

Splashing Around!



Junior Swimming Gala

Dear Parents

We find ourselves at the penultimate Hermes of the year having enjoyed a busy week in school.

At the beginning of this week 22 brave children sat their ABRSM exams in school. It was a very nervous time for the musicians and for Mrs Nolan-Stone and Mr Vanburgh who meticulously oversaw the process.

We thought we had managed to get through the summer season without the thorny issue of having to skirt around the herring gull chicks but it has not been so. The single chick fledged last week and has taken up residence in the old Fledglings garden. It has since migrated to the far more inconvenient (for us) location outside the kitchen. In previous years I have contacted the RSPCA to ask for their help but have been firmly told not to interfere despite the obvious threat posed by their protective parents.



It has been a week of swimming galas for both junior and senior children. My overriding memory has been of friendly competition and tremendous support by all the children for the swimmers, particularly those less confident in the water who were doing their very best to earn points for their houses.



It has also been a week where parents have enjoyed looking at the fruits of their childrens' labours during Junior Creative Arts week. The work has been beautifully displayed in the Drawing Room.

Next week is the turn of the Senior Prep children. On Tuesday evening you are all invited to a private viewing of their art work from 6-8pm. To tempt you in there will be cheese and wine too. It promises to be quite a spectacle and I urge you to support Mrs Saines and her brilliant students.

On Thursday we had the final Class Reps meeting of the year. We all agreed the cross school benefit of this forum and that we would all happily continue next year with your current Reps moving up with their classes. As always, issues raised were far reaching and specific to year groups. On your behalf I wish to thank the Reps who give up a significant proportion of their time to represent your worries and to support key aspects of school life.

On Thursday evening the children and parents of Form 8 gathered for their Lion's Lair business evening. With guest Lions of Lynn Stover, Peter Gordon and Vicky Fernyhough, business projects were discussed, break even points raised and projected profit margins estimated. The Form 8 young entrepreneurs acquitted themselves with great style and made us all very proud. The worthy winners were Lions Leather though the proof of the pudding will be when we see the results of their selling at the Summer Fayre this weekend.



That dovetails perfectly into the event itself. It begins at 12.30pm this Saturday and has a dog show with a variety of categories, a WI make and bake competition, live music, lots of external stalls and much more. Please do try to join us for the afternoon.



It's lovely that it is warm enough not to wear ties, and the Head and Deputies enjoy showing off the new gender neutral staff uniform!



Looking ahead to next week, the final week of the term is one of our busiest of the year.

On Monday, Form 7 children will present themselves to the school in the hustings assembly campaigning for positions of leadership next year.

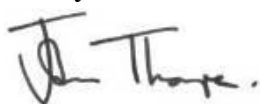
Do try to join us on Tuesday for sports day competitions for your relative age groups culminating in the senior event in the afternoon starting at 2.00pm.

On Wednesday we have our endeavour assembly with awards handed out for the term.

End of year reports will also be added to the school portal.

The year then culminates on Friday with the Form 8 leavers assembly held at 9.30am at St. Peter's Church followed by Speech Day and Prize Giving at 11.00am in our hall with Ben Vessey, Headmaster of Canford as our guest speaker. The event is followed by canapés and Pimms on the school lawn and a leavers' lunch for the Form 8 families.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with your family.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery



Nursery enjoyed a lovely, sunny picnic on the lawn for their lunch on Tuesday. The ice lollies for pudding were definitely a hit!

Form 6

The pupils have read a play based on Beowulf and then written poems about the character.

Henry's poem is attached at the back of Hermes.

Notes from a small garden..



It was beautiful in the garden this week, blue sky and happy horticulturalists. It was a lunch time dedicated to preparation for the Fair on Saturday. I do hope you will all drop by to see the efforts made in our humble garden corner. (We will be found combined with the book stall.)

Our Pizza pots look resplendent having been decorated by an enthusiastic team, and the hanging baskets will be glorious by the weekend.

We had no time for harvesting, but a few raspberries were foraged whilst we decorated pots! Next week will be a bumper crop, and we will hopefully have time to hunt for the elusive potatoes!

Music News

Congratulations to the 22 pupils who took ABRSM exams last week. You all played fantastically and we look forward to receiving your results over the holiday. Please check the timetable carefully for music lesson times. Mrs Nolan-Stone will be teaching non exam pupils only, Mrs Teale will be teaching select pupils on Monday and Mr Garden and Mr Penfold will be teaching on Wednesday.

Mrs Nolan-Stone

Community News



Stacey, Finance Assistant, enjoying her birthday at the Races!

PSHE

This week we welcomed Natasha Stewart into school, AKA This is NA.MA.STE, She is a successful singer who has toured the world with Rita Ora.

Natasha had an important mental health and careers message to deliver to the children from Forms 5-8. She spoke about her own motivational journey and the importance of always trying your hardest at school whatever your chosen career.



They thoroughly enjoyed her performance and were engaged in the following discussion. The children were asked to write a review, here are just a few extracts of their many positive comments.



“I thought she was a really good singer and an inspiration to young musicians. I learnt that you can start as a nobody but if you try you can achieve; her determination was

incredible as she tried so hard at school and stepped out of her comfort zone to achieve her dream”

Harri Form 6

“I thought Natasha was very interesting and inspirational as she told us about her youth depression and how she coped and dealt with it and fulfilled her dream. I learnt that you should always persevere when life doesn’t go your way. She talked about cyber bullying, mental health, depression and more.”

Tymon Form 7

“Natasha has inspired me to keep reaching for my goals and dreams as a singer/actress”

Polina Form 5

“I thought that her performance was inspiring. I learnt that everyone could potentially suffer from mental health and peer pressure is a problem. Social media can be good and bad and she has suffered from both sides. The best bit was when she sang her own song at the end and everyone joined in. She is a very positive role model talking about her life story and problems. Her determination to become a singer was incredible and she inspired me to follow my goal of becoming an air arm pilot”

Henry Form 7

Sports News

Junior Swimming Gala



A lovely day to hold the Junior Prep swimming gala on Tuesday. Some great races and a very close competition between the houses.

It was great to see our first two butterfly races in Form 3 and 4 and a competitive one length swim from Form 1.

Thank you to all our parents for your support and encouragement and it was lovely to see you all enjoying a picnic afterwards.

Results

1st - Purbeck

2nd - Ridgeway

3rd - Maumbury

4th - Frome



Senior Swimming Gala

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who came to watch the swimming gala.

The atmosphere and weather were absolutely fantastic and the level of swimming was very high.

The pupils all stepped up to the plate and encouraged each other superbly throughout the event.

Huge congratulations to the swimmers who set new school records and, of course, to Ridgeway who won the competition with 124 points.

New school records:

Polina Y Form 5 backstroke 1 lane 19.34
(previous 19.97)

Harri W Form 6 Front crawl 2 lanes 26.62
(Previous 27.81)

Erin P Form 7 Backstroke 1 lane 15.41
(previous -)

Freya B Form 7 Front crawl 2 lanes 23.78
(previous 26.94)

Freya Barrington Form 7 Fly 1 lane 11.20
(previous 17.04)

Interhouse Swimming Gala results:

1st Ridgeway 124 points

2nd Purbeck 120 points

3rd Maumbury 106 points

4th Frome 80 points

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Summer Term

Head Boy –Nathan

Head Girl – Lily

Sports Captains – Tom & Frida

Prefects:

ICT – Lawrence & Olivia

Art – Jessie

M&D – Clara & Lily

Outdoor Ed – Atlanta & Frida

STEM – Verity & Poppy

Languages – Lea & Amalia

Humanities – Olivia

Eco schools – Jessie & Verity

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A lament for beowulf

An outlaw came to our land
That man became a hero
From his heroics he became king
From his kingships he became a legend
that Hero's name was Beowulf
Impenetrable yet frail
Invincible yet perished
When he was young he knew his death
When he was old he met his death
Death-knowing
Death-seeing

He killed a man and sought redemption
To the land of the Scyldings he fled
A monster named Grendel plagued their hall
A great hall called Hereot
Head to head Beowulf stood to the monster
To Grendel
Beowulf felt the strength of the grip
Grendel felt the strength of the other
Ruthlessly he tore Grendel's arm off
The monster soon became no more

Hereot opened
But Beowulf's work was incomplete
Grendel's mother wanted revenge
This hero fought the demon
Plunged a sword into its heart
the blade tasted blood
the blade became blunt
This hero slew the beast

Beowulf was from the country of the Geats
And returned after his battles
But sadly war was brewing
Between the Geats and the Frisians
In this great war he stood for Hygelac
When our king fell he stood instead of Hygelac
When the war was over
Beowulf was crowned king
And lead us into prosperity

When Beowulf grew old
A dragon attacked our land
This dragon fought beowulf
This dragon killed Beowulf
This dragon was slain by beowulf's apprentice
A young man named Wiglaf
Wiglaf took over for beowulf and became the next king
In Beowulf's name we lament his death
And retell this legends story

By Henry

2:1 & 3:1 Swimming Lessons at Sunninghill School Pool

With Penny Yarnold

I will be offering 2:1 / 3:1 swimming lessons for children of similar abilities, at the Sunninghill School Pool, on the following dates:

Tuesday 23 July & Thursday 25 July
Tuesday 30 July & Friday 2 August
Tuesday 6 August & Thursday 8 August
Tuesday 13 August & Thursday 15 August
Tuesday 20 August


Please text me directly if you would like to book a lesson.

£5 per family to be billed separately by the school and £5 per child payable to me on the day

Cancellations at short notice will need to be paid for

Spaces are limited

Text Penny on 0797 087 9047



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***GODMANSTONE VILLAGE
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***Saturday 13th July
2:30 - 5:00 pm***

Grand Draw £150 1st Prize	
Pony Rides	BBQ
Swimming Pool	Pimms and Ale Tent
Plate Smashing	Bottle Tombola
Bouncy Castle	Cream Teas
Books	Cake Stall
Children's Games	Plants
Music	

Manor Farm House Garden, Godmanstone
On the A352 between Charminster and Cerne Abbas
DT2 7AQ

Entry £1
Parking and children FREE.

Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	8th	Form 7 Hustings Assembly Form 8 Bike ride to Weymouth U12 Cricket Practice @ Martinstown 2.50 pm
	9th	Forms 3 & 4 trip to Kings Park Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9.30am Forms 1 & 2 Sports Day 11.00 am Forms 3-8 Sports Day 2.00 pm Art Exhibition- Private viewing 6.00 -8.00 pm
	10th	End of term Endeavour assembly 8.45 am
		Art Exhibition - 3.30 - 5.00 pm
	11th	Art Exhibition - 3.30 - 5.00 pm
	12th	Leavers' Service @ St Peters Church 9.30 am Speech Day & Prize Giving 11.00 am Canapes & Drinks 12 noon Leavers' Lunch 1.00 pm Term ends 12.30 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu - 8th July	
Nursery	Art Exhibition/Summer Fayre	
Reception	Art Exhibition/Summer Fayre	
Form 1	Art Exhibition/Summer Fayre	
Form 2	Art Exhibition/Summer Fayre	
Form 3	Art Exhibition/ Summer Holiday Homework/Summer Fayre	
Form 4	Art Exhibition/ Summer Holiday Homework/Summer Fayre	
Form 5	Art Exhibition/ Summer Holiday Homework/Summer Fayre	
Form 6	Art Exhibition/Summer Holiday Homework/Summer Fayre	
Form 7	Art Exhibition/Summer Holiday Homework/Summer Fayre	
Form 8	Art Exhibition/Summer Holiday Homework/Summer Fayre/Future Hermes	