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“Komodo King”



Dear Parents

I hope my editorial column finds you all having enjoyed a welcome half term break together. Many of you seem to have managed to find some winter sun in some very exciting and exotic places, none more so than our own Mrs King who dived with potential earthquakes and volcanoes on Bali to be able to fulfil one of her lifelong dreams of seeing Komodo Dragons in the wild.

On the evening we broke up for half term a small group made up of equal proportions of staff and parents joined in the quiz night which included a taster round for the first time. It was hoped that the teachers would be knocked off their long perch. A mid quiz break for fish and chips saw the scores very even and with one round to go Team Amazonians were two points ahead with victory in their sights and only the music round to conquer. Sadly the quiz master's choice of questions from his dated iTunes list were not to their liking and the seams fell apart with an inability to name all the members of the Osmond family. Alan seemed to evade everybody.

The teachers scraped over the finishing line! Again.

Special mention in dispatches must be made to Team Form 4midables who were the only year group who managed to raise a team solely from their own year group. They were especially good at the taster round and in particular those involving the provenance of a variety of strong alcohols.

Whilst on the subject of fund raising please can I remind you that the PTFA AGM is to be held at 7.30pm next Monday 6th November at Zizzi's. Steve Ray and Carol Krosnar are very willing to continue in their posts of Treasurer and Secretary and I am delighted to have managed to persuade Lynn Strover to be the Chair elect. With myself and two other members of staff on board and a few new members co-opted to join us the future looks bright.

It is also an appropriate moment to thank Natasha Buchan-Moore for her sterling efforts as Chair last year and also to wish her a very speedy recovery from major surgery recently.

The first major event of the year is our Christmas Fayre held at 7pm on Thursday 30th November. Masterminded by the redoubtable Julie Hansen, it promises to be great fun. Tickets will be just £3 which will include automatic entry into a raffle with the first prize a meal for six cooked by our very own Master Chef Robert Scott. There is also a big Christmas hamper donated by the school and seafood delicacies courtesy of Mandy and Paul Lovell. There will be mulled wine on entry and lots of Kerry's lovely petit eighties (they're twice as good as your run of the mill petit fours). We have lots of stallholders with a variety of products for you to enjoy. Please do bring all your friends and family along.



Not to be outdone, new boy Tom C in Form 6 has some fund raising ideas of his own and is selling the most beautiful free range eggs at a price of £2 per half dozen with proceeds going to Julia's House hospice. I can thoroughly recommend them!



On Tuesday Kerry and her wonderful team treated us to a Halloween lunch, the menu of which was gruesome.



Freya and Atlanta 'enjoyed' their maggots and bat droppings!



We're doing lots to encourage environmental awareness in school. In Monday's assembly Komodo King and her Eco Warriors (that well known group of the sixties) gave notice that they planned to pick up all the litter, weigh it and bring it to Friday's assembly. They also told the teachers they were going to keep a written log of which lights were left on. They promised to name and shame!

Mandy has also been doing her own bit for the environment by designing and ordering a drinks bottle for every pupil and also an SPS bag for life for each family that we hope you will use with great pride around town.

With Mrs Sleightholme about to go on her much deserved maternity leave, we have welcomed Mrs Julie Jackson to school. Julie will use all her guile and experience to maintain the highest of standards you have come to expect from Form 1.

Whilst on the maternity front, I also have more baby news to share with you. Steffi Bennett and her husband Rees are delighted to announce that they are expecting their first baby in spring. Her mum Mrs Wilson is very much looking forward to becoming a granny though I haven't quite plucked up the courage to call her that yet, though it's coming!



I must also congratulate the Carter James family of the birth of their third child. Enzo very proudly shared his good news with me earlier this week. He is now the elder brother to Jannick Fitzroy. In his usual very sensitive way, he was also a pains to point out to me that Yasmin was also a big sister.

There must be something in the water which is why Mrs Thorpe and I are sticking to gin and tonic (with ice and a slice).



We might have a contest for the proudest gran though Joanie Culshaw will take some beating and she positively brims with pride when Magnus is talked about.

Mrs Thorpe is very jealous and she keeps pestering our boys when we might expect to enter the competition. They have been very clear with their replies, most of which were not suitable for reproducing in this family newsletter!

