



# Prep Bulletin

Gresham's Prep School – Bringing out the best in every child.

23rd June 2017

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Dear Parents

### ***The last week***

The last week has been full of activity of all sorts, as well as events which have helped children and parents prepare for next year. Last Thursday we welcomed Year 2 children here for their transition day and then on Saturday we had our Welcome Day for children who are joining us in September (and their parents). Both occasions went very well. Year 8 have been busy with their post-exam programme which has included an overnight visit to Hautbois Activity Centre, various events at the Senior School, running their charity fete, a forensic science day and running a sports festival for Years 2 and 3.



Last Thursday's Year 6 Science Fair was an excellent occasion and it was so good to see young scientists using their creativity and research skills; it was funny how most of their experiments seemed to involve food! A range of talent was on show at the concert at Hindolveston Church on Friday evening; this was a lovely occasion. The Field Days on Monday went well. I was lucky enough to spend the day with Year 7 who were designing, and marketing their own soap product with Angus Framer of CoCo Mango. Despite the baking temperatures in the Hall, the children were thoroughly engaged and worked with energy and commitment throughout the day. Congratulations to the winning team, 'The Natural Soap Company' (Alex Munoz, Hattie Reynolds, Sammy Tyler, Sophia Rathleff and Evie-Mae Thorpe) whose product 'Floral Flair' will be manufactured and ready for sale in the autumn.

### ***The coming week***

I am looking forward to the events of the next 7 days; the Leavers' Service and Sports Day on Saturday, the Junior Barbecue on Monday, the Years 7 and 8 Summer Dinner on Tuesday and Speech Day on Friday. You will have received a letter from Mr Brearley about the special arrangements for these various occasions. Please read it carefully!

James Quick



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## BOARDERS NEWS



The boarders had a fantastic weekend camping in Cromer in soaring temperatures. We set up camp on Saturday night and enjoyed stories, food and games and then spent the day on Sunday basking on the sand and in the sea at Cromer. 50 boarders stayed for the weekend and great fun was had by all. A massive thank to Mrs Thomas for letting us use their campsite for the night and hopefully we didn't scare away too many of their regular customers! On Sunday morning our wonderful catering team of Garry, Kirsty and Andrew arrived at the site to cook sausages, eggs, beans, as well as cereals, pain au chocolate and fresh fruit – way beyond the call of duty so a huge thank you to them!

S.Fields

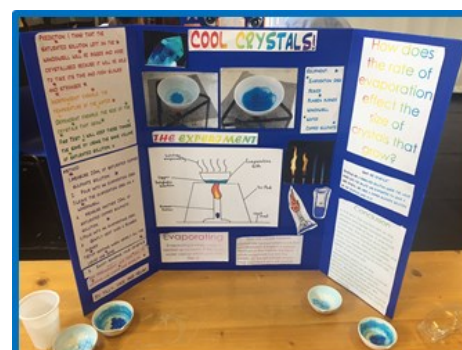


## YEAR 6 SCIENCE FAIR



Last Thursday the Year 6 pupils took part in the annual Science Fair. There was a huge range of exciting investigations; congratulations to Cool Crystals for winning best overall project.

L.Betts





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## PREVENTING HEAD LICE

- Use conditioner and nit comb once a week
- Final rinse of hair wash with diluted vinegar water
- Keep long hair tightly tied up e.g. braids

Taking the time to do this every week will rid us of these nasty nits!

Matrons



Gresham's will be at the Royal Norfolk Show on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June and we would love to see you. Come and visit us at our main stand, no. 187, Presidents Avenue, at the Boarding Schools' Association stand, no. 26, Avenue 2 or at the This is Holt stand, no 248, Avenue 8. We look forward to seeing you there!

Marketing Department

## THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The much anticipated annual Prep School Sports Day is almost upon us. After the fantastic continued support from such wonderful parents we have decided to offer a few more exciting additions to the smooth running of the day. As the more seasoned parents are aware, many of you bring along a picnic to munch on throughout the day. This year we have decided to offer refreshments in the form of bacon rolls, hot dogs, small cakes, soft drinks, fruit smoothies and teas and coffees, all of which will be available for purchase straight after the Leavers' Chapel Service, to provide a smoother transition between both events. This will be situated by the athletics track near your parked cars and manned by our friendly, highly efficient PA team! Please come along for a much needed refreshment or cheery cup of coffee from 9.00am until we sell out.

## VISIT BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL

As you already know, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal will be visiting the Senior School on Saturday 1st July for Speech Day. If you would like your child(ren) to be involved in the welcoming of Her Royal Highness please complete the form on the following open link. The link will close on Saturday 24th June.

[Click here for direct access to the form](#)

## LEAVERS COLLECTION OF ARTWORK

Art folders of any child leaving the school, full of the work the pupils have created during their time at the Prep School, will be available to collect from the bottom of the Butterwick Centre stairs at the end of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 11 (the last week of term). Please take straight home and don't leave in the Crossways or Kenwyn. PLEASE DON'T TAKE YOUR WORK IF YOU ARE COMING BACK IN SEPTEMBER - it will remain on display.

Mrs Li-Rocchi





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## YEAR 6 GEOGRAPHY FIELD DAY

Year 6 at the Prep School spent Monday morning visiting the River Glaven, tracking its course from source to mouth. At the various destinations, they measured the width of the river, looked at the difference in depth across their transect and took readings of the flow rate too. On such a glorious day, the children thoroughly enjoyed getting into the river and putting their classroom learning into practice.



Recording data carefully near the source of the Glaven.



Making a field sketch of the upper course of the Glaven near Selbrigg Pond.



Everyone gets into the river to cool down and take a final set of results.



Time for one last field sketch near the mouth of the river at Cley.

## ART SCHOLARSHIP HOLIDAY PREP

Please see the attached document detailing holiday work for any Year 7 pupil interested in applying for the Art Scholarship to the senior school in Year 8. It's also good for anyone wanting an art project to focus on in the holidays. Enjoy getting creative!

Mrs Li-Rocchi

## YEAR 8 CHARITY FETE

On a very warm Monday afternoon this week, our Year 8 pupils rose to the challenge of raising over £1000 for Young Minds by hosting the annual summer fete. With 21 stalls and plenty of enthusiasm, plus your support between 5.00pm and 7.00pm, they did indeed raise a total of £1,027.69! This is added to the money raised by the staff plant sale, the Year 8 party funds and the evening of entertainment to make an overall total of £1270.15. Many thanks to everyone who supported these events.

K. Quick