

Work of the Week 29/02/08

Nursery: Jasmine Harvey, beautiful felt picture
Reception: Rosa North, lovely careful writing with beautifully formed letters
1N: Martha Murray, excellent story writing with clear sentences and descriptive language
2E: Ursula Perry, always trying to do her best work
2V: Daisy Ison, lovely poem about Spring
3H: Georgina Legg and Izzy McNab, working as a great team on their magnet experiment
3L: Meg Allan, good investigative work with magnets and Charlotte Churchill and Octavia Dunlop, excellent division work
4A: Emily Dickason, beautifully fluent and expressive reading out loud
4B: Abi Cooper, Phoebe Love and Imogen Selley, working hard to produce fantastic paintings in the style of Vincent Van Gogh
5C: Whole Class, wonderful class assembly
5L: Imogen Hayes, excellent Maths assessment work
6A: Olivia Hughes, amazing project work
6H: Sarah-Jane Hailey, fantastic work, excellent ideas and dedication in Science lessons
6M: Chloe Walsh, working very hard in Maths

All work is displayed in Gloucester Hall — please do come and have a look!

Happy Birthday to:

4B: Phoebe Love
6A: Nicola Courtney
6H: Sarah-Jane Hailey, Lucy Ranson



House Point Total:

(as of 13.02.08)

Lansdown: 310
Charlcombe: 275
Northfields: 263
Grosvenor: 212

Netball On Wednesday 13th February, the U11A and B, & U 10 A and B took part in a fixture against KES. **The U11A Team** were outstanding and started the game with real conviction. With debut performances from Sarah-Jane Hailey and Lara Spearman, and additional combinations involving Lauren Puntis and Lauren Taylor, the seven on court never remained the same for long! The girls were spectacular, and should be very proud of their performances. **Final Result:** Win 10-5. **Player of the match:** Thea Grattidge. **The U11 B Team** were particularly inspired by the performance and rotation of the A team, so were ready to 'GO' at the starting whistle! The girls dealt well with playing in a variety of different positions, defending all over the court taking sensational interception after interception! The team were inspired in the last quarter by Lucy Hart, who moved from defence into shooting and scored 4 out her 7 attempts. **Final Result:** Win 8-2. **Player of the match:** Lucy Hart for excellent accuracy in shooting. **The U10A Team** rotated positions each quarter and found themselves playing a variety of roles within the game. The girls put on a magnificent display of Netball throughout the court in a game which was going goal for goal! **Final Result:** Draw 8-8. **Player of the match:** Whole team for effort. **The U10B Team** bonded really well and passed the ball down the court to the shooters with great accuracy. The girls defensive pressure was too much for the opposition and are the first team this year to keep two clean sweeps in their game! **Final Result:** Win 9-0. **Players of the match:** Annabel North for accurate shooting and Sophie Langman for consistently hard work in defence and attack.

On Monday 25th February the U9's took part in the annual RHS Netball tournament at Kingswood Upper Courts. The results were as follows: RHS V KWD: Lost 5-0, RHS V St Margaret's Drew 0-0, RHS V BGS Won 3-1, RHS V Stonar Won 3-0, RHS V MC Won 2-0, RHS V PGN Won 2-0. The girls appeared disorientated in their first match, losing 5-0. However, they quickly got their fighting spirit back. They were complimented on their 'gamesmanship' and their enthusiastic three cheers at the end of the each match. The team finished third overall and it was an excellent result by the girls who should be very proud of their performances, both on and off the court. Congratulations to the whole team on being voted 'player of the match' for their effort, team spirit and determination. A big thank you also to Mrs Palframan for leading the team to such great victories, and Miss Pagett and Miss Blackmore, for scoring and timing the event. Well done to all involved! -- Miss Elsley

World Book Day Thursday 6th March is World Book Day! With this newsletter you will receive a special £1 book token, which is valid between 3rd - 30th March. It may be used in several ways -- 1) to purchase one of the special £1 books, published for World Book Day 2008, 2) to be used as part payment for any book worth £2.99 or more, or 3) to be used as part payment for a Betty Birney book, *The Adventures of Humphrey*. Betty Birney will be talking to the girls in school on Monday 3rd March, when books can be purchased. -- Miss Lloyd

Visiting Authors We were very fortunate to have John Dougherty visit the school on Monday this week. He was a great speaker and the girls loved hearing about his writing, and especially liked his funny limericks and songs! On Monday 3rd March we are very lucky to be hosting a visit from Betty G. Birney, author of 'The World According to Humphrey' (amongst many other fantastic books). The visit is part of a promotional tour for the latest edition to the Humphrey series about a hamster who lives in a classroom, 'Trouble According to Humphrey'. Books will be available to purchase from school for £4.99. See www.bettybirney.com for more information! -- Miss Hindmarsh

Speech and Drama News Mrs Palmer is happy to offer some **extra practice time** to any girls who would like to come along on Saturday 1st March, from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. She will be in Gloucester Hall at the Junior School. **Year 4 parents** -- please note that the girls have been given "learning their lines" as their homework this weekend! Please help and encourage them to practise, practise, practise!

