

FROM THE STUDY

Friday 12th March 2010

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children, Georgina Ridley (2K) for English, Elizabeth Hepburn-Braham (3D) for Cello, Daniel Jones (3D) for Maths, Rafferty Bright & Alia Howland (3S) for Maths, and finally Benji Mitchell (5H) for VR. Well done to you all.

POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP

This week's winner of the Politeness & Courtesy Cup is Max Williams (2K). Congratulations Max.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Yesterday we travelled to Melbourne Park for the fourth and final event of the cross country league (to the relief of many runners, I'm sure!). A big well done to all who ran, the results were as follows:

Year 5 girls – winners of the small schools category. Special mentions to Pippa Ritchie (11th) Jessica Whiley (14th) and Sophie Gardner (21st)

Year 5 boys – 2nd in the small schools category

Year 6 girls – 2nd in the small schools category. Special mentions to Georgina Stevens (8th) and Alice Aldridge (14th)

Year 6 boys – not in the top three, but ran well without their injured captain, Matthew Gilham

Thank you to two new runners, George Berryman and Tavy Hayden, who had great races.

A special thank you to all the runners and parents who have supported the cross country events this season. The final league results will be available soon.

A team of Form 6 runners will be taking part in a relay cross country event on the first day of the Easter break, Thursday 25th March at Chelmer Park at 3pm. Any supporters welcome.

Miss Cole

SOCCER NEWS

Un11 Soccer v St Margaret's

The Boys 'A' Team were playing away to St Margaret's on Wednesday this week. Matt Gilham was missing from the team through the injured shoulder he suffered on the Rugby tour. The match was played in very cold conditions and it was clear from the start that we were in for a tough game – St Margaret's were a very big and physical side!

We started the match well, and had one or two good chances early on.

However, we left the defence a bit exposed and St Margaret's scored two

goals quickly. Tavy was playing his usual good game but he was put under too much pressure and had to deal with a number of one on ones. We kept tackling hard and trying to score but could not make any pressure count. We went in at half time trailing by 4 goals to nil. Mr Grant, quite rightly, gave us a stern talking to at half time. We had simply not put enough effort into it during the first half and we had to do better in the second half. He made it quite clear that his job as manager was on the line if we could not improve.

The second half got under way and we immediately set about our task with more purpose and determination. We tackled harder and were quicker to the ball in the opening minutes. Despite St Margaret's having the bigger players, we were winning more tackles and the game was being played more in their half than ours. However, despite some really good wing play from Mackenzie Maberly, we couldn't get the goal we wanted.

Our determination to score left gaps at the back again and despite Tavy doing his best, we conceded more goals. However, nearing the end of the match another one of Mackenzie's jinking runs down the wing produced the goal we wanted – a long range shot from the touchline was timed to perfection and the keeper never stood a chance. He was soon picking it out of the net!

The full time whistle blew soon afterwards and we now able to tell Mr Grant that we had tried our hardest to save his job, but now it was down to his Chairman, Mr Trowell, to see if he would be with us for the next match.

Man of the Match: Mackenzie Maberly.

Match Report by: Christian Hall (and his Dad!)

Un9 (A) Soccer v Elm Green.

It was just yesterday afternoon when a determined Widford side travelled across town to take on rivals Elm Green and after winning the coin toss, I decided to take kick-off.

As the whistle sounded, Elm Green, on their home pitch, flew out of the blocks and was rewarded with a goal. Widford though, refused to drop their heads.

Following the restart, an outstanding pass from Noah Chilvers to Ollie Gravett saw Ollie supply an excellent cross which I managed to score from.

Elm Green however fought back strongly and a few sloppy mistakes by Widford allowed the home side their second goal to make the half-time score 2-1.

During the break we got together with Mr Trowell and decided that we wouldn't go down without a fight.

As the 2nd half started, some tough tackles by Olly Webb, Noah and Ollie G made Elm Green take a backward step.

Some fantastic saves by Jack Durrance saw the score line stay the same throughout the second half. Then suddenly, in the dying seconds, a corner taken by Noah was narrowly missed by Harvey Tyler after some great movement saw him beat his marker, but it still did not get us our crucial goal.

The final score finished 2-1 but a special mention must go to man of the match Ollie G whose solid tackling very nearly won Widford the game.

Well done boys.

By Luke Degun.

Un 9 (B) Soccer v Elm Green.

Yesterday the Year 4 went to Elm Green to play a match. We started off playing well then Oliver passed to Edward who sprinted and boomed it into the back of the net. The score is now 1-0 but before the last kick off this half, they took a corner and it deflected off one of the players into the goal and the score at half time was 1-1.

