

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Well, that looks like the end of the weather for a few days. Time to break out the Godstowe umbrellas again!

What a week it has been. The whooping and screaming on Thursday afternoon could only mean one thing – the IVs' exams are over and post CE activities have begun. So far they have enjoyed a stress-busting workout and listened to a talk by author and presenter Jo Gambi. However, the highlight of the Post CE calendar is always the Celebratory Dinner, which took place at Godstowe last night. It never fails to amaze me that 45 school girls can become 45 lovely young ladies in less than an hour. After photos galore and a delicious supper, the young ladies became school girls once again as they kicked off their shoes for dancing and party games. Mrs Jordan deserves my thanks, as does Mrs B-P for once again devising a diverse and exciting Post CE Activity Programme. The weather is one thing she couldn't organise however, which is a shame as the girls are out for a long walk today at Beacon Bottom!

I had an excellent time at Skern Lodge during the half term holiday with my cohort of Middles. Everybody pretty much had a go at everything, regardless of how high, wet, dark or complicated it was and behaviour was first class as always. Watch out Loweres, it'll soon be your turn!

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

Could you please make sure that all children have their full PE kit in school including the gym shorts or knickers, red polo shirt, red socks and plimsolls.

Awards and Appointments

Two Boarders of the Week this week: **Yasmina Atta** (Walker) and **Tilly Alexander** (Turner). Well done!

Artwork of the Week is by **Cordelia Bentley** and **Ashley Hwang** for their fantastic Converse boot and **Paola Arizti** and **Carla Troyas** for their excellent Nike trainer. These are on display in Reception.

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

New Library Monitors have been named as **Lucy Hewins**, **Natasha Neale**, **Sacha Thompson**, **Emily Kemp**, **Soo-Jeong Kim**, **Ella Walker**, **India Green**, **Farah Reding-Reuter** and **Rosie Bevan**. Congratulations, girls.

Library News – Mrs Evans

The school total has passed the quarter billion mark, and now stands at a massive 258,623,938. New millionaires are **Emily Parker**, **Daisy Hacking**, **Jennifer Lee**, **Esther Baylis**, **Teniola Disu**, **Jessica Dolkar** and **Femi Omisore**. Read a Million Words only has three weeks left to run, so let's try and read as much as we can before 26 June!

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. What is the ocean at the North Pole?
2. What is an otter's home called?
3. What is a lacrosse ball made of?
4. Where does the word *Thursday* come from?
5. Who composed *Rhapsody in Blue*?
6. How many Jewish commandments are there in the *Torah*?
7. What structure at Rhodes formed one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?
8. What shop would you look for if you wanted to buy ham in France?
9. What approximate temperature is earthenware clay fired to?
10. How old is Ben Ben?

Romeo and Juliet – Mrs Jordan

Just a reminder that the Upper Division are visiting the theatre on Wednesday next week, 10 June. All girls involved will stay at school to do prep and activities and have their supper before leaving for Beaconsfield. Girls may be collected directly from the theatre in Beaconsfield if you wish. Please let me know in advance if you wish to do this at rjordan@godstowe.org

Toddle Waddle Thank You – Mrs Felt

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored the Nursery children on their recent 'Toddle Waddle' to raise money for the Meningitis Trust. We raised an incredible £990.40p!

Upper Division Production – Mrs van Hoegaerden

If your daughter does not yet have her costume for the *Rocky Monster Show* in school, could she please bring it as soon as possible.



Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef
 This week's guest vegetable was mange tout and sugar snap peas. Next week peppers – an excellent source of Vitamins A, C and B6.

FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman

Sports Days

You will be delighted to hear that we have arranged for 'Gino' and his ice cream van to come to both Lodge and Main School Sports Days. If you are not able to come and support your child, you might want to send them in with some pocket money.

Casino Royale Summer Ball

Please have a look at your drinks and chips pre-order forms which were sent out via ParentMail this week (spare copies in Lodge Conservatory and Main School Reception). It would be really helpful if all guests could pre-order so that we can ensure stock levels are correct and please note that we will be charging slightly more for certain drinks on the night.

Raffle Tickets

We hope you all received your raffle tickets in prep bags at the end of term. More raffle tickets are available from Main School Reception.

Raffle Prizes

We would be delighted to receive some more quality raffle prizes. Please leave them in the boxes in Main School Reception or Lodge Conservatory.

Sports News and Results – PE Department
 Miss Herson's Summer Tennis Camp for Lower, Middles, Uppers and IVs takes place on Monday, 13 to Wednesday, 15 July. Please take a flyer from reception and return it to her if you would like your daughter to attend.

Monday, 1 June

U12 & U13 Tennis v Pipers Corner

U12 won 17-13

U13 won 36-28

Tuesday, 2 June

U12 & U3 Bucks Cup Tennis v Dr Challoners

U12 lost 6-42

U13 won 35-23

I expect to be feeling a little worse for wear this time tomorrow, as I brave the rides at Thorpe Park with the IV Form boarders. Let's hope the weather clears up for that and for Sunday's picnic for the Highlands boarders, but I have a feeling we might be making use of the school gazebos! Have a great weekend. **DG**

You have just read 1,066 words

Next week's sports fixtures

For maps and downloadable diary dates go to www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2009/

JUNE				
Saturday, 6th	U12 & U13 Athletics	Queen Anne's	A	1.00pm
Tuesday, 9th	U12 & U13 Tennis	Queen Anne's	A	4.45pm
Wednesday, 10th	U12 & U13 Athletics	Wycombe Abbey	A	4.15pm
Thursday, 11th	U8-U13 Swimming	Pipers Corner	A	4.30pm
Friday, 12th	Lodge Sports Day			