Charity News Before half term the student council discussed which charity to support this term, and decided on Children with Leukaemia. All classes from Nursery up to Year 6 will be taking part in 'The Children's Marathon Challenge.' Each class will set a challenge based on the number 26. Form teachers and girls will be deciding their challenge next week, the girls will then have a week to collect sponsor money and prepare for their challenge. Each girl will be awarded with a certificate of appreciation. The more sponsorship money each girl raises the more Mr Men and Little Miss Stick'emons they will be able to collect. The charity only asks for half of the money that the school raises, so we have decided to split the other half between The Crane Academy and Mrs Hunt's daughter Gemma (a former pupil of RHS) who is running the London Marathon in April in aid of CLIC. A leaflet and sponsor envelopes will be coming home with your daughter next week, and sponsor envelopes should be returned to the form teacher by **Monday 17th March**. Thank you for your support! -- **Miss Brown, Charity Co-ordinator**

Dance Show Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the "Explosion of Dance" on Wednesday. It was a terrific show, and our Year 3 - 6 Ballet girls and Year 5 Modern dancers entertained us all with their super team work.

Playground Toys Parents, please do not allow siblings to play with the Junior School toys at collection time, as it is a safety hazard to those using the space. Thank you!

Nursery Visitor Just before half term, when Nursery were learning about Fabrics, we were lucky enough to have two visitors to show us some things we could make with wool. First of all Mrs Brett brought in a beautiful blanket and flower she had crocheted, and then she showed us how to knit a scarf. She even let us have a go – it was pretty tricky! Then Miss Fiona Morgan (our TA Miss Morgan's sister) showed us how to make felt out of sheep's wool. It was very messy and great fun! Do come down to Nursery to see the fantastic felt pictures we made. Thank you very much Mrs Brett and Miss Morgan, we learnt a lot and we had a lovely time. -- **Miss Cooper**



French meal We all enjoyed a delicious taste of Frances on Tuesday with coq au vin, fondant potatoes, crepes, etc being sampled. The cheese board was particularly popular! Merci beaucoup to Ruth and her team who created the mouthwatering menu!

Violin Lessons Miss Brown, the violin teacher, is unable to come in on Wednesday next week and so will be in on **Monday 3rd March** instead. Girls should bring their violins in on Monday please!

Secondhand Piano for sale Good second hand piano, John Broadwood & Son, brown wooden casing, 20 years old, internal workings in good condition, recently valued. £1,200 ono. Buyer collects. Contact Sara King on 01373 830 235.

Brass Teacher Mr Andrew Colman came to play and talk to all the girls in Tuesday's assembly before half term. He is a Brass Tutor from Bristol. He showed the girls how to play the trumpet and we all had fun trying to make strange noises with our lips! If anyone is interested in having lessons on the Cornet or the Trumpet and they are in Years 4, 5 or 6, then please contact Mrs Hale for details.

Friends' Annual Quiz Night The Friends of the Royal High School invite you to take part in their annual Quiz Night for adults with Richard Lyddon as Quiz Master, **Friday 18th April** at 7.30 pm in the Gloucester Hall. Tickets £10 to include Chilli/Vegetarian option & Pudding, there will be a licensed bar during the evening and are available from the Junior School Office.

Swimming Costumes We keep a stock of spare swimming costumes and towels to loan to girls who have forgotten theirs, but we are running low! If you have any outgrown costumes at home that you would be happy to donate, then we would be happy to take them. If you have any costumes/towels that you think your daughter borrowed from the school please return them (clean and dry, please!). Thank you.

Royal High School tops GDST League table for Value-Added Each year the Girls' Day School Trust analyses the performance of all its schools by looking at their Value-Added scores. These scores compare the actual A-level points achieved by each student to predictions based upon their GCSE results. Last summer our A-level students achieved such high results that we came top in the Value-Added scores in all of the 29 member schools of the GDST. This is a wonderful achievement and we congratulate all of last year's students and their teaching staff who worked so hard to deliver these terrific results.

Congratulations to India Duke in Year 3 who recently performed very well indeed in her Kingswood Eisteddfod exams in Ballet, Character and Song and Dance. Well done, India!

Second Hand Uniform Shop The Shop is open as usual on Tuesdays 3.15- 4.00 and Thursdays 8.30-9.00. It is not too early to buy your SUMMER DRESSES- I have plenty in stock half price or less so please come early as second hand dresses are always very popular. Also on sale New White socks, long and short, and I have some sun hats. If you have any dresses/ or spare dress belts please bring them in for me to sell. Thank you. From next week I have some handmade Easter Cards on sale, priced from £1.

With this Newsletter you should have received: • World Book Day token • Betty Birney book pre-order form, for Year 2, 3 and 4 • Bath Parent magazine If you have not received these items, please collect a copy from the school office.

The weekly newsletter is published on the school website, www.gdst.net/royalhighbath, so do check that for information as well. If you would like to contact Mrs Fathers about any issue please feel free to email her on h.fathers@bat.gdst.net