

**The Royal High School, Bath
Junior School**
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Work of the Week 20/06/08

Nursery: **Rosie Enderby**, great concentration with building blocks

Reception: **Meadow Norris**, was sensible and mature on school trip to Seaquarium

1N: **Freya Cumpsty**, excellent problem solving work in class

2E: **Lauren McGuire** and **Laura McNab**, being such kind girls

2V: **Bethan Hughes**, excellent spelling and handwriting

3H: **Freya Wills**, enthusiasm and excellent work on Kenya Day

3L: **Meg Allan, Charlotte Churchill** and **Sophia Hamling**, super rainforest postcards

4A: **Joanna White**, excellent concentration and hard work in all subjects

4B: **Esme Ivory-Peters**, excellent work in Maths

5C: **Yasmine Meaden** and **Ketty Terrick**, great detective work during our visit to the Senior School!

5L: **The Whole Class**, learning steps, choreographing and teaching 5C their amazing Line Dance routines

6A: **Freya Chow-Paul**, making a big effort in rehearsals

6H: **Ellie Sims-Hilditch**, being kind, caring and well-mannered at all times

6M: **Eloise Thomas** and **Natalie Wall**, enthusiastic and imaginative creative writing skills

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

Happy Birthday to:

1N: **Georgia Showering**

5C: **Charlotte Davies**

6A: **Freya Chow-Paul**

6H: **Isobel Lee-Barber**



House Point Total
(as of 23.06.08)

Northfields: 410

Lansdown: 388

Charlcombe: 323

Grosvenor: 225

Infant Trip The Reception, 1N, 2E and 2V classes enjoyed a great day out on Tuesday at the Seaquarium in Weston-Super-Mare. We learned loads of fascinating facts about crabs and starfish, and saw lots of beautiful fish and other creatures, including rays, caiman and turtles. The beach was a wonderful setting for our picnic lunch, and we even squeezed in a game of rounders! All in all, a lovely day!

Exciting food news! We will be running a trial Healthy Tuck Shop on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July during morning break time. The Healthy Schools prefects will help to run it alongside staff. On this occasion we will be using change that the girls bring in from home; the cost will be 40p per item. When we open the tuck shop in September we will be operating a voucher system where the girls can buy a set of vouchers/tokens in advance. We will stock healthy snacks in line with the school guidelines for the girls to purchase. --Mrs Clubbe and Miss Noble



Special Visitor We were delighted to welcome the new chair of the GDST Council, Mrs Lorna Cocking, to the Junior School last week. She enjoyed a tour of the Junior School along with meeting pupils and staff and visited Cranwell House too.

2008 Costa Children's Book Award Don't miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become one of three young judges on the panel for the '2008 Costa Children's Book Award winner'! All budding book worms between 9 and 13 years old should write a fabulous 200 word review of a book they have enjoyed and email it to

www.costabookawards.com where you can also find out more information about the competition. The judges will be selected by a panel of experts including Dame Jacqueline Wilson. The three winners from across the country will be expected to read up to 12 books during September and October and attend a judging meeting in London to help decide which has been the best children's book published in the last 12 months. They will receive an all expenses paid trip to London for the award ceremony and gala dinner as well as receiving £100 in book tokens. So get reading girls! --Miss Hindmarsh

CIRCUS PROGRAMME DESIGN Well done to all who took part in the competition. There were so many excellent designs to choose from but the judges in the Art Department had to make a choice, so eventually they did! Many congratulations to the following girls: **Winners:** Georgia Howe 3H, 2nd Imogen Selley 4B, **Runner up:** 3rd Izzy McNab 3H, **Highly Commended:** Izzy Hodgson 5L, Charlotte Penney 5C, Imogen Hayes 5L, Minnie Karanjavala 3H, Imogen Clayton 2V, Esme Hood 3L --Miss Bevan

