



# TAVERHAM HALL

## Preparatory School

12 February 2010

Dear Parents

This week's newsletter must begin with the Under 9 rugby side's performance at Warwick last Sunday. Despite losing their first match to the overall winners QEGS Wakefield, the team went on to win the Plate Final by two tries to nil against St Faith's, Cambridge. They also defeated Norwich School by four tries to one in their final group game. Full details and photos are available on the school website under 'news pages and then sporting moments'.



DE Photo also took some stunning photos on the day and these are available to view and purchase if you click on the following link:

<http://www.dephoto.biz/pages/ordering/Default.aspx?Path=Rugby\National%20Schools%20Rugby%20Tournament\2010\North%20and%20Midlands%20Tournament%20at%20Warwick%20School>

If you have any queries, please contact Clarke Penrice at email address [clarke@DEphoto.co.uk](mailto:clarke@DEphoto.co.uk)

I am delighted to announce that Mr Stephen Pengilley will take over the ICT Department after half term and I know that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed his lessons when he came for interview. We look forward to welcoming him to the community.

### **PREP SCHOOL**

#### **Sport**

The **Under 9 A hockey team** played fairly well but lacked drive and determination. We played skilfully but the Gresham's team had more urgency when chasing the ball and running into spaces. We conceded 2 goals in the first half and had chances to score ourselves and were unlucky not to do so. We had chances to score in the second half but again failed to take advantage of these and Gresham's hit back with two well taken goals. The final score of 4-0 was perhaps a little harsh but there is definitely still work to do. James Cherry made some excellent saves in goal. Man of the match for Taverham was Mikey Keith.

**The B team** played their first fixture of the term and played fairly well. They created a number of chances but conceded just before half time. Alfie Eagleton made some good stops in goal and James Cherry, playing as an outfield player had a number of opportunities to score but was thwarted. The game ended 1-0. Man of the match was Aaron Hollinger for his excellent play in the middle of the park.

After a long wait to play, the **Under 11 A girls' netball team** came out with lots of energy. Unfortunately, the team's usual calm and controlled game was not quite there this week. By the first half, Gresham's were winning 4-2. After a quick talking to during half-time, by Miss Chapman, the team slowed their passes down, took their time and began to take control of the match, with Sophie Richardson and Sophie Wigglesworth working hard in defence and making some well timed interceptions. Annie, who was being marked tightly, also started to make some more moves, passing the ball around more, which led to more balls into Charlotte and more chances at goal. The final score was 7-5 to Gresham's. It was a closely fought match, with both teams playing well, although Taverham seemed to be just getting going when the final whistle went and probably would have benefited from playing a longer match in the end. Player of the match was Sophie Richardson, for her aggression in defence and for her well-timed interceptions as GK.

After a little confusion at the start of the match, the **Under 11 B's** were warmed up and ready to face Gresham's. Within the first few minutes of play, the winning combination of Jemma Crossley, Louisa Crabtree and Emma Martin resulted in them scoring a quick 4 goals to Gresham's' 1. Harriet Blake, Natasha Richardson and Pippa Crabtree's tight defending also kept Gresham's' score at bay. The team's hard work and determination never faltered, with India working hard at GK and Mollae Scott working tirelessly at centre. The final score was 6-8 to Taverham. The girls should be very proud of their win and it is impossible to choose a girl of the game as they all worked so hard.

The **Under 9 and Under 8 girls' teams** had a slightly different fixture to normal because we were playing High Fives not Netball. It was clear from early on that we were the more experienced players and we did win both games. Everybody played well and there was some excellent shooting from Captain Tilly Mann and Ellie Serruys in the U8 game and a simply superb goal from Maya Conway in the U9 game which decided the match! All the girls are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship during the afternoon and for looking after their guests so well at tea too.

### Assemblies

Thursday's musical assembly this week featured the Senior Chapel Choir singing a fabulous gospel variation of the Killer's song 'All these Things that I've Done'.

Friday's guest speaker was Mrs Cherry, mother of James and Sam who spoke to the children about the value of organ donation. This was discussed further with the older pupils who really considered the merits of this in a 30 minute group session. Mrs Cherry was very impressed with the children's interest and knowledge and the pupils very much enjoyed listening to what she had to say.

### PRE-PREP

This week Year 2 children concluded their work on lighthouses by making their own switches and connecting them to a circuit so that the lights on the lighthouses flashed. They have had a fabulous time learning about electricity and all of them are now able to make their own simple electrical circuits; hence making bulbs light, buzzers sound and colourful spinners rotate!

Year 1 children have been looking at lights and learning about the special lights that we associate with different festivals. They are also busily writing and illustrating their own books in the style of the 'Peepo' book. They have learned a new stitch in sewing which is being used in their Mother's Day presents. All of the Year 1 children received a Head Teacher's sticker in our 'showing and sharing' prayers on Friday because they had all worked so hard this week. Well done!

Reception children concluded the week celebrating Chinese New Year. They tasted prawn crackers and fortune cookies, made 'Year of the Tiger' faces and attempted some Chinese writing.

Karate grading took place on Thursday evening and many merits and distinctions were gained.



### **NURSERY**

The Nursery have been busy using their twice weekly trip to the sports hall to develop their tennis, hockey and ball skills and how to work as a team and co-operate.

### **GENERAL**

The **Year 4 trip to How Hill** advertised in the school calendar for 15 March has been rescheduled for Monday 8 March. A permission slip will have been sent home with your child from their form teacher.

Tickets are selling out quickly for the **Headmaster's and Chair of the Friends' Pop Quiz** on Friday 12 March, so please move quickly if you wish to book a table for this event.

As part of National Science and Engineering Week, there is a **family Science and Discovery Day** at the Forum in Norwich on 20 March, 1000 – 1600.

The **Easter Bonnet Parade** will be held on Thursday 25 March. All are welcome 'suitably attired' in the Inner Hall at 0835. The competition is open to children, parents and staff! There will be prizes, so get your thinking caps on over half term and rustle up a creation for the cat walk!

On a final note, may I wish all pupils and staff a restful half term.

M A Crossley  
Headmaster

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

12 March		
20 March	1000	Family Science Discovery Day at the Forum
25 March	0835	Easter Bonnet Parade Inner Hall – Parents Welcome to attend and participate
25 March	1545	Prep School Music Competitions
25 March	1900	Parent Information Evening – Nursery to Reception in the Drawing Room