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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



It has been wonderful to return to normality this term which is highlighted by the plethora of events, concerts, sporting fixtures and trips that are showcased within this newsletter. Each page provides insight into the opportunities for the girls to challenge themselves, work collaboratively, demonstrate their many talents in a range of contexts, and most importantly, enjoy themselves!

This year has been one of fresh beginnings. We welcomed in new girls, parents and staff at the beginning of the year who settled seamlessly into our GHS community and from there have been on the journey to re-establishing 'normal' school life again. It has been a privilege to watch each of the girls flourish this year in their own special way, and to be able to welcome parents in to share in the delight of performances, assemblies and book sharing together.

We have enjoyed many successes across the year including regional and national sporting titles, winners in the IAPS art competition across multiple age groups and a remarkable number of musical examination results, all whilst balancing this with enjoying daily school life and getting the most out of every lesson. Each member of our school community should be proud of their achievements this year.

I want to wish all of our Year 6 girls a fond farewell from the Junior School. Thank you to each one of you for everything you have contributed to our school and for making the most of your time. We all wish you the very best for your Senior School experience and bid you farewell and not goodbye - you know where we are! We also bid farewell to Miss Bulman, Miss Chapman, Miss MacDonald and Miss Potter. I would like to thank each of you for your dedication and care to our girls and for enriching their lives throughout your time with us.

As we come to the summer holidays, I encourage everyone to reflect back on this academic year and identify all of the highlights that have made it special, whilst also considering the new challenges that may be a focus for next year. Perhaps it is an opportunity to try a new club, to focus on a specific subject, to make new friends, or to approach every aspect of school life with a growth mindset.

I wish you all an amazing summer period. Be grateful for the moments spent together, enjoy every day, and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Mr Allistair Williamson

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 6

Wow, can you believe it?! Here we are at the end of the year and it feels like only yesterday you were all walking into our classrooms - top of the school and full of excitement for all the roles and responsibilities that were about to come flooding your way.

You should be extremely proud of yourselves, Year 6. Your enthusiasm for all that you do is inspiring and no task or challenge was ever too big for any of you. You worked so hard across the curriculum and what you achieved was incredible. Celebrating with our residential and Activities Week, after all of our hard work, was an absolute highlight for us. Your love for adventure, outstanding teamwork and ability to get fully immersed into everything you do made us laugh, smile and feel truly proud of you all.

Although you'll be leaving the Junior School, we'll never be far away! We can't wait to see and hear all about your future achievements and hope that you'll still wave to us across the playground in years to come.

Good Luck!

Mrs Jones and Miss Whitaker, Year 6 Teachers



MUSIC ON A SUMMER'S AFTERNOON

On a warm summer's afternoon at the end of a wonderfully musical academic year, what better way to celebrate our talented girls than to share a concert of fabulous music with a fantastic LAMDA interlude too. I am so proud of each girl in Years 2 to 6 who kept her focus right through until the final notes had been sung by Festival Choir. With the largest string ensembles we've ever had, the most diverse instrumental mix in Concert Band, the most skilled Orchestra, and some of the best singing from all 4 choirs we have heard for a while, I have total confidence that music is alive and kicking here in the Junior School!

Making music together is not only special, but it connects us all; it is powerful, it is meaningful, it is memorable.

I wish you all a Summer full of fabulous music!

Mrs Rachel Wardell



YEAR 3 DOHL DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Year 3's Indian Dhol Drumming workshop was spectacular and we learnt some Punjab words. The name of the drum is a 'Dhol' and you play these drums with 2 sticks: one is called a Dhaggar which you hold in your left hand, and the other is called a Thidili which you hold in your right hand. The dhol originally came from the Punjab region in India and was used for special occasions such as a good harvest or a wedding. The Dhol is now used in a type of music called 'bhangra'. We all had a go at playing the Dhol and had lots of fun.

Kesar, Class 3OB



YEAR 6 GAMELAN WORKSHOP

What an opportunity we had to experience the Gamelan from Java in Indonesia. We learnt how to respect the instruments, taking our shoes off before we played them and never stepping over them. All the instruments were highly unique and they all sounded amazing. There were so many different instruments: gong, kenong, gender, saron and banong. Some of the instruments were played with a partner using teamwork. We learnt to play using the pentatonic scale which was a little confusing at first. Gamelan are an unusual set of instruments, but we really enjoyed creating music with them.

