



GUILDFORD
HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Summer Newsletter 2019



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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



It has been another memorable year in the Junior School. There is so much to celebrate from a year of wonderful events, successes and unforgettable performances. The girls have worked so hard and fully deserve their summer break!

The Year 6 girls produced some stunning National Curriculum Test results this summer, breaking all records for us; indeed, I believe no school in the entire country has ever achieved such high scores! We are so proud of the girls and all their hard work; they have been a fabulous year group and we will watch their progress with great joy in the Senior School.

There have been some amazing highlights this term. The Year 5 production of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' was a triumph and the term was rounded off with a fabulous Year 6 production of 'Wind in the Willows'. There have been many sporting triumphs with the two Sports Days seeing some memorable performances. As ever, Music has been central to school life with numerous concerts over the term. The Words and Music on a Summer's Afternoon Concert was a tribute to the wonderful Mrs Karen Nanson who is retiring at the end of term. The Art Exhibition showcased the stunning creative talents of the girls. Enjoy reading all about these and many other events in this newsletter.

At the end of term, we have talked to the girls about the importance of being mindful over the holidays, encouraging them to take time to appreciate all the places, people and activities they undertake or meet. The summer break is a fantastic opportunity to slow down and appreciate all the wonderful experiences we have each day, being in the moment and taking it all in. I hope you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 4 September.

Mr Mike Gibb



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Mrs Karen Nanson is retiring at the end of this term after 19 successful years at GHS. She has transformed Sport and PE in the Junior School into a successful and thriving area of the school. We have consistently been in the top eight schools in the country at Netball, win national titles for Swimming, Gymnastics and Athletics and helped numerous girls to achieve at a high standard in a range of sports. At the same time, she has extended the provision of Sport and PE for all girls in the school, regardless of their abilities. She has been endlessly enthusiastic, committed and, above all, a caring teacher who has touched the lives of thousands of children. Thank you, Mrs Karen Nanson – you are a very special lady.

Miss Jemima Drayton is leaving to take up a leadership position at St Christopher's School in Epsom. She started at GHS as a Teaching Assistant before being in the first cohort of United Teaching graduates. Since qualifying as a teacher, she has worked in Year 2 and Reception. She has been an outstanding teacher and will be greatly missed by us all.

Miss Henrietta Henry is moving to Australia! We wish her all the best in her new adventure down under and thank her so much for all she has done for the school both as a Year 3 Form Teacher and a Maths specialist. G'day and good luck Miss Henrietta Henry!

Mr Ben Baldwin is leaving us after seven years to begin his teacher training to become a PE teacher. He has been a huge asset to GHS, working across the Junior and Senior School, from opening car doors in the morning to DofE expeditions all over the country. We wish him well with his training and as an expectant father!

