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The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

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From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Hearty congratulations are extended to our U11, U12 and U13 hockey players on reaching the National IAPS Finals later this month. This is a remarkable achievement and a hat-trick not previously achieved by Foremarke. Similarly, congratulations are extended to our senior Tennis players who have reached the Aegon Regional Finals at Tipton and are one step away from Nationals.

Sadly on Wednesday night on the G4 indoor pitch at the hugely impressive Headquarters of the FA, St. George's Park, our senior boys lost 2-1 in extra time to The Blessed Robert Sutton School, in the final of the Burton and District Cup. We were all immensely proud of the manner in which the boys played and conducted themselves. I am sure all will live long in the memory.

Meanwhile another twelve fixtures were played at all levels this week with the Girls' U11B team achieving a convincing win over Fairfield. Our Senior Girls were also involved in House matches at Repton and many boys continued to embrace the joys of the Foremarke Football League.

Coverage of Foremarke on television has continued this week with a brief appearance in the BBC programme "The Stuarts in Exile", recording the visit of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745 to the Jacobean house and the Burdetts, which previously stood on the site of the current building.

Bonfire night apologies

May we remind parents that we are not able to hold our Fireworks and Bonfire Party this year. Due to the extensive work on both Lakeside and the cricket outfield we are extremely short of parking for big events and can not safely accommodate everyone. This event will return next year.





Polite Reminder re Sports Fixture Changes

This term has seen a lot of last minute changes to our fixtures, mostly due to circumstances which are out of our control. May we remind parents that the web site contains the most up to date information and that the printed calendar becomes overtaken by time. With the poorer weather approaching and the possibility of further changes please do visit the website sports fixture pages regularly to check on the status of games.

Pre-Prep News

Pre-Prep Learning Objectives Michaelmas Week 9

Reception

Mathematics:

To recognise, order and write numerals to twenty. Literacy:

To continue to learn about phonemes and digraphs with a focus on: **oo**, **y**, **x**, **ch**.

Year One

Mathematics:

To consolidate subtracting a one digit number from a teen number. To recognise doubling as addition; know doubles of numbers up to 5 and beyond.

English:

To learn about the significance of Remembrance Day. To write a character description of an alien.

Year Two

Mathematics:

To know doubles for numbers up to at least 15 and corresponding halves. To begin to derive doubles of multiples of 5 up to 100 and corresponding halves.

English:

To write a known story in paragraphs. To use interesting sentence openers and a range of connectives.



Reception



"Looking after property" A Golden Rule

Golden Leaves are awarded to children who follow the 'Golden Rules' particularly well. Congratulations to:-

Nursery	Reception	
Polly Liddle	Imeia Grant	
Maisie Alexander	Lukesh Joshi	
Henry Hatton	Edward Clarkson	
	Millie Sketchley	
Year 1	Year 2	
Benjamin Lines	Zoë Mackenzie	
Peggy Ascott	Nya Grant	
Theo Birkin	Alfie Pitts	
Sophia Langley	Felix Merlin	

New playground is a hit

Even the weather couldn't dampen the spirits in Pre-Prep as we returned to see our wonderful new playground. The 'no mow' grass means that we can use this part of the playground all year round, which is a huge benefit. The children are loving the new area and it is fantastic to see them playing imaginatively together; Billy Goats Gruff seems to be a firm favourite at the moment, with the children 'trip trapping' across the bridge trying to avoid the dreaded troll! We are looking forward to seeing the children enjoying this fantastic resource over the course of their time in Pre-Prep.





NOTICES FROM THE PRE-PREP OFFICE

Gymnastics – Friday 20th November's session will move to Wednesday 18th due to Exeat.

Gymnastics is cancelled on Friday 27th November.

Hockey – Block 2 will now begin on 17th November.

Lower School News

LEARNING POWERS		
4M	Zak Wedgwood	Curiosity
	Charlie Bluny	Motivation

Year 8 Reading Buddies

Our Year 8 students are given the opportunity to take on some areas of responsibility around school and thus be selected for the 'R' Team. This year we have a number of Year 8 boys and girls who have applied for the position of 'reading buddy' to children in Lower School and they will be listening to your children read during the Form period on a Tuesday morning.

Lower School Book Week

A letter should have arrived home this week with details about the Scholastic Book Fair taking place in Lower School next week. Each form will spend some time at the fair perusing the books and, whilst there is no obligation for children to buy a book, those that wish to do so must have returned their parental consent form.