Class 6J



PIANO CONCERT

For some girls, this was their first piano concert but they did not show their nerves! The appreciative audience of family and fellow performers enjoyed pieces in a range of styles and were transported through the story-telling conveyed through each girl's playing. What mastery of the keyboard, musicality in playing, and joy and pride from everyone in the hall.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



BRASS & PERCUSSION CONCERT

What a superb final concert the girls gave us with three emphatic performances. Our kit drummers, and Brass players demonstrated some particularly outstanding solo playing as well as their polished Brass Ensemble performance under the sterling direction of Mr Laphorn. The ever-brilliant Djembe group and Percussion Ensemble, under the watchful eye of Mr Edwards, were equally superb! With Cornet, Trumpets and French Horns performing adeptly as soloists, we were treated to glorious pieces from a whole range of eras. Our Junior Djembe drummers made our toes tap as they smiled their way through their rhythmically tight performance; and Percussion Ensemble showed just how versatile they can be.

Mrs Rachel Wardell



RECORDER CONCERT

Fifty girls from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 took part in a fantastic Recorder Concert - one of Mrs Wardell's favourite concerts of the year! Each group had chosen the pieces they wanted to perform, generally some of our favourite pieces from this year, and showed their range of notes with the pieces becoming more complicated. Year 4 Recorder Ensemble had everyone's toes tapping with their Abba hits! After hearing how our playing improves as we get older, the Years 3, 4, and 5 girls all performed together. This was the highlight of the concert for us as Resounding Recorders played Viennese Whirl, a piece we had performed at the Spring Concert. We enjoy playing the recorder with our friends and are very proud of ourselves. Our audience loved the different styles of music we had all played and (hopefully) would love to hear us play again.

Hana, Ema, Eshanee, Beatrice - Year 5 Recorder Consort



YEAR 2 SUMMER CONCERT: 'FLUTTERPILLAR'

'A butterfly! Not a Flutterby!' Year 2 took to the stage to perform their summer spectacular, The Flutterpillar, and wowed both Pre-Prep and parents with their catchy songs and bright costumes. The play focused on the importance of change for the better, recognising that our friends can help us through, much like the upcoming transition to Year 3! The girls worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and all the songs, and performed with confidence and a smile on their faces. What a wonderful end to Year 2!

Miss Willis and Mrs Stamp, Year 2 teachers



'DRAGON DAYS'

Set in the alpine village of Stumbledorf, the overdramatic villagers were seeking a hero to rescue them from a mythical creature whose presence overshadowed their idyllic mountain home. Could Tommy Rumble, accompanied by his slightly over-emotional mother, get fit enough to fight the dragon?

Energy, enthusiasm, determination and a whole heap of overacting was just what was needed for a sparkling performance of Dragon Days. The girls told a story full of good advice: do not judge a book by its cover, do not believe everything on social media, and do not under-estimate the importance of friendship and teamwork. With perfect comic timing, lines were delivered with acting worthy of the West End; songs were sung with clarity and slick choreographed actions to bring them alive and dramatic reactions were seen across the whole stage as this amazing cast were in role from the moment they entered the hall.



Mrs Rachel Wardell



'JILL & FRED'

This production was a thrill to perform! 'Jill and Fred's Most Hysterical Historical Adventure' really was an apt title. The acting, the singing, the costumes, the historical scenes; it was a fabulous production, and so entertaining for us to act out, as well as for the audience to watch. We have had a wonderful time rehearsing and preparing for our performances. This has certainly been an experience and a production Year 6 will never forget!

Prisha, Class 6J



ART ROUND UP

The Trinity Term has been a wonderful mix of achievements, trips, projects, and workshops.

- Reception created wonderful fish and a giant whale as part of the under the sea project which coincided with their trip to the London Aquarium.
- Year 1 have been exploring how animals are represented in Art, with a focus on Henri Rousseau's Tigers.
- Year 2 looked at one point perspective and have created Hockney style landscapes and 3D robots with the perspective rule in mind.
- Year 3 completed their creative sewing; we had some wonderful ideas including Gloria Fan's incredibly impressive Harry Potter tapestry.
- Year 4 worked hard to practice their figurative drawing and then made figure sculptures from foil and mod roc, a tricky but successful project with some outstanding outcomes
- Year 5 worked incredibly hard to master the technique of mask making with help from Horniman Museum.
- Year 6 made a giant cacti from willow sticks.

