

11 November 2011



Dear Parents

This week has flown by. Scholarship assessments went extremely well and my thanks go to the staff and pupils who made so many children feel very welcome this week.

As is customary at the school the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month was marked with a formal occasion in the Inner Hall. This was preceded by an explanation of the importance of such an occasion.

This week's Radiators of the Week have a sporting slant. They go to Annie for her determination to give her all, despite an injury and Harry for his offer to help the opposition out following a double injury to two of their players in Wednesday's Rugby match. Well done Annie and Harry.

I happened to be quietly listening in on the latest rehearsal of 'Romeo and Juliet' this week and have also heard wonderful reports on the Pre-Prep production. I hope parents will respond quickly to ticket requests as, with increased numbers in the school, it may well be that, despite three performances, places will be in short supply

Well done to Charlie, who is waiting to hear whether he has been awarded a role in the London Children's Ballet production of 'A Little Princess' in the West End in April. Whilst he was auditioning Charlie was invited to audition for the Royal Ballet School Junior class.

Sport

Congratulations to Jack, Ryan and James, who were all selected for the Midlands Prep School Barbarian Squad following a gruelling trial at Oakham School last Sunday. To have three pupils selected out of a total field of over 100 other children is a fabulous achievement and my thanks go to Mr Worrall, their coach and Mr Martin who spent his Sunday at Oakham coordinating and assisting with the organisation of the event itself. As ever not everyone was successful and our commiserations go to Charlie and Tom who played extremely well but did not make their respective squads on this occasion.

Congratulations go to Hannah, who at a recent club swimming event in Sheffield, broke the club record for the 50m freestyle which has resulted in selection for the County squad. In addition Hannah also broke the 400m Freestyle record. Callum was presented with his medal for 1st place in a local tennis competition. It is always lovely to hear about children's success outside school and both of the above pupils were presented with their respective medals in assembly this week.

This week's sporting triumphs were the girls' swimming team, who gave a fabulous performance in their victory over Hethersett Old Hall on Thursday. In addition the Under 11 B side, skippered superbly by Stephen, recorded a super win over Riddlesworth Hall's 'A' team! I refereed the match and despite struggling to keep up on occasions (!!) it was lovely to witness some excellent rugby.

Reports on all fixtures can be found on the website as usual.

Girls

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/girls-sport/>

Boys

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/boys-sport/>

More Sport

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/more-sport/>

Pre Prep

All the Pre-Prep children are very excited as they have begun practising for their Christmas play.

Reception children have been discussing hibernation and in Forest School they made clay hedgehogs and houses for the hedgehogs out of leaves and twigs. Some children chose to construct dens for themselves. Reception children have also had their first swimming session. There was huge excitement as everyone was very keen to get in the pool and get started!

Year 1 are writing and illustrating their 'Dear Zoo' books and they are having great fun thinking of describing words to explain why they needed to return their animals to the zoo. In science they have been looking at the differences between living and non-living and finding examples of both.

This week Year 2 children have begun working on two new projects. In science they have started learning about 'food, health and growth' and have enjoyed baking three different types of bread and taking a slice home each night to eat for homework! They have also begun work on 'The Great Fire of London' and are creating a 3D model representation of the disaster.

Nursery

This week Nursery 2 children have been exploring the Arctic, looking at all the different animals that live in this climate, building igloos and exploring their way of life. The children went on a reindeer hunt, searching for tracks in the woods, used fishing rods to catch supper and made animal biscuits.

With the addition of a new fish tank and 2 goldfish to their room, children in Nursery 1 have been looking at 'Fish'. They have enjoyed exploring different textures and colours whilst making their own rainbow fish, starfish and crabs for a lovely, underwater display.

