



**Letters issued this week :** Easyfundraising  
Teamsheets

**The menu for next week is:**

Monday	–	Jacket Potatoes with a variety of fillings
Tuesday	–	Creamy Chicken Noodles
Wednesday	–	Cheese and Tomato Tart
Thursday	–	Lasagne, peas and carrots
Friday	–	Chicken Goujons, croquette potatoes and beans

**Golds – Winners of the week!** – This week the junior winner was Jessica Wiles with 13 golds and in the seniors both Kitty Taylor and Harry Daines achieved 14. Well done to all of these children.

**The Art of the Long Bow** - Last Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Mr Willie Rackham into school to speak to the senior classes. Willie is an expert on medieval life and in particular the weaponry of the age. During an afternoon packed with interesting and exciting information about bows, arrows, swords and the like Mr Rackham showed us many of the artefacts of the age, including many types of bow and different arrow heads which he had loving recreated out of authentic natural materials as would have been used six or seven hundred years ago. He showed us the clothes worn by a medieval folk and as a finale he demonstrated his own considerable skill as a bowman in ‘splitting the wand’ - a test for medieval archers in which they shot at (and hit!) a thin stick laid in front of the target.



He also explained the origin of some common words we use today. For example, lantern. Did you know that the ‘lanthorn’ in Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream* (“This lanthorn doth the horned moon present”) is so called because the sides would originally have been ‘glazed’ with a thin sheet of horn instead of glass? We thank Mr Rackham for coming to share his immense knowledge in such an interesting way and also Harry Daines’ grandfather for arranging the visit.

**Inspection** - As you know we were visited by a team of three from ISI this week. Two of them will return just after half term and then their findings will be published in about eight weeks.



**Year 6 in North Norfolk** - Last Friday Year 6 departed school at lunchtime for a short residential trip to the North Norfolk Coast. They had the chance to do climbing, bouldering, Abseiling and the infamous Leap of Faith. This last activity involved climbing up a telegraph pole, standing on a small platform on top and then jumping from it to try to catch a trapeze - not for the faint hearted! The weather was wonderful and we ate all of our meals outside and enjoyed a campfire party on the Friday evening. It was a super trip and the children were a real delight to take away.

**ISA Regional Swimming** – An extremely exciting afternoon at The Crown Pools in Ipswich. Special mention should be made of Elliott Smith, Ethan Hillier and Toby Hillier, all of whom won their heats and of Honey Lamdin who came 2nd in the Year 4 race, despite being in Year 3! The children all performed extremely well and we were all proud of their behaviour and achievements. Thanks to Miss Goddard for organising the team and to all the parents who gave their support and helped with transport

**Gresham's Cross Country** – Today saw the annual cross country match at Gresham's School in North Norfolk. As we go to print, we have just learned that all the children ran well, completing the course doing their very best. Particular mention must be made of Ethan Hillier who came 10<sup>th</sup> in the U11 boy's race and Kitty Taylor who was placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the U9 girls. Well done to them and the rest of the team.

**Langley Prep School Under 9 Football** – Good luck to our boys from Years 3 and 4 who are taking part in this competition today. A full report will appear next week.

**Operation Christmas Child 2011 (Shoebox Campaign) -**

Yes, it's that time of year again when we hope to pledge our support for Operation Christmas Child, by filling a shoebox for a needy child. We have participated in this venture on many occasions in the past, and have found it a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience. You are invited to join in this year's appeal, by filling and donating a shoebox, as a gift for a child who would otherwise have very little pleasure at Christmas. The children will have an assembly about the charity next week, and leaflets containing all the necessary information will also be distributed. If you don't



have a shoebox, most shoe shops are usually happy to give you one (even without a purchase!) and if you prefer to fill one box per family, rather than per child, that is absolutely fine. Last year we sent over 50 boxes to the Norwich collection point, and these were then forwarded to deprived children in Eastern Europe. As yet, we are not sure of this year's destination, but all boxes are guaranteed to arrive safely at their designated place, under the watchful eye of OCC staff. I hope you will be happy to support the appeal, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. Due to lack of storage space, boxes will not be collected until after half term, when they will be very gratefully received! Details to follow next week.

Sincere thanks, P Suffolk (Year 2 teacher)

**PTFA AGM and Committee Meeting** - please note that this important meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday (10<sup>th</sup> Oct). All parents, teachers and other 'friends' of the school are warmly welcomed. The committee is totally inclusive and any mum or dad, teacher or 'friend' is very welcome to join – or simply to come along to see if you might like to. Even if you really do not 'do' committees, please come and see if there's any thing you might be able to do to help at one of the many events throughout the year.

**Individual Photos** – Next week the photographer will be in school to take individual photos. We are using a different photographer this year and she will be in school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It would be good to hear some feedback once parents have seen the proofs.

Next Week –	Monday	Individual Photographs 7.30pm – PTFA AGM and Meeting
	Tuesday	Years 5 and 6 Chemistry Workshop
	Wednesday	Individual Photographs 2.30 – Hockey v Riddlesworth Hall (A) 2.30 – Rugby v Riddlesworth Hall (H)
	Friday	Individual Photographs 1.25 – Under 11 Football at Langley Prep School

As a result of recent changes in legislation, we are required to inform parents that the following are available in the school office: Safeguarding Policy, Admissions Policy, Behaviour Policy, SEN Policy, English as an Additional Language Policy, Curriculum Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Educational Visits Policy, Leavers Destinations 2010-2011, Complaints Policy and a list of school staff.