We often break for mini projects to celebrate certain festivals or important events. For this year's International Day, some of the girls made beautiful paper sculptures of Ukrainian sunflowers. We have a stunning wall of them adorning the art room.

To round off the year, Year 3 were treated to a trip to Watts Gallery in Compton. They participated in a ceramics workshop, creating traditional terracotta tiles much like the tiles Mary Watts created for the chapel.

As always, a busy year of Art. I always like to use this opportunity to thank the girls for their motivation and enthusiastic spirit. They always give their best to the subject, and it has been a privilege to work alongside each one of them.

Miss Amy Langfield



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ART FESTIVAL 2022

After the success of last year's Art Festival, it returned once again this year and like moths to a flame, when the girls are given a project, they simply can't help themselves. Their creative spirit is infectious.

Last year, each year group learnt a different form of art with a visiting artist. Year 2 worked with a Japanese artist to learn ink calligraphy, Year 4 made models and Year 5 mastered a chicken wire workshop, to name a few.

This year, we mixed things up and decided we would do a whole school collaboration piece. Themed around our PHSE framework 'The Beehive', we were fortunate to welcome artist Tim Davies to come in and work with the pupils to create a huge hive sculpture with plenty of bees out of willow and tissue paper. I loved the idea that the girls have acted like busy little bees to create something for our whole school community to enjoy.

Miss Amy Langfield



WINNER & RUNNER UP IN NATIONAL IAPS ART COMPETITION

Last term, Years 1 to 6 were invited to join the IAPS Art Competition with the theme of 'My Role Model'. Fast forward to the earlier this term and I was delighted to hear that we not only had a runner up, but we a pupil who was awarded first place in the international competition! The competition had over 70 of the world's leading schools enter with over 160 entries – tough competition, I may add!

Kai Li Liong, a Year 4 pupil, won the competition for her inspirational watercolour painting of her mother, an NHS Doctor. While, fellow Year 2 pupil, Marnie Kirsh came runner up after also impressing the judges with her painting of Ernest Shackleton. The girls received a prize at a special ceremony last month where their artwork was displayed. Congratulations to both of you – we are extremely proud.

Miss Amy Langfield



RECEPTION VISIT THE LONDON AQUARIUM AND TAKE A SUMMER STROLL IN STOKE PARK

On our final trip to Stoke Park, we noticed how green and lush the park was. There were flowers, leaves and lots of birds singing. It was very exciting to see the plants had grown taller, some were taller than all of us! We loved visiting Glitter and Sparkle, our trees; they were looking very healthy too. Summer is here... according to the trees. Let's hope the weather follows!

Class RP

Reception enjoyed another visit to Stoke Park this term. As well as checking on our wonderful trees, which have sprouted several deep green leaves, we were also on the lookout for signs of summer...we did find some, in spite of the drizzly rain! We saw butterflies, bumble bees, ladybirds and plenty of green trees. We could even smell the freshly cut grass. When the sun did peek out we were able to enjoy some wonderful games like 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' and 'Stuck in the Mud'.

Class RB



YEAR 1 VISIT WINDSOR CASTLE

Year 1 were very excited to visit a real castle in Windsor which was gigantic! We had a marvellous day spotting all the features of a castle such as crenellations, arrow loops and murder holes. We gasped at the beautiful gilt ceilings, stunning paintings and glittering chandeliers and thought we would rather like to sleep in a big bed with curtains like the Queen! We had a workshop where we used a model castle, weapons and dressing up clothes to act out a siege and the story of the Magna Carta. We finished the day by visiting St George's Chapel which was beautiful.