We didn't play as well as we did in the first half. Elm Green scored again, so we were losing 2-1! We tried to pull back another goal but instead they scored another one.

The final score was 3-1. Well played boys a good effort by everyone.

By Oliver Swainston.

Yr 3 Netball v St Margaret's

Very well done to the Year 3 Girls who played in the netball against St Margaret's. Antonia Gilham has written an excellent match report, but I wanted to add my congratulations. Such an improvement in your play girls – well done. Thank you also to the parents on the sidelines, it was very heartening for the girls to have such support through the four quarters. I'm sure that you also saw the huge improvement that the girls have made, and we look forward to this continuing through Year 4 and beyond.

The planned matches against Brentwood School this week coming will not take place.

NORFOLK TOUR 2010

The band of some 60 players and supporters set off in high spirits and fine weather for their annual tour, which this year took them to Norfolk. Thankfully everyone found their way in plenty of time to their first fixture against Downham Prep School near Kings Lynn.

Both Widford teams, the netballers and rugby players soon got the journey out of their legs and proved a little too strong for our hosts with girls winning 26-0 and the boys 70-0. Unfortunately, despite the impressive performances the afternoon was somewhat marred by an injury to rugby captain Matthew Gilham, who broke his collar bone. Tours are about so much more than the action on the field and while we were all shaken by Matthew's injury, we enjoyed a 'hearty' sausage and beans with our opponents before heading off to the hotel.

After an extremely sociable evening (which saw the return from hospital of Matthew) involving speeches, presentations and a team meal the Widford tourists woke to a fine Norfolk morning and the chance to explore the delights of Hunstanton.

Saturday's matches were against Glebe House. Once again the Widford boys and girls put on superb displays which saw the netballers triumph 14-5 and the boys victorious by 35-14.

This was a very happy and jolly tour, which saw sporting endeavour and genuine camaraderie amongst the children, parents and teachers, a lot of fun and we are looking forward to next year's event already.

HOUSE MATCHES

Wednesday 17th March, 2.30pm

The girls will be playing hockey at Chelmer Park and the boys will be playing soccer at the field.

This years' competition will involve all the boys and girls in Forms 4, 5 & 6.

Girls

Please ensure that you have the correct kit for hockey, especially shin pads and mouthguards.

Boys

Please ensure you have your soccer kit, including white and blue shirts, shin pads and boots.

All parents are welcome to come and support the teams.

Cricket – summer Term 2010

In Forms 3 & 4 the children will normally play 'Kwik Cricket', the school will provide all the equipment for this. The children can wear white trainers, white socks, white shorts (white trousers can be worn but aren't strictly necessary) and white shirt. (the T shirt used for PE is fine but the school suppliers also have proper Widford lodge cricket shirts)

In Forms 5 & 6 the children play hard ball cricket. The school can provide pads, helmets, gloves and bats. This is not to say that children cannot bring their own equipment, but we do have limited space for storing large cricket bags and the children will have to carry them to and from the field. If you are considering buying a cricket bag you may like to get a 'back pack' style.

When buying a cricket bat please ensure your child is with you so that they can get properly fitted. For your interest, Pope and Smith's in Chelmsford offer very good advice when buying bats and are offering 20% discount from 3rd April to the end of that month.

Children in forms 5 & 6 can still wear shorts for cricket lessons if they wish but should wear 'whites' if representing the school.

If you would like any advice about cricket equipment please do not hesitate to contact me.

NATIONAL NETBALL FINALS

Good luck to our senior netballers who are competing in the National Netball Finals at Rodean School in Brighton tomorrow, come on girls!!

REMINDERS

Thank you very much for all the Sainsbury's vouchers that we have received so far. We are saving up for clip on hoops to improve the number of hoops available for Prep School netball and basketball, as well as in pre prep games. I hope that you will continue to save as we have a wish list of items beyond these hoops!!

We have an ever-increasing pile of un-named lost property in the changing rooms, from odd rugby socks and tights to skirts and fleeces. In the last week of term I will have all this kit available for parents to see if they can reunite their children with any lost items. I would also like to use this as an amnesty for any odd bits of school kit, team strips and other's kit, taken home or kept

in error. I hope that you will support us in trying to sort out the kit issue, ensuring that after Easter all kit is named. Many names seemed to have washed off through the term and it makes reuniting owners with lost property very hard.

A pair of red rimmed spectacles has been mislaid; if you find them please return to the office.

