

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Another short week bites the dust, but I am really looking forward to this evening's art exhibition (6.30pm) and Fashion Show (7.30pm). An enormous amount of work has gone into the preparation of this outstanding event and I would urge as many of you as possible, please, to come and visit either tonight or tomorrow during Open Morning. Everybody's work is on display, including some hugely talented parents' pieces. Never mind the Tate Gallery or even the Royal Academy – spend time at the now famous Godstowe Art Exhibition and Fashion Show. You are very welcome to bring friends with you and if you can encourage anybody to visit the school tomorrow, so much the better. Thanks as always for your support, and congratulations to all the exhibitors.

I thought you would be interested to know that our newly appointed housemistress for Highlands, taking over in September from Mrs Summersgill, will be at school next weekend and will also be here later in the term for the boarders' barbecue. Mrs Claire Tagg joins us with enormous experience and she is thoroughly looking forward to her new position.

Please remember the whole school photograph is being taken on Monday, form photographs on Tuesday and sports photographs on Friday. Some of the girls will be photographed out!

Many thanks to the girls who performed in the recital concert last Friday and it was good to see so many younger girls performing. This was preceded by a yummy cake sale. The number of cakes grows apparently at every event!

Also, thank you to Grace Kim, Georgina Knight and So-Eun Kim who went to play at a memorial service at Pusey House, adjacent to the school. They were delighted to welcome to Mr Bonner and our excellent musicians and mentioned how impressed they were with the quality of music they heard.

## **Lodge News – Mrs Wyman**

Transition pupils enjoyed an action-packed day last Friday when they visited Chiltern Study Centre in Ivinghoe. The trip was part of the Science topic of 'Plants and animals in the local environment'. Pupils became nature detectives for the day and searched the Chiltern Hills for evidence of plants and animals. They were able to recognise rabbit and deer droppings, cow parsley, cowslip and even spotted a badger trail! The centre leader was most impressed with the children's knowledge of how to determine whether something is living or non-living.

## **Awards**

Monday's assembly, at which awards are presented, did not take place because of the bank holiday.

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## **Library News – Mrs Evans**

The Read a Million Words total is now an amazing 227,311,754 words. Well done to our new Millionaires: **Cindy Yu, Kharla Roberts and Romilly John.**

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## **Bees!**

Mrs van Vredenburch, mother of Ella and Flora, is an avid beekeeper. She has asked us to mention that she will happily collect swarms of bees within a ten mile radius of Great Missenden, as long as they are reachable by ladder. Please call 07765 884660 or email her at [sashavanv@mobileemail.vodafone.net](mailto:sashavanv@mobileemail.vodafone.net) if you have bees you would rather not have!

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## **Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon**

This week's questions are:

1. Where is the Cape of Good Hope?
2. Does any animal live for 300 years?
3. Which Roman writer observed the eruption of Vesuvius in AD79?
4. Who was the mythological figure with a human head and a lion's body?
5. Which two universities compete against each other each year in a boat race?
6. Which famous city was conquered by a Greek horse?
7. How many notes are there in an octave?
8. What does BC mean?
9. What was used to execute prisoners during the French Revolution?
10. In which country did Swine Flu first appear?

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## **FOG News – Mrs Thomas, FOG Chairman** Cake Sale

Thank you very much to all parents and guardians for baking and buying so many delicious cakes for our Cake Sale on Friday. (Please remember to collect your baking trays and tins from either main school reception or Lodge Conservatory as soon as possible).

You will be delighted to hear that FOG have just made a sizable donation towards the furnishings in the new IVs' Common Room in main school. We are hoping to hold our next FOG coffee morning there, so that you can all come and see for yourselves.



**FOG News – continued**

Rounders Match

Don't forget to send back your reply slip for the Rounders Match, which is taking place on Thursday, 14 May (next week) at 7.30pm on the lower sports field. We currently only have a handful of players who have returned reply forms. Please can you e-mail me ASAP if you are planning to come and leave a cheque for £10 made payable to Friends of Godstowe (with any special dietary requirements) in one of the FOG boxes by Tuesday, 12 May at the latest. We would hate to have to cancel the event, as it is so much fun!

Casino Royale Ball

Work for the ball continues apace and we are all looking forward to what should be a fun packed evening. One area we are concentrating on now is preparation of the Ball Programme. We are keen to give local businesses and activities an opportunity to boost their customer awareness by including a special section in our brochure, so, if you own, or know of a local business that might be interested, please ask them to contact Tara Leaver on 0794 1251488 (or [tara@leaver48.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:tara@leaver48.fsnet.co.uk)) or Jennifer Thomas on 07980 003252 (or [jenniferthomas@btinternet.com](mailto:jenniferthomas@btinternet.com)). Advertisements start at just £40.

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

This week's guest vegetable was asparagus. Next week: bok choy – an excellent source of vitamins A and C, beta carotene, calcium and fibre.

**Sports News and Results – PE Department**

Two new matches have been added to this term's fixtures list:

**Thursday, 11 June**

U8 – U13 Swimming v Pipers Corner, away, 4.30pm

**Monday, 22 June**

U8 – U11 Swimming v Maltman's Green, away, 4.45pm

Results:

**Monday, 4 May**

U12 & U13 Tennis v Beaconsfield High School

U12 lost 33-1 (away)

U13 lost 36-33 (home)

I look forward to seeing you either this evening or tomorrow morning. Have a good weekend. – **DG**

**You have just read 1,074 words**

**Next Week's Sports Fixtures**

For maps and downloadable diary dates go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Summer\\_2009/](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2009/)

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<b>Tuesday, 12th</b>	U12 and U13 Athletics	Pipers Corner	A	4.30pm
<b>Wednesday, 13th</b>	U12 & U13 Tennis	Wycombe Abbey	A	4.30pm
<b>Saturday, 16th</b>	IAPS Swimming Finals	K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley	A	Afternoon