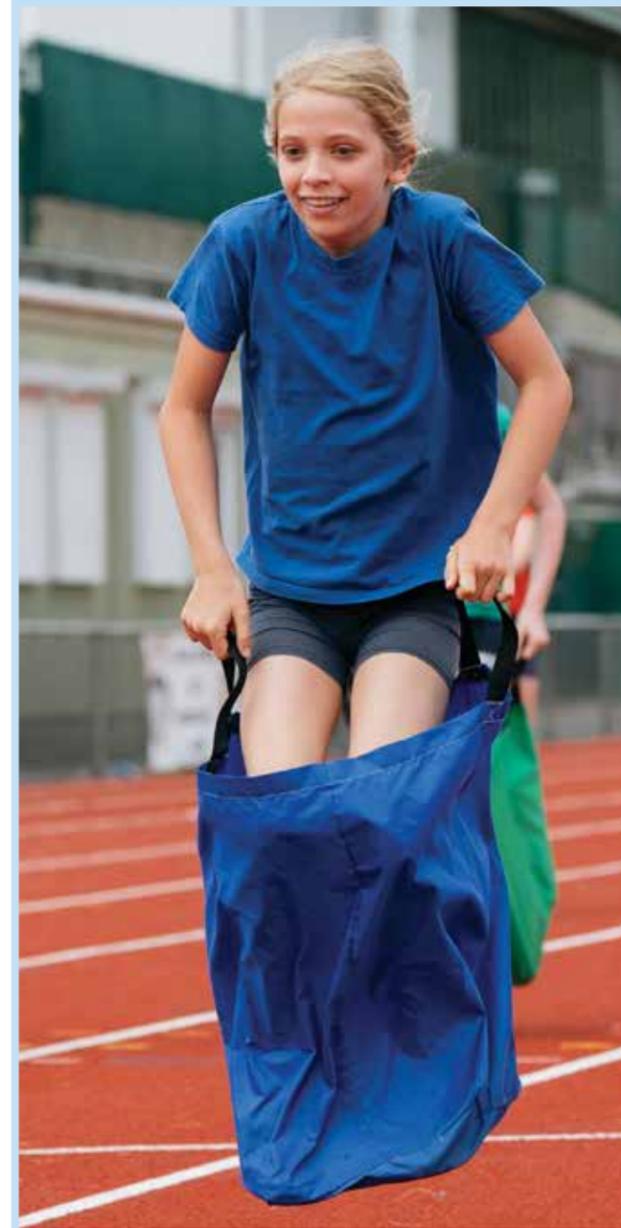
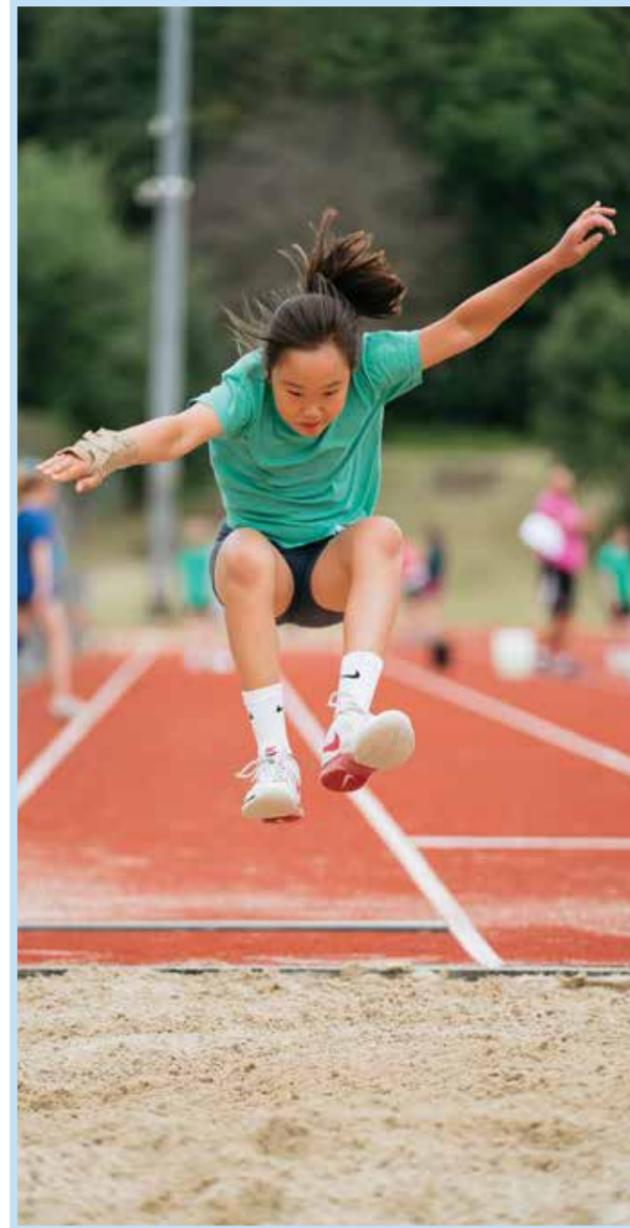
Mr Mike Gibb



PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY 2019



KS2 SPORTS DAY 2019



YEARS 2 - 6 PIANO CONCERT

A plethora of pianists; a myriad of composers, a tinkling of notes. What a brilliant way to end a busy week, listening to 52 talented girls, half of whom were taking part in their first Piano Concert. The excitement in the hall was tangible, as was the warmth of the very supportive audience who applauded warmly after each piece. Thank you, girls, for such an inspiring concert.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



