



Prep Bulletin

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Dear Parents

The Christmas excitement has been warming us in this first week of December. The PA Christmas Fayre was an incredible success (I was quite possibly the happiest helper there – thank you so much to Jayne Welfare Smith and Rollo and Daisy Armstrong for allowing me to join the glittering fun!), many thanks to all organisers and stall holders and congratulations to the lucky raffle winners! Children in Years 3 and 4 had their Christmas parties on Tuesday afternoon and it was the turn of our pupils in Years 5 and 6 on Friday. The Senior Christmas Dinner takes place on Monday evening (10th December).



I have been delighted to hear of sporting successes to round off the rugby and hockey seasons this week – huge congratulations to the U13 and U8 boys for their unbeaten seasons, and an equal amount of praise to Mr Baird's U11 B team, who surged to their first victory on Wednesday – what a great finale! Thank you to all the staff who organised a fabulous U11 Quiz hockey tour and well-played to all of the girls.

Wednesday evening was a huge success – thanks to Garry's fantastic catering team, our pupils in Years 6 and 7 were treated to a wonderful pre-theatre supper (the delicious winning menu chosen by pupil vote was lasagne, salad and garlic bread, followed by gooey chocolate brownie and vanilla ice-cream). The performance of War Horse in the Auden Theatre with Sir Michael Mordugo was incredible – our children were entranced by the captivating story-telling. My huge thanks to all involved in this magical evening.

On Thursday and Friday nights it was the turn of our fantastically talented young actors in Years 7 and 8 to entertain. Miss Harvey and her dedicated team produced an adapted version of 'A Christmas Story' which blew the audience away with stellar performances, slick scene changes, professional lighting and sound and a set worthy of London's West End. Huge congratulations to the entire cast and to the talented back stage crew. Good luck for the final performance on Saturday afternoon.

New initiatives:

Star of the week

Each week, we will introduce a theme and members of staff will be looking out for pupils who are going the extra mile to be exemplary Greshamians. It seemed fitting after a thought-provoking talk about homelessness in our Chapel service from Mr Lowe and with the first point on our code listed as 'Be Kind', that the very first award was given for an act of extreme kindness towards someone living on the streets of Norwich. Well done to Evie Bowden for winning the first of these brand new awards. I have asked the pupils to consider how they might be really good friends to others during recreational times during the first week of next term as we look for 'playground champions' to name as stars of Week 1. The sparkly star badges will be awarded in assembly each Monday to pupils across the year groups, who will wear the badge of recognition until the next Monday.



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Extra time with Tutors

We will be making subtle changes to the school day from January to incorporate Tutor group time at the start of each weekday and on four afternoons after lessons. The allocation of lesson time will not be affected and the children will have a slightly longer morning break, (a request directly from our pupil survey and from staff suggestions). I will write in detail during the Christmas holidays to explain the new routine.

Final Week Arrangements

Monday – Music examinations, Year 3 & 4 (normal uniform) visit to the Sheringham Little Theatre Pantomime (Oh no, it isn't! Oh yes, it is!), Year 7 & 8 Christmas Dinner (full school uniform, collection: 9.30pm from Prep School Hall). **No activities.**

Tuesday – Christmas Jumper Day (festive attire) in aid of Save the Children, Final Assembly, Staggered pick-up – Years 3 & 4: 5.15pm, Years 5 & 6: 5.25pm, Years 7 & 8: 5.35pm. **No activities.**

Wednesday – Carol Service – please arrive early to secure a good seat (but not before 9.30am!). Term ends immediately after the Chapel Service, pupils whose parents are not attending will be brought back to school for collection at 11.30am.

Cathy Braithwaite



LENT TERM YEAR 6 AND 5 PRODUCTION

The Lent term play is Wind in the Willows the cast of which will be drawn from Year 6 and 5 pupils.

The Drama department expectation is that all pupils in Year 6 will take some part in the production, even if they prefer to contribute backstage in some capacity. Year 5 pupils may join the cast, if they would like to, and both year groups have been auditioned this week in their Drama lessons. Rehearsals will take place in the evenings next term with schedules published in advance. It promises to be an exciting production!

Samantha O'Leary

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parents' Association would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all those who made last Saturday's Christmas Fayre a huge success. Without the support of pupils, parents and Gresham's staff who made donations, bought raffle tickets, helped set up or run a stall, we could not do it. We raised £2,300 pounds from the event which will boost the Kitchen Cabin funds.

