



## Headmistress' Letter

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the drinks and welcome evening last week. The atmosphere was very bright and it was clear that everyone enjoyed reconnecting in reality rather than through a screen.

The boarders enjoyed their first full weekend of the term and it was a pleasure to join everyone for the Boarders BBQ on Sunday evening.

This week I have been visiting as many classes as possible and I have really enjoyed meeting the new pupils as well as chatting to the girls who have just moved up a year. Our theme for the week is responsibility and the pupils have taken on board the idea that they all have responsibility for meeting the expectations of our community, as well as those who hold

particular roles such as Form and Deputy Form Monitor and being a member of the Pupils Council.

Next week in assembly we are going to think about Macmillan Nurses in readiness for the mufti day on Friday which will be held in aid of this very deserving organisation. The staff are also planning on enjoying our very own Macmillan coffee morning. I am looking forward tremendously to the Recital Concert this evening and I wish all of our sportswomen luck for the cross country, netball and lacrosse fixtures taking place tomorrow.



*Date for your diary!*

*Mufti-Day for MacMillan  
Friday 24th September*

## Triathlete Lottie raises funds for Children's Hospice

Congratulations to Lottie D, who took part in the TriTry Winchester and Henley Triathlons over the summer and raised a fantastic £960 for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice



## Weekly Awards



### Artwork

Jessica Lin

### Accelerated Reader

IC - Ai-Li

IH - Taliya

IM - Annabel

### Boarders of the Week

Walker - Kimberley

Highlands - Blanca

Turner - Mercedes

### Friday Badge

IH - Poppy

IM - Beatrice

IC - Olivia

### Sports Stars

Ilsa N

Ilaria F

Martha K

Ava P

Aisha A

Talitha S

### Typing Awards

Beginner's Assessment:

Scout C

Gloria I

Ava P

Paige R

Intermediate Assessment:

Chloe M

Advanced Assessment:

Ruby J

This week, Nursery have been enjoying our 'All About Me' topic. We have been discussing things and people that are important to us and thinking about how we are all slightly different in our likes and dislikes. We have also been playing lots of games to learn each other's names. Next week we will start to think about 'our families'. We will be learning about who lives in our house. If you have any photos of people in your house, please send them in.

In Beginners this week we have been doing more learning and playing together, getting used to our new routines, environment and rules. We listened to the story 'The Tiger who Came to Tea', and we used it to inspire our learning throughout the week. We made tigers, re-told the story in our own words, and we thought about what we would give the tiger if he came to our house for tea!

Kindergarten continue to delight us with their wonderful enthusiasm and effort! In Science the children have been learning about animal bodies, including humans. To support this, they sculpted detailed animal models from plasticine and studied the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, creating portraits using fruit and vegetables for facial features. In Literacy, they have made a good start by focusing on correct sentence construction and in Maths they have been learning how to compare and order quantities using the correct mathematical vocabulary.



Transition children have continued to become accustomed to the new routines and we have been impressed by their hard work this week. In our Art lessons, we have been focusing on the work of Piet Mondrian and have been creating our own paintings in his style, using primary colours. In our Literacy lessons, we have been comparing stories about having an unusual pet, thinking of the problems this might cause and coming up with possible solutions. We have been very excited about starting to play the recorder this week!



## Young Climate Warriors

'Climate action' and 'Clean water and sanitation' are two of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals – 'interlinked goals to end global poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere'.

During Global Goals Week Young Climate Warriors are challenged to think about water and how its scarcity, impacting children all round the world, is being exacerbated by climate change. How they can reduce their own water consumption – alongside their carbon emissions - 'do they really need a bath?'

**Don't forget to hit the red button when you have completed your challenge for it to count towards your certificate!**

**This week's challenge!**  
**17th September**

**Remember to Hit the RED BUTTON - CHALLENGE COMPLETED!**

**Do you need a bath? Do you REALLY need a bath?**  
**Skip a day, swap for a shower!**  
**A typical bath uses 80 litres of water!**  
**Pumping, treating, delivering, heating, disposing WATER - all cause carbon emissions.**  
**Cut water use, and learn about global water issues.**  
**Global Goals Week - 'Clean water' and 'Climate Action'**

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*The world needs to get water smart. Everyone has a role to play, and we cannot afford to wait.*

UNICEF

# Boarders' Corner

written this week by Walker House

It's been a jam-packed week and all of our boarders are settling in well and starting to get in the Godstowe routine. For some of our first time boarders it's been slightly more turbulent, but we are pleased to report that they have all shown outstanding effort to overcome their worries and truly embrace all that boarding life has to offer at Godstowe.

[Click here to watch the boarders' video!](#)



[Read more about last weekends activities here.](#)



## New Composter Monitors Appointed



At the top of the Lower School, many Lower Third girls have volunteered to be monitors who help to ensure the smooth running of the Lower School and in some instances, the whole school.

Our new Compost Monitors are assisting the whole Prep school by collecting fruit waste at break times and ensuring that it goes in our compost bin rather than landfill!!! They will even be planting some herbs in the compost made from our pre-pandemic composting which our chefs will be using to flavour our food!!

# Sports Results

Rachel Hearnshaw, Director of Sport

The following matches were played this week:

UIIA vs High March - won 15 - 5

UIIB vs High March - won 10 - 2

UIIC/D vs High March - lost 8 - 2

Well done to everyone who played! As you can see from the photo below, the girls loved their first fixture of the year!



## Fourths' trip to Cranedale - a pupil perspective

Written by Arabella

Cranedale was incredibly enjoyable. From rock pooling on the shores of the North Sea to exploring the rivers of Dalby forest, it was full of excitement and surprises. From learning about food webs to examining olive mayfly nymphs, it was interesting. There were surprise stops at the ice cream shop, competitive games based on the natural world, and table football tournaments. All the fourths would leap at the chance to go back, and our only regret would be not staying longer. The staff were so encouraging and made the learning so much fun! Thank you to all the teachers who allowed us to go! [Continue reading](#)



## Next Open Morning Saturday 9th October 2021

If you know a family who are interested in Godstowe, please do invite them to our next Open Morning.

[Register on our website.](#)