



TAVERHAM HALL Preparatory School

29 January 2010

Dear Parents

I am delighted to announce that the Nursery came out extremely favourably on the back of an unannounced Ofsted inspection last week. Whilst I am unable to be too specific at this point, the report itself, due shortly, will make excellent reading. The Nursery will in fact be expanding its hours to cover school holiday times in the future and parents interested in details should speak to Mrs Banks or the school office.

Subsidence in Main Drive

The main drive will remain closed for the time being following further subsidence. One particular area is causing concern and further investigation of the drain is planned. It is expected that the entire 80 metre stretch of trench underlying the drive will need to be excavated. It will then be in-filled with stable materials and resurfaced. Quotes are being sought for this work. The weather is particