



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

7 May 2010

Dear Parents

As the grey skies of the Bank Holiday weekend turned to blue, the pupils have been busy 'Forest Schooling', playing outside and simply enjoying the wonderful grounds. The joys of childhood!

Highlights of the week include:

Mrs Lister's goal in the boarders and staff football match on Tuesday was worthy of a spot on 'Match of the Day' – I should know as I supplied the cross! Miss Chapman's wicket in her first over in the staff cricket match and Mrs Green's supply of birthday buns!

Many thanks to all those who contributed to Bag2School on Wednesday which I believe was very well supported.

PREP

Sophie and Scott Wigglesworth were the proud recipients of 'Radiators of the Week' for their involvement in last Sunday's Bluebell Walk. My thanks go to the Friends' Society and to the Wigglesworth family in particular who organised the event.

Canoeing appears to be as popular as ever with Miss Kirkham's expertise on the river and the children I have spoken to tell me 'it's brilliant'.

This week's musical assembly was Senior Chapel Choir performing a very challenging piece Gabriel Faure's Requiem 'In Paradisum', which just demonstrated how much hard work and practice goes into these assemblies. They performed superbly well and I know Mr Drew-Batty was very proud of them.

The latest arrivals to Year 3 & Chicken Club can be seen below. There are 7 chicks that hatched on Monday and are currently running round the brooder and 1 late arrival hatched Thursday afternoon.



YEAR 3 VISIT TO THE LOCAL SYNAGOGUE

Year 3 visited the synagogue in Norwich. The pupils were met by two volunteer lecturers, George and Sheila, who explained the 'how' and 'why' of synagogue worship. The children were able to look at the Torah scrolls, handle other religious artefacts and some had the opportunity to try on the tallith (prayer shawl) and kippah (skull cap). The photograph below shows Tilly Mann and Ezra Leverett wearing talliths and kippahs. All agreed it had been fun and they had learnt a great deal.



SPORT

Pride of place this week goes to Cameron Braans our South African gap student, who made 113 not out in his first cricket match for Old Buckenham. Well done Cameron.

It's been a busy week for the children and Mrs Steed takes up the story of the Under 11 girls...

The **U11A Rounders Team** are through to the next round of the IAPS rounders tournament after playing Orwell Park on Tuesday. We were first into bat and took a little while to get our eye in, leading to several players getting out at first post. However, our highest scorers: Annie Serruys, Hermione Buttery, Sophie Wigglesworth and Sophie Richardson helped us gain an 8-7 lead by the end of the first innings. Due to our strong fielding, we managed to get them all out by 27th ball. The 2nd innings saw our side batting much more successfully. Rosie Griggs, Annie, Sophie Wigglesworth and Hermione Buttery scored some great rounders. The score after the second innings was Taverham's 18 ½ to Orwell's 15 ½. Again we were much stronger in our fielding; helping to get some of their strongest batters out. Overall, a great win. Mrs Steed and Miss Chapman were very pleased with the girls' performance. Player of the match goes to Rosie for excellent leadership and decision making.

Cricket

On a slow wicket, Taverham 1st XI were inserted by Gresham's and found scoring relatively hard. James Spratt played well again until bowled for 1. Sam Hunt admitted finding the going tough, but worked hard for his 10 before being LBW. Robert Goldsmith scored fluently and was supported by Sam and Ben Quilter but after hitting another boundary, played one too many attacking shots to a good ball and was caught and bowled for 37. Georgie Michael held one end up, scoring 12 but was running out of partners as the tail failed to score and 95 all out was always going to be a difficult score to defend. The bowling was good with Ben (1-30) and Robert (2-20) showing good pace and accuracy. However naivety in the field, and three dropped catches allowed good batting from Gresham's to gradually creep up to the target. Georgie (0-15) and Sam (1-19) did their part with the ball too, but fielding practice is the major area to work upon next. Taverham 95 all out, Gresham's 96-4, therefore Taverham losing by 6 wickets.

The **Colts' A** enjoyed a tremendously tense encounter with Gresham's on a bright, clear afternoon. Put into bat Taverham found it hard to cope with a typically early season slow wicket and without the efforts of Freddie Mann who batted 25 overs for 29 and Kieran Peters (13) we'd have really struggled to make 50. As it was we reached a below par 77 for 8, not helped by some indecisive running between the wickets. In fairness we then made Gresham's battle all the way for their narrow victory. Sterling efforts by Kieran, who bowled 8.4 overs, 4 maidens and took two wickets for 20 runs and Rob Baker, who showed tremendous discipline to bowl five overs for only nine runs restricted Gresham's run rate. Furthermore, captain, James Robb, bowled 9 overs, 2 maidens, and took 3 wickets for 23 runs and made some tremendous saves in the field, as did Jack van Poortvliet who also took a wicket. Special mentions should also go to Ben Hall who made several brave stops and Charlie Sizer, on making his Colts' A debut as wicket keeper. In the end Gresham's required 4 off the last over having lost 6 wickets and Kieran bowled four dot balls before the penultimate ball was struck away for the winnings runs. A great game but we were left ultimately to rue our lack of runs.

