

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Two minutes of silence were beautifully observed by the school on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock accompanied by Mr Bonner who kindly bugled the Last Post. It was topped and tailed by the sound of a military gun from the barracks in High Wycombe.

I hope very much that those of you who attend the School's Exhibition find it useful. I should remind you that I am very happy to meet with you subsequently if you have any further questions or it has left you utterly bewildered! Take it from me – you would not be the first to have found the exercise of selecting a senior school perplexing.

Many thanks to those of you who attended the recent FOG coffee morning at Lodge, where we were in very close proximity to the almost complete Godstowe Castle. It has been a joy to witness the construction of this new playground facility and I know for a fact that the children have been thoroughly enjoying watching men at work.

At the weekend, following on from the fixtures and Wellington fireworks on Saturday, we enjoyed a Diwali fashion show and dance display in the JK Hall that was beautifully compéred by Mumta Patel. We then had an Indian supper kindly provided by the Patel family. A spectacular firework display followed by hot chocolate and donuts outside Walker House finished off proceedings. Many thanks to the Patels for their very kind contributions to a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Awards and achievements

The Monday Badge was awarded this week to **Aishling Herrero**, for being hard working and polite.

Boarders of the Week are **Annabel Collings** (Highlands) for her mature attitude, **Jacqueline Cho** (Walker) for having a positive attitude to boarding and **Mumta Patel** (Turner) for organising a superb fashion show and Diwali. Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Sarah Yoon** for an excellent drawing of keys.

Emily Peel, Kelly Kim, Laura Bailey and **Jackie Lee** took part in the Maths Challenge at the Beacon School and came 4th overall. Congratulations!

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room Competition has been won this week by **IS** (Lower Division), **LIIM** (Middle Division) and **IVL** (Upper Division).

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

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

As we approach the busy end of term, the children are spending time in the JK Hall in preparation for their Nativity performances. Mrs Sisman is doing some costume fitting at present, and will issue any further requirements by Tuesday of next week.

Transition has the times two table test next week! Thank you for helping the children to practise. This is the last set of the term and we will continue to revise x10, x5 and x2 until the end of the term.

Friends of Godstowe News

Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair on 28 November. Santa has confirmed that he will be able to join us and we have therefore put up timetables in Nursery, Lodge and Main School. Each list has different times – please feel free to enter your children's names on any list. Children will be seen in groups of up to four so if they would like to see Santa with their friends, please put down their names together. More information is on the FOG notice boards.

Christmas Plants Offer

We are pleased to be able to offer Christmas Plant Gifts from the same nursery as provided our autumn bedding offer. Please see the separate ParentMail for full information. Orders need to be returned to a FOG Box by 27 November at the latest, with the plants being delivered to school on 4 December. Please contact either Tara Leaver on 07941 251488 or taraleaver@me.com or Norma Gardner at norma.gardner@btinternet.com if you have questions on any of the above.

Book Week Winners – Mrs Evans

Well done to the winners of the Creative Writing Competition we ran for Children's Book Week. The winning poems were by **Srija Ghosh, Freya Ruparel, Juliette Welham** and **Beatriz Martinez**. Story winners were **Manon Ludwick, Holly Beveridge, Lizzie Laurence** and **Yasmina Atta**. The winning entries are on display in the Library, and will be entered in a national competition run by Evans Publishers.



Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of the Netherlands (note, NOT the business capital)?
2. Who won the Battle of Waterloo?
3. What is a prophesy?
4. In the Roman arena, what was a retiarius?
5. What is celebrated in France on 14th July?
6. What crab makes its home in empty snail shells?
7. What instrument do you find in jazz and pop bands that is not usually found in an orchestra?
8. Name two net games.
9. What nationality was the artist Rembrandt?
10. On what date was the Berlin Wall pulled down?

Cloaks – Heads of Division

May we remind parents that girls should arrive at school each morning wearing their cloaks, not just their blazers, please? As the weather gets colder and damper, it is important that girls are wrapped up in the morning and at break times. Thank you.

Sports News and Results – PE Department

Saturday, 7 November

U12A & B Lacrosse v St George's, Ascot

U12A v U13A lost 6-7

U12B v U12A won 4-1

U12 Manor Netball Tournament

Lost 1, drew 1, won 3 finishing joint second on points in section. The girls narrowly missed out on a semi-final place on goal difference.

Tuesday, 10 November

U13A & B Netball v Sir William Borlase

U13A lost 3-19

U13B won 10-6

There are still places available on Miss Herson's Christmas Camp on Monday, 14, Tuesday, 15 and Wednesday, 16 December, for girls from Form I to Middle Thirds. The cost for three days is £80, however, girls are welcome to attend one or two days at £26 per day. Forms are available at Reception; please return them to Miss Herson.

Next Week's Sports fixtures:

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

Charity Santa Fun Run – Mrs McHutchon

On 6 December I will be participating in the 5km Marlow Santa Fun Run, along with an estimated 1,000 other Santas! I am raising money for research into *Myasthenia Gravis* – a fatiguing disease affecting the muscles. My friend Marcus, a sporty 20-year old law student, has just been diagnosed and now finds everyday tasks such as getting groceries or walking to university an overwhelming prospect. I would be so grateful if anyone would like to sponsor me. I have left a sponsorship form at Main School Reception and also have a Just Giving web page at www.justgiving.com/Laura-Todd1. Many thanks.

DVDs and Videos – Mrs Kenyon

I would be delighted to receive donations of DVDs or videos (certificate 12 and under) that your children no longer watch. These are always useful for occasions when weather dictates that break times are spent indoors. Our stock of wet break films is running low, and those we do have are well-watched! Many thanks.

Love in a Shoebox – Mrs Buckland

Today is the deadline for our Love in a Shoebox appeal. Thank you so very much for all your contributions. The boxes are being collected by the Mustard Seed Relief Mission on Thursday so there is still a final opportunity to put a box together this weekend. Please do so if you can.

Computers for Uganda – Mrs Wright

When the two ICT suites were refurbished earlier this year, we were delighted to work with African Village Support who shipped the old computers to Africa. You may like to know that 50 ex-Godstowe PCs and printers are now being used by schools in Muyembe Village, Uganda.

The last word – Mr Gainer

Have a good exeat weekend; I look forward to meeting many of you tonight (or yesterday, or last week) at the IVs' Parents' Evening and Senior Schools Exhibition. And finally, thank you for our, like, support in our, like, campaign which is, like, gathering momentum.

NOVEMBER

Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 14 th	U12 Netball Tournament	Queen Anne's	Away	10.00am
Monday, 16 th	U10A & B Netball	Pipers Corner	Home	4.30pm
Saturday, 21 st	U12 & U13 Lacrosse	Heathfield	Away	9.30am