

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Firstly, many thanks to you all for helping us enjoy a very successful Art Exhibition, Fashion Show and Open Morning, which was busier than expected. I must congratulate all of the girls and boys exhibiting work on another outstanding demonstration of the quality of art at Godstowe. Here is an extract from an email which arrived in my inbox immediately after Open Morning from a prospective parent: 'The art display was truly impressive. It showed that every child can achieve great things on that front, and a few can reach incredible heights for their age.' Needless to say, I am greatly indebted to Mrs Zuberi, Mrs Goss and Mrs Sloggett for their outstanding contributions to and leadership of the department. My thanks also to Mr Ludwick for preparing an excellent slideshow, which can be seen in Reception. You can also view some photographs I have taken via the link on the front page of our website.

Many, many congratulations to Hannah Raynsford who has successfully become our latest recipient of an academic scholarship, in this case to Rugby school. We are all delighted for her. This takes our running total up to 17, which I am sure you will agree, represents another astonishing tally. Well done, girls.

Sport is well underway and we have enjoyed some excellent results both on land and in the water. Several girls have achieved personal bests during athletics meets, so we look forward to Sports Day with increased enthusiasm.

You will be pleased to hear that we have had a particularly aggressive recruitment drive since Open Morning and we have managed to take on no fewer than 15 new additions to Form I! The only difference between these and those already there is that they are tiny and fluffy and are disguised as chicks. We have enjoyed watching them hatch over the last few days and so concerned were we about their welfare that Mrs Gainer agreed to be on nightly Chick Watch, our accommodation being adjacent and all.

So far, we don't appear to have lost any of the new arrivals although we did have drumsticks for supper the other night, which were particularly fresh! If anybody would like to come and see the chicks, please do ask Mrs Sunderland or Mrs Gillett first. I'm not sure how long they will be with us before they move to their new homes. Many thanks to Mrs van Vredenburg for enabling us to have hatching chicks in our midst.

It won't surprise you that the curriculum has been adapted somewhat to accommodate chick-links wherever possible!

Awards and Appointments

Boarders of the Week are **Kelly Kim** (Highlands) for being kind and helpful to the younger girls, **Owl Dormitory** (Walker) for an outstandingly tidy bedroom and **Tatiana Chiamonte** (Turner) for her kindness and improvement in all aspects of boarding life.

The Monday Badge was won this week by **Amelia Weir** for being thoughtful, kind and sensible.

We couldn't possibly single out any **Artwork of the Week** following our amazing Art Exhibition and Fashion Show, so Artwork of the Week is by **everyone!** Well done!

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room Competition was won this week by **IIB** (Lower Division), **LIH** (Middle Division) and **IVH** (Upper Division). Keep it up, girls!

This week's Colour Team Shield Holders are the **Yellow Team**.

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

Beginners

Beginners are hoping that the bean seeds they are planting will soon grow tall enough to reach the Giant's castle. They have been busy painting scary giants and enjoying making up their own 'giant chant.' They are looking forward to our first trip out to Speen Woods next week.

Transition

Thank you to Mrs Sloggett and Mrs Zuberi from Lodge staff and children for displaying the Nursery and Lodge art in their wonderful Art Exhibition. It inspires the younger children to see their work with the BIG girls' work.

Watch out for painted lady butterflies in Lodge garden. Transition W set four free this week. One more to go for them and next week we will be looking out for Transition H's too. The year group took excellent care of their bugs, watching with baited breath as they developed through their different stages. It was so good to see the younger children handle creatures with such sensitivity and care.

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was carrots. Next week: rocket – a rich source of iron and vitamins A and C.



Mufti Day – Mrs Buckland

On Friday, 21st May, we shall be having a whole school Mufti Day in aid of Bunyama School in Uganda. This is an initiative organised by Brookwood, the school caterers. Representatives of Brookwood will give a presentation to the girls in Main School on that morning, so they know something of where the funds raised are going and how they will be used. At lunchtime, Brookwood have arranged a special African meal! Children are invited to donate £1 in return for wearing their home clothes.

FOG News – Mrs Leaver and Mrs Gardner

Rounders Match – Thursday 27th May starting 7pm

Don't forget to put your rounders forms in the FOG Box – at the moment, based on numbers, it looks like Main School will have a big advantage over Lodge. We like a fair fight so let's get some more Lodge parents involved! Forms can be found in Main School Reception and Lodge Conservatory.

Plant orders

If you placed an order for summer bedding, these will be available for collection at pick up time on Tuesday, 18th May.

Godstowe Village Fete, Saturday, 3rd July 1-5 pm

Preparations continue apace and no doubt your class reps will be in contact soon to ask for your support in manning the stalls – your support, as always, would be much appreciated. Our donation boxes are filling up nicely but please keep donating – we can always find a use for quality items!

If you have any other queries or questions, please feel free to contact Tara Leaver (07941 251488 or taraleaver@me.com) or Norma Gardner (07801958956 or norma.gardner@btinternet.com) at any time.

Next week's sports fixtures

A full list of summer term fixtures and results is now available to view on our website.

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2010

Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
MAY				
Saturday, 15 th	U12 & U13 Athletics	Heathfield	A	9.30am
Monday, 17 th	U12 Tennis – Bucks Cup	Maltman's Green	A	4.45pm
Tuesday, 18 th	U12 & U13 tennis – Bucks Cup	Dr Challoner's	A	4.45pm
	U10 – U13 Swimming	St Mary's, Gerrard's Cross	H	4.30pm
Thursday, 20 th	U12 & U13 Athletics	Queen Anne's	A	5.00pm
Saturday, 22 nd	U12 & U13 Athletics	Wycombe Abbey	A	1.00pm

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's quiz questions are:

1. Which Tropic is below the Equator – Cancer or Capricorn?
2. Who was the first person to travel into space?
3. What name is given to the oriental art of paper-folding?
4. What shop would you look for if you wanted to buy meat in France?
5. What does the artistic term *collage* mean in French?
6. What age followed the Bronze Age?
7. In Roman times what was a *bulla*?
8. In which London borough are the Houses of Parliament situated?
9. What is the name of the heavy ball in fitness used to improve muscular strength?
10. What term is used to describe two political parties who govern together?

The last word – Mr Gainer

This weekend boarders will be enjoying the Royal Windsor Horse Show and finishing with a meal in a Windsor Chinese Restaurant. Tomorrow morning we have an athletics meet at Heathfield School and we look forward to seeing the usual amount of enthusiastic 'touchline' support. We might even get a bacon butty!

Please remember to study Snippets very closely and watch ParentMails next week when we will be communicating new procedures in advance of the demolition of the Reception. We will be sure to warn the Receptionists first! Please be reassured that we have and will take whatever precautions necessary to ensure that exam candidates are not exposed to unacceptable levels of noise. – **DG**