To change topics, I have spent quite a bit of time recently chatting with sculpture and parent David Fox-Worthington. I'm keen to add something aesthetic to the school grounds. We are exploring the possibility of using Portland stone to create something that symbolises family and community. Later in this edition you'll be able to read about an exciting exhibition David is about to open. I am sure it will be a big success.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

This week Fledglings have been carving pumpkins and making firework art.

We enjoyed making “bang” and “woosh” noises with our musical instruments”





Nursery news

The children have enjoyed drawing faces on satsumas to represent a pumpkin.



We have been learning about Diwali and finding out about the Festival. The children have been making Diwali Diya Lamps out of clay and sticking lots of jewels around the outside.



We have also been making Diwali Lanterns. It has helped the children to practise their fine motor skills, especially cutting. Some of them find using scissors a little tricky!



Form 1

Mrs Culshaw found an egg in the playground this week and the Form 1 children have been waiting to see what will hatch out. The children have made a nest of leaves and are looking after the egg in the classroom. There have been a few suggestions from the children. Some think it could be an owl or a turtle and Natty thinks it's going to be a dinosaur with feathers!!

We are expecting it to hatch over the weekend.





Our Halloween characters caused quite a fright in Form 2 this week.



Form 2

We have been learning about using codes to send messages and having great fun sending each other morse code messages.



Form 7

During our topic on cells children were asked to construct a 3D model of a specialist cell (animal or plant). They were encouraged to be as creative and imaginative as possible in their choice of material and construction. Their efforts were fantastic resulting in a lot of house points for the whole class.





We are still looking for another volunteer to help and join the rota to cover the shop. Please let Lydia know if you can help.

Christmas Holiday club

This year we will be running the holiday club for one week during the Christmas holidays. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

It will be running from Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December. All details will be found on our website next week or please contact Jemma Fowler for further details.

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In other news.....

Art exhibition invitation

One of our Sunninghill's parents, David Worthington, has a big exhibition of his works entitled "A solo of work by Mr Worthington"

Below is a photo of Gemma during the opening of her father's exhibition.



You would be most welcome to attend, please see the details attached.

Second hand uniform

Quick reminder that the second hand uniform shop, run by the PTFA (on the first floor opposite the science lab) is now open every Friday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

Message from Academic Deputy



An increasing number of pupils are arriving at their lessons without a fully stocked pencil case. Unfortunately this delays the start of the lesson.

Could I please urge you to ensure that your children (F5 to F8) have all the equipment as listed on Page 9 of their homework diaries. We do have a pupil stationery shop and anything purchased will be added to next term's bill. Stationery forms are available on the windowsill outside the science room or from Mrs Baker.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sue Brunt

Notes from a small garden

A sunny autumn afternoon awaited us in the garden this week.

We set about preparing for the cold weather to come by making some bird feeders. We used melted fat and seeds squished into pinecones to hang from the trees.



Unfortunately the smell of melting fat was a little offensive to some of our noses! Although Gregory made up for the girls squeamishness by getting stuck in, hands and all, to create some beauties! I am sure the birds will appreciate our efforts!



Our late beetroot have been tenderly covered to protect them from the cold and our hyacinth bulbs tucked away the green house ready for Christmas. It's amazing how much we find to do every week in our little space, and so many things still to grow over the winter.

Our last job this week was to harvest the golden crop of crab apples from our Malus tree. I have promised to try my hand at my mother's jelly recipe for them all to taste. Not being much of a jam maker I expect the results to be a surprise for us all!!



Sports news

U8 Girls' Hockey v Salisbury **Result: Loss 5 - 2**

A very challenging game from the start for Sunninghill, as Salisbury Cathedral took an early lead of 2-0. The girls managed to battle back to turn the score line to 2-2 at half time. We had some extremely strong attacking runs from Pippa and Niamh as they worked hard to dribble the ball into the shooting circle. Lucy and Maggie did a fantastic job at keeping their space on the wings, and were continuously putting themselves in effective spaces. Carolina and Mirabelle did a fantastic job at defending

our shooting D making some very well timed tackles and regaining possession on many occasions. Overall it was a great team effort from the girls, but unfortunately we ran out of steam towards the end and Salisbury Cathedral battled through to claim another few goals. I was extremely impressed with the girl's efforts especially as that's the first time they have played hockey in three weeks!

