



*Role playing in French class*



## A letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of this wonderfully spring like week with the sun shining, there is a definite feel of optimism and excitement in the air.

We are all looking forward to this evening's performance of Splash! and the Lower Thirds have really excelled themselves with this wonderful, fun and exciting production.

In assembly this morning, as well as all of the usual awards, we were able to celebrate some amazing netball and swimming achievements too. I am not sure that I have ever presented quite so many medals in one go!

After assembly it was fun to go outside and see the younger children completing their Wellie Walk. Nursery and Lodge children made a wonderful sight in their multi-coloured wellies and we were very impressed with the total distance walked as well as the very cheerful faces!

As the weekend approaches the boarders are looking forward to an amazing trip to London on Sunday.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

## Godstowe's Spring Celebration

We are delighted to be able to invite parents to our Spring Celebration on 25th March.

You will have the opportunity to meet our Headmistress Elect, Kate Bailey and members of staff. We will also be unveiling a new sculpture, inspired by a generous donation.

Please RSVP to  
[marketing@godstowe.org](mailto:marketing@godstowe.org)

## Key Dates for next week

### 23rd March

- Student Recital

### 25th March

- Last Day of Spring Term  
Enrichment Curriculum
- 6pm - Godstowe's Spring  
Celebration

## Sports Fixtures

### 21st March

- U8, U9, U10 and U11 Swimming  
vs Lambrook (Home)

### 22nd March

- U13 Lacrosse National  
Tournament at Aldershot
- U9 5-a-side Netball vs Pipers  
Corner (Home)

### 24th March

- U11, U12, U13 Swimming IAPS at  
Crossfields, Reading

### 25th March

- U10 5-a-side Netball Tournament  
at Pipers Corner



It has been a very exciting week in Lodge! We enjoyed seeing the Lower's performance of 'Splash!' on Monday, which was a real treat and an inspiration to Lodge children. Then on Wednesday, we had another dramatic experience with a visit from M&M Theatrical Productions, who performed their version of 'The Wizard of Oz'. All the children were very engaged and enjoyed joining in with the performance. Another highlight of the week has been today's Wellie Walk. We were so lucky with the weather and the children pushed themselves to walk as many circuits as possible within 30 minutes, wearing red noses and smiles on their faces. They all appreciated the Comic Relief themed cakes for snack that we had afterwards! Thank you so much for all of your support for this fundraiser in aid of Comic Relief. We have raised more than £1,150 which is an amazing total! You will still be able to add to the Just Giving page over the next week or so.

This has been a week of opportunities in Beginners and we have had such fun being able to be involved in lots of different activities and learning experiences. We enjoyed the interactive theatre experience which allowed us to lose ourselves in an imaginary world of fun and laughter. Today's Wellie Walk, which is absolutely our favourite thing to do in Beginners, whatever the day of the week it is, has been really good fun. During this busy time we have also kept a close eye on our beans, checking on their growing progress and looking after them carefully. We have learnt about the bean life cycle and also planted some cress seeds to watch how other seeds change and grow. We are excited to be able to get outside more now that Spring has sprung and really take a proper look at what is growing and changing in the world around us.

This week, Nursery have enjoyed their topic of 'Spring'. We were able to go outside and look for signs of spring, including some flowers outside that were part of our Spring flowers display. In the water tray, the children have also been using Spring flower petals and water to mix their own perfumes and potions which all smell beautiful! Another favourite this week has been exploring the tadpole and frog water bead sensory activity and scooping moon-sand into eggs. The children made some beautiful flower pictures using forks to print tulips. They enjoyed mixing colours to create a beautiful design on each tulip. In Cookery, we made chick cookies that almost looked too cute to eat! Finally our sound of the week was 'L' and we made lollipops, using a spiral technique.

Kindergarten have had an interesting week! Although many children were at home with sore tummies, the rest of the year group continued to work hard. In History, the children enjoyed learning about the history of space travel, with a particular focus on Neil Armstrong. They were then inspired to write their own Space Adventure in Literacy, featuring the planet and the alien they created last week. In RE, the children have started to learn about the Miracles of Jesus and enjoyed various activities, such as acting out the stories in costume. Finally, after recording the increasingly Spring-like weather all week, the children went on a lovely walk around the grounds of Godstowe, searching for signs of Spring!

Transition children have been enjoying their Science topic of 'Living Things' and their habitats this term. This week we have been focusing on food chains within specific habitats and have been learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and the importance of plants to a food chain. We have been finishing our shape topic in Maths and have been enjoying reading and writing some poems in our Literacy lessons.