The Book Fair will also be open to parents at the following times:

Friday 6th November 3.30pm-4.30pm

Saturday 7th November 12pm – 12.45pm

Lower School Concert

Next Thursday all Lower School children will be taking part in our concert at 6.30pm in the Theatre. There will be no after school activities on this night and no set prep; instead all children will rehearse until 5pm and then have school tea. We hope that parents can join us for this occasion but, if not, we expect the concert to finish at 7.30pm and children can be de-reg'd from the reception area.

Remembrance Service

There will be a school Remembrance Service next Wednesday so please can children have their blazers in school. They will also be given a poppy to wear, with a small contribution going on the school bill.

Year 3 Playscripts

Year 3 have been learning all about the features of a play-script and were asked to convert part of the story of 'Mr Majeika' in to a play. They then had to create their own ending and set it out as a playscript. Here are two examples of what might have happened after Mr Majeika turned naughty Hamish Bigmore into a frog:

Here's the Frog, Here's Hamish!

Setting: Classroom, Hamish Bigmore's home

Characters: Mr Majeika, Hamish Bigmore, Mrs

Bigmore, Mr Bigmore, Headmaster,

Melanie, Pandora

Mr M: Oh dear, Oh dear. Hamish Bigmore is

a frog.

HM: What's all this fuss? (coming into the

room with Mrs B and Mr B)

Mr B: Why is my son a frog? (raising an

eyebrow)

Mr M: (voice trembling) Well you see he was

being really rude, so I pointed a finger at him and he disappeared. I could try and turn him back again

(searching the book self)

Mrs B: I do actually want him a frog because

he is always a little pest and he won't be any trouble as a frog. Oh thank you marvellous Mr Majeika, thank you. (jumping up and down and hug-

ging Mr M)

HB: Rabbit Rabbit Rabbit (splashing about

in the glass box)

Mr B: Well I suppose we will take him home

then. (picking the frog out of the glass box and heading towards the

door)

Mrs B: Yes, Goodbye everyone.

Mr & Mrs B: (walking towards the door of their

house)

Mr B: Good night wife.

Mrs B: Goodnight

Mr & Mrs B: Goodnight Hamish Bigmore!

By Eva Lubega - 3M

SPORTS NOTICES

Barcelona Tour

On Saturday 17th October, thirty five pupils and five staff travelled to Barcelona for five days. It was a very early start but this enabled us to settle into the hotel at lunch time on the Saturday and check out the local area. Sunday we visited the sights of Barcelona and had a great day at the Gaudi Park, La Sagrada Familia and Barcelona Harbour.

Monday arrived with much excitement as we were due to visit Camp Nou and play our first matches. Much shopping took place in the Camp Nou gift shop and many shirts were purchased! The matches in the evening were super and the Spanish hosts were very welcoming. Our games were played in a great spirit, the boys won their match against Vacarisses CE and the girls lost their match against Linia 22. Some tired children sang their way back to the hotel.

Tuesday was another match day but before that we had a long relaxing break on the beach at Castedelldefels. We managed some serious wave jumping, header tennis, volley-ball and football before heading off to our second matches. Once again we had some lovely hosts and the games proved to be competitive and action packed. On this occasion the boys lost their game to a very strong CF La Torreta and the girls won their game against Iluro HC.

Our final day arrived with sunshine and a long day at the beach, a perfect combination! A lot of fun was had by all! The wind was strong and the wave jumping became more competitive. Our final matches saw us travel up into the hills behind Barcelona. Both the boys and girls won their final matches, which was great and a fitting way to finish our last day.

We arrived back safely and on time in Birmingham on the Thursday afternoon. My thanks go to all the children who were great throughout the trip and a BIG thank you to the staff who travelled too!

Mrs Mansfield

UII's Hockey Update

On Friday 16th October our U11 girls took part in the IAPS Regional finals at Repton. This was a full day of very competitive hockey with twenty plus teams taking part. It was important that we worked towards winning our group and the girls did just that playing some fine hockey. The key game was the quarter finals as we knew a win here would put us through to the semis and qualification for the Nationals. It was a tense start but we kept creating openings and finally made the break through against a good Leicester Grammar side.

We met Witham Hall in the semis and once again this was a tough game, but one which we may have won if we had taken our chances. The game went to penalty shuffles and what an experience this was for our girls. Our goalie, Lottie Fletcher, who was drafted in at 5.30pm the night before, did a tremendous job, but unfortunately luck was on Withams' side and we went through to the 3rd/4th play off

Our final game of a long day enabled the whole squad to get a run out and it was great to see the fresher legs of our subs working hard against a strong Elms side, with qualification in the bag, the girls couldn't quite find the back of the net.

A great team performance girls and Mr C and I can't wait for the Nationals on home ground again. (Friday 13th November at Repton) Well done!