Contribution award: Carolina, for her excellent defending, and clearing the ball into free spaces.

U9 Girls' Hockey v Salisbury ***Result: Loss 11 - 1***

As you can tell from the score Salisbury Cathedral School fielded an extremely strong team who completely out played SPS in the first half and the score was 8 - 0. However, in the second half SPS showed great grit and determination and managed to disrupt Salisbury Cathedral School's play a little more.

Imogen was like a little Terrier and kept tackling every player which resulted in her scoring a great goal. Amelia also got stuck in and marked players very successfully. Betty, Polina and Isabel also worked hard in defence.

I am extremely proud of the team because they did not give up and enjoyed the match.

Contribution Award - Imogen for being hockeytastic!

U12/13A Girls' Hockey v Hanford ***Result: Loss 1 - 3***

A very competitive and fast match in which Sunninghill came second best in terms of determination and hunger to win.

Hanford attacked from the start and soon put the home defence under pressure. Some excellent goalkeeping from Amalia initially kept Hanford at bay but they eventually broke through to open the scoring. Sunninghill fought back enjoying far more

possession but far too often wasted chances to drive into the D or take shots on goal. Despite non-stop, brave defending from Lily R, Hanford scored again before the break.

During the half time talk, Sunninghill were encouraged to be more determined especially when closing in on goal. They did act on this advice and were eventually rewarded with a well taken goal from Frida. Izzy continued to torment the Hanford defence with a number of well - constructed breaks but Sunninghill were unable to make up that early deficit.

Contribution award: Lily R for outstanding defensive play.

U11 Girls' Hockey v Hanford ***Result: Loss 0 - 2***

A fast end to end game with both teams working hard. In the first half we were more composed keeping possession well with some good driving runs from Gemma. Sofia and Eleni were closed down quickly and found it difficult to take the ball down the wing to cross into the D. Erin and Esme defended well with Erin making some excellent tackles and clearances. Freya ran all over the pitch and just needs to work on her balance and look up to find a pass. She made some good interceptions. Meena cleared the ball well in goal and moved around watching the play and getting into position early. A definite improvement Meena, well done.

Hanford's sheer determination and having more bodies in the D gave them two deserved goals. Gemma had a few chances but was a little too far out to get her shots on target. We need to think about our positional play and work as a team having confidence in everyone. Well done to Lola and Mia for coming on in the 2nd half and getting stuck in.

Contribution award: Erin for some excellent defensive work and commitment.

U9 Rugby v Salisbury Rugby

Result: Loss 11- 13

The U9 boys enjoyed their first rugby game of the season. For most of the boys it was also their first game of contact which made their excellent performance stand out even more. They faced a strong and organised Salisbury who started the game brilliantly. Sunninghill fought hard and made some strong tackles. In the second half the team played more through the middle and this pattern of play enabled Sam, Thomas and Theo to score lovely tries.

To develop, the team will now work hard on off-loading. Huge well done to all the players!

Contribution award goes to Theo for his fierce tackling and excellent runs through the Salisbury defence.

U8 Tag Rugby v Salisbury

You know it's a good match when the coach loses his voice. However, he did save enough to congratulate the boys at the end. This was the first game for many and in the first few minutes everything learnt on the field back home looked like it had been forgotten. When someone finally decided to run forward with the ball we scored. It was a little like rugby ping pong at times with tries scored at alternate ends but the boys were having fun.

Most boys scored at least one, including Felix and Charlie. Alex scored a cracking try after realising that he can run past people without passing to someone else. William and Vishnu were super in using their experience to help the rest. Contribution goes to the dynamo that is Max. He scored a handful of tries by just getting his head down and going for it. The referee managed to keep up with the score and at the final whistle Sunninghill emerged victorious at 14 tries to 11. To quote one parent 'They looked a rabble at times but they were effective!'

U11 AFC Bournemouth Football Tournament

On Thursday the U11 boys played a football tournament at the Bournemouth Academy training ground. There were fifteen teams and the boys played four matches. The Bournemouth academy players and coaches ran the tournament, with the academy players refereeing and supporting every team. Our coach for the day was Antonio Diaz, who is from Dorchester and plays for the U21's. The opposition was extremely fierce with many Southampton and Bournemouth players, but the U11's fought extremely hard and stuck to their jobs on the field. Sunninghill drew two games 0-0 and lost two games 0-2.