RESOUNDING RECORDER CONCERT

Not a squeak in earshot as 46 girls performed in a Recorder Concert, tootling wonderful melodies and showing off their skills of reading musical notation. The audience were treated to the girls' favourite pieces and with descants and trebles combined, our fabulous recorders' from the Spring Concert once again delighted us all with their Viennese Whirl, concluding a wonderful concert.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



YEAR 3 INDIAN DHOL DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Dhol drumming is a style of music called Bhangra which comes from the Punjab. It is a large colourful barrel shaped wooden drum with a bass and a treble side. We used four rhythms to help us play the right beats - *Tilhi Tilhi stop*, *Dagga Dog*, *Play this in Punjab* and *Bhangra Bhangra Dhol*. We also learnt to tune the drums by pulling two metal hoops on them. It was very loud and great fun!

Anna & Evelyn, 3H



YEAR 4 AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Playing the djembe drums was so much fun and very loud! We really enjoyed learning the different rhythm patterns and finding out how to play the three sounds. We all had the chance to perform a solo rhythm whilst everyone else played the *Let's play Djembe* rhythm. Towards the end of the workshop, Lexi had the chance to combine the Dun-dun drum along with the piercing cowbell – two rhythm patterns at the same time!

Class 4C



YEAR 5 STEEL PAN WORKSHOP

Red calypso, blue calypso...the fun had begun! We learnt the secrets of the 'cello pan, the guitar pan, the bass pan, the second pan and the lead pan and realised that life in the Caribbean islands was just one big Samba! Add to all that, our rhythm section, the Maracas, it was all fandabulous! We clearly had the Trinidad and Tobago vibes. We certainly were feeling 'hot, hot, hot' as we sang along in our Caribbean band.

Class 5S



YEAR 6 GAMELAN WORKSHOP

Year 6 were treated to a fabulous Gamelan Workshop. We had to take off our shoes and remember not to step over the instruments as a sign of respect. Our instructor, Mike, told us that the instruments only had five notes from the pentatonic scale. Putting the whole piece together required a lot of concentration but it was an amazing sound and we all thoroughly enjoyed our experience of playing the Gamelan.

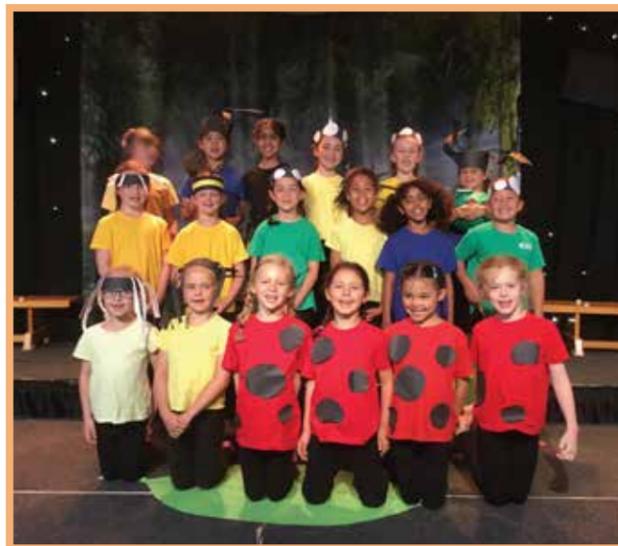
Anna, 6S



A CREEP-TASTIC PRODUCTION FROM YEAR 2

Year 2 performed a musical, telling the story of Lucy Ladybird and her 'not so creepy' bug friends. It was a brilliant afternoon with lots of musical numbers to tango along to. We all had a fabulous time making our headbands and props ready for the show and rehearsing in secret at school so that no information was announced to the parents! We shooobie-doo wish that we could perform it again!