Class 1H



FUN IN THE SUN FOR YEAR 2 AT PAINSHILL PARK

We began the day by heading on a minibeast safari and played a game where we pretended to be different creatures, thinking carefully about how they might move. However, we had to watch out as our teachers were birds looking out for a tasty snack ready to catch us! Using paintbrushes and trays, we lifted rocks and logs to discover all the minibeast hiding beneath. We were lucky enough to spot woodlice, beetles and millipedes. We were then blindfolded and had to imagine we were a long centipede, using our partner in front to guide us. At our next nature spot, we used nets to catch creatures hiding in the long grass and shook bushes to see what creepy crawlies might fall out! We finished off the day by using our clue hunting skills to find the special crystal treasure left by Captain Jack Sparrowlegs and even had time to sit and draw the Gothic Temple. It was the best day!

Class 2W

YEARS 2 AND 3 VISIT SAYERS CROFT

Our first activity was a blindfolded obstacle course, where we had to go through a series of equipment including ropes tyres and tunnels. At least we had our partner to guide us along! We also attempted a complicated maze which some of us had difficulty finding our way out of. We made shelters and had to work as a team to make sure they were waterproof, windproof and even bearproof. We collected large logs, sticks and tarpaulins to create some huge shelters. We finished the day with pond dipping and found creatures like pond snails.

Lucy M, Class 2W

We arrived at Sayers Croft and were shown to our dormitories where we had to make our own beds! We were divided into teams and took part in several team building activities. We attempted a rope obstacle course which was great fun. Some of us fell off the obstacles but were wearing harnesses so we just dangled in the air. We went on a rolling log which had a rope for us to hold onto. We had to carry a cup of water over the log. However, if we accidentally wobbled the log, then we spilt the water...all over ourselves. We also went on an evening walk and a minibeast hunt. We had great fun on our first residential trip.

Elizabeth, Class 3OB, Elisa & Sophie, Class 3IB



YEAR 3 VISIT BUTSER FARM

We had great fun on our trip to Butser Farm. There were lots of reconstructed ancient buildings and we went into a round house where there were real animal skins. We sat around a real fire and talked about the Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages. We also went inside a Roman villa. There was a mosaic there and a real Roman fresco! We went outside and were given a piece of chalk and had to make a pattern which we coloured with grass and daisies. We made jewellery just like the Bronze Age people did. We could make rings and bracelets and had to use pliers to pull them into shape. There were also some goats outside and we were allowed to give them our apple cores - it was such fun!

Cecily, Class 3OB



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO GROSVENOR HALL

Year 4 had lots of fun on their residential trip to Grosvenor Hall. We took part in many activities including aeroball, rock climbing, the leap of faith (where you climbed up a tall pole onto a platform and then jumped and tried to hold onto the trapeze bar), nightline, team tech, mini-Olympics, bushcraft, and, last but not least, Go Ape! This was our favourite activity along with the leap of faith because they were both really entertaining and gave us a chance to step out of our comfort zones! We all slept well and had beautiful views from our rooms. It really was a spectacular experience!

Corliss & Elodie, Class 4M



YEAR 5 VISIT LONDON ZSL

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to London Zoo. In the morning, we had a fascinating workshop where we shared all our knowledge about the rainforest layers and animals' habitats. We then had to explore the rainforest to find a list of animals. The afternoon involved a trip 'around the world' to see all the animals. Highlights included finding a sleeping tiger, seeing the gorillas play-fighting, experiencing the humidity of the rainforest, learning about endangered species, visiting the hippos in the African exhibit and discovering a snake on the path in front of us!

Hafsa, Amelia, Isabella, Otilie & Georgia, Class 5C & 5S



YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK

The start of our Activities Week was a fun-filled residential trip to Imbham's Farm. We fed and cuddled lambs, enjoyed nature trails and a 4km hike, while also having fun constructing our very own bell tents, in which we slept. A highlight was making muesli which we then ate for breakfast the next day – it was delicious!

The fun was only just beginning as next in store was a visit to Chichester Harbour. We split up into form groups and enjoyed a walk and solar boat ride. When we got to the pebbly beach, we searched for shells; some people even found crabs! On the boat ride we were given the challenge of spotting birds and kayakers amongst other things – the binoculars we were given were super helpful! The already amazing day finished with activities at West Wittering beach and we all enjoyed a sandcastle building competition!

After all the fun we'd had so far, the precedent was set for our visit to Wild Wood. Luckily, the weather was on our side as we manoeuvred our way through the ropes course. We climbed 'The Tower of Doom' (as we called it) and faced our fears to reach the top.