Anti-Bullying Week

To acknowledge anti-bullying week (14th - 18th November) at Taverham Hall School teachers will be using their PSHE sessions for the next couple of weeks to discuss bullying - what it is, how to respond/react and why people bully - to help our pupils develop a better understanding and awareness of bullying. This year's focus is verbal bullying (including text messaging, MSN, Facebook etc.) and the slogan is '*Stop and think – words can hurt*'. All children in the Prep School will receive a 'handy reference guide' of which a copy will be available on our website in the password protected Parent/Teacher section.

In addition, parents might like to be aware of '**Block'em**', a new phone App developed by Helen Perry. As a mum of three children she felt that young people need something to help protect them and, until now, there was nothing on the market. 'Block'em' is the App that lets you block unwanted calls and text messages. Please visit www.blockem.co.uk to download your FREE App – free for one week only.

On Monday 28th November we will be hosting a **Christmas Coffee Morning** for parents in the Outer Hall. This will be the opportunity for parents to collect Nursery Tea-Towels, Pre-Prep Eco-Shoppers and Prep-School Christmas cards, as well as the opportunity to purchase some lovely cakes made by Lisa Green. In addition, new school mugs and note pads will be on sale and Usborne Books and Phoenix Cards will be offering a range of books and cards in time for Christmas.

In addition, please make a note in your diaries for our forthcoming **Family Christmas party on Sunday 4 December**. After last year's success we will be running this event again and a booking form with full details will follow next week.

Thank you for responding so positively to my request for increased caution in the car park. If we could just avoid driving against the flow on the main drive I could almost relax with respect to car and pedestrian safety!

I will not be in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week as I am inspecting in Berkshire – Mr Worrall will be deputising in my absence and I suspect Mrs Golden will be making the most of the peace and quiet.

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing weekend.



Mike Crossley
Headmaster

Calendar

Further advance dates can always be found on the school website here:

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/calendar/>

Mon	14/11/2011		Music Exams at King of Hearts
Tue	15/11/2011	08:30	Circuits (Parents)
	15/11/2011		Y4 Fakenham Race Course for Maths and Art Day
Wed	16/11/2011	14:30	Girls U13A and U11A v Orwell (A)
	16/11/2011	14:30	Girls U13B, U11B v Glebe (H)
	16/11/2011	14:30	Colts A v Glebe (H) (U10s)
	16/11/2011	14:30	Boys U9 v Glebe (H)
Thu	17/11/2011	07:30	Parents Bacon Butty Breakfast Morning
	17/11/2011	08:30	Circuits (Parents)
Fri	18/11/2011	08:30	Assembly with Rev Seabrook
	18/11/2011	14:15	Girls U9s v Norwich (H) (Indoor) Cancelled
	18/11/2011	14:30	Colts A and Colts B v Norwich (H)
	18/11/2011	14:45	U11A and U11B v Norwich (A)
Mon	21/11/2011		Year 7 & 8 Exams
Tu	22/11/2011		Year 7 & 8 Exams
	22/11/2011	08:30	Circuits (Parents)
	22/11/2011	17:00	Year 5 Parents' Evening
Wed	23/11/2011		Year 7 & 8 Exams
	23/11/2011	14:30	Girls U13A & U13B v St Felix (A)
	23/11/2011	14:30	Girls U11A Indoor Tournament (H)
	23/11/2011	14:30	Girls mixed age team Henstead Away (changed from Home)
	23/11/2011	14:30	1st XV, Boys U9s A & B v Beeston (H)
	23/11/2011	14:30	Colts A & B v Beeston (A)
Thu	24/11/2011		Year 7 & 8 Exams
	24/11/2011	08:30	Circuits (Parents)
Fri	25/11/2011		Senior Choir Fishmonger's Hall
	25/11/2011	14:30	Girls U11A Norwich High at UEA (A) CANCELLED
	25/11/2011	14:30	U11 B v Norwich High (UEA)
	25/11/2011	15:00	U13A and U13B Girls v Wymondham (A) CANCELLED
	25/11/2011	18:00	Friends AGM and Quiz and Chips