

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Good afternoon. Many thanks to all those children who have sent in photographs of the snow. I know it was my fault for asking, but I now have to look through over 200 photographs! There are some outstanding pictures and the winners will be announced next week. We will then publish some of the best snaps in a gallery on the website. We obviously have several budding photographers amongst us! I will also read through the final poems and give out certificates during assembly next week.

Many congratulations to Maria Li and Charlotte Leaver who are this year's first recipients of scholarship awards, and fully deserved they are. We look forward to further announcements over the coming weeks. Well done also to all of those girls sitting entrance exams for Cheltenham Ladies' College who were highly successful.

Could you all please ensure that no food, snacks or sweets are brought into school by the children. This is incredibly important in light of health and safety guidelines relating to those children who have, in some cases quite severe, food allergies.

We are happy to allow one exception to the above rule. On occasions, your daughter or son may wish to bring in little cakes to celebrate their birthday with their friends. In this case, please ensure that only nut-free cakes are brought in and these must be handed by you, the parent, directly to the form tutor in the morning, along with a note confirming that the cakes are nut-free. The form tutor will then supervise the distribution of these cakes to the children.

I hope that you will understand our concerns for the safety of all the children and will respect our request.

Awards and Appointments

Apologies to **Mariana Hopkinson-Woolley** whose name was spelt wrong in Snippets last week.

Boarders of the Week are **Jia Kim** (Highlands) for being cheerful and helpful around the house, **Rachel Lee** (Walker) for being kind and performing well on the Boarding Council and **Rocio D'Avila Matos** (Walker) for overcoming her homesickness and **Ella Davies** (Turner) for demonstrating sound leadership skills and maturity. Well done to you all.

Congratulations to **Jasmine Wai** and **Jackie Cho** who are the new Walker Boarding Council members.

Artwork of the Week is by **Maridgh O'Brien** for an excellent painting of Liquorice Allsorts.

The Monday Badge is awarded by the Head Girl and her Deputies to a Form I girl each week. It is announced in Monday's assembly – hence the name. This week's winner is **Catherine Parker** for her continued kindness.

Friends of Godstowe News

We are back in full swing with our events for this term and thought it may be helpful to provide a quick summary:

Disco – Saturday, 30 January

We are looking forward to seeing lots of the children at the disco tomorrow and are sure that they will all have a great time. Please call Tara Leaver (07941 251488), Norma Gardner (07801 958956) or Sosefin Malinowski (07799 454313) if you have any questions.

Quiz night – Saturday, 27 February

Forms for tickets for the evening should have arrived home this week! This is always a popular evening with teams of up to eight people competing against each other with prizes for the first three teams. You are invited to put your own team together if you wish or we will happily help you make a team. Please call Tara Leaver (07941 251488) or Norma Gardner (07801 958956) if you have any questions.

Second Hand Ski Wear Sale – Friday, 5 February

The school's Second Hand Uniform Shop is running a one-off sale of second hand ski wear. The sale will take place on Friday, 5 February in time for those half term skiing holidays and we will advertise the location next week with posters around school. You are invited to bring in items for the sale (a ParentMail has been sent with more information) and of course, to come and buy on the day! Please contact Joy Noad (david@drees2.orangehome.co.uk) or Dizzy Parker (dizzy.parker@btinternet.com) with any questions.

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.



Extra Library Books – Mrs Evans

Any Main School girls who would like to borrow two extra books from the library may do so, to tide them over the weeks that the library will be closed. There will be a box at reception for any books to be returned during the closed period.

Sports News and Results

Tuesday, 19 January

U13A & B Netball v Pipers Corner

U13A lost 4 – 6

U13B lost 8 – 9

U10A & B Netball v High March

U10A lost 3 – 5

U10B won 5 – 1

Thursday, 21 January

U13A & B Netball v Pipers Corner

U11A lost 5 – 11

U11B lost 3 – 5

Monday, 25 January

U11A & B Netball v Berkhamsted

U11A lost 6 – 11

U11B won 5 – 3

Tuesday, 26 January

U11A & B Netball v Berkhamsted

U13A lost 4 – 8

U13B won 12 – 9

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Greece?
2. Who is *Uncle Sam*?
3. Can you name three Spanish dances?
4. What is a pipistrelle?
5. In Greek mythology, how many eyes did Polyphemus the Cyclops have?
6. If you had to play music *pianissimo*, how would you play it?
7. How many players are there in a baseball team?
8. What colour in art signifies royalty?
9. Which of these things will not dissolve when put in water: sugar, sand or salt?
10. Which American food company is to take over chocolate manufacturer Cadbury?

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was swede. Next week: Jerusalem artichoke, a good source of potassium, iron and vitamin C.

The last word – Mr Gainer

Please excuse us for being a little untidy at the moment as preparations begin for the half term move I described last week.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this afternoon's Bring and Buy sale in the JK Hall, and to seeing the girls and boys who will be 'dressed to impress' at tomorrow evening's discos. Have a great weekend!

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
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
FEBRUARY				
Tuesday, 2 nd	U12A & B Netball	Berkhamsted	H	4.45pm
Wednesday, 3 rd	U13A & B Netball	Wycombe Abbey	A	4.30pm
Thursday, 4 th	U11A & B Netball	Maltman's Green	A	4.45pm
Sunday, 7 th	U12 & U13 Lacrosse Tournament	Bedford High School	A	10am