It was hard to imagine that the week could get any more tremendous, but then our bowling competition took place at the Spectrum before heading back to school for a silent disco! We partied in GHS style and danced our way to the Sports Centre for a rounders tournament.

To finish what had been an amazing week, we visited Horseshoe Lake for the final day. We canoed, went paddle boarding and played games on the canoes including 'Simons Says' and 'Wobble Wars', and that was just the morning! After lunch, we went dragon boating, where we had 12 on each side of the boat. We played rock, paper, scissors and whoever lost had to jump off the boat. We had so much fun this week and can't thank our teachers enough for organising such a super-duper week!

Year 6



STEAM DAY

What an amazing STEAM Day with every activity being very interactive and fun. The immersive dome was wonderful as it felt like everyone was close to the stars. KS2 enjoyed activities from mind-blowing experiments to challenging Maths puzzles, with every subject making its mark. Not only was it fun to do these amazing experiments, but everyone enjoyed trying something new and out of their comfort zone. Pre-Prep loved learning about how to make a chemical reaction and making their very own volcanoes. In Art, they saw many colours mixing together, creating patterns, and loved making their rainbow creations on card. They were inspired by the book of 'Rosie Revere Engineer' and spent part of the day coming up with their own inventions and building them. We all learnt so many facts and had such fun - it was the best day ever!

Class 1L & Emily M, Class 6J



A STEP INTO HISTORY: OPENBOX WORKSHOPS THIS TERM



We have had another busy term with plenty of visits from Kenn and Iain from Openbox! Year One became brave knights and discovered many interesting facts about castles and their features, while Year 3 had a Roman banquet and learnt to march together. Year 4 travelled all the way back to Ancient Egypt; they created a raft for the Sun God Ra who was a falcon-headed god, learnt cats were sacred animals and also discovered the largest pyramid is called the Great Pyramid of Giza, which was built for a pharaoh called Kufu. To finish the time-travelling term, Year 6 ended up in the Victorian era, learning about the challenges of a Victorian childhood. Children worked in mines and cotton mills, were sent up chimneys, emptied the thunderboxes (toilets), and, probably the easiest job were the knockers who woke families to get them to go to work! We look forward to welcoming Kenn and Iain back in the Michaelmas Term for more fun and exciting learning outside the classroom.



YEAR 2 SPACE VR WORKSHOP

Year 2 blasted off into space last week and explored the planets within our solar system from the safety of their command module! Using VR headsets, we were transported amongst the stars and learnt many exciting facts about the different planets. Our intergalactic tour guide checked our listening skills by giving us a range of quiz questions and we could use our newfound knowledge to really impress her. We even had a few volunteers ready for the mission to Mars!

Class 2W



YEAR 5 READY STEADY COOK

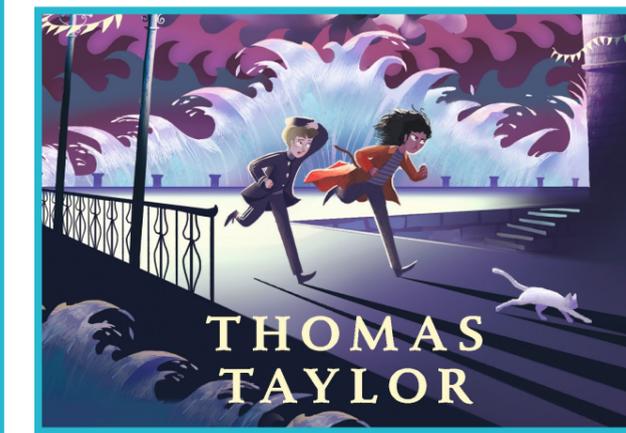
Earlier this term, Year 5 enjoyed some live cooking lessons where they were able to make a delicious chickpea curry. Partnered with our catering company, Chartwells, the pupils divided themselves into two teams and before we knew it, we had a cook-off on our hands! It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to have practical, on-hand experience in the kitchen, making meals from scratch and learning how to use utensils and equipment safely. The end product was as delicious as it smelt, and they couldn't wait to go home and tell their families about the new recipe they had learnt.



