



Colourful Canon from Form II's Indian Activity Day



A letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break and managed to avoid the storms in the first few days. It is lovely to have the pupils back for what is quite a short, but definitely action packed, few weeks ahead.

This week's exciting event for Main School has been our Trips and Activities day which took place yesterday. You will I am sure have heard all about it from your daughter but there is also plenty of information to read in this week's newsletter. It was wonderful to talk to the girls about their experiences, ranging from making hieroglyphic bracelets, to enjoying Indian food, speaking Italian, taking part in the first full run through of the Lower's' production, learning to paddle board, seeing the crown jewels in the Tower of London and a visit to enjoy the West-End musical, 'Six', and much much more!

As the weekend approaches we are looking forward to this evening's Recital Concert as well as the Cross Country tomorrow morning. The boarders too have a wonderfully exciting programme to look forward to with all sorts of excursions and activities lined up.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.



Key Dates for next week

7th March

- Careers Week

8th March

- Lodge Parents' Evening

9th March

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11th March

- Uppers' Parents Evening
- EXEAT

Sports Fixtures

7th March

- U11 3 teams Netball vs High March (home)

8th March

- U9-U11 Swimming Div 10 at St Helens
- U13C Netball Tournament at Great Marlow

9th March

- U12/U13 Swimming League Final at Wycombe Abbey
- U11 (all year group) Coaching Session with Sam Cook (England Netball)

11th March

- U10 & U11 Swimming Relay Championships

12th March

- U10A High-5 Netball at Hall Grove
- U9A High-5 Netball at Hall Grove

This week, Nursery has had a story filled week as we explored some of our favourite books. Some of our favourite activities have been exploring the fairytale land in the small world area, re-enacting the Three Little Pigs with story spoons and props, and fishing for the fish from The Fish That Could Wish in the water tray. Our sound of the week was 'o' and we made owls. We have also been working on our counting skills this week, using fairytale themed games.

It was good to welcome back all of the Beginners and hear about their different and exciting adventures from the half term break. We have spent the week chatting and re-engaging with our friends and settling back into the routines of our days. Although the dinosaur theme is ever present in our classrooms, our learning focus for this half term is on Growing and Changing. We kicked the learning off by listening to the story of Jaspers' Beanstalk which is about a rather impatient cat who plants a bean and expects it to grow very quickly. Over the coming weeks we will be planting and watching to see how things spring into life and thinking about what we need to do to ensure that this happens successfully. We have been exploring around the school to spot sounds of new growth and note the changes that the new season is bringing. So we are 'springing' into action for a busy second half of term.

Kindergarten has started the exciting topic of Space, looking at the planets in detail as well as focusing on the book 'The Way Back Home' in Literacy. In Maths, we are now moving onto numbers to 50 with an emphasis on place value.

Transition and Kindergarten enjoyed finding out about Shrove Tuesday and Lent in their assembly, and loved having pancakes for lunch!

Transition have had a book focus this week, in recognition of World Book Day. As well as dressing up as a book character, they have been writing book reviews of some of their favourite books and sharing them with the class. This half of term, Transition have a Geography focus in their Humanities lessons. They are improving their knowledge of the world, locating features such as continents and oceans. In our PSHE lessons, we have been thinking about what to do if we feel sad or worried and we now have worry boxes in our classrooms.

Thank you to FOG for donating book vouchers to celebrate World Book Day. Congratulations to the winners in each year group: Cara in Transition (How to train your Dragon), Meredith in Kindergarten (The Elves and the Shoemaker), Sophie in Beginners (The Tiger who came to Tea) and in Nursery, Maddie (The Story of the Dancing Frog).

Every child will also have their £1 voucher to put towards a book or to buy one of the special World Book Day publications.

Please remember your donations of Spring flowers to decorate Lodge with on Monday to represent the arrival of Spring!