Class 2L



BRASS AND PERCUSSION CONCERT

Years 3 – 6 played superbly at the Brass and Percussion Concert. With everything from Cornets, Trumpets to Trombones and French Horns, our fabulous Brass Ensemble, under Mr Laphorn's, treated us to glorious hits from shows and past times. Our Djuniour Djembe drummers made our toes tap, whilst not forgetting the enjoyment given to the audience whom the ensemble entertained.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



WORDS AND MUSIC ON A SUMMER'S AFTERNOON

What better way to celebrate the retirement of a much-loved Head of Junior School PE than to have a sport-themed final concert of the academic year! The LAMDA girls treated us to stunning sporty poetry and the ensembles rose to the challenge of some very difficult music. With pop classics for Boxing and Formula 1, to Match of the Day and Wimbledon; a variety of songs were performed all culminating in a re-worded Roy Castle special – 'Dedication'.

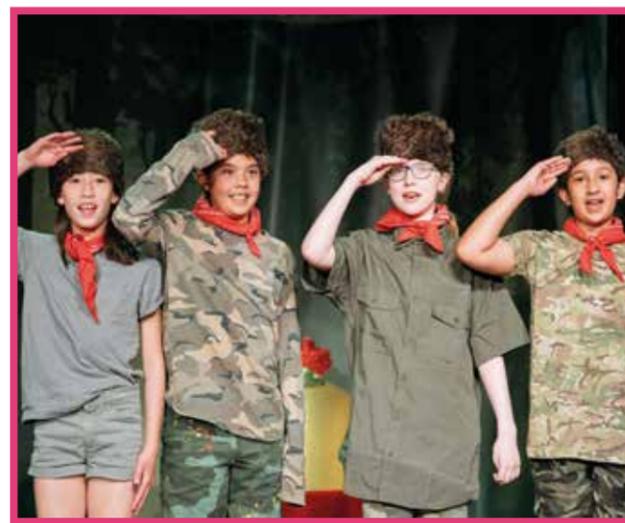
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'ROBIN HOOD AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES'

Year 5 strode proudly onto the stage and introduced our play with a spectacular song and dance number. The courageous gang of Hoodies fought to defeat the evils and defend Sherwood Forest. The comedy of our play was brought to life by Gabbit and Bolt, the pair of hilarious nickers. The highlight was the Sheriff getting unexpectedly squished unleashing laughter from the audience. King John was shot by an arrow in his bottom, also causing the audience to go into peals of laughter. A cracking performance.

Adele, Jaya, Mahtaab & Jade, 5J



'WIND IN THE WILLOWS'

As the lights dimmed, a buzz of excitement spread around the hall. 'Quack' went the ducks as they sang their merry tune, whilst the Wild Wooders sent shivers down the necks of the audience. Crazy Toad went off down the road whistling, whilst Ratty, Badger and Mole showed true friendship and determination. The audience laughed, applauded and cheered. We had so much fun re-telling this wonderful adaptation of the famous story with so many adventures and escapades, just like we have had throughout our years in the Junior School. What a brilliant way to end Year 6!

Class 6S



RECEPTION VISIT TO PAINSHILL PARK

First we made headbands and collected wild flowers to decorate them with. Adam, our guide, was very funny. He said a rock was a potato and then he said it was a pancake! After lunch, we went on an adventure to find Winnie the Pooh and all the other characters. We finally found him up a tree. He was sleeping because he had eaten too much honey! We had a fantastic time at Painshill Park.

Class RD



RECEPTION VISIT TO FISHERS FARM

Reception went on a fun trip to Fishers Farm. From horses, to pigs and even a tortoise – we saw lots of animals. We saw chickens running around, so we think they had escaped! One horse was called Pinky; he was very small and we stroked him. We went on the bouncy pillows and it was very fun, we jumped really high! We also went on the rock climbing wall and it was a bit tricky. We all loved Fishers Farm.

Class RB



YEAR 1 VISIT TO ARUNDEL CASTLE

Our guide was very impressed with the girls' prior knowledge but she was able to give them a real insight into the history of Arundel Castle as we visited the different features. The girls were particularly keen to see the 'oubliette' (a deep dungeon into which enemies were thrown and forgotten) and the crenellations on the top of the keep. The girls also dressed up as characters from castle life.

Mrs Heather Stamp



YEAR 1 VISIT TO GUILDFORD MUSEUM

Year 1 were transported back in time when they visited the Victorian Schoolroom in Guildford Museum. They spent the morning following a typical Victorian timetable of hand checking, hymn singing, arithmetic and copperplate writing practice. Opinion was divided as to whether the girls would have liked to have been Victorian children!