AUTHOR, THOMAS TAYLOR, VISITS THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

On Wednesday 8 June, Thomas Taylor (the author of Malamander, Garagantis and Shadowgast) came to Guildford High to share his secrets with Year 5. He talked about how he came up with the names of his main characters, Violet Parma and Herbert Lemon, and we talked about what we do when we go to the seaside. Someone came up with beach combing (the art of finding treasures on the beach) and Mr Taylor said that he had a passion for beach combing as well. He showed us pretty sea glass and also sea glass which glowed under a UV light. He showed us oyster shells and a fossilised dinosaur bone, and fossilised dinosaur poo! As a little spoiler he told us that he has finished a fourth book called Festergrim which will be out in August.

Hazel, Class 5C



YEAR 6 GRAFFITI WORKSHOP

Coinciding with the fun of the Art Festival, Year 6 also had a visit from Graffiti Stars. They worked in Poppy's Garden in the sunshine to create a stencil which they layered with lots of spray paint techniques: a perfect way to channel their energy post NCTs. I was extremely impressed at how mature and proactive the girls were during the workshop and the finished pieces are a true testament to their determination when they learn a new skill.

Miss Amy Langfield



INTERNATIONAL DAY

This term, we were flooded with colour in the Junior School as we have celebrated our International Day by dressing in flag colours. We were lucky enough to have parents and staff speak about their heritage in assemblies throughout the week and our lessons were tailored to an International theme. We are so grateful to all staff involved to make International Day such a success. From delicious food tasting pots at break time from the catering staff, to designing Belgian chocolate boxes, our curriculum came alive and we could not be prouder of the diversity we celebrated in our community, which we can carry forward into every school day.

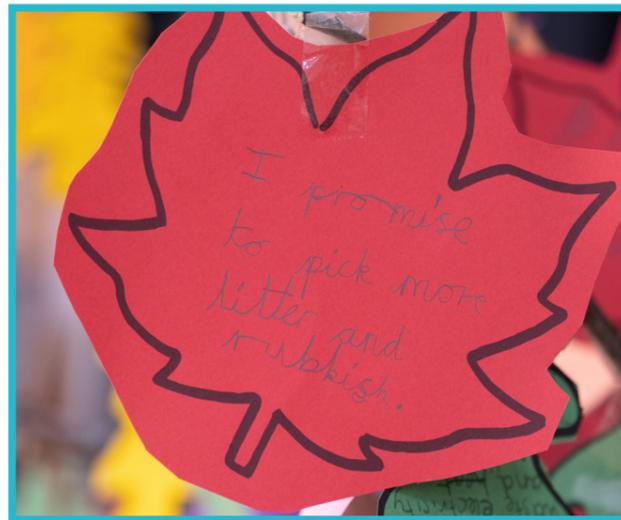
Miss Ashley Lovegrove



ECO WORKSHOPS

In the last week of term, Clare and Lizzie spoke to us about the 7 spheres of the world where we understood how our lifestyle choices can directly affect the environment. Years 1,2,3 and 6 had an extra workshop which involved delving deeper into how we can personally make a change for the better. We made eco pledges on trees to make a pact for change, which looks stunning in our hall. The Eco Captains from each year group also met to look at the sustainable changes we can make for our school. We took inspiration from eco-friendly cities around the world including Copenhagen and Reykavik; Rosie and Susanna led the team well, actively voicing the need for solar panels which we thought was a fantastic idea!

Miss Ashley Lovegrove



WALK TO SCHOOL

On one sunny Friday morning we got dropped off at The Spectrum to be part of the Walking Bus. We partnered up and the first bus set off at 08:05. We walked across Stoke Park in our pairs in a big long line of KS2 girls; it was brilliant to be with our friends in the fresh air (even if it did rain a little). We even sang some Encanto songs and 'I'm going to sing, sing, sing' on the way back to school. It was great that we all did our bit for sustainable travel and we could put a sticker on the Park and Stride section of our Walk to School week sticker chart!!

