



24 September 2010

Dear Parents

The results of the Headmaster's Photography Competition can be seen below. The standard was, once again, very high indeed and on this occasion it was judged by Mr Ross. The winners will all have their efforts framed and placed alongside winners from previous years on the walls of the Outer Hall. Well done and thank you to all who entered.

Senior

Abroad	Rosie Griggs – the Canadian Skookumchuk Rapids
Norfolk Nature	Edward Clough – Polished Boat
Summer in the City	Kieran Peters – London old and new

Junior – Not enough entries in each category so judged together

Winner	Maya Conway – the flower of the pond
Runner Up	Tegan Payne – moonlight on the harbour

Parent - No Category

Winner	Leon Cole – On Tap
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Best Runner Up - From All Age Groups and Categories

Isobel Hall – Fiery Sunset

Prep School Magazine, a copy of which can be found in the Outer Hall, has an excellent article on Taverham Hall School where our outdoor learning is recognised as being of huge benefit to pupils of all ages. It is well worth a read if you have five minutes.

Jeans for Genes Day will take place on Friday 1 Oct 10. Pupils from all areas of the school (Prep, Pre-Prep and Nursery) and staff are invited to wear their jeans into school. For this privilege we ask that you pay £1.00 which will be donated to the Jeans for Genes Day appeal. Pupils will discuss this in PSHE on Tuesday. For further information about this charity and their work please click on the link <http://www.jeansforgenes.com/>

PREP

We welcomed local MP Keith Simpson into the school on Thursday. He brought along his son George who had been a pupil at the school some years ago and much to Mr Newton's delight, George informed the pupils his favourite subject was History! Mr Simpson conducted a question and answer session with the children in Years 7 & 8 after speaking to the entire school during assembly. We all learnt a great deal and I personally thought the questions posed by the pupils were very well thought out indeed.

Friday's National Languages Day organised by Miss Menegaz was a huge success. A big thank you to Mrs Serruys, Mrs Clark, Mrs Walker, Mr & Mrs Pengilley, Mrs Crossley and the gap students, who all (despite the English sounding surnames!) provided some fantastic workshops conducted in Cuban, Thai, Dutch, Australian, Mexican, and Ukranian. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came away with a great deal of new information and knowledge.

Miss Menegaz signed off in style and now leaves us for her maternity leave. I know the whole community joins me in wishing her every happiness in the exciting weeks and months ahead. I will obviously keep everyone informed and we look forward to seeing her with the little one very soon.

Visiting Music Tutors' Evening

Parents are invited to sign up for an appointment to meet with instrumental and vocal teachers on **Monday 27 September**. 'Sign Up' sheets are posted on the large white board inside the Music School. Existing music pupils have been given a letter about this event but it is hoped that any parents wishing to find out more about extra music tuition will attend. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your child's music tutor. The evening runs **from 1700** in Inner Hall and Drawing Room. We look forward to seeing you.

Match Results

Due to the sheer volume of detail in the match reports these will be posted in full on the website.

To summarise; the Under 9 and Under 11 Colts A rugby sides had terrific wins across at Gresham's where newcomers Saxon Earley, Matthew Austin and youngsters Josh Burton, Robert Baker, George Clements, Harry Darley and Yuri Konstantinidis all shone in magnificent team efforts. We had a loss at Colts 'B' level and some slightly disappointing early season hockey results at Beeston where the girls seemed a little overwhelmed and certainly not up to their usual standard across the board. Sophie Rose, a newcomer in goal had a fine debut and the goalkeepers in general all played well and were kept busy!

For a full report of all this week's matches please look at the website under News Pages – Sporting Moments.

Under 13 Girls' Hockey v Beeston (a)	L	0 – 6
Under 12 Girls' Hockey v Beeston (a)	L	0 – 6
Under 11 Girls' Hockey v Beeston (a)	L	0 - 5
Under 11A Boys' Rugby v Gresham's (a)	W	12 – 7
Under 11B Boys' Rugby v Gresham's (a)	L	0- 20
Under 9 A Boys' Rugby v Gresham's (a)	W	18 – 0

There are a number of additional fixtures which will be advertised on the whiteboard next to the Music Block, or whiteboards in Pre-Prep and the Nursery, placed on the website and delivered to the pupils through their notices in tutor time.

Boarding

BOOK YOUR BED FOR THESE NIGHTS!!!

