



Middles Netball Tournament



Headmistress' Letter

Dear Parents,

Our assembly this morning at Main School highlighted just how busy and productive this week has been.

We were delighted to hear about the equestrian team's successes and present their rosettes as well as being able to recognise the extremely successful 'Maths Treasure Hunt' run by the Maths Department for Maths Week. We were all overjoyed to see the girls so involved in this exciting mathematical challenge with a difference. These celebrations, as well as the regular certificates and awards, and a large number of sports reports, are testament to the girls' engagement and hard work and determination to be the very best that they can.

It was also a pleasure to see the JK theatre awash with colour for mufti to raise money for SKSN. It was a great contrast to the grey weather seeping in through the open doors.

On a more serious note my thanks go to Mr Emm, Head of History, for organising such a noteworthy Remembrance Assembly and Service yesterday which culminated in the whole school marking the silence at 11am.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that the recruitment process for the next Head of Godstowe is going very well. Four outstanding candidates have now been shortlisted and will be joining us at the end of next week for the final stages of this process. We have been delighted to start off with an exceptional field of applicants and it is clear that Godstowe has attracted very well qualified leaders with experience from across the educational sector. We will, of course, keep you updated.

I hope that the weather improves and wish you a relaxing weekend.

Friends Of Godstowe's Christmas Fair

We hope you've saved the date for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November from 2pm to 5pm. Please come dressed warmly! The class representatives have been working so hard to organise lots of fun activities for children and adults of all ages and we have even got a silent disco.

We still need your donations though. If you could spare any bottles for the tombola or gifts for the Secret Santa, that would be much appreciated. For those of you new to the Godstowe Christmas Fair, the Secret Santa is a chance for the children to go with an "elf" and choose a gift for someone of their choice which they then wrap with the elf so we are looking for anything that would be suitable for a mummy, daddy, brother, sister etc. Please drop any donations off at Reception.



Weekly Awards



Artwork

Bikman W
Oraia D
Maxine G-S

Boarders of the Week

Walker - Michaela A
Highlands - Seraphine M
Turner - Rebecca S

Friday Badge

IH - Elsa W
IM - Leela-Lorraine R
IC - Sumaiya A

Sports Star of the Week

Tamara O Eden S
Gracie B Emma B
Charlotte P Aliza K

Typing Awards

Beginner: Intermediate:
Michaela A Ai-Li C
Bik Man W
Lisa W

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Vivian Z

Lodge

Godstowe Pre-Prep

Claire Gillett, Head of Lodge

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GODSTOWE
the nursery



Hannah Smart, Head of Nursery

This week Nursery have focused on Remembrance Day. The children enjoyed painting poppies, exploring poppy seeds in their sensory play and making lemon and poppy seed muffins in their cookery lesson. We have thought about the soldiers and how brave and kind they all were. On Thursday we took part in the two minute silence. The sound of the week was n for nest and we enjoyed collaging birds in nests. The Number Zoo character was Spotty 7, who is a very tall giraffe with 7 spots on his neck. Please remember to send in your child's clothes for the Nativity, if you have not already done so.

We continue to explore our Special Celebrations theme this week by learning a little bit more about Firework night. As well as doing lots of talking about the fireworks we had seen and heard, we also had a go at recreating the amazing patterns that fireworks make in the sky. We used lots of new vocabulary to describe our pictures and we were able to enjoy our own indoor firework display. We used our sounds to have a go at writing some special firework words and enjoyed having a go at some independent firework making. We have also been noticing the seasonal changes that are happening around us and have enjoyed heading into the woods to make a leaf rainbow, finding leaves of all different colours. We also spent some time thinking about Remembrance Day making our own poppies and talking about the importance of the event for many people. All in all it's been a very creative and exciting week.



Transition and Kindergarten had an assembly this week focusing on COP26. We learnt about some of the ways we could try to reduce global warming. We have also been learning about Remembrance Sunday and why we wear poppies, and took part in the two minute silence on Thursday.

This week, Kindergarten have enjoyed learning more about toys. In their Art lesson they learned about various toys from around the world, before creating their very set of Russian nesting dolls, whilst in DT they had a fabulous time, designing and making a kite. The children also had a lovely afternoon sharing their favourite toys with their friends, an experience which gave them plenty to write about! In fact, Kindergarten have had a great week for writing, as they all retold the story The Owl Babies in their own words. Perhaps the most memorable lesson was Science, during which the children had to identify whether various animal droppings were made by herbivores, carnivores or omnivores!