Year 3



CHARITY WEEK

Who would have thought that we could have so much fun while supporting charity? Charity Week started with the first-ever Junior School pupil-led Ocean Clean-up Charity Fair. The atmosphere was electric; spectacularly creative stalls, games, prizes, and laughter filled the hall and Year 5 classrooms as the entire Junior School came together for this worthy charity. Wednesday heralded an array of colourful trainers on show in the Junior School from both girls and staff; and on Thursday we were astounded by the assortment of either blue or ocean-themed accessories on display. We also exceeded our expectations with the number of pairs of outgrown shoes to be donated to Sal's Shoes. We have boxed up and sent off nearly 313 pairs of shoes, which means a lot of feet will soon be walking around in outgrown but not outworn shoes donated by GHS!

Thank you to everybody who has donated in some way to our three Junior School Charities this year.

Mrs Inge Botha



THE WELLBEING FARM MAKES A SURPRISE VISIT TO GHS

Guildford High School had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!

The Trinity Term is always incredibly busy. As we worked our way to the end of the school year, the girls have trips, workshops, concerts and productions and often the summer holidays seem far, far away!

As a treat, and an important reminder to enjoy down time, we welcomed a petting farm to school. From donkeys, sheep and goats, to rabbits, ducklings, and a very energetic dog; the girls absolutely loved this little surprise!



PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY





KS2 SPORTS DAY





GUILDFORD & DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2022!

Our Athletics season this year has been nothing less than a huge success. We started the season with our Quaddkids trials in which every student from Year 3 to Year 6 took part in four different events over a sunny afternoon at the Spectrum. Closely followed by our Invitational Quaddkids event in which eight athletes from each year group competed against four other schools. Our athletes were exceptional, taking a clean sweep across all age groups and claiming the overall victory!

We have also been crowned Guildford & District Athletics Champions 2022! Congratulations to our athletes who smashed it at this event. Our U10 and U11 athletes were 1st overall and we had numerous different individual medallists throughout the day too.

In the thick of the season, we had our largest event to date where our U10s and U11s competed in the West Surrey Prep Athletics Event. This event saw many individual achievements:

Gold medallists: Alice S (U10), Jess A (U11) and Emily D (U10)

Silver medallists: Alice S (U10), Aila C (U10) and Tara V (U11).

Bronze medallists: Jess A (U11) and Jamie S (U11).

Jess A's gold medal in the 800m saw Jess qualify for the National Prep School Athletics Finals event in Nuneaton. At this event, Jess ran outstandingly, achieving a new personal best - 2 minutes 28 seconds. We are delighted to say that from her efforts in this run, Jess claimed the gold medal nationally in her age group. A huge congratulations!

To everyone who competed, I would like to congratulate you all for the effort and enthusiasm that you showed throughout.

Mr Jack Brookes





CRICKET

Cricket at GHS continues to go from strength to strength across all year groups in what was an extremely successful 2022 season! The girls have continued to hone and improve their batting, bowling and fielding skills during their games lessons and have attended clubs inside and outside of school with enthusiasm and a willingness to improve. As well as improving their technical skills, all pupils have challenged themselves to improve their tactical knowledge, specifically their running between the wickets and fielding positions! Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in regular cricket fixtures against opposing schools, this has provided them with a chance to transfer skills learnt in their lessons into match situations. All year groups have grabbed some great wins and shone in some incredible performances. The highlight of the year has to be the Year 6 cricket team (pictured), throughout the year they have performed outstandingly, combining a great deal of natural flair and ability with amazing teamwork and cohesion! The girls played 13 matches across the summer, winning 12, including being the winners of the 2022 IAPS regional cricket round at Hall Grove School in June. The Year 1s enjoyed a cricket festival with RGS Prep, girls worked hard on their cricket skills and had lots of fun! Roll on summer 2023!

Mr Ben Collins

SWIMMING

We have had some outstanding results from our Swim Squad this term, winning all home galas, and in particular some fabulous results for the swimmers at both the ESSA National Primary Relay Team Championships in Sheffield and IAPS National Finals!

At ESSA, we came 2nd in the Medium Schools Mixed Stroke (Medley) Relay Finals and 3rd in the Medium Schools Freestyle Relay Finals! All 6 girls received medals and swam in the following:

Freestyle Relays - Heat: Charlotte 1st, Savannah, 2nd, Jamie 3rd, Isla 4th, 4th Isla

Freestyle Relays - Final: Thea 1st, Savannah 2nd, Jamie 3rd and Isla 4th

At the IAPS National Swimming Finals held at the London Aquatic Centre, the team (Emily D, Ella R, Carissa G, Aila C, Isla O, Thea F-B, Savannah SJ, Jamie S and Charlotte A) performed amazingly, setting new personal bests!