Mrs Heather Stamp



YEAR 2 TRIP TO SAYERS CROFT

On the first day we went worm charming, minibeast hunting and pond dipping, which was really exciting. In the evening we went on the Gruffalo walk. It was really funny because Mrs Aytoun and Miss McLean dressed up as the Gruffalo! On the second day we played some fun games, where we were bees or flowers and then we went to the adventure playground. We came home feeling very happy; it was such a fun trip!

Year 2



YEAR 3 VISIT TO VAN GOGH EXHIBITION

Before we went into the exhibition we looked at work by Henry Moore and Bridget Riley. We loved their artwork and how they used colours to make it look like the paintings were moving. In the Van Gogh Exhibition we all enjoyed the painting 'Starry Night' and 'Sunflowers'. Van Gogh's art really made you feel like you were in the picture yourself. Overall, we thought his paintings were extremely inspiring and we had a great day.

Class 3M



YEAR 3 HISTORY VISIT AROUND GUILDFORD

Year 3 went on an amazing walk around Guildford Town Centre where we sketched historical drawings, completed a treasure hunt and carried out a survey. We also had an informative tour around Abbot's Hospital. We learnt many things about George Abbot. He was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1611 to 1633, became Lord Mayor of London and used the money he had to build Abbot's Hospital.

Prisha & Louisa, 3H



YEAR 3 VISIT TO DAPDUNE WHARF

Year 3 went to Dapdune Wharf to discover the history of the River Wey. We went on a boat ride along the River Wey and really enjoyed the views. We passed a statue of a man with an anchor and also saw the stable where they used to keep the horses, but they now have a sand pit in it which is cleverly designed to show the sea and rivers. We were able to 'flood' the sand with water, snow and lava. It was a fascinating trip.

Thea & Keira, 3M



YEAR 4 VISIT TO WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM

At Winchester Science Museum we discovered lots of interesting facts. We had a workshop and learnt how to make slime and identify if it was a liquid or solid. We also went to the Colon Café where you could see what happened after you ate different foods. There was also an activity where you had to move a ball using your mind. We all had an amazing time.

Flora & Athia, 4N



YEAR 4 TRIP TO PGL

Everyone was bursting with excitement because we were off for a three day adventure to PGL. On the first day we were scared by the thrilling giant swing and played Ambush, a secretive game of hide and seek in the large woods. On the second day we built rafts and although they were quite safe, lots of people fell off into the pretty but cold lake! On the final day we completed a nature themed obstacle course and went abseiling which was absolutely terrifying!

Joanna, 4C



YEAR 5 VISIT TO HORNIMAN MUSEUM

Year 5 set off on a journey to The Horniman Museum where we learnt about masks and music from around the world. In the music session we played different instruments from the donut drum to the güiro. We also learnt about all the masks from around the world and the legends that go with them. Finally we visited the natural history section and looked at all the animals and how they evolved. It was a fascinating trip!

Class 5J



YEAR 5 VISIT TO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

We went to a Dinosaur Fossil Workshop where there were big crates with a replica of a dinosaur fossil. We had to measure the cranium, lower jaw and the upper jaw to figure out which dinosaur it was. Next we went to the Human Biology Exhibition where we learnt about babies, muscles and senses. We also learnt which animals are going extinct and how they are becoming endangered.

Maia & Cammie, 5S



YEAR 6 ATTEND THE JUNIOR CITIZENS' SCHEME

Year 6 excitedly headed off to the Guildford Fire Station to attend the Junior Citizens' Scheme to learn about Health and Safety. We participated in various activities, including how to approach dogs carefully and how to deal with fires in houses. We attended talks about drugs and stranger danger, whilst also learning about train safety. It was a brilliant day and we learnt a lot.

Maya & Sophia, 6S



YEAR 6 TRIP TO FRANCE

We were bursting with excitement as we headed to France! We went on an exciting trip to Étapes market and bought gifts before an activity afternoon. The activities included: abseiling, archery and kayaking. We visited Rue and learnt about its history before we went to Berck and were shown how traditional sweets are made. On the last day we learnt how to make croissants and bread. We thoroughly enjoyed our amazing French trip.

