

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

I am looking forward to indulging in a selection of beautifully prepared cakes, which will render me replete as I march down to the Recital Hall for the latest in our Recital Concerts. I very much enjoy hearing the considerable development that our girls make over a period of time. This is very evident when they perform so beautifully in front of parents and friends.

Today is the day when Bucks County Council release the results the 11+ exams to grammar school and I know a few of our girls are on tenterhooks. Good luck with your envelopes!

Fingers crossed also for those girls who took ballet exams this week.

Things are hotting up as we rattle towards Christmas at high speed, trying desperately to stay on the rails. There are some music exams taking place next week and on Saturday next we have the annual Christmas Fair. This has become an extremely popular event, not only for our existing pupils and parents but also for significant numbers of former pupils who look forward to the occasion enormously. Please do encourage not only yourselves but anyone else who you feel would enjoy the Fair, bearing in mind that there are refreshments and drinks available throughout. We hope that everyone will find the time to join us at some stage, particularly given that many of the girls are involved in running stalls themselves. The following week, I am made to feel a little like the Vicar of Dibley (you have no doubt spotted the resemblance) as I am invited to three consecutive Christmas lunches. I have had to prepare myself by eating less Galaxy – for the moment!

Thanks to Mrs Evans for an excellent Book Fair. I continue to be impressed with the number of girls who take reading so seriously and enjoy it so much.

Many thanks to Sacha Thompson for repeating an terrific dance in assembly, and Mumta Patel with Gigi Ruan, Celine Abebe and Zahra Ladan who performed Mumta's Diwali Bollywood-style dance. Both dances were choreographed by the girls themselves.

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## Awards and achievements

The Monday Badge was awarded this week to **Charlotte Derde**, for always being polite.

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

Boarders of the Week are **Katie Wells** (Highlands) for being an outstanding member of the house, **Maria Ojeda** (Walker) for always smiling and **Farah Reding-Reuter** (Turner) for being cheerful and positive. Well done, girls.

Artwork of the Week is by **Alicia Buckeridge** and **Amelia Chilvers** for their excellent Picasso-style portraits.

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

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## Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

If you have any spare boys' underwear that your child has outgrown, we would be delighted if you could pass them on to your child's form teacher.

There are a few of cases of head lice in Lodge so please comb your child's hair with a fine comb each night.

Do come and join us at the Christmas Fair next week and help FOG by signing up for any spare time slots to help your own child's form.

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## Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

These are the last quiz questions of the year. The girls will have a test of this term's questions next Thursday, 26 November and will have a chance to practise in their colour team meetings earlier in the week.

1. What is the capital of Belgium?
  2. Who was the lady with the lamp?
  3. What king and queen were on the throne when the French Revolution took place?
  4. What land animal can take on the colouring of its environment?
  5. Which Roman writer composed *The Aeneid*?
  6. Who composed *Le Nozze Di Figaro*?
  7. Name two sports in which you need a stick.
  8. A sculpture of the upper part of a person – usually the head and shoulders – is called a what?
  9. Which religious movement was founded by Guru Nanak Dev?
  10. On what date do we commemorate Armistice Day?
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## Form I Art – Mrs Sloggett

Please could all Form I girls bring in a small, empty plastic drinks bottle for use in their forthcoming art lessons. Many thanks.



### Friends of Godstowe News

The countdown is on to the Christmas Fair! We look forward to seeing many of you there next weekend.

Last minute donations for the raffle, red wine for our mulled wine, filled jam jars (suitable for adults or children), good quality used soft toys, accessories or costume jewellery would be most gratefully received. Homemade cakes and sweets may be left in the JK Hall from next Friday morning.

Santa has also asked us to remind you that he will be there to hear what the children would like for Christmas and he has asked us to make sure there is a Cadbury's advent calendar and a small gift for everyone who goes to see him. Rotas for his visits are on the boards in Nursery, Lodge and Main School.

Finally, please don't forget your food orders – they need to be in a FOG box by Monday morning!

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### Book Fair – Mrs Evans

The Book Fair this week was a huge success and caused a great buzz around the school. Takings totalled an amazing £3,700 which, as well as giving everyone books of their own to enjoy, will earn us just over £2,000 in commission to spend on books for Lodge and Main School libraries. So thank you to everyone who bought books, and also to all the parents who helped me to run the Fair. The extra copies we have ordered will be with us during next week: I will put a notice on the Library door when they arrive.

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### Vegetable of the Week – Mr Johnson, Head Chef

This week's guest vegetable was betroot. Next week: turnip, which is high in fibre, vitamins C and B6, calcium and potassium.

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### Sports News and Results – PE Department

Monday, 16 November

U10A & B Netball v Pipers Corner

U10A won 4-0

U10B won 4-0

### Next Week's Sports fixtures:

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Autumn\\_2009/](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Autumn_2009/)

### Cake Sale – Mrs Kenyon

Please come and buy something delicious for your tea at this afternoon's cake sale in the JK Hall. A number of girls are raising money for Play Watch and for the Kanyadevi School in Nepal. We would also be grateful for donations of more cakes or biscuits, which may be brought to the JK Hall at pick up time. Thank you.

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### DVDs and Videos – Mrs Kenyon

Many thanks to those of you who have made donations of wet break DVDs or videos. I would still be grateful for a few more (certificate 12 and under) if you have any that your children no longer watch. Many thanks.

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### Middle Third Production DVD – Mr Ludwick

The DVD recording of the Middle Thirds' production will go on sale at the Christmas Fair. The price of these is £10, which goes towards the cost of lighting hire. If you would like to reserve a copy for collection at the Fair, please contact me via email with the number of copies that you would like. I prefer cash, or cheques payable to Godstowe School, on delivery as adding things to the school bills at stage in the term gets complicated. [jludwick@godstowe.org](mailto:jludwick@godstowe.org)

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### Love in a Shoebox – Mrs Buckland

The Mustard Seed Relief Mission collected hundreds boxes on Thursday this week. Your generosity will make an enormous difference to some very poor children this Christmas, so thank you.

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### The last word – Mr Gainer

Please remember to prepare yourselves for the Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church in High Wycombe on Tuesday, 8 December at 11am (for Main School only). Please stick a Post-it note on your fridge.

Have a good weekend and good luck to all sporting participants tomorrow.

NOVEMBER				
Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	U12 & U13 Lacrosse	Heathfield	Away	9.30am
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	U11A & B Netball	Maltman's Green	Home	4.30pm
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	U12A & B Netball	Wycombe High	Home	4.30pm
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	U10A & B Netball	Berkhamsted Collegiate	Home	4.30pm
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	Form I – MIII Cross Country	Chartridge School	Away	9.00am