Congratulations to the talented winners of the "Jam Jar Competition": Anna Paynter and Nicholas King.



Some of you were lucky enough to purchase the water bottles at the Fayre, designed by budding artists Will Braithwaite and Alexander King. For those of you who missed out, don't despair, further supplies are available from the Prep School Office at £10 each.

BOARDING NEWS

CROSSWAYS AND KENWYN GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



Two happy elves spotted in a sweetie shop in Norwich



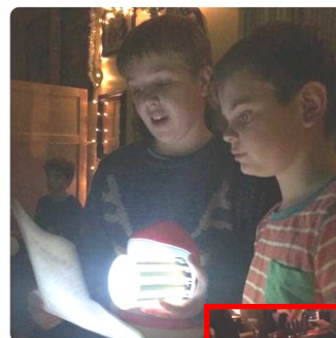
All presents wrapped and under the tree



Chopsticks at the ready for George and Deeran



The Kenwyn boarders were getting into the Christmas spirit with their dorm decorations and Christmas carols on Monday night – judged by former housemaster Mr Thomas who was delighted to be back on the boarding floor.



It was a table of 20 for the girls in Wagamamas



KFC was on the menu for Brandon, Raison, Sam and Jacky

A superb day on the streets of Norwich was had by all and frantic wrapping took place in the evening. Next Sunday is our boarders' parties and then it is time for home and a lovely family Christmas for all our amazing boarders.

Merry Christmas



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GIRLS' SPORT:

U13A & U11A Hockey Tour:

On Friday lunchtime, 20 girls piled into 2 minibuses with Mr Buckingham, Mrs Gill, Mrs Worrall and Mrs Horsley, and headed off on hockey tour. Their first destination was Bishop's Stortford College where both teams were on the winning side of close matches. After the matches, the teams headed for Cambridge and their hotel for a quick pit-stop before heading out for the evening. They all enjoyed a meal in a local restaurant before testing their bowling skills; well done to Mr Buckingham's team for their impressive winning performance! The following morning the teams headed for their second match of the tour against St Faith's. Whilst the U13's struggled against a very strong side, the U11's completed their tour unbeaten with a good 1-0 win. After the matches we walked into Cambridge to see a few sights and hit the shops for some Christmas shopping! The girls were a delightful group to take away and hopefully all enjoyed their tour experience.



Hockey fixtures:

The U9's were all in action against Wisbech Grammar and Glebe last Friday. The U9A team got their revenge for their only narrow loss this season by beating Wisbech 2-0 this time. The U9B's recorded a draw against Glebe House and a loss against Wisbech, and the U9C team won their final match 1-0. The U9's have had a fantastic term losing only 3 matches across the 3 teams all term. The U9A team will aim to convert their success in to more wins at Beeston Hall's annual tournament on Friday.

The U13's finished their season on Wednesday. Whilst the A team tested out their indoor skills at Langley Prep's tournament, the B, C and D teams took on Town Close. The B & C teams finished with good wins, whilst the D's played well for a 1-1 draw. The U13A's were a bit slow to get started in their indoor tournament, with 2 draws and a loss in their first 3 matches. However they closed things out in style winning their last 3 matches and consequently finishing as runners-up overall.

The U11's will finish their season on Saturday with tough final matches at home to Beeston.

Well done to all the girls on a great term of hockey. As always it has been so impressive to see the amount of progress made across all teams throughout the term.

Anna Horsley



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BOYS' SPORT:

On Friday the U9's played in a triangular: they drew with Wisbech and Norwich B and just lost to Norwich A (4-5). The U8's had two good wins against Norwich (7-2) and Wisbech (5-4). On Saturday the seniors played against RHS, Holbrook. The U13A and B teams both had convincing wins, the U12As lost to a big, strong side and the U12B team won an exciting and close encounter 25-20 to finish their season in style.

The last block fixture of the season was against Langley Prep. Over at Taverham, the U13A won a hard-fought game 40-5, and the U12A won 45-15. At home, the U11A team lost, but played well (4-6), as did the U10A's, but the U11/10B's finished the season with a very encouraging 6-3 victory.

Well done to all the boys who have represented the school this term; particularly well done, however to the U8's and the U13A's who both finished the season unbeaten. The U8's won 7 of their 9 matches and drew the other two, while the U13A team won all 14 of their matches, and also won all their games at the Framlingham Festival.

Simon Worrall



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