Wed 29 Sep	Cookery Night – Build a Pizza from scratch
Tue 5 Oct	Hawaiian Pool Party
Tue 12 Oct	Tragedy Tuesday
Wed 13 Oct	Cookery Night – Freezer Night – Brrrrrrrrr!!
Mon 1 Nov	Pumpkin Night – Create your pumpkin over half term

Check the notice board near surgery for more details about the events. Book your child's bed early with the Matrons to avoid disappointment.

PRE-PREP

Year 2 have really enjoyed starting forest school sessions again. Last week they worked in four teams to create little dens for 'elves'. The children had great fun designing all sorts of features for their homes using sticks, ferns and bracken; they also found blackberries for their food. A

wide variety of other forest 'finds' were used to create household features such as tables, chairs and even a toilet! This week the children again worked in teams to make circular patterns on the forest floor using a selection of leaves and forest 'finds' to create some beautiful varied and coloured creations. This was super fun and great for developing team building skills.

Year 1 have been doing a lot of art work this week. They have been observing sunflowers and have carefully drawn and coloured some amazing pictures. They are also preparing work to go on display as part of their transport topic, the theme of which is wheels. They have been investigating a variety of circular patterns and looking at their favourite forms of transport and reproducing them.

Reception children have been learning all about Autumn. They have been exploring in the woods and have collected items that show us that it is Autumn. The highlight was finding lots of horse chestnuts and running down the big hill! Continuing the Autumn theme the children made some brilliant apple and leaf prints.

This week ended with our Harvest Festival which was attended by many parents and friends. Once again we were overwhelmed by the generosity of parents as children struggled into the hall carrying overflowing baskets of produce! We welcomed Rev Paul Seabrook from Taverham Parish church, who took the service and Major McBride from the Salvation Army who accepted the produce and told the children where it would be going. Year 2 children said a poem and read prayers that they had written themselves. This was a very joyful occasion for all present and certainly one of the best yet.

OTHER NEWS

Christmas Card Competition

A chance to have your own design printed on a card! The winner will have their design printed as the school card this year. Cards will be on display and ready for collection at the Christmas Fair and the winning design can be ordered in extra packs.

To Enter:

- Draw the design onto A4 paper
- Use brightly coloured pens, paint or a collage of pieces
- Write your name and form clearly on the back of the paper
- Place your paper in the tray outside the art room door
- **CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER**

Bag2School Appeal from the Friends' Society

The Friends of Taverham Hall are, once again, collecting for charity adults and children's clothing, bedding, shoes, belts and handbags. All items are for RE-USE. We are paid according to weight and last year raised hundreds of pounds for our children's benefit from Bag2School so it is well worthwhile you having a good sort out at home.

Our next collection is on **12 October 2010**. If you have not already done so, please start having a sort through now for the October collection. This is a great opportunity to get rid of all those clothes that the family have grown out of, or that will not make another winter. Shoes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts and handbags can also be donated, but no bric-a-brac, mats, pillows or duvets please. We will send out a reminder with a bag next week but any sort of bag is acceptable.

Boden Party

It was good to see so many parents joining us for the Boden Party which took place last Tuesday evening in the Main Hall and Drawing Room. Many items of clothing were on display for everyone to try out and order. Our thanks go to one of our parents in particular, Mrs Lisa Billig, for instigating and assisting with the organisation of this very enjoyable event and also to Mrs Crossley for her input. Both Mrs Crossley and Mrs Billig were still here at 2230 helping to tidy up and we are extremely grateful for their input and watch out for my new green jumper! The school hopes to host another Boden Party during the Spring/Summer Term next year.

On a final note, I will be out of school at the IAPS Heads' Annual Conference on Monday and Tuesday of next week and in the meantime I hope you have a relaxing weekend with your children.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

Dates for you Diary

Monday	27 Sep	1700	Visiting Music Staff – Open Evening – Inner Hall. All Parents Welcome
Tuesday	28 Sep	1900	Pre-Prep Parent Information Evening for Nursery Parents – Drawing Room
Wednesday	29 Sep	1430	Rugby 1 st v Norwich (a) at Beeston Hyrne
		1430	Colts A v St Felix (h)
		1430	U9 Boys A v Beeston (a)
		1430	U9 Boys B v Riddlesworth (a)
		1430	U13, U11 & U9 girls v Riddlesworth (a)
Friday	01 Oct	All Day	Whole School Jeans for Genes Day No school uniform.
Wednesday	06 Oct	All Day	Choir Trip to Sister Act London
	06 Oct		U9 Girls Brandeston Tournament (a)
Friday	08 Oct	AM	Open Morning