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

## *This week in French, Spanish and Latin...*

### *Form II's French Menu*

"I have Madame Martin for French and we've been learning food items and we made our own French menu with drinks, food and prices. We then got to role play either the waitress or the customer and acted out asking for food and bringing it to the customer, all in French! We had drinks like coffee, milk, juice and water with some croissants and pain au chocolat for breakfast. It was really fun." - Valentina, FII



### *Middles French and Latin*

"We do French and Latin in Middles. In French this week we've been learning some directions. We get to do some fun games to learn about them. We also wrote a script about someone who arrives in France and then we acted it out. It was really fun!

In Latin, we learn lots of vocabulary and also a bit about Roman history. We have traced out some pictures of a Roman family in their cloaks for a poster on what men, women and children wore. Next week we are getting to watch a tutorial on Roman make-up, we're really looking forward to it!" - Elodie and Poppy, MIII

### *We love horses!*

"We learn French in Form I with Madame Martin. She's really fun and very nice. We have been learning about farm animals, our favourite is the horse. We get to listen to lots of songs which help us learn the words better. We've also learnt about some colours, we like blue and purple." - Isla and Tamara, FI

### *Our families and homes*

"In French, we've been learning about families, our house and the way we live. We also practised our vocabulary to be able to have a basic conversation. We've also been looking at rooms in our house, and objects in the bedroom. We get to listen to songs sometimes to help us understand the words better. Madame Labourdette is our teacher and she's really fun, and helps us feel comfortable in a French environment." - Rosanna and Neeva, LIII

### *Shopping, verbs and much more*



"We've been doing shopping conversations in French, like asking to buy certain things like food. We've also been learning about -IR verbs. We get to sing songs to help with our conjugations and often get to act out our role plays to the class."

"I'm learning Spanish as well. We've been learning about family and where you live. We get to do the same things as in French like role play and songs." - Sofia, UIII

"I also do Latin, instead of Spanish. We do lots of translations both from Latin to English and sometimes English to Latin. We are learning about noun conjugations and learning new tenses. Occasionally we learn a bit about Roman History and culture. I really enjoy Latin." - Emma, UIII



### *French, Spanish, Latin, oh and Greek!*

"In Spanish, we have been learning about our 'School' topic and facilities. Our teacher incorporates a wide range of exercises so we can learn in a fun and interactive way. We get to quiz each other and it's almost debate-like. We also do role plays to test our memory. In French, we've been doing more challenging work this week to push us outside of our comfort zone. Most of us who were doing scholarships have finished our exams now, except Wellington, therefore we tried a GCSE higher level paper. We were familiar with most things because of practising for our scholarships and we revised verbs and grammar. My teacher for both French and Spanish is Madame Labourdette and she really gets us to try to talk to each other, which will help us be more comfortable when we visit those countries." - Serena, IV

"We also do Latin and Greek. In Greek we've been studying basic grammar and vocabulary which I've found fascinating. It's interesting as a lot of English and science words derive from the Greek language. We've started Greek as we finished our Latin syllabus. Writing both languages is very different but the grammar and conjugations are quite similar." - Angel, IV

# Weekly Awards

Accelerated Readers

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House Points Winner

Seacole

## Artwork of the Week

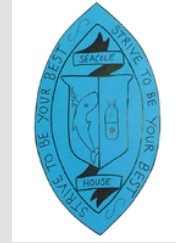
Arabella T    Ava P  
 Isla N        Elodie K  
 Nancy S      Clover C  
                   Ella T

## Boarders of the Week

Highlands    Gayatri R  
 Turner        Rebecca S  
 Walker        Donokhon K

## Friday Badges

IC    Philippa P  
 IH    Harriette M  
 IM    Sophia K



Our amazing artwork of the week, and last week.

Left

- Arabella
- Isla
- Nancy

Right

- Ava
- Elodie
- Clover
- Ella



## South of England at the Milano British Schools Gymnastics National Final

On Saturday 12th March four gymnasts from Godstowe represented the South of England at the Milano British Schools Gymnastics National Final having qualified back in December.

The competition was held in Stoke on Trent. The team members were Holly D, Elysia W, Kiana K and Poppy D. A special mention to Bella O who helped us qualify back in December. Godstowe U11 team were representing the South of England along side Maltmans Green School.

It was a fantastic day and the whole team stepped up to the occasion and supported each other. The girls performed a group sequence, vaults and floor routines to music.

Godstowe and Maltmans were overall U11 champions representing the South of England. Godstowe 4th as a team missing out on 3rd place by 0.3! The South of England overall team including the mixed teams and boys team came 2nd.