Mrs Mansfield

Sports Fixtures on your mobiles

Please note the supplier of our Sports Fixtures Module has made some system changes to ensure the drop down filters for dates and sports are working on iphones. We hope you will see this improvement on your mobile devices.



Boarding Houses refurbishment continues

Whilst the Boarding Houses have been empty of children over Half Term they have been full of activity of a different kind as we continue our refurbishment programme. Work in Nightingale is now complete and Francis has seen much progress with decorating with new carpets and curtains to follow later this year.

Our Flexi Boarding House has also had new carpets and curtains and further decorating is planned.

Mrs Waldock is keen to remind parents that Flexi is available for late returns from fixtures and to take the stress out of winter travelling.





From the School Nurse



The medical team would like to remind parents who have an asthmatic child that it is recommended that they receive an annual influenza vaccination. All day children and boarders who remain registered with their home GP should arrange this directly with their local surgery if they so wish.

Boarder of the Week



Sam

"Sam has come back to school after the half-term break with a spring in his step. Well done."

JΗ

Year 7 and 8 Drama

Twelfth Night

Week 9 Rehearsals

Monday 4:15-5:00pm: Act 1 Scene 4

Filipe, Emma, Alice, Julian, Jonty

Monday 5:00-6:00pm: Act 1 Scene 7

Jude, Aman, Alice, Mimi, Toby, James, Filipe, Matthew

Tuesday 4:15-5:00pm: Act 1 Scenes 2 & 6

Alex, Emma, Catilin, Cameron, Abbie, Jude, Matthew, Ariel, Sophie, 1229, Amelia, Alice

There will be prep at 5pm for those that want it with Mr Wells in TD12

See me if you are unable to attend. JW



Christmas Fayre

Saturday
28th November

The four School Houses will once again be present at the Christmas Fayre. Each House will run a stall to raise as much money for charity as they can. In the past these stalls have been very well supported and I would like to ask for your help again this year.

Tedder will run a cake stall and we are asking for cakes to be donated just before the fayre, Mountbatten are running a sweet stall and any donations from now would be very welcome, similarly books for the Wavell stall and small 'lucky dip' type prizes for the Alexander stall.

Please support the houses as they strive to raise lots of money, all the children really enjoy this event and the older ones love to get involved on the day running the stalls and persuading you to part with your cash. This is one event in the year when the Houses work together to help others so please donate freely to any stall.

We are in the process of selecting charities that the school will support throughout the year, the children have a hand in making the selection and it is often those that are particularly relevant to them, for a variety of reasons, that get selected. As soon as we have done this we will let you know which charities have been chosen.

We thank you enormously for your support. Mrs Cooper

Christmas Shoe box appeal

May we remind parents and pupils that Monday is the absolute deadline for bringing in your Christmas Boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal. (Operation Christmas Child)





Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Can we break last year's record???



Foremarke Hall on TV (again)

Catch up with Episode 2 of the BBC Documentary "The Stuarts in Exile" here:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06llvxh/the-stuarts-in-exile-episode-2

Pupil Portrait Photos by Gillman & Soame

Children's photos were taken at the beginning of this term. If parents would like their child's photographs in time for Christmas and haven't yet ordered them using the proof cards distributed earlier this term, then please do so asap.

If the proof card with your child's details has been lost, then please contact Gillman & Soame directly at: enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200 and they will be happy to assist.

Good Egg Award for last term!

Awarded to the Year 5 pupil who has been an outstanding citizen around school



Congratulations to

Jack 5JC

From the Repton School Shop

The school shop now has stocks of the boys' navy and white games shorts and white polo tops. Any parent waiting for these uniform items please call into the school shop to pay and collect. Thank you.

Lost Property

Oliver Heap (7JD) has lost his named swimming trunks?



Friends of Foremarke

Help required

Can you bake cup cakes? We urgently need some volunteers to bake cakes at home for our stall at The Christmas Fayre.



Please email victoria at:

friends of foremarke@yahoo.co.uk

Friends of Foremarke Meeting in HCMR

Tuesday 10th November 8.30am

All welcome

We are always looking for new members



Repton School would like to invite

ALL FOREMARKE FAMILIES

Repton Sale of Work

and Fun Day

on Saturday, 7th November at 2.00pm

Please do come and support us



Wanted!



Toys, Gifts, Bottles,

Cakes & Chocolate







Please bring in any unwanted, quality items for Repton School's charity 'Sale of Work'

Friday, 6th November

Collection Points in the main School Office, Pre-Prep and Lower School

Christmas Bazaar

MILTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 21 November 2015

10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Entry £2 - includes Tea/Coffee and mince pie

Gift and cake stalls - Raffle - Tombola

Proceeds to

St Saviour's Church, Foremark

All Welcome