After winning the toss George Clements from the **Colts B** decided to put Gresham's into bat. Last week against Wisbech we gave far too many extras away, but this week the boys were far more effective and accurate with their bowling. Harry Darley and Ben Davis opened the bowling and kept the hosts scoring rate down. Although Gresham's did manage to score runs, the boys stuck at their task well and eventually took seven wickets in Gresham's overs. Edward Clough deserves a mention for his bowling and particular his two wickets in one over. Although we never looked like catching Gresham's total, thanks to a great opening partnership from George and Harry we never looked in any danger either. Although we lost 6 wickets the team batted out a draw and George deserves special praise for batting the entire innings. A much more positive performance, well done boys.

The U9 A's showed great spirit in a hard fought battle against a strong Gresham's side. Taverham batted first after losing the toss. Gresham's bowlers were on target more often than not and the fielding was well organised and alert. This did not deter Taverham's batting pairs who called clearly and ran confidently between the stumps to build their score. Finding the boundary was difficult and in fact only achieved once (a wonderful shot by man of the match Felix Heywood). In the 20 overs bowled, Taverham ended with a score of 219 having lost ten wickets in total. Gresham's opened the second period of batting confidently knowing Taverham had their work cut out to keep the scoring down. Mikey Keith and Harry Williamson both showed the way forward taking a wicket a piece against the opening pair. Next Ryan Green and Felix took three wickets between them to end a period of bowling totalling eight overs and Gresham's only adding to their total at this stage by one run having used four of their batsmen. As the match moved on Gresham's strength in depth as a batting side became evident and in total they found the boundary an impressive fourteen times during the match. The match ended Gresham's 262, Taverham 219. Congratulations to all U9 A's for your spirit and very visible improvement since last week's fixture and remember "BPP all the way"!

Rounders again....

The **U13 Rounders Team** faced some big hits from the Gresham's side, but bouts of excellent fielding gave us a boost and helped keep their score under some control. Fast moves and quick accurate throws by Hollie Milton, as well as good solid fielding from Katy Larter prevented some confident opposition players reaching second post to score. Excellent catches taken by both Charlotte Caswell and Hollie disposed of 5 batters during the afternoon. Running when the hit was not powerful enough and not running when there was a definite opportunity, meant we lost potential scorers quite quickly and struggled to reach our final score of 8. Gresham's were safe victors but a lot of our fielding should be complimented.

The **U11 A Rounders** team played away to Gresham's this Wednesday afternoon. We lost the toss and batted first, Annie Serruys and Hermione Buttery started off the scoring with some wonderful hits over 4th post to score some full rounders. Chiara Bettoni was also on form hitting some great balls over second post to score some full rounders in the first innings. At the end of batting we had scored 10 rounders. Our fielding was fabulous, the girls were on the ball and worked incredibly well as a team, backing each other up constantly. Gresham's were all out before the 40 balls were bowled which was excellent. At the end of the first innings the score was 10 rounders to Gresham's 8. In the

second innings our batting was still good but Gresham's did get a majority of the team out at first post, but we still made some good decisions and scored quite a few half rounders and full rounders in the innings. At the end of batting we had scored a further 8 rounders. Gresham's were very strong when they came in to bat, determined that they were going to win. Our fielding was not quite so tight and Gresham's managed to sneak a further 10 1/2 rounders to make them the victors, but it was an incredibly close match. Well done today girls, Mrs Steed was very proud of the way you played. Player of the Match was Annie for some great fielding and batting and a special mention to Chiara who scored some great rounders.