A fantastic set of results. Well done Team and thank you to the parents for their support.

## NSEA Eventing Competition

Charlotte B, Bella and Tamara O all competed at the NSEA Arena Eventing competition on Saturday 12th March, at BCA in Maidenhead. All performed well with Bella riding Hugo placing 8th in the 90cm class against all the upper schools (we were the only prep in that height).





## Netball

On Saturday 11th March, Godstowe took an U9 and U10 team to Hall Grove School on Saturday to take part in their Netball festival. The two 5-a-side teams all played 7 games each and were unbeaten at the end of the morning. The girls played brilliantly, and really showed how much they have learnt throughout the season.



On Monday 14th March, the U13A team went to Ipswich for the IAPS National Netball Finals, led by netball captain Stella B. They won every game in the qualifying rounds showing great speed, accuracy and a strong defence. After their success in the pool rounds, they qualified for the Cup competition which was made up of the top 8 prep schools in the country! They played an outstanding game in the quarter-finals. This high paced game, winning lots of turnovers and interceptions, meant another victory and a place in the semi-finals. This game was extremely fast, feisty and competitive. With all their hard work, the team finished 4th in the tournament. This is extremely impressive as 4th in this tournament means they are the best prep school team at U13 level in the whole country. They have all worked so hard in their training sessions showing true resilience and dedication. The girls should take great pride in all the hard work they have put in and the role models they have become for the younger Godstowe Girls. Congratulations to both the team and Miss Hill!



On Thursday 17th March, our U12C Netball Team played in the District U12B tournament. They won 4 matches and drew one reaching the semi-finals where they drew 0-0. So the final result was 3rd overall out of 12 Senior Schools. This is a huge achievement, Well Done Girls!



## Swimming

On Friday 11th March, some of our swimmers took part in the ESSA Relays.

The girls achieved really good times in both relays and qualified for the final in the Medley relay, where they finished 2nd place. This means that they qualified for the next round.

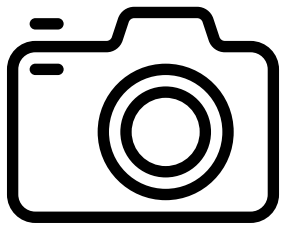
Well Done Girls and Good Luck for the next round.



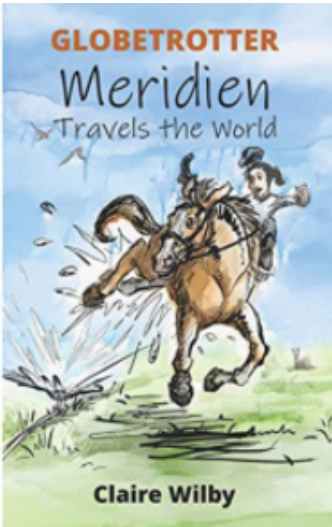
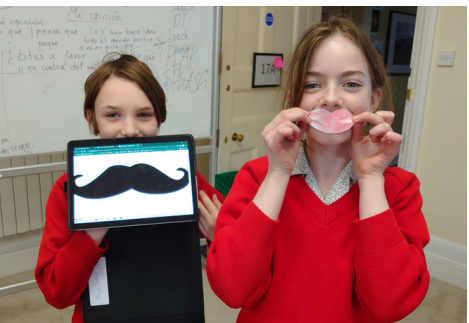
On Wednesday, 16th March, the U12A team travelled to Rugby School on Wednesday for the IAPS National Netball Finals. This was a qualifying tournament and the finals all in one day, and the team showed great perseverance and strength of character in some horrendous weather conditions. Throughout the tournament, the girls played excellent netball, only losing one match all morning and finishing second in their group. This placed them into the Cup competition where they played a very competitive quarter final match, narrowly losing by two goals. The girls should be very proud of their achievement which places them in the top 8 prep school teams in the country at U12 level. Well Done Girls and Miss Hearnshaw!







# Photos of our Week



## *A New Book in the Library*

The book *Meridien Travels the World* was written by a former Godstowe pupil, Claire Wilby, who kindly donated two copies to the library. The book is based on the exploits of a real horse and is inspired by her love of travel along with her love of horses. Perfect for any Godstowe Girl.

Meridien is a horse who travels around the world, from a palace in Qatar to Camels Bottom Farm in Wiltshire, England. He endures a bad hair day in the Netherlands and gets covered in Fairy Dust in the Netherlands. Read how Meridien gets through his quarantine - was it different to your times?