

# SNIPPETS

a weekly update from **Godstowe Preparatory School**

Having come back from a sweltering week at Skern Lodge during which all the girls attempted everything and had a thoroughly exciting time, we now find ourselves at the end of another week. Suddenly it's Lodge Sports. It was to have been tipping with rain today but, so far, it just hasn't happened. So, therefore, good luck to everyone who will be taking part although by the time you've read this it will have happened (unless of course it rains between now and then).

I am delighted to say that the Common Entrance examinations are now over and that a certain amount of relief prevails among the IVs. They are now well underway with their demanding post-CE programme which has begun with things such as 'Stress Busting' and Self Defence. They have been taught how to defend themselves in the event of being attacked by staff!

Many congratulations to all of the girls for a spectacular turnout at the post CE Dinner with the staff. The girls obviously went to a lot of trouble preparing for the event and were a credit to us all and to their families. On the previous evening the whole of the Upper Division enjoyed an outdoor performance of *Twelfth Night* which was very successful right down to the *J20* and muffins in the interval.

Please remember a recent ParentMail which referred to a lecture on Monday evening to do with Internet security and safety. This will now begin at 7pm in the Recital Hall (not 4.30pm as originally advertised). All parents are welcome but we really do need to know by email no later than 9.30am on Monday morning if you have not already informed us of your intention to come. It is worth stressing that this will be very interesting, informative and valuable.

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## Awards and Appointments

Boarder of the Week is **Shekinah Asamaowei** (Turner) for her lovely smile and good sense of humour.

Artwork of the Week was won by **Isabelle Evett**, **Indigo Hill** and **Samantha Jason** for their very effective pastel shell drawings.

Well done to **India Green** for receiving 50 house points.

New Library monitors are **Amy Bajwa**, **Felicity Gardner**, **Lydia Green**, **Sam Hawkins**, **Sarah Heath**, **Romilly John**, **Lizzie Laurence**, **Madeleine Spencer** and **Annabelle Turner**.

The Deputy Heads' Tidiest Form Room Competition was won this week by **IIV** (Lower Division), **MIIIH** (Middle Division) and **IVL** (Upper Division). Keep it up, girls!

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

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## Lodge News – Mrs Wyman

As I write this, I can hear the children playing outside while all the families enjoy a Sports Day picnic. We are so delighted that the weather has been kind to for the second time this week. Our Lodge outing to Wellington Country Park started with a downpour in High Wycombe, but the sun was shining by the time we arrived, staying like that all afternoon. How lucky and thankful we were! As the rest of the public obviously thought there was no need to venture out on such a horrible day, all of Lodge had double free ride on the railway. Thanks to the kitchen staff for a very well organised picnic as usual.

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## FOG News – Mrs Leaver and Mrs Gardner

Village Fete Saturday, 3rd July 1-5 pm

We hope you all received your packs about the upcoming Village Fete and have had a chance to look through them. This will be a ticket only event so please make sure you return your form to one of the FOG boxes when you can. Please note that the food included with the ticket is offered at a discount to the price on the day to help encourage you to order, and us to plan our day. We are hoping that many of the children will be involved in the afternoon, either by entering the competitions or in displays, details of which will be sent out once everything is confirmed.

Finally, we realise that some of you may be discouraged by the thought of trying to find parking on the day! We are pleased to confirm that we are making arrangements for parking at nearby schools to be available and we will provide more information in the near future.

Any questions or queries, 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.

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## Charity Walk – Mrs Todd

I'd like to remind everyone about the five mile fun walk in Holmer Green this Sunday afternoon. If anyone would like to join me I will be at Holmer Green Common at 1.45pm. This is a great chance to support the *Wight Out* team, which includes a Lodge parent, a team of nine planning to bike, hike and kayak 250 miles from High



Wycombe to the Isle of Wight and back. They will be raising money and awareness for the Newlife Foundation for disabled and terminally ill children. They expect the challenge, which takes place on the 2nd July, to take them over 40 hours nonstop. This Sunday, as well as the five mile walk, there will be a 13 mile walk and a 30 or 60 mile cycle, for the more adventurous amongst us. There is no entry fee though a small donation would be appreciated. For more information please go to [www.wightout.co.uk](http://www.wightout.co.uk).  
Hope to see you there!

**IV Form Visit Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Mrs Jordan  
The bus leaves school for the Houses of Parliament at 8.30am sharp. Please would day girls ensure that they are in early as we are on a very tight schedule. We will be returning by 4pm.

**Childcare Needed** – Mrs Ray  
As some of you may know already, I am returning to work in Highlands as Deputy Housemistress having been on maternity leave. I am looking for someone to look after my son Owain from September, when he will be nine months. It will be Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3pm onwards with the possibility of some extra hours.  
If you know of anyone that may be interested, please contact me on 07988 615455. Thank you!

**Summer Camp** – Miss Herson  
Miss Herson's Summer Camp will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. All girls are welcome from Form I to VIII. It is from 10.00am – 3.00pm and the cost is £80. For more information, please take a flyer from reception or email me at [lherson@godstowe.org](mailto:lherson@godstowe.org) and I would be happy to send you one.

**Main School Quiz Questions** – Mrs Kenyon  
This week's quiz questions are:

1. Where do most of Britain's winds come from – the north-east or south-west?
2. What was the name of Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar?
3. What would you be ordering if you asked for *escargots* in a restaurant?
4. Who resigned because of the Watergate scandal?
5. In the Roman period women wore a *stola*. What was it?
6. On what surface is the French Open tennis Championship being held?
7. On which day does Lent end?
8. Which musical term literally means 'beautiful singing' in Italian?
9. *Foil*, *épée* and *sabre* are disciplines in which sport?
10. Which country is the football World Cup being held in this year?

**Vegetable of the Week** – Mr Johnson, Head Chef  
This week's guest vegetable was courgette. Next week: broad beans – a source of protein, fibre, Vitamins A and C, potassium and iron.

**Sports News and Results** – PE Department  
Saturday, 7 November  
U12A & B Tennis v St Wycombe Abbey  
U12A lost 1-3  
U12B lost 2-6

**The last word** – Mr Gainer  
Things are happening very rapidly with the reception development. If you have not already seen, we currently have nothing but fresh air between the Main School building and the JK Hall – watch that space. Have a good weekend! – **DG**

### Next week's sports fixtures

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>JUNE</b>				
<b>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 & U13 Athletics	St Mary's Ascot	A	9.30am
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 & U13 Tennis	Wycombe High	A	4.15pm
	IAPS Regional Athletics	Eton	A	All Day
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	U12 & U13 District Athletics Championships	Handy Cross	A	All Day
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	U8 – U13 Swimming, U12 & U13 Rounders	Pipers Corner	A	4.30pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MAIN SCHOOL SPORTS DAY</b>			