Claire, Evie & Joanna, Class 6H



JUNIOR SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

The Art department were extremely proud to share and celebrate the artwork achieved by the girls this academic year. Every girl from Reception to Year 6 chose her favourite piece to be exhibited, from drawings to sculptures. The girls have learnt a huge range of different skills and techniques, producing some fantastic work filled with colour and individual style!

Miss Amy Langfield



“GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL HAD A FARM, E-I-E-I-O!”

As part of our wellbeing programme, we were very lucky to have a range of farmyard animals come and visit us. The girls took great delight in being able to brush donkeys, carefully hold chicks and guinea pigs, scratch some pigs' bellies, play fetch with a very excitable puppy and even milk a (wooden) cow! In the busy life of a Junior School, it was brilliant to be able to re-engage with nature and slow down.

Mr Toby Day



INTERNATIONAL DAY

A myriad of colourful costumes arrived at school as the girls dressed up to celebrate International Day. The girls learnt about different cultures through workshops, activities and by sharing their own experiences. It was a wonderful day with carnival assemblies at the end providing a showcase of our activities.

Mrs Dawn Aytoun



YEAR 1 CASTLES WORKSHOP

We learnt a lot of facts in our Castles Workshop. We were told that sometimes there was poison on a plate so someone had to taste the King's food before he could eat it. In castles there were no freezers, so they had to put the food in a room. We learnt that castles were made from stone and at the bottom of the moat there are stakes. People hid behind the crenellations to shoot the enemies.

Leila & Connie, 1B



YEAR 3 CHEMBAKOLLI WORKSHOP

Year 3 were transported to India as if by magic to learn about the Adivasi Tribe and the Chemba tree! We experienced the ways of the Kattunayakan and the Betta Kurumba tribes. We then choose our jobs for the day, some were builders, farmers and doctors. The workshop taught us to do things together and persevere. At the end we did Indian dancing and then 'travelled' back to school.

Emily, 3H



YEAR 4 ANCIENT GREEKS WORKSHOP

We were split up into three Ancient Greek cities: Athens, Corinth and Sparta. We learnt about the Greek Olympics and pretended to take part even though girls were not allowed to watch or take part in the Olympics back in Ancient Greek times! During the Olympics, the Greeks took part in wrestling, boxing, chariot racing, running races and sword fighting.

Class 4C



YEARS 5 AND 6 CIRCUS AERIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to enjoy a thrilling circus experience. In the morning, a brilliant school assembly was performed by three talented Circus entertainers showing us impressive tricks. It was a spectacular show! Throughout the course of the day, we then learnt how to hoop the hoopla brilliantly, juggle with multiple balls, spin diabolos and fly high on the trapeze. We had a lot of fun learning these new skills and watching the amazing performers.

Matilda & Izzy, 6S



YEAR 6 GRAFFITI WORKSHOP

Leon, the graffiti artist, came into school to show us how to create graffiti art. After discussing what graffiti is, we all decided on a theme for our picture and then we made stencils to use. As the sun was shining, we went out into the playground and we started spraying our designs! Leon showed us different methods to use and how to blend colours. We had great fun and thought our pictures were awesome!

Jess, Charlotte, Kimmie & Lucy, 6S



FOGHS ROUND-UP

We have had a busy summer term with FoGHS. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful Class Reps who do a great job communicating and organising helpers for various events. The highlight of this year without a doubt was the Summer Fun Day at the end of June. The children bounced and jumped their way through obstacle courses and inflatable Hungry Hippos games. It was a fun day had by all.

Nigel, Charlotte and the FoGHS team



A GREAT SEASON OF CRICKET

Our girls have had a real success over the Cricket season. Building on the primitive stages of last year, the girls have developed tactical skills and played with excellence over the term. In KS2, all of the girls had the opportunity to take part in competitive fixtures and festivals. Whilst, in Pre-Prep, Reception worked with Surrey Cricket specialists taking part in an Inter-School Cricket festival. It has been very special to see how adaptable the girls are, having only studied Cricket for two terms, they play with focus and flair. Bring on next season!