Team Relays: U10 1st (Medley & Freestyle Relays) and U11 3rd (Freestyle Relay)

Individually: Isla O 2nd (U10 25m Fly), Aila C 2nd (U10 25m breaststroke), Charlotte A 7th (U11 50m backstroke) and Jamie S 8th (U11 50m Freestyle).

Overall, the U10 won the shield for best U10 team of the competition! The U11 swimmers were runners up and we placed 3rd overall school - a very impressive term for swimming!

Miss Amy Lloyd



YEAR 5 TOUR TO PORTSMOUTH

Despite COVID giving us the run around in the planning stages on tour this year the Year 5s had a ball when they travelled to Portsmouth on sports tour in April. Highlights included an intense seaside cricket tournament, lots of playing on the beach, pizza and bowling and a wonderful fixture against Portsmouth High School. The girls conducted themselves in a wonderful manner, particularly showing great independence by staying away from home overnight. They also came home victorious in many of the netball matches and made new friends socialising with peers they may not usually at school. The trip was a remarkable success!

Miss Georgie Dustin



ORIENTEERING

Despite GHS never having had an orienteering team before, the girls this year have exceeded all expectations with very successful results in a local school's league. Lead by team captain, Emily, the team achieved 3rd place, competing against schools with much more experience. Other noticeable mentions must go to Sophie (Year 4) who came 1st, Heidi (Year 6) 2nd, Imogen (Year 5) 4th, Olivia (Year 6) 5th and Eve (Year 5) 6th! We will return to the forest in September, and on the back of this success hope that a few others will be tempted to come and have a go!

Mrs Le Page



NATIONAL CHAMPION IN GYM

The Year 2 and 3 pupils experienced their first National Schools Gymnastics competition in June. A team of 6 plus reserves performed a floor routine to music and a vault. The girls were outstanding with beautiful performances by all. In Year 3, the team came 2nd and in Year 2, the team were crowned Champions with Tilly T crowned individual champion with Amelie K and Lucy W joint runners up. An amazing first experience for many and exciting for the future lies ahead!

Mrs Tara Oxley



MULTI-SPORT HIGH SCORERS

Multi sports has taken off this term with many events including triathlon. After entering a team triathlon at Cranleigh, our Year 4 team placed 2nd and the Year 5 and 6 team placed 1st while also raising a huge £809.87 for the Restless Development Charity. Adding to this was the success of our first IAPS triathlon which took 2 girls to the event. The girls did fantastic with Isla O being crowned U10 Champion and Emily D runner up!

Other multi-sport opportunities have included our annual Dip and Dash events which all KS2 girls have participated in, as well as the Kids Tri series, with various events taking place throughout the summer term making for an impressive leader board. I hope to see some GHS athletes at more events over the summer as well as competing next year in multi-sports.

Mrs Tara Oxley



TERM DATES

2022-2023

MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October - Friday 4 November

Term finishes: Friday 16 December (*school finishes at 16:00*)

INSET: Monday 5 September

LENT TERM 2024

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February

Term finishes: Friday 24 March (*school finishes at 12:00*)

Entrance Exams: Friday 6 January

(School will be closed for pupils in Reception - Year 11)

TRINITY TERM 2024

Term starts: Monday 17 April

Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Term finishes: Friday 7 July (*school finishes at 11:45*)

INSET: Friday 26 May

Bank Holiday: Friday 26 May

2023-2024

MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half Term: Monday 23 October - Friday 3 November

Term finishes: Friday 15 December (*school finishes at 12:00*)

INSET: Monday 4 September

Friday 8 September (*school closes at 13:30 for INSET afternoon*)

LENT TERM 2024

Term starts: Wednesday 3 January

Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

Term finishes: Friday 22 March (*school finishes at 16:00*)

Entrance Exams: Friday 5 January

(School will be closed for pupils in Reception - Year 10)

TRINITY TERM 2024

Term starts: Monday 15 April

Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Term finishes: Friday 5 July (*school finishes at 12:00*)

INSET: Friday 24 May



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