

**The Royal High School, Bath**  
**Junior Department**  
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**Work of the Week 14/03/08**

**Nursery:** **Lily Beale**, beautiful daffodil picture  
**Reception:** **Georgia Adams**, making really valuable and interesting contributions to class discussions  
**1N:** **Whole Class**, being very well-behaved and sensible at the farm  
**2E:** **Tabitha Stockham**, persevering with difficult Maths and getting it right  
**2V:** **Whole Class**, working so hard on their Spring assembly  
**3H:** **Emilia Sill**, excellent graph work in Maths  
**3L:** **Isabel Berresford** and **India Duke**, great effort and concentration in Maths and Art  
**4A:** **Rosie Karaca** and **Molly Spearman**, enthusiastic participation in discussions  
**4B:** **Olivia Holtam**, working really hard writing a thank you letter to Betty Birney  
**5C:** **Kathini Logut**, entertaining account of Year 5's trip to Sewage Treatment Works  
**5L:** **Ella Hands**, interesting History work and well organised project folder  
**6A:** **Whole Class**, wonderful assembly on Ancient Egypt  
**6H:** **Thea Grattidge**, excellent attitude and behaviour at Trust Gym Rally, **Lucy Hart**, **Rosie Knowles**, **Lauren Puntis**, **Charlotte Rice**, fabulous effort with homework about prejudice  
**6M:** **Ruthie Smart**, wonderful letter, written in French, to pen pal in France

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

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Nursery:** **Ellie Cooper**

**3H:** **Isabella Williams**



**House Point Total:**

(as of 12.03.08)

**Lansdown: 415**

**Northfields: 367**

**Charlcombe: 354**

**Grosvenor: 338**

**Year 6 Experience Easter** This week, Year 6 have had another exciting trip to participate in, this time at Bath Abbey. During 'The Easter Experience' the girls moved to different stations around the Abbey where they learnt about a different aspect of the Easter Story. Staff were pleased to see many girls making thoughtful and interesting contributions to some challenging discussions and, of course, we were very proud of the excellent behaviour which was commented on by Abbey staff. We were all rewarded with a drink and a hot cross bun before a rather wet and windy walk back to school! -- **Miss Hindmarsh**

**Year 1 Farm Visit** Year 1 went off to see Polly's farm for the morning and we had a fantastic time. Despite the severe weather warnings we braved the wind and had a blustery walk around the farm, looking out for new sights and sounds. The sheep, chickens and dogs were as well behaved as 1N. We did get quite muddy and a couple of us got wet feet with the deep puddles! We all went through the sheep run to decide if we should be sold to the market or stay at home and then we all ate lunch inside. We looked at sheepskin, and how wool can make clothes. A huge thank you to Mrs Allan and Polly for being such good tour guides! -- **Miss Noble**



**Sport** On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, the U11 Trust Netball Team travelled to Wimbledon High School to play the Trust Championships. On arrival, the girls completed a fantastic warm-up, led by inspirational captain Antonia Hempleman-Adams. **Game 1 V Ipswich High:** The whistle went, and the girls flew out of the starting blocks at speed. The balls moved at pace, and went straight into the shooters on the third pass. The shot was sunk and the girls found themselves leading immediately. They took a convincing win of 4-1 to start the proceedings! **Game 2 V South Hampstead:** Within the first few minutes the girls were 3-1 up on their opponents. Again, keeping up the same momentum and accuracy, the girls came through to take plenty of intercepts, leaving the opposition chasing play. The final score was a 5-1 win to the Royal High. **Game 3 V Portsmouth:** The girls played clever balls into the shooting circle, and moved the ball slickly around the circle edge to open up play for the shooters. They carried out the same purposeful job with great skill and professionalism to take the game 7-1. It should be noted that The Royal High School & Putney High were the only two teams to win every game in their pool without a loss. **Quarter-Final V Bromley High:** The girls were motivated, focussed and ready for the next challenge! The combination of Plumbly and Grattidge left the opposition chasing their tails at the speed of balls which were flying past them. The goal was converted within seconds and the Royal were leading with impressive play! From here on in, the girls worked relentlessly throughout the match to fight off their opposition. Unfortunately, this was a game which was never meant to be. The final score meant the Royal High lost 7-2. I would very much like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Congratulations' to the girls, on what was an absolutely exceptional performance by everyone. In times of emotion and difficulty, the inspiration and professionalism shown by all girls, in particular Captain Antonia Hempleman-Adams must be commended.

They were a real credit to themselves and the Trust and represented the School with great honour, pride and passion. Their Netball was the most impressive I have ever seen at Year 6, and this was commented upon also, by other members of Trust Staff at the Championships. They have the potential not only to be Trust Champions, but National Schools Champions of the future. For me, the girls were the real Trust Champions, with or without the Cup. A spectacular performance by all, and by far, the best Netball of the day! Well done girls!