Transition felt very privileged to be the first Godstowe year group to go on a school visit this year. We had a wonderful time on Monday visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum. For many of the children, this was their first opportunity to travel on a coach and to go on a school trip, so everyone was very excited and full of enthusiasm! At the museum, we took part in a Victorian school lesson, which proved to be very strict! We also had the opportunity to cook some griddle scones over a fire, and we saw inside a typical Victorian farm cottage as well as many other interesting buildings. The weather was very kind to us and we were able to eat our packed lunches outside. Since returning to the 21st century classroom, we have been starting our new Maths topic on multiplication. Having covered $\times 10$ and $\times 2$, we will be moving on to learning $\times 5$ next week, and will then spend some time revising all three multiplication tables.

Lodge are looking forward to having a Mufti Day in aid of Children in Need on Friday 19th November when children are invited to wear spotty clothing.

Outdoor Learning

Ruth Adams, Beginners Teacher

We are lucky enough in Beginners to be able to spend an afternoon a week in the woodland area of Godstowe, a small piece of land which is perfect for some wonderful outdoor learning. The Outdoor learning we do complements our indoor learning and is equally important. Outdoor learning encompasses all that children do, see, hear or feel in their outdoor space. This includes the experiences that we as teachers create and plan for, the spontaneous activities that children initiate and the naturally occurring cyclical opportunities linked to the seasons, weather and nature. The benefits are endless. Without realising the children are being exposed to some life enhancing moments and hopefully making happy memories simply by being outside. As well as promoting healthy, active lifestyles, it also promotes a sense of confidence and well being, allows opportunities for turn taking and cooperation, allows children to challenge themselves, provides rich opportunities for imagination, inventiveness and resourcefulness and develops creativity and problem solving skills. Even with the small space we have commandeered at Godstowe, we can find plenty to keep us occupied and busy. Of course like any classroom, there is always a need to build up a bank of great resources which can be utilised over and over in our great outdoor space.



Sports Results

Rachel Hearnshaw, Director of Sport



@GodstoweSport

On Wednesday 3rd, every girl in Middles took part in a Netball competition. Four teams went to play a tournament at Marist School and the other four teams played each other at Godstowe in an inter-year tournament. They even had match teas!

Results from the Godstowe tournament:

- 1st: Gouls (15 points)
- 2nd: Bats (11 points)
- 3rd: Pumpkins
- 4th: Spiders

Results from the tournament at the Marist School:

- UI1A: 0-11 (lost)
- UI1B: 8-1 (won)
- UI1C: 2-5 (lost)
- UI1D: 5-11 (lost)



On Wednesday 3rd, the UIII and IV travelled to Pipers Corner for a swimming gala. It was a pleasing all around team effort with great swims throughout, leading Godstowe to a good win. This was a great results for the first gala we have participated in this year.

On Thursday 4th, the Form II's, Loweres and Middles welcomed Pipers Corner to Godstowe. Again, it was a great effort by all the swimmers leading to a commanding win of 134-64. All swimmers shoes great enthusiasm and created a lovely atmosphere from start to finish.

On Saturday 6th November, the UI2 and UI3 lacrosse squads played against Benenden. The UI2 team won 7-1 and the player of the match was Evie S. The UI3 team won 5-4 and the player of the match was Georgina E.

On Thursday 11th November, the whole of Form II year group played in Netball matches. With our opposition having pulled out, we decided to play "in house" matches instead. The girls had been practising for this and were very excited and proud to put on their special bib. And of course, just like after every match, the girls were able to have their match tea treat. We were very proud, and impressed, with all of the girls. Well Done!

Other results were:

Netball

- UI2C: vs Beaconsfield High, 5-5 (draw)
- UI2D: vs Beaconsfield High, 2-8 (lost)
- UI3A: vs Pipers Corner, 28-14 (won)
- UI3B: vs Pipers Corner, 23-2 (won)
- UI2A: vs Benenden, 5-7 (lost)
- UI2B: vs Benenden, 12-2 (won)
- UI3A: vs Benenden, 18-9 (won)
- UI3B: vs Benenden, 15-3 (won)
- UI2B: vs Wycombe Abbey, 4-4 (draw)
- UI2C: vs Wycombe Abbey, 6-2 (lost)
- UI2D: vs Wycombe Abbey, 6-2 (won)
- UI2E: vs Wycombe Abbey, 6-2 (won)
- UI3A: vs Wycombe Abbey, 26-20 (won)
- UI3B: vs Wycombe Abbey, 20-9 (won)
- UI3C: vs Wycombe Abbey, 12-6 (won)
- UI3D: vs Wycombe Abbey, 5-11 (lost)

Godstowe Equestrians

Jessica Ollivier



Well Done to team Godstowe at the Showjumping NSEA competition at Bury Farm on 6th November. It was lovely to welcome two new riders to the team, Charlotte B and Tamara O.