Contribution award goes to the entire team for their 100% effort and excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.



The team with Antonio Diaz, Bournemouth U21's and former Thomas Hardy Pupil.

***Form 8 responsibilities
Autumn Term:***

Head Boy:	Douglas Bowering
Head Girl:	Imogen Douie
Sports Captains:	Erin Philips Tom Swanton
Prefects:	
Outdoor Ed:	William Hortin
English:	Lewis Rowbotham
Maths:	Douglas Bowering
Science:	Imogen Douie Khalid Miah
Humanities:	Tom Swanton Khalid Miah
Art:	Hannah Davis
ICT:	Lucas Jones Dominic Woollam Lewis Rowbotham
Music & Drama:	Joseph Burdge Katie Shovlar
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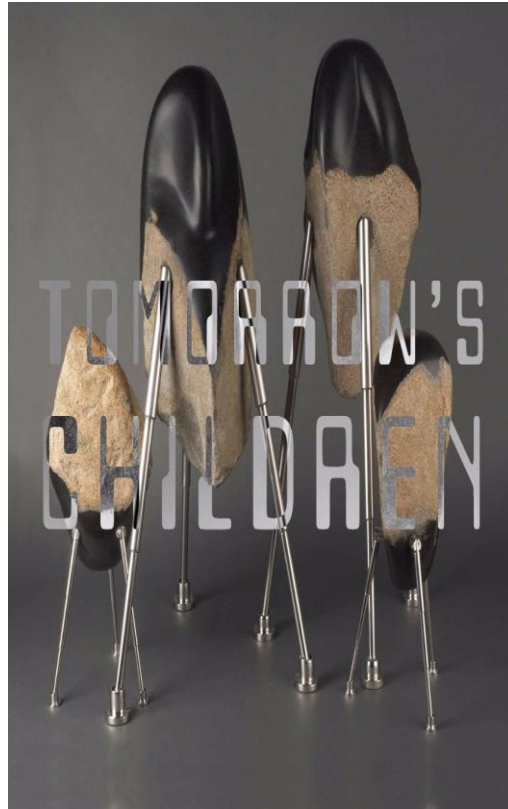
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Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	Mon 6th	PTFA AGM - Zizzi's 7.30pm
	Tues 7th	U9/8 Tag Rugby v Castle Court & Salisbury (A)
	Wed 8th	U11 Bryanston Hockey Tournament (A)
		U12/13A Hockey v BCS (H)
		U12/13B Hockey v BCS (H)
	Thur 9th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming @ 1611
		After School Skiing 4.45 pm
	Fri 10th	Parent & Toddler Group, School Hall 10 - 11.30 am
		Remembrance Service - 2.30pm St Georges Church, Fordington
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Sports Fixtures Menu	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	No letters	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	No letters	



A SOLO SHOW OF WORK BY DAVID WORTHINGTON

THE LIGHTBOX MUSEUM & GALLERY
WOKING, SURREY GU21 4AA, ENGLAND

24/10 - 26/11

David Worthington is inspired by the Modernist sculpture of Moore, Hepworth and Epstein and the iconic 1960s TV shows such as Star Trek, Thunderbirds, Joe 90 and Dr Who. Using the imagery from space travel, UFOs and aliens, David explores the dialogue between sculpture and science fiction. In science fiction our fears, fantasies and feelings regarding the ever greater presence of technology in our lives is played out. His work looks back nostalgically to the optimistic times where technology would make life better and safer, but with an irony that is unsettling.

SPECIAL EVENT

An evening to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the
LightBox hosted by the Art Fund and the Arts Society.

2 November 6.30pm - 8.30pm
RSVP essential for admittance
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OPENING TIMES

Tue-Sat 10.30am-5pm
Thurs 10.30am-9.30pm
Sun 11am-4pm

www.thelightbox.org.uk

The Lightbox is the multiple award-winning gallery and museum, situated in Woking, Surrey and is a registered charity. Designed by the architects of the London Eye, Marks Barfield, the building boasts three stunning galleries which host a wide range of changing exhibition of local, national and international significance. The Lightbox is home to The Ingram Collection of Modern British and Contemporary Art and also to Woking's Story, an interactive museum of the town's history. Sean Henry's exhibition Face to Face will also be showing at the LightBox Gallery until November 5.