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2 mixed U11 Netball teams took part in the annual Prior Park Netball Festival. **Mix Team 1** The Mixed 1<sup>st</sup> team were slow to start in their first game but when focussed, put together some fantastic passages of play to outwit their opponents. Unfortunately, the goals seemed to be rolling around the rim of the ring, but never through the net which created some frustration for the girls. However, throughout the rest of the day, playing in a variety of different combinations, the girls pulled together to put forward some fantastic displays of Netball. Well done. **Final Results:** V KWD lost 3-0, V KES lost 3-2, V Paragon lost 6-2, **Players of the day:** **Olivia Hughes & Rosie Knowles**

**Mix Team 2** The mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> team got off to a flying start and showed great skills as they left their opposition for dead! They moved the ball swiftly from end to end, demonstrating great footwork skills and variety of passing techniques. Under the leadership of Mrs Potter, the girls were thriving on their first victory, and were ready and raring to go for the second match! They played just as well, moving the ball cleanly and defending well, to produce a fantastic display of Netball throughout the day! Well done girls. **Final Results:** V KWD won 3-2, V KES lost 4-0, V Paragon won 5-1, **Player of the day:** **The whole team** for exceptional team work and communication.

**TRUST GYMNASTICS:** On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7 girls travelled to London to represent the Royal High Junior School at the Trust Gymnastic Championships. With each girl competing on the floor and on the vault, the day was bound to be action packed. First up for the girls came the vault. With fabulous displays of control, effort and enthusiasm, every pupil completed either a handspring or straddle vault to complete their competition quota. They performed magnificently, with straight legs, pointed toes, power through the arms and great use of the spring board to execute their skill. A special mention to **Flo Woolley** who executed the 3<sup>rd</sup> best vault of the day, but who was competing as a reserve, so the score was unable to count. With grace and elegance, the girls performed their floor routines effortlessly, interpreting the music to their routine. At the end of the competition, the girls came a pleasing 5<sup>th</sup> place. It was fantastic to see the girls perform with such focus and belief, and they should be commended on their efforts at this championship. Well done to all. A big thank you too, to Caroline Ryan, Gym Coach, and Mrs Davis for their efforts on the day – your help and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated. -- **Miss Elsley**

**Tea Towels** On sale: excellent quality tea towels are available with drawing of Elizabeth and friends at the Crane Academy. Price £5 each and all proceeds to our sister school in Kenya. Please go to the Junior School office. "Asante sana."

**Missing Uniform and Flute** Please can parents make periodic checks of their daughter's uniform and bags, to make sure that they haven't brought home anything that isn't theirs! Amelia Harker in Year 4 has been missing her named school coat for a month and Rhiannon Dowling in 6M has been missing her unnamed flute for several weeks now. Thank you!

**PINK POSITIVE BALL RAISES £10,000** 280 people attended the Pink Positive Ball in the Sports Hall at the Royal High School, Bath (cunningly transformed into a perfectly pink ball venue) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March and raised in excess of £10 000 for Pink Positive. Pink Positive was set up by Vanessa Kyte and her family. The charity is all about turning negatives into positives and using positive energy to raise money for good causes. A special thank you to all the volunteers that made the event possible, especially the people that decorated the Sports Hall so beautifully, the excellent bar staff, the sixth formers who worked so hard and all the people who did the worst job, clearing up on Sunday morning. Anyone who had their photographs taken at the Ball can order photographs from [www.davidmcqjir.com](http://www.davidmcqjir.com) – and all profits are to be donated to Pink Positive. -- **Nicky Hancock**

**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 are £10 to include Chilli/Vegetarian option & Pudding, and there will be a licensed bar during the evening. Tickets are available from the Junior School Office.

**Buses, ASC and Swimming on Last Day of Term** Please note that there is NO AFTER SCHOOL and no swimming on the last day of term, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Buses will run as normal.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop** The Shop is open as usual next week Tuesday 3.15-4.00 and Thursday 8.30-9.00. Plenty of second-hand summer dresses, and sun hats available, also white socks £1 for short, and £1.50 long. I have a good supply of black pumps/daps for the Infants if they haven't got any suitable footwear already. In the summer term they will be outside for some sports. Second hand tennis racquets in all sizes are also available, from £ 5 - enquire in shop. Handmade Easter cards available to buy from £1.00. -- **Vicki Emery**

**With this Newsletter you should have received:** • Year 5 visit to SS letter (sent earlier in the week) • Year 6 Devon trip letter and kit list • Family Fun Day leaflet • Year 4 Devon trip letter and kit list (sent earlier in the week) **If you did not receive these items please collect a copy from the Junior School Office.**

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