The **U11 B Rounders Team** competed in an enjoyable match to watch and play in. The teams were well matched and it proved to be a close game. The girls played well as a team, gaining some clever half rounders at 2nd post which helped boost their score and with Jemma Crossley and Amelia Ellis-Baumber scoring some well placed rounders. The team's real strength, as was also commented on by Gresham's umpire, was their tactics and clever fielding. Pippa Crabtree and Izzy Hall worked solidly in their deep positions. Their tight fielding meant that Gresham's only managed to score 3 rounders in their second innings. A good performance, which led to Taverham winning 15-11. The team showed that they have improved greatly since their last game. Player of the match, as voted by the team, goes to Jemma for her excellent hitting. A photo of the successful team can be seen below:



This was the first rounders match of the term for this very young **U9 rounders team**. Although they didn't win the team showed great improvement during the course of the match in both their fielding and their batting. Despite only a very limited number of practices they played together as a team and all tried their best with rounders scored by Madeleine Clements, Evie Andrews, and Tilly Mann and one by Molly Crabtree off the last ball of the match. A special mention must also go to Madeleine as the highest scorer and Ellie Serruys for her very consistent bowling. A very positive start to the season, well played everyone.

PRE-PREP

Reception children have been carrying on with their teddy bear theme. The highlight of the week was when they made beds out of cereal boxes for their teddies. Some splendid beds were constructed; there was even a four poster! The children also talked about the different teddies in stories and we welcomed Paddington, Winnie the Pooh and Rupert to the class. Finally the children acted the story of Goldilocks.

Year 1 children had a fantastic forest school session this week making delicious 'muddy' pies and swinging on ropes. They looked very closely at our wonderful bluebells and have all completed careful drawings of them. On their return Year 1 planted beans and took their 'cress heads' home for tea!

In Humanities this term Year 2 children are focusing on a contrasting locality abroad. They are finding out about the Mexican village of Tocuaro and have begun by looking at world maps, continents and oceans and thinking about how they would travel to Mexico. They are looking forward to making and tasting different Mexican foods and creating Mexican/Aztec style masks.

A new After School club on Fridays – for cookery, is proving very popular. Last week the children made fruit crumbles and this week they are trying their hand at biscuits.

NURSERY

The Nursery children are certainly enjoying the summer term so far. The younger children have been involved in pirate activities, making swords and walking around with patches over their eyes. Great fun!

Tadpoles and stick insects are available for children to study in the older class - we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of caterpillars which will turn into butterflies before our eyes.

If you walk behind our building you will also see vegetables growing steadily – let's hope we can supplement the lunch at some point.

GENERAL

For Wednesday's, WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH please ensure the girls from the Prep School are wearing their white shirt with tie.

As the weather gets warmer it is important that pupils come to school with a THS school cap and sun-cream lotion.

Bottles of water are permitted in school but please ensure they have a tightly fitting lid and that no glass bottles are permitted.

Snacks should not be chocolate bars or crisps and please ensure no nut products come into school due to the fact that severe allergies can be triggered as a result.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Debby Besford who judged the Headmaster's Photography Competition, has kindly offered to provide a photography workshop to parents and staff at the school.

Start date:	Monday 7 June
Finish date:	Thursday 8 July

Details:	The course would last for five weeks and sessions approximately 2 ½ hours long. The actual timing of the workshop (ie am or pm) would depend on interest. Please contact Mrs Wendy Stamp for further details and to register your interest.
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SUMMER BALL – FRIDAY 2 JULY

Tables are getting booked up for our Summer Ball however there are still some available so please contact the school office to reserve your place to make sure you don't miss out.

For those parents who would like to come but are unable to get a table of 10 together please leave your details at the school office and we will put you in touch with others who also have a table of less than 10 but really would like to come. Prep school pupils may leave at normal time or 15:05 that day.

There will be some great prizes for our auction and raffle.

The menu is organised by **Eatwell Caterers** who have been in operation for over 40 years:

Smoked Salmon Parcels filled with Avocado Mousse OR
Trio of Melon with Raspberry Coulis

Grilled Chicken Supreme on Braised Pearl Barley and Leeks OR
Mille Feuille Asparagus with Béarnaise Sauce

Tart au Citron OR
Strawberry Pavlova

Feel free to check out their website

<http://www.eat-well.com/Eat-well%20Catering/Welcome.html>

If you then click on

<http://www.eat-well.com/Eat-Well%20Catering/St.%20Giles%20Rooms.html>

it will give you more information about their new establishment "St Giles Rooms".

May I take the opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful weekend.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

Dates for your Diary

12 May	Wed		Whole School Photograph
14 May	Fri	0900	Whole School Open Morning
18 May	Fri	1500	Prep School Sports Day – Parents Welcome!
24 May	Mon	1700	Book Fair and Talk to Parents by Marilyn Brocklehurst from Norfolk Children’s Book Centre
24- 27 May		1535	Pre-Prep Parent Consultations
25 May	Tue	1830	Parent Information Evening – Y6-7 Naples Trip
28 May	Fri	1415	Pre-Prep Sports Day
28 May	Fri	1500	Friends’ Fete
29 May – 7 Jun			HALF TERM