Please can pupils take everything home out of the changing rooms before the holidays, so that we can have a thorough clean and sort out. Thank you.

Sally Harbott

Get Fitter 2010

At Widford Lodge, we have committed ourselves to this initiative for the year. It simply allows us to see the improvement in children's fitness through the Summer term. All pupils will be taking part in three simple fitness tests in their PE lessons before the end of this term, and again twice in the Summer Term. We will then enter the overall improvement into the national database for Get Fitter. No child's individual information or scores will be used outside of Widford Lodge.

The tests are star jumps for 1 minute, shuttle runs for 1 minute and a ball toss for a minute, with the number successfully completed within the time recorded. We feel that at Widford Lodge, pupils take part in a wide variety of sports and activities and we are encouraging a healthy lifestyle. We hope that all pupils will enjoy competing against themselves to improve their scores and as we finalise results we will share them with you. All children who successfully complete the programme will receive a certificate and we will mention individuals in assembly who stand out in their lessons.

Thank you for supporting us in all the sport that we do,

Sally Harbott.

PREP SCHOOL CLUB & ACTIVITIES , SUMMER TERM

The lists for next term's clubs will be on display from Monday 15th march, 4.00pm.

Here are the details:

Mondays

Cricket training for children in Years 5 & 6, 1.15pm (SCT)

Basketball, Forms 3 & 4, 1.15pm (SH)

1st XI Nets – invite only, 4.15pm

Tuesdays

Country Dancing, Forms 3-6, 12.45pm (ST)

Basketball, Forms 5 & 6, 1.15pm (SH)

Senior Tennis, Forms 5 & 6, 4.15-5.15p (unsupervised)

Wednesdays

Senior Fitness Club, Forms 5 & 6, 8.10am (MC)

Junior Cricket Training, Forms 3 & 4, 1.15pm (GS)

Senior Swimming Coaching, Forms 5 & 6, 4.15pm (SH)

Thursdays

Junior Swimming Coaching, Forms 3 & 4, 4.15pm (SH)

Mr Blundell's Activity club, Forms 3 – 6, 4.15-5.15pm (AB)

Fridays

Junior Gardening Club, Forms 3 & 4, 4.15pm (MD)

Sports Club for senior Girls, 4.15pm (ST)

Please note some club/activities are by invite only. Letters regarding tennis coaching with Mrs Morris before school on Thursdays and Fridays are available in the main school building.

When purchasing hats for the summer please ensure they are plain navy or plain white or have the school logo, no fashion styles please. Hats can either be baseball style or the wide brimmed cricket type.

JADA THEATRE SCHOOL

JADA Theatre School are starting new drama and modern dance classes at The Old court Theatre from March 2010.

Ages 5-18 years for boys and girls. Places are limited so to avoid disappointment please call Josephine on 01702 290178 or 07961 916292.

Email Chelmsford@josephinesacademy.co.uk

KIDS ON THE CATWALK LTD

Further to the Fashion Show, FOWL can benefit from commission all year round, through sales from Kids on the Catwalk Internet shop. Any orders placed they will donate 5% of the sale. If you require further details please contact Jan Fassnidge on 01727 826060/821997 or visit the web site www.kidsonthecatwalk.co.uk

Widford Golf Day

Please see attachment.

School Lunch Menu

Please see attachment.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

NORMANS DUTY WEEK

Monday 15th	Form 6 play rehearsals
Tuesday 16th	Form 6 play rehearsals
Wednesday 17th	Walking Wednesday
	Form 6 play rehearsals
	House Hockey 7 Soccer Competition
Thursday 18th	Rev Ian Smith's Assembly
	Un 9 Soccer & Netball v St Margaret's (a) 2.30pm
Friday 19th	Fathers v the Boys Soccer 2.30pm
	Mothers v The Girls Netball 2.30pm

**WIDFORD LODGE CHARITY GOLF DAY
2nd JUNE 2010**



WIDFORD SCHOOL PUPIL NAME AND

FORM :

GOLF AND MEAL : £55 per head

How Many ?

Names and Handicaps

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MEAL ONLY : £30 per head

Names :

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TELEPHONE CONTACT

NUMBER :

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS :

Please return this form to Catherine Grief via Harry Grief – KGE (Tel: 01277 655369) no later than Fri 7th May 2010 together with a cheque for the full amount made payable to Widford Lodge Golf Day. Please also note that whilst we are not limited to the number of golfers we are limited to only 50 people for the dinner therefore priority will be given to one partner per golfer for the meal until the closing date. Should you be golfing and wish to bring more than one guest to the dinner please list in order of priority and places will be released following this date.