

SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

I felt very proud of our girls who represented Godstowe in a multi-school musical production of *Noah* that was performed in All Saints Church as part of Wycombe Arts Festival. The church was packed like I've never seen it before and all the children involved helped create a very enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. Many thanks to all of them for giving up a lot of their own time to take part and also to the staff from all the schools who helped prepare them. You may have enjoyed a few extracts in this afternoon's concert.

Just a few reminders for the second half of term: Please could you ensure that day girls in Main School arrive on time. I know it is difficult occasionally, but I need to remind you that registration takes place at 8.30am, often immediately followed by assembly. I feel for the girls who are late and have to walk into an assembly when it has already started.

Could you please also help us maintain the uniform code and ensure that girls are wearing the correct uniform when arriving and leaving from school. This includes blazers for everyone and boaters for all except the IVs. Uniform does not, of course, include items of jewellery other than those stipulated in the uniform policy, ie simple stud earrings only and no necklaces apart from modest religious symbols if you wish.

Well done to all the girls who have sat exams recently, I am quite sure they will have done well and that they can feel proud of their achievements since last time. Common Entrance and the rest of the IVs' exams take place immediately after half term on Monday, 1 June. It goes without saying that a sensible amount of organised revision would be of benefit, but please don't flog your girls to death!

Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

As white socks are worn by girls with their summer dress uniform, please make sure that a pair of red PE socks is in their games bag each week.

All cups, including sports cups need to be returned by Thursday, 4 June, please. We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to polish them before sending them back to school.

Awards

Just one Housemistress Award for Boarder of the Week this week – well done to **Arabella Young** (Highlands).

The Monday Badge was won by **Alicia Buckeridge** for being kind to her friends.

Artwork of the Week is by **Ashley Hwang** for excellent scholarship work.

The Deputy Heads' Form Tidiness Awards go to **IIW** (Lower Division), **MIIG** (Middle Division) and **UIIR** (Upper Division). Keep it up!

This week's Colour Team Shield holders are the **Yellow Team**. Well done!

Library News – Mrs Evans

New Word Millionaires this week are **Mumta Patel, Elizabeth Rho, Katherine Morley, Juliette Welham** and **Rhea Patel**. The school word total now stands at 244,168,993. Please could everyone try to get their reading records up to date over half term, so that we can get the biggest total we can by the end of the school year.

Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's questions are:

1. Which ocean is between Africa and South America?
2. Which insect transmits sleeping sickness?
3. In which sport is a shuttlecock used?
4. Which spa town was called 'Aquae Sulis'?
5. Who wrote the opera *The Magic Flute*?
6. What does the word *Trinity* mean?
7. *Caledonia* is the Roman name for which country in the UK?
8. What is the name of the Spanish omelette made with potatoes?
9. What is the name of the machine that recycles the clay in the art room?
10. Who is the manager of Manchester United?

Nearly New Uniform Shop – Mrs Noad

The Nearly New Uniform Shop will now be open on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30am to 9.15am for a trial period starting from Monday, 8 June until the end of the Autumn term. This is in addition to normal opening house on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm.

Welcome, and thank you, to our new volunteers in the shop – Mrs Parker (mother of Annie in Form II, Catherine in Transition and Tom in Beginners) and Mrs Pearce (mother of Elvira in the Nursery).



Music Exams – Mr Bonner

We have 52 music exam candidates taking their exams on Tuesday, 9 and Wednesday, 10 June. They are earlier than we would like, but with only five weeks for term before the summer holiday, we need to be able to get the results back in time. However, this means that time is short for practice, so please allow a little extra time to achieve and maintain our usual high standards. Good luck, everyone!

Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was curly endive. Next week, mange tout and sugar snap peas – a very good source of fibre and Vitamins A, B6, C and K.

FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman

Casino Royale Ball Raffle – Saturday, 4 July

Please look out for raffle tickets in the children's prep bags this evening. Each envelope contains two books of five tickets (additional books can be found at Main School reception after half term). Sorry to the parents with more than one child! Please return any unsold books back to a FOG box.

Although the raffle will be drawn at the Ball, we are still encouraging all parents and guardians to purchase as many raffle tickets as possible to support and help raise funds towards a new sound and lighting system in the JK Hall and to complete phase two of the IT/Computer upgrades. A list of winners will be sent out via ParentMail on Monday, 6 July enabling you to claim your prize, before the children break up.

Thank you for supporting Friends of Godstowe.

Christian Parents Group – School Office

Mrs Gardner (mother of Evie) would like to let you know that the Godstowe Christian Parents Group will be meeting on Thursday, 4 June at 8.30am in the Staff Dining Room. An informal coffee morning has also been planned for Tuesday, 15 September after drop-off at Heather Morley's house. Everybody welcome! For more information, please call Heather on 01494 528633 or 07919 417860.

Sports Fixtures after Half Term

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

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.

On Friday, 15 May, **Rumbi Wasterfall** represented Bucks County Schools Team in the Inter-Counties Regional Division 10 Championships held at Maltmans Green School. Rumbi was selected to swim the 10 year old girls' 25m Breaststroke where she placed 4th, and in the freestyle relay where her team spectacularly won the gold medal ahead of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire county teams.

On Saturday, 16 May, **Rumbi Wasterfall** and **Jasmine Wai** represented Godstowe School at the annual IAPS championships finals. Rumbi competed in the girls' 10 and Under 25m Freestyle and Jasmine competed in the 12 year old girls' 50m Backstroke. Both girls swam incredibly well finishing 10th and 11th place respectively. Well done, girls!

Wednesday, 20 May

U11 Rounders v St Pirans

U11 lost 10 rounders to 10½

Thursday, 21 May

U12 & U13 Bucks Cup Tennis v William Borlase

U13 won 40 games to 24

U12 lost 8 games to 30

U13B won 50 games to 2

I am looking forward to five days away with a bunch of 40 hyped-up 11 year olds at Skern Lodge in North Devon. It is a terrific trip and I hope that the parents of these girls will enjoy what could potentially be a slightly more peaceful half term! Just to remind those girls they should be in school at 8.30am on Sunday morning. Have a good break, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday week. **DG**

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JUNE				
Tuesday, 2 nd	U12 & U13 Bucks Cup Tennis	Dr Challoner's	A	4.30pm
	LIII & MIII Athletics	Pipers Corner	A	4.30pm
Saturday, 6 th	U12 & U13 Athletics	Queen Anne's	A	1.00pm

