

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Welcome to the end of the first half of term, which, in reality, has been lengthy but seems to have flown by extremely quickly. As usual we have managed to pack in an inordinate amount, and your children are to be congratulated on an excellent start to the new academic year. Once again, we have successfully settled over 80 new pupils and that is testament to the very warm welcome always given to everyone joining Godstowe. Many thanks to all of our parents who have also helped integrate new parents happily and quickly.

As we type, the tour party for Prague are frantically packing bags, checking passports and planning for their departure at 11.45am this morning. I'm sure this will be a wonderful experience for them all and I wish them every success. I am looking forward to a huge gallery of photographs on their return. My thanks to the members of staff accompanying the girls for giving up their half term holidays.

I must say how much I enjoyed taking the boarders to the London Dungeons where, among many other attractions, rides and horrific entertainments, I was publicly tortured, having been selected from the crowd by the resident hangman. The girls, of course, were highly amused watching me suffer, but I have lived to tell the tale.

My congratulations to the recently announced Lacrosse Tour party on their selection. I am sure that they will be outstanding ambassadors for the school when they travel to America at the end of the spring term.

Just a reminder to you all to have Friday, 13 November firmly fixed in your diaries. You are all invited to visit our Senior Schools Exhibition in the JK Hall between 4pm and 8pm. This evening will be particularly etched in the minds of the IV Form parents, as it is also the first parents' evening of the year and coincides with the exeat weekend. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Awards and appointments

The Monday Badge was awarded this week to **Nikki Khaki**, for being helpful.

Boarders of the Week are **Ines Vila** (Highlands), **Chelsea Chae** (Walker) and **India Green** (Turner). Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Anna Tchen, Anmol Gill** and **Freya Hart** for excellent sketch book covers.

This week's Colour Team Shield Winners are the **Red Team**.

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

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

All of Lodge staff wishes you a healthy half term.

Please return all Perriss/Knight cups and trophies by Monday, 9 November. Sports cups will be requested at a later date.

To Transitions: If you have a few spare moments, it would be lovely if you could practise writing your alphabet in both lower and upper case. Time yourself and try to get quicker, but check after each try! We will also be revising the x10 and x5 tables.

Friends of Godstowe News

Christmas Offers

Thank you to everyone who has returned their order forms. The deadline for returning the forms for day girls has now passed BUT if you had planned to place an order but missed the deadline please contact either Tara Leaver at taraleaver@me.com (07941 251488) or Norma Gardner at norma.gardner@btinternet.com and we will do our best to help. Orders from boarders **must** be received by the morning of Monday, 2 November since numbers for orders have to be finalised that day.

Christmas Fair

We are now pulling together plans for the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 28 November and are aiming once again to make it an enjoyable event for all members of the family. Please look out for notices around the school for more details and for information on how you can help. Class Reps will be in contact soon to explain about the role for your year group – we hope you will be able to assist.

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was pumpkin. After half term it will be parsnips: a good source of vitamin C, fibre, folic acid and potassium.

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Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the capital of Italy?
2. Who said the people could '...eat cake'?
3. What is conscience?
4. In Roman times, what was a *denarius*?
5. What would you get if you asked for *un perrito caliente* in Spain?
6. What are raptors?
7. If you win an entire set in tennis without losing a point, how many points will you win altogether?
8. Name three ballets by Tchaikovsky.
9. What kind of race is the Tour de France?
10. Which city will be hosting the 2016 Olympic Games?

Sports – PE Department

After the half term holiday, fitness lessons become swimming lessons for all girls in the Lower to IV Form. Please ensure, therefore, that your daughter has her swimming kit in school each week. New Godstowe swimming caps are now available from the uniform shop, which is open on Mondays from 8.15am to 9.15am and Fridays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Fencing

Sunday, 18 October was the Bucks, Berks and Oxon County Age Group Foil Competition, held at Langley Grammar Sports Complex. **Lucy von Hagen** was the sole Godstowe representative and won gold in the U12 girls' event.

Results

Saturday, 17 October

Form I to Mill Cross Country

Form I – team silver (3rd and 8th places)

Form II – team silver (4th and 5th places)

LIII – team bronze (8th place)

MIII – no placed runners

Saturday, 17 October

U12A & B Lacrosse v Wycombe Abbey

U12B won 6-0

U13 won 8-1

Thursday, 21 October

U13A & B Netball v Wycombe Abbey

U13A lost 7-19

U13B lost 7-11

The last word – Mr Gainer

Many thanks again to you all for an excellent half term and of course to the staff who continue to excel themselves.

You might like to know that this will be the last version of Snippets provided in hard copy (unless you particularly request it) as we have decided that nearly 1,000 pieces of paper every week is extravagant in the extreme. You will of course continue to receive Snippets weekly as a PDF file via ParentMail, and it is available to read on our website. We will also be reintroducing *Snippets Live*, our daily update on the big screen in Reception.

Sports fixtures after half term:

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

NOVEMBER				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Tuesday, 3 rd	U12A & B Netball	Sir William Borlase	Away	4.30pm
Wednesday, 4 th	U10A & B Netball	Maltman's Green	Away	4.45pm
Saturday, 7 th	U12 & U13 Lacrosse	St George's, Ascot	Away	9.00am
	U11A Manor Netball Tournament	Various	Away	9.30am