that will be in temporary use whilst the reshuffle takes place. Upon your return after half term, you will immediately be aware that the library has transferred to the opposite side of Reception and that the School Office, my study and a new waiting room have been recreated in the existing library space. Please be aware, therefore, that there will be some disruption before and after half term whilst the library is moved and some library lessons will be reallocated by the English department. Prep will still take place but will be held in classrooms to be announced. Please be ready for a ParentMail that will detail this more specifically next week.

These changes herald the major alteration to the Reception that I am now delighted to tell you has been approved by the local planning office without condition or restriction. On display in Reception soon will be some detailed working drawings of how the new area will look and we are all very excited about this excellent and much-needed redevelopment of the centre of the school. You will be notified well in advance of the temporary reception arrangements while work is in progress. Just to remind you, building works will begin at half term in the summer term and should be finished in time for the new school year.

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

It is so lovely to be back at school, looking forward to warmer, brighter days.

Please be aware that a case of chicken pox has been reported in Lodge this week. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly for head lice – a couple of cases have already been reported.

At the beginning of this new term, please check that all items of uniform and PE kit are carefully labelled.

If you have any unwanted furniture that would be suitable for our Lodge garden Wendy house, please see Mrs Sisman who is trying to spruce it up with a spring clean.

Transition four times table test will take place during the week beginning Monday, 25 January.

We are all a lot more settled in Lodge this week as we have at last got back into our routine, so hopefully with some more settled weather, the boys and girls will be enjoying the garden again soon.

Awards and Appointments

Each week the boarding houses name their 'Boarders of the Week'. This week they are **Marianna Hopkinson-Woolley** (Highlands) for great organisation and tidiness, **Sarin Chinavicharana** (Walker) for improved communication and good progress and **Jessica Pycroft** (Turner) for a fabulous transition from weekly to full boarder. All girls have settled well into the new term.

Congratulations to **Jackie Lee** who is now a Highlands Monitor.

We display the 'Artwork of the Week' in the corridor to the right of the Reception desk in Main school – go up the stairs and then turn around and look up! Artwork of the Week winners are those girls who have produced work to a high standard, or have made a particular effort. This week's artwork is by **Francesca Welham** and **Tilly Alexandra** for creative and neat fashion inspiration boards.

Santa Fun Run for Myasthenia Gravis – Miss Todd

On 6 December, I ran the Marlow 5K dressed as Santa to raise money for the Myasthenia Gravis Association. Thanks to your generous donations I raised £200, which will be split between the Marlow Rotary Club and my charity. I would be very grateful if any sponsorship money could be left at Main School Reception. Thank you so much!



Friends of Godstowe News

Disco – Saturday, 30 January

We hope you have received your forms for the disco and have returned them to your nearest FOG box.

Just as a reminder, the disco for Lodge through to Form I will take place from 5.30 – 7pm and the disco for Form II through to MIII will be held from 7.30 – 9pm. Girls from the Uppers and IV Form are also welcome. If you have mislaid your form, you should have received a ParentMail with one enclosed today. If there are any late returns, please post them in FOG box at your earliest opportunity.

A big thank you to all the parents who have offered to help; we will be in contact shortly.

Quiz Night – Saturday 27th February

We will be sending forms out shortly for our annual Quiz Night, but it would be great if you can start thinking about getting your team together (up to eight members) or whether you would prefer us to put your team together. This is always an evening to remember.

Bring and Buy Sale – Mrs Buckland

On Friday, 29 January there will be a Bring and Buy Sale in the JK Hall at 4.15pm in aid of Kanyadevi School in Nepal. If it is particularly successful, we may also donate some of the proceeds to the Haiti Appeal. Please could you do some 'de-cluttering' at home and sort out any outgrown toys, games, CDs, DVDs and books? Unwanted Christmas presents which parents might like are also very welcome. We should be grateful for any donations as soon as possible, to Reception in Main School or to the collection point in Lodge and, of course, we look forward to seeing you at the sale next Friday. Bargains for all, we hope! Thanks.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to our Mufti Day in aid of Douglas and Helen House – we raised £397.60!

Next week's sports fixtures

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

JANUARY				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Tuesday, 26 th	U13A & B Netball	Berkhamsted School	H	4.45pm
Wednesday, 27 th	U12A & B Netball	Wycombe Abbey	H	4.30pm
Saturday, 30 th	U12A & B & U13B & C Netball	St Margaret's, Bushey	H	9.30am
	U13 Lacrosse	St Margaret's, Bushey	A	9.30am
	U10 Netball Tournament	Queen Anne's	A	10am
	Form I – MIII Cross Country	Hawridge & Cholesbury Park	A	10am

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

Each week, girls in Main School are set ten general knowledge questions. They do not need to hand their answers in, but will take part in a quiz on all the questions so far at the end of each half term. This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Denmark?
2. Who were the 'few' in Churchill's famous speech?
3. What famous tourist attraction is situated in Poitiers, France?
4. Which animals provide wool, milk and meat?
5. How many rings are there in the Olympic logo?
6. If you suffer for *hydrophobia*, what do you fear?
7. What instrument does Nigel Kennedy play?
8. Who is the fastest male sprinter in the world?
9. What is the name of the decorative style of the 1920s to 1930s that is characterised by geometric designs?
10. What is the capital of Haiti?

Lower Division Poetry Competition – Mrs Gillett

We had an excellent response to the Snow Poems Competition in the Lower Division with 29 entries of a very high standard. Congratulations to everyone who took part – you obviously found the snow very inspiring! The overall winners were **Elodie Hersee** and **Clara O'Doherty** (Form I) and **Maria Rees** and **Isabella Vanbergen** (Form II).

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was cauliflower. Next week: swede, a good source of fibre, vitamins A and C, folic acid and calcium.

The last word – Mr Gainer

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the Middles Parents' evening and I hope very much boarders will enjoy their exeat weekend. As far as I'm aware there is no snow forecast for the foreseeable future so I look forward to seeing you on Monday!