



Fortiter et Suaviter

BRIGIDINE Matters

A reminder to Junior School parents.....

We look forward to seeing you at two events as we head towards the end of our school year:

- Senior Sports Day on Wednesday 7th July, 1.00–4.10pm at TVAC
- Senior Prize Giving on Friday 9th July at 2.00pm

Junior School Sports takes place on Friday 2nd July, starting at 1.00pm and finishing with tea on the Terrace at 3.30pm.

Junior School Prize Giving takes place on Monday 5th July at 9.00am in the Main School Hall. Every child in the Junior School, from Nursery to Year 6, will receive a certificate in recognition of their achievements throughout the year. Years 3 to 6 will be presented with class prizes and trophies.

Junior & Senior links in English

Mr Thompson, from the Senior English Department, came to work alongside Mrs Perrett in teaching a group of Year 6 girls.

The girls were exploring the differences between national and regional newspapers as well as looking at the structure of an article **in relation to the five 'w's** - where, when, why, who and what.

As Mr Thompson used to work in journalism, he was able to give the girls some useful advice in how to target their writing to their desired audience. Mr Thompson also encouraged the girls to investigate the use of adjectives and verbs within the texts.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr Thompson and said it was great to get to know him before they moved up to the Senior School. Mr Thompson enjoyed seeing what kind of work the girls were doing, the standards being reached and in putting names to faces.

Mrs Jo Perrett, Year 6 Class Teacher



Good Shepherd Mass

On Wednesday the 16th June Mrs Davy and Mrs Lega took a group of Year 3 (Alice Wetton, Hannah Chapman, Amelia Pallister and Lucy Murray) and Year 8 (Brogan Williams and Taylor Gillin) girls to the annual Schools Good Shepherd Mass at **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.**

The coach journey was very swift and we arrived in good time for the Mass.

Brogan Williams and Taylor Gillin held **the St Brigid's banner in the processions** both at the beginning and at the end of the Mass. Amelia Pallister and Hannah Chapman presented the special card to Bishop Crispian Hollis that Mrs Morris had made which detailed all the charities that the school has supported this academic year. The service was beautiful and it was a real honour to be

invited. Afterwards we had a picnic in Victoria Park. The weather was just perfect. Later the girls were able to see the ducklings, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds in the enclosure. They also had a good time at the playground.

Thank you to Mrs Isobel Young who also accompanied us and reminded us to bring the banner back to school!

Mrs Maria Davy



Shadowing Kate Greenaway and Carnegie Awards 2010

For the past two months pupils in both Junior and Senior schools have been shadowing the Kate Greenaway and Carnegie Awards. Some of the older junior pupils have been working in groups to decide which is their favourite title whilst the younger pupils have got to know the titles during their weekly story time sessions. The Junior School's favourite was Millie's Marvellous Hat. This is the story of a little girl who has an imaginary hat which turns into all sorts of wonderful things including peacocks, cakes and flowers – in fact, anything she wishes.

In the Senior School Mrs Griffin kindly volunteered her Year 9 English group to shadow the shortlisted titles for the Carnegie Award. The group agreed this year's Carnegie shortlisted titles were of a similar genre; fantasy/science fiction. Whilst the saying goes 'you should never judge a book by its cover' we were all struck by how similar they were in colour; blue – very masculine! The pupils' favourite was *The Graveyard* by Neil Gaiman and is about a boy who grows up in a graveyard. It is a little dark in places but shows that children can flourish in the strangest of surroundings.

STOP PRESS..... CILIP have announced the official winners:

The Carnegie Medal goes to *The Graveyard* by Neil Gaiman.

The Kate Greenaway Medal goes to *Harry and Hopper*, illustrated by Freya Blackwood and written by Margaret Wild.

A classical myth with a 21st century twist on Sunday 4th July at 2.00pm & 4.00pm

The Royal Festival Hall, Southbank will be hosting two screenings of *Icarus at the Edge of Time*. The classic Greek myth has been set in space in the future with a boy facing the challenges of black holes and how Einstein's theories really do work.

The film is accompanied by music from the National Philharmonic Orchestra and narrated by the actor David Morrissey. Further details can be found at www.southbankcentre.co.uk.

The film is suitable for 7 years and up.

Reminder:
Please return all library books by 2nd July 2010.
Thank you.

Garner Ceremony



LVI were very fortunate to be invited to the Garter Ceremony on Monday 14th followed by tea at Mrs Finlay's house, within the Castle grounds. After security checks and a swift walk we took our places on one of the greens.



Mrs Robinson took her seat inside, privileged to be present during the ceremony. Outside, with a view of the procession, we eagerly awaited the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen. After much anticipation Princess Anne, Prince William, Princes Andrew and Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, and Her Majesty the Queen, all made their way down. Though the procession was quick and brisk it was worth the wait!

After the main procession, the ceremony and the leaving procession, LVI made their way to Mrs Finlay's house for tea. We all felt extremely privileged to, not only be invited to the Garter procession, but also to Mrs Finlay's house and would like to thank Mrs Finlay for her kind welcome and invitation for tea. We all had a fantastic time!!

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2010

Term begins: Tuesday 27th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half-Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Term ends: Tuesday 13th July (12.00 noon)

Parents' Day: Wednesday 14th July (8.30am to 4.00pm)

Autumn Term 2010

Term begins: Monday 6th September

Half-Term: Thursday 21st to Friday 29th October

Term Ends: Tuesday 14th December (3.30pm)

Parents' Day: Wednesday 15th December (8.00am to 1.00pm)

Spring Term 2011

Term begins: Thursday 6th January

Half-Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Term ends: Thursday 7th April (3.30pm & 4.10pm)

Parents' Day: Friday 8th April (1.00pm to 7.00pm)

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