Miss Georgie Dustin



BRONZE AT ESSA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOP 5 AT IAPS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Izzy, Emilia, Amelie and Robin took part in the ESSA Primary Schools' Team Championships in Sheffield. Our first race was the freestyle relay heats. The competition was tough but we qualified for the final in fourth place and knew we had to work hard if we were to get a medal. We did it! We won bronze! In the medley relay heats, the other schools were even faster than before and we qualified for the final in sixth place. Our determination in the final paid off and we won another bronze!

The U10 and U11 IAPS teams competed at the London Aquatics in the IAPS Swimming Championships. With an exceptionally high standard this year, the U11s came fourth in the freestyle relay and the U10s finished in 4th and fifth places. Both the U11 and U10 teams finished in fourth place in their age groups.

Amelie & Robin, 6S, Swimming Captains



MEDALS WON AND CROWNED CHAMPIONS IN GYMNASTICS

This term was the turn of the novice gymnasts. In April, we went to the Surrey U9 and U11 Individual Competition, which consisted of set floor and vault. In U9s, Sascha, Freya and Emilia gained floor medals, whilst Prisha received a medal on the vault. For U11s, Marikit, Anabella, Joanna and Siyona all received medals on either the floor or vault. They all performed brilliantly!

In June, we entered all our young budding gymnasts in Years 1 – 3 into the ISGA Championships. Whilst inexperienced, the U7 team performed excellently. Leila, Carissa, Lottie, Jiyaa and Michelle all placed in the top 20 and the team came second.

In U8, 13 gymnasts were involved in two competitions involving 54 gymnasts. The 'GHS Fairies': Charlotte, Jessica, Olivia, Savannah, Anna, Heidi and Juliana came second. As for the 'GHS Pixies' of Georgia, Thea, Sophia, Chloe, Jamie and Sofia, they were outstanding. Sofia won Bronze whilst Jamie won Silver. The team were also crowned U8 ISGA Team Champions!

Mrs Tara Oxley



A GREAT PERFORMANCE AT NATIONAL PREP SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS

On 1 July, three Junior School girls travelled to the National Prep Schools' Athletics in Birmingham. All three girls competed superbly. Anya competed in the discus and finished 12th nationally as well as achieving eighth place in the 200m final. Robin showed tremendous competitive spirit in the 800m and finished second nationally. Keira in Year 5 qualified for the Year 6 long jump and competed excellently, finishing 12th nationally. Congratulations to all three girls!

Mrs Karen Nanson



FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD IN AQUATHLON

In May, GHS entered the National Schools' Aquathlon Championships. Sadly the rain did not let up but the girls showed their usual determination. For the Super Sprint in Year 3, Jessica came first with Jamie in third place. For the Sprint, in Year 4, Daisy came third; in Year 5 Lucy came first with Keira a very close second. In Year 6, Amelie came third and Robin came first and was also the fastest female junior sprint result of the day. Well done girls!

Mrs Tara Oxley



KEY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 - 20 AND 2020 - 2021

MICHAELMAS TERM 2019

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September
October Half Term: Monday 21 October - Friday 1 November
Term Ends: Friday 13 December
INSET Day: Monday 2 September
INSET Day: Tuesday 3 September

MICHAELMAS TERM 2020

Term Starts: Thursday 3 September
October Half Term: Monday 19 October - Friday 30 October
Term Ends: Tuesday 15 December
Planning Day: Tuesday 1 September
INSET Day: Wednesday 2 September

LENT TERM 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January
February Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
Term Ends: Friday 27 March
INSET Day: Thursday 2 January
Entrance Examinations: Friday 3 January
(No school for Junior girls)

LENT TERM 2021

Term Starts: Monday 4 January
February Half Term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February
Term Ends: Friday 26 March
Entrance Examinations: Friday 8 January
(No school for Junior girls)

TRINITY TERM 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20 April
May Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
Term Ends: Thursday 9 July
Bank Holiday: Friday 8 May
INSET Day: Friday 22 May

TRINITY TERM 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19 April
May Half Term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June
Term Ends: Thursday 8 July
Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May
INSET Day: Friday 28 May



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