Bella, Charlotte and Tamara all performed brilliantly as this large competition with up to 60 riders from over 30 schools in many of the classes.

Results are as follows:

- 60cm: Bella O on Hazel (1st)
- 70cm: Bella O on Hazel (7th)
- 80cm: Bella O on Hugo (5th)
- 90cm: Bella O on Hugo (3rd)

The Godstowe riders own their own horses and transport them to the events. Competitions include showjumping (from 40cm and can be led), dressage, arena eventing and eventing. 3-4 riders make a team so it would be great if more girls joined the group.

The school provides their red Godstowe saddle pads and hat silks and we ask the riders to wear red ties and hair bobbles to look super smart.

If you would like any more information or to sign up, please join classlist or email jessica.ollivier@hotmail.com.



Charity News and Updates

Rosie Lake, Charities Co-ordinator

On Tuesday 9th November, we welcomed Pete Gill to our assembly. We enjoyed hearing Pete speak of the SKSN charity and how the money raised goes towards helping the students. During the assembly, we watched a video of the students at SKSN and all the girls noticed how happy the students were.

Two years ago, we were able to raise enough money for wash bags for the students. Pete was able to deliver these just before the pandemic stopped international travel. These were hugely successful so we have decided to raise money for 250 wash bags again this year for Pete to deliver in February 2022.



Mufti Day raised over £1300 and it's still rising! Well Done

If you haven't added your donation yet, there is still time...just £500 to go to reach our target.

To donate, please visit: [The Wash Bag Project 2022](#)

Maths Week

@GodstoweMaths

Marianne Scragg, Head of Mathematics

This week has been Maths Week and the girls have been scurrying around the corridors hunting for mathematical clues to solve in order to complete a treasure hunt. Over 150 girls have taken part and the school has been buzzing with pupils of all ages helping each other to complete their answer sheets. A prize draw of all the correct entries took place in assembly.

Winners:

Form I and II: Elodie B

Lowers and Middles: Lexie W

Uppers and Fourths: Kelly H

Thank you to all the girls for embracing this activity so enthusiastically, we hope you had fun!



Form I have been also been enjoying Maths Week. They have been collaborating with Adele on her new hit, helping them all to remember their times tables.

[Click here to see the short video.](#)

Boarder's Corner

by Walker House

@GodstoweBoard

As if the weekend wasn't busy enough with fixtures, prep, trips and all the usual fun of boarding, Open Day was thrown in the mix this week as well! The girls rose to the challenge and it was lovely to see the pride in the faces of the girls as they played their part helping to show off our wonderful school to prospective parents and children. The Fourths did a fabulous job as tour guides and some of the younger girls helped too by playing in the orchestra. With the older girls occupied by Open Day, the Walker girls got on with their prep and teams calls whilst the middles had lots of fun baking (and tasting!) homemade cookies. In the afternoon, Highlands and Turner had to settle down and do their prep. Luckily, Walker had already done theirs, so got to enjoy some winter crafts making Christmas decorations which you can all buy later this month at the Christmas fair!



On Sunday, the girls enjoyed a well-deserved lie in, followed by some delicious pastries and hot chocolate. For all the houses, it was a fairly easy going morning in anticipation of heading to the cinema in the afternoon. The Fourths and some of the Uppers went to see Eternals whilst the younger girls went to see Ron's Gone Wrong. The afternoon was enjoyed by all (including the staff) and I think the girls particularly enjoyed the rare opportunity to have some tuck on a Sunday. With the movies over, we all trudged back up the hill to enjoy our Sunday roast.



All in all, it was a very busy weekend and a great way to start off the new half-term. We have a very exciting trip planned for next weekend so be sure to come back and read boarder's corner next week!



[Click here to watch the Boarders' Video from 6th-7th November](#)