SPORTING NEWS Tennis: Congratulations to the 6 girls who participated in the Tennis Festival on Friday at Prior Park. The girls enjoyed the challenge of playing mixed doubles against 4 other schools and entertained us with some

dazzling shots. **Bella Pumbly & Claudia Dickinson:** won 4 games, **Francesca St-Clair Wilcox & Charlotte Rice:** won 2 games, lost 2 games, **Isabel Perkins & Isabel Dickinson:** won 2 games, drew 1 game, lost 1 game. In wet and treacherous conditions, the girls did both themselves and the school proud whilst putting in a great display of Tennis all round. Well done, girls. Thank you again to all the parents who came to support, it was fabulous to have your encouragement from the sideline. **Duathlon:** On Saturday 21st June, five girls from Y5 & 6 took part in the Kingswood Duathlon. With a 150m swim followed by a 1200m run, the girls set out in poor weather conditions to complete this tough event. Once the swim was complete, the transition of moving into the run was an all important factor. Changing from wet into dry clothes proved very testing for some, but they managed to do this quickly and within minutes. They then set off around the surrounding grounds to complete the Duathlon. The times were then combined to form an overall position for the girls. All 5 girls performed excellently, showing great determination and skill over two events. In wet and windy conditions, the course proved to become quite testing. However, they all completed the course satisfactorily and were awarded their medals as a result of these efforts. Participating girls were: **Charlotte Penney, Isabel Perkins, Kathini Logut, Emily Tanner Wardle, Kiera Weston-Burt**

Reception Trip At last, Reception managed to get out and about! In glorious sunshine, we walked up to the Lansdown Allotments. Before we had had chance to check out the fruit and veg we bumped in to and chatted to the famous artist Edwina Bridgeman who was walking her dogs, and we met the winner of 'the best allotment in Bath 2008'. We were all really impressed with the range of goodies that were ready to pick; large, fat strawberries, juicy, red raspberries, beans, peas and lots of artichokes (only in Lansdown!). Some of us had never been to an allotment before and it was a great way to reinforce how food grows. After all the intense horticultural studying, which included using magnifying glasses and tasting freshly picked peas (we were invited to pick them by one of the allotment gardeners), everyone had ten minutes to play on the Millenium Green area. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful way to spend a Thursday afternoon. -- **Mrs Timbrell**



Year 5 Trip On Thursday Year 5 went up to the Senior School to solve a crime! Someone had broken into an office and stolen lots of money. Armed with various pieces of evidence we had to decide which of the 3 suspects had committed the crime; Mr N Otme, Mr F M Bluster-Jones or Mr B Nasty. To do this we carried out lots of tests in the laboratories using chemicals, ultra violet light and microscopes. It was great fun and the teachers were all really helpful. We found our man, but reporting restrictions mean that we are unable to name him at the present moment. Thank you, Mr Hardcastle, Head of Science at the Senior School, for organizing such an interesting afternoon.

Library Books The Infant and Junior Libraries will be closed from Thursday 3rd July until the end of term for the annual audit of books. ALL fiction and non-fiction books need to be returned, along with any other school textbooks. Many thanks! -- **Miss Lloyd**

Ballet and Modern Watch On **Friday 4th July** parents are very welcome to come to school to watch their daughter's ballet lesson / club in the Dance Studio in Gloucester hall. Timetable as follows: **8.55 -- Nursery, 9.35 -- Reception, 10.30 -- Year 1, 11.05 -- 2E, 11.40 -- 2V, 3.40 -- Ballet Club.** On **Friday 11th July** parents of girls in the Modern Dance Club are welcome to watch their girls perform in the Dance Studio from **10.30 - 11.10 am.** I look forward to seeing you! -- **Miss Debby**

Circus With two weeks of term left and 200 circus tickets to sell, please invite families and friends to the Circus event on 7th September. People can get tickets through either of the school offices. Family tickets are £34 and this includes a hog roast. Individual tickets are also available at £7 for children and £12 for adults.

Second Hand Uniform Shop The Shop is open as usual on Tuesdays from 3.15 - 4.00 pm and Thursdays 8.30-9.00 am. **Coming Soon Summer Sale !! Please put the Date in your Diary: MONDAY 7TH JULY** in the corridor outside the uniform shop. Years 2-6 inclusive will come during the afternoon with their teachers. The sale will be open until **4.00pm** for parents and Infant girls to visit. There will be all stationery items that the girls need for school next year, (including calculators and padlocks for Senior School,) fountain pens, dictionaries, geometry sets, calculators, mouthguards, shin pads, hockey socks etc for the Junior School. Girls in Year 2-6 should bring money in a named purse on the day.

With this Newsletter you should have received:

- Year 5 Health Education letter
- Year 5 trip letter
- Prizegiving letter

If you did not receive these items please collect a copy from the Junior 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