



Amazing artwork of the week, Rhea S



A letter from the Headmistress

It has been another enjoyable and busy week here at the school. Highlights for me would certainly be the 'Teamwork' Upper and Middle School assemblies run by Miss Bennett and Mrs Humphries, which were good fun. Another would be our parent meeting with FoG to plan ahead for new school events for 22-23 – watch this space!

However, I really should mention my pastoral meetings, as these are some of the best I have attended in my time in education and are so key to the effective and warm running of our school.

I meet with Mrs Gillett every week so I can catch up on the wonderful progress of our youngest members across Nursery to Transition and then we gather to support our boarders with the boarding team and Main School girls in others. The care and attention that goes into understanding and nurturing every child in our care is lovely to see and so important to share. It fills me with much reassurance and pride as Head.

It was very good to see so many of you at our Welcome Drinks last night. Introducing you all to the key faces on our teaching and school team is important and it was fun to hear your stories and to meet you all in person. Whether you are new to the school or returning, it was good to hear that the new school year has begun on such a positive foundation – long may that continue! Our team is here to help you with your queries and remember the door is always open for questions or concerns. I hope as many of you can come to the FoG Parent Race Night on Friday 30th September and we have a table of Godstowe Staff signed up and ready for the fun – see you there!

Key Dates for next week

26th September

- U10 Netball v Maltman's Green (home)

28th September

- Perform workshops at Lodge
- U11 C&D Netball, Heatherton House (away)

29th September

- U10 and U11 Biathlon event at Lambrook (away)

30th September

- Charity Mufti day
- Perform Workshops at Lodge
- FoG 'Race Night'

1st October

- U12 and U13 Lacrosse v Claremont Fan (away)

2nd October

- U13 Lacrosse tournament at St Helen's and St Katherine's

What a great week it has been in Nursery. The children have enjoyed sharing with the class about who is in their families. We have made a beautiful display of all the families that make our great big Nursery family. It has been lovely to see how proud the children are of their photos.

The sound of the week this week was 'a' and everyone made an astronaut. Next week it will be 't'. The Number Zoo character was Greedy Zero and the children made lovely gorillas that are now hanging in the Nursery.

This week in Beginners we have been continuing to get to know each-other, talking about our families and the special people who live with us in our homes. In phonics, we have started our exploration of the phase 2 sounds, and we have been listening out for them in lots of words. In maths, we have been doing some matching and sorting, carefully looking at things which are the same or different. We have also been busy doing lots of art, doing some painting and making a collage.

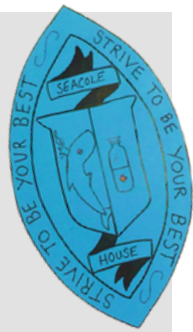


Kindergarten children have shown a good deal of progress in terms of learning the daily routines of the classes. In Maths, we have started to compare and order numbers, paying attention to the correct use of the appropriate vocabulary. In Literacy, the children are gradually extending their sentence writing, focusing on punctuation and composition, using the prompts Who, Doing, Doing What, Where and When to help structure their work. Having learnt about the continents last week, we have started to investigate how differing climates across the world affect the types of homes in which people live. Finally, the start of Autumn and the upcoming Harvest Festival has allowed the children to think about farmers and their crops and the need for scarecrows, which they have been making across DT and Art, using split pins and watercolour pencils. Another happy and busy week!

This term in Science and DT, Transition are learning about different materials. We have been busy identifying different materials around Godstowe and thinking about their various uses. This week we have been particularly thinking about the properties of materials, and how we can make the same object out of a variety of materials, such as a wooden, metal or plastic spoon. In our Art lessons, we have been looking at the work of Kandinsky. We have been creating circular patterns using pastels and have been thinking about the differences between cold and warm colours.

We are looking forward to enjoying some Perform! drama workshops next week and our first Mufti-day of the term next Friday.

Weekly Awards



Boarders of the Week

Highlands Candy Z
Turner Cristina G-P
Walker Tate Y

Friday Badges

IC Clementine S
IH Lana-Rose B
IM Lana C

A.R

Charlotte L
Sophia W
Syana S

House Points

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

Our time in Boarding

by Karisse, Willow and Bikman, Loweres

What house are you in?

K: We're all boarders in Highlands House.

Who has been boarding for the longest?

B: Karisse and I. We both started in Form II.

W: I only joined in September.

Willow, how are you finding it?

Really fun. All the activities we do in the boarding house are really good. The staff always try to make us feel safe and at home.

How are you finding it being away from home?

I haven't boarded before so it was hard at first but now I'm used to it and it's fun.

Karisse and Bikman, what's your favourite thing about boarding?

K: If you feel homesick, the staff make you feel safe and you get to have lots and lots of fun with friends. Then on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday we get to call home.

B: I like chilling out after school.

W: Snacks are good too!

All three: They should have more donuts!



How would you convince a new girl to be a boarder?

K: You get to have your friends with you all the time.

W: Your friends will comfort you if you feel sad, like they looked after me.

K: We try to make sure no-one feels sad because if you're sad you won't sleep and if you don't sleep enough you won't have any fun.

How would you describe boarding in one word?

K: Fun!

W: Happy

B: Interesting...but in a good way.

Happy



Sports Snippets

Rebecca Turner, Director of Sport

The beginning of a new term always puts a smile on my face. The last of the summer sun is still bringing us joy and the fixture list is jam packed full of exciting things!

The new term has brought us new challenges but that is nothing that Godstowe can't overcome. The netball courts being resurfaced brought us a new opportunity to learn a new skill. Hockey has been a welcomed addition to our PE programme. The girls are thoroughly enjoying their lessons and learning new skills.

Form I and Form II have been introduced to health related fitness and in particular the effects of exercise on the body. The girls have learnt what happens inside the body as well as the physical changes on the outside. Lessons have been super fun and will benefit the sports we play going forward.

The Lower III's have enjoyed their pop lacrosse lessons and are getting to grips with the skills they are learning. The Middles, Uppers and Fourths are delighted to be back playing lacrosse. Our U13's had a superb match on Saturday and although rusty soon got into the swing of things.

Looking ahead to next week we have our first netball fixture with our U10 girls, a biathlon and lacrosse fixtures. A busy week!

Last week our captains of sport were announced in assembly and my goodness they are going to be fantastic and a real inspiration to the young girls.

Congratulations to:

Sara M - Lacrosse Captain

Gigi M - Netball Captain

Isla H - Swimming Captain

Roxy P - Tennis Captain

Gabby D - Athletics Captain

Here is to a successful year!

Match Report

Saturday 17th September

U13 Lacrosse vs Downe House

Godstowe won, 8-1

Players of the match: Sara M and

Anoushka B



Marvellous Musicians

On Friday 16th September, our Recital Hall came to life with the fantastic music. Performers ranged from Form I to IVs and all played brilliantly. It's amazing to see the range of abilities we have at this school. What a great start to the term!

We're looking forward to our next recital on 7th October



Friends of Godstowe invites you to....



Join us for

RACE NIGHT

On the big screen

Recorded races - Lots of competitive fun!

Friday 30th September

at Godstowe School

Doors open from 7pm - First race 7.30pm til late

Cash betting on the night

Adults only evening, ticket includes Fish & Chips (or Veggie option) supper and welcome drink!

Tickets £20pp available via Classlist

Own a horse for £20, Owners prizes for winners on the night