

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

I hope you will be excited and impressed by the additional attachments you will receive this week. Look out for PDFs of the new reception area that is to be started during the half term holiday. See if you can identify the people included in the illustration. Mrs Batchelor is slightly concerned that we are proposing to replace her with a new model!

Now, completely unrelated to the above, I thought I should let you know that there has been a case of chicken pox in the senior part of the school. The girl is now away from school and we hope there will be no further outbreaks.

I hope you received my ParentMail earlier in the week urging you to bring your friends and neighbours along to our Open Morning and Art Exhibition next Saturday. We had record numbers of parents registered for our last event and many of them had been recommended to us by you. Keep up the good work! The summer open morning is always the pick as it can be combined with an opportunity to see the fashion show, with year 8 girls in their dresses and Uppers in their glamorous hats. The artwork on display in the exhibition and around the school is always of an extraordinary standard. Please don't miss this opportunity to show off your children's work.

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## Awards and Appointments

Artwork of the Week is by **Hannah Peart, Mia Rogers** and **Elodie Hersee** for very impressive African collages.

Boarders of the Week are **Sarah Heath** (Highlands), **Elia Lecumberri** (Walker) for settling in very well and **Celine Abebe** for being a sensible Head of House.

The Monday Badge, awarded to a member of Form 1 by the Head Girl and her deputies, is held this week by **Abbie Leaver** for being helpful and courteous.

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

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room competition winners are **IG** (Lower Division), **MIIM** (Middle Division) and **UIIS** (Upper Division).

## Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

Thank you to the parents in Lodge and Main School who provided the wonderful Wendy House furniture. The children are all thoroughly enjoying it. Thanks too to the Godstowe groundsmen who renovated it for us.

All of Lodge children need to have a spare pair of red games socks in their games kit throughout the summer term, please.

Parents are requested to apply sun cream as necessary before school and keep reinforcing the 'make sure you wear your hat' message, please.

Transitions, please remember your pots for planting immediately after the Bank Holiday.

Congratulations to all the children from Beginners to Transition for making our Science morning such a successful, enjoyable learning experience. Watch out for photographs showing inventions covering a wide range of interests. Wonderful presentations from all of you; very well done.

Bgs – Velcro/first toothpaste and toothbrush  
Kg – Galileo Galilei/Isambard Kingdom Brunel  
Tr – The abacus/the wheel

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## FOG News – Mrs Leaver and Mrs Gardner

### Cake Sale

Cake sales will be held in the usual places tonight - we look forward to tempting you with a few cakes when you pick up the children this evening.

### Plant sales

Today is the closing date for any plant order forms - please ensure any orders are put in the box by 9 a.m. Tuesday. Unfortunately we will not be able to take late orders after this time.

### Village Fete

We hope you have seen our beautiful posters detailing when the fete is taking place and what will be on offer.

If you, or friends or relatives, have a small business and would like a stall on our 'Village High Street', we would love to hear from you. We are looking for companies that offer something a little bit out of the ordinary and if you think that may be you, please contact Lisa D'Virgilio on [dvirgilio@aol.com](mailto:dvirgilio@aol.com) or 07966 448113.

If you have any other queries or questions, please feel free to contact Tara Leaver (07941 251488 or [taraleaver@me.com](mailto:taraleaver@me.com)) or Norma Gardner (07801958956 or [norma.gardner@btinternet.com](mailto:norma.gardner@btinternet.com)) at any time.



### Main School Quiz Questions – Mrs Kenyon

This week's quiz questions are:

1. Where is Mount Fujiyama?
2. In Greek mythology who blinded Polyphemus the Cyclops?
3. What is the name of the loosely draped tunic worn by the Romans?
4. Which musical does the song *I'd Do Anything* come from?
5. How do the French celebrate 1st April?
6. What female painter was famous for painting large close-up flowers?
7. Which Rudyard Kipling poem greets competitors before they enter centre court at Wimbledon?
8. Which Russian politician began *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (construction)?
9. What is the name given to the dance performed by the All Blacks rugby team?
10. Which countries observe ANZAC day?

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### Lost Property – Mrs Kenyon

We have a large amount of unnamed Main School lost property that is now on display down the stairs opposite my office. Any *unnamed* lost property that is still unclaimed by 9am next Friday, 7 May, will be used as spares within the school or given to charity. Please come and have a look to see if you recognise anything of your daughter's. Please note that all *named* lost property is returned to your daughter's form room.

### Parents' Netball – Mrs Rogers (parent)

Because of this term's tennis lessons, we will not be able to offer the parents' netball sessions. You may, however, be interested to know that there is a netball session on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am at Kingsmead Netball Centre in High Wycombe, and this is open to all players.

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### Summer Holiday Camp

We will not be hosting the Barracudas summer camp on site this summer, due to the building work being carried out on Reception. However, we can tell you that Super Camps will be running their activity camp for children aged four to 14 at the Royal Grammar School on Amersham Road. Their programme combines over 40 sports and arts and craft based activities in eight daily sessions. They offer free extended hours from 8am – 6pm (core hours are from 9.20am – 4.30pm) with flexible payment options. Prices are from £32 per day/£144 per week. Visit their website at [www.supercamps.co.uk](http://www.supercamps.co.uk).

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

This week's guest vegetable was radishes. Next week: asparagus, a good source of folic acid and vitamins A, B and C.

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### The last word – Mr Gainer

Ever mindful of my belt size, I am off to view some cakes. Many thanks to those of you who have contributed once again. I do hope that you will enjoy a chilly bank holiday weekend and with any luck, we may enjoy some escalating temperatures again towards the end of next week. – DG

### Next week's sports fixtures

A full list of summer term fixtures are now available to view on our website.

For maps and downloadable diary dates, go to [www.godstowe.org/Current\\_Info/Fixtures/Summer\\_2010](http://www.godstowe.org/Current_Info/Fixtures/Summer_2010)

Date	Teams	Opponents	Venue	Time
<b>MAY</b>				
May, 4 <sup>th</sup>	U8 – U11 Swimming	Rupert House	H	4.15pm

**Cirque de Musique** – *Mrs Gillett*

I am performing in two tap dances in a charity show at Wycombe Swan, along with other local performers. The show is called *Cirque de Musique* and takes place on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm. If anyone would like to go, tickets are available from Wycombe Swan priced £15.

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

This week's guest vegetable was watercress. Next week: radishes, a great source of vitamin C sulphur, iron and iodine.

**The last word** – *Mr Gainer*

I shall be spending the weekend largely not running the London Marathon but I do know that some of our parents are taking part and I wish them every success – give us a wave. – **DG**