Weekly Awards

Boarders of the Week

Highlands	Blanca O'D
Turner	Nancy K
Walker	Nancy S

Typing Awards

Intermediate	Valentina B
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Accelerated Readers

Eden S

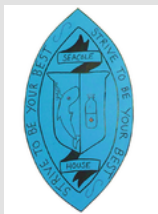
A.R Prize Draw

Ella I	Essie J
Lana L-S	Evie P

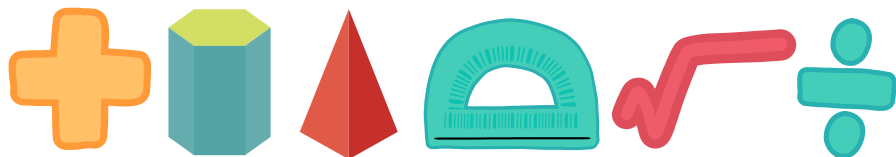
Friday Badges

IC	Lana L-S
IH	Elise K
IM	Holly D

House Points

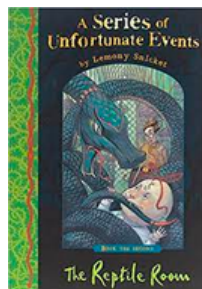


1st	Seacole
2nd	Franklin
3rd	Pankhurst
4th	Adlington



Book Review from Alice D, LIIID

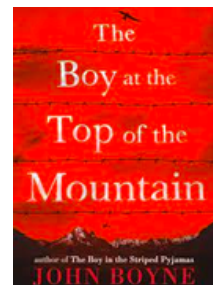
Book Name: A Series of Unfortunate Events
 Events: The Reptile Room
 Book Author: Lemony Snickett
 My rating: ★★★★★



"I loved this book a lot! It is a clever and sneaky plot twist, with the three Baudelaire Orphans trying to escape their cousin, four-times removed, Count Olaf. This book is filled with mischief, mayhem, hardship and cold porridge for breakfast. So what will sneaky Count Olaf do when they go to foster parent, Uncle Monty? You'll have to read to find out...:"

Book Review from Mrs Cox, IC

Book Name: The Boy at the Top of the Mountain
 Book Author: John Boyle
 My rating: ★★★★★



"A haunting and original perspective on the rise of Nazism in Germany. It follows the story of Pierrot, who is orphaned at a young age and sent to live with his Aunt in Salzburg in a house at the very top of a mountain. However, this isn't any ordinary house. It is the Berghof - the house of Adolf Hitler. The story tells of Adolf Hitler's rise to power through the eyes of a small boy and shows the influence that he had on vulnerable and impressionable youth. This is more suited for Upper School readers, but definitely worth a read.

We are going to include updates each week of our girls' lessons in Main School.

This week in Maths...

Decimals into Bars

"We are both enjoying our topic at the moment. We are learning about decimals, for example 1 tenth is 0.1. We've learnt to recognise fractions and turn them into decimals. Then we can put it on a number line. We like learning something new and trying different things that we didn't know about." Georgie and Mala, I1H

Problem Solving for Lowers

"I've been learning about addition and subtraction and taking a lot of numbers and trying to use them all to make the smallest possible number. I'm quite enjoying it and really like problem solving. I have Mr Scriven as my teacher and he's really good." - Leila N

Middles' Ratios

"I've been learning about Ratios, both 2-way and 3-way. We've been given some word problems and have to identify the ratios using bar models. We break them down, find the ratios, convert into bar models. I'm really really enjoying it. Mrs Scragg is my teacher and she's really good fun. She's also really good at breaking down problems and how to explain things in a different way." - Georgina B

Singing and Dancing in Maths

"Maths is really fun! We learn a lot of things by doing them. We have been learning our times tables by dancing to songs and also learned an "Angle Dance" this week to help us with the names of all the angles. We also went outside to see if we could find angles in the playground. Mrs Cox does really fun challenges and she gives us puzzles to solve. It feels really good when we learn something new!" - Ai-Li and Annika, IC

Uppers' Shapes and Nets

"This term in Uppers, we have been doing lots of work on angles and using protractors. We sometimes work in groups and sometimes on our own. We have also been doing 3D shapes and nets. We've able to make lots of our own shapes to help understand about faces and angles. We've made more things than can fit on a dodecahedron! Mr Adams is my teacher and it's so fun! He has lots of different ways for us to learn." Gigi M



Gymnastics

On Saturday 26th February the U9 gymnastics team, Hattie S-C, Saskia W, Clemency D, Juliette W and Holly D, represented Godstowe at the ISGA 5 piece at Tornead school near Guildford. This was their first experience at this event. We arrived at 9am and the competition finished at 7pm.

Results

- Overall - 2nd place
- Individual place -Holly -3rd
- Group sequence - 3rd

A huge well done to the team for all their hard work, dedication and determination. Thank you to the parents for all their support and driving the girls around to so many extra sessions! The girls have been training hard over half term as well as many extra Sunday evenings as well as in their regular sessions in the gym.

Netball

Wednesday 2nd March saw U13 D and E Netball teams visiting Wycombe Abbey, unfortunately both teams lost however the girls had a fun and gained a lot of experience.



U10s Netball team went to St Edwards in Oxford on Wednesday 2nd March. Despite the rain and wet conditions, the girls were overall winners (left).

On March 1st, our U9's played Heatherton School in Netball. For some girls this was their first match against another school. All played brilliantly and definitely enjoyed themselves (right).



OG Olivia Thomas needs your help!

Olivia Thomas has been selected for the Senior England Women's Lacrosse squad, which she has been working towards since falling in love with Lacrosse during her time at Godstowe.

However, the team are fully self-funded, and pay for all expenses, including kit, training venues, coaches, physio and even travel. For this reason, she is asking to partner with sponsors who would be willing to support their journey next summer in Maryland, USA.

If you would like to sponsor, please email EWNT@englandlacrosse.com to find out more. Any sponsorship is appreciated by the team.

They have also developed a website, England Women's Lacrosse where you can buy some merchandise to support the team.

Bella's Jumping Success

Bella O represented Godstowe at the NSEA Eventers Challenge today (showjumps and cross country jumps in an arena) at Brook Farm Essex.

Bella came a brilliant 6th out of 30 riders from 20 schools in the 80cm and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Nationals at Hickstead (1st - 4th).



Boarders Corner *Highlands House*

The boarding staff love welcoming back girls after a Half-Term break and hearing what adventures they have been on. Skiing in Switzerland and Austria, trips to Dubai and Paris were the highlights of our travellers while others stayed more local and enjoyed visits to the Norfolk coast and central London. We transitioned straight back into our weekly routine, celebrating Shrove Tuesday in each of the houses with pancakes and preparing the girls from every year group for their Activities Day on Thursday.

Spring Term always tends to fly by and, in fact, we have only 3 more weekends at school until the Easter holidays. This weekend is a very busy one for trips. For the first time, girls in Middles, Uppers and Fourths will visit the Copper Box Arena to see the Vitality Netball Superleague. The atmosphere is guaranteed to be electric and will be the first time most of the girls will have seen professional level live netball. We can't wait to share the trip with you in our boarders' video and weekend reports. The Lower School boarders will wander into Wycombe town to watch a movie and then on Sunday, you'll find the entire boarding community at KidZania London. For our most veteran boarders, they remember this trip from 2020 with huge fondness and are looking forward to going again.



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A poem written by Aryana T, MIII,
inspired by Storm Eunice.

Storm Eunice

The wind, the wind, the rage of the wind,
She whispers and bellows, in the night, in
the day
On the dawn of the dusk, on the white
of the grey
She bolts through the manes of the
heartsore mustangs
She brushes the locks of the wisteria
braids
Sister to sea, stranger to deep space
Her temper is the tide, rise high, fall low
Not even the clocks know when will
arise those waves
Or what ill will she intends
It may as well be
Malice.

The storm, the storm,
All three in one,
One for all,
All for one,
Drums, commence!
Birdsong, hush!
We hold back until the elements
Figure their ways
And part
But one must be canny, one must be
wise
And patience is the key that fits in the
lock
To the door that leads us to the realm of
laughter and play.

She is sage, compelling, acute and
unhushed,
Forced into being by the powers of this
world...
I shall name her
Eunice.

Our Computing Champions

Congratulations to the girls who took part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge. It was a particularly tricky challenge but all girls who took part did their absolute best.

Chizuru Y
Rhea S
Rebecca S

Emma B
Thisbe M-J
Clover C

Eleanor C
Ivy Z
Talitha S

Sula M
Vivienne Y
Wendy J

Leonor V
Charlotte S
Georgina E

An extra congratulations to Kelly H, who was awarded Merit, and Annika S, who was awarded Distinction.



Activities Day 2022

Thursday 3rd March was Activities Day for every girl in Main School. There was cooking, dancing, acting, a fashion show and even some Egyptian gossip. A big thank you to everyone who took part, and even further thanks to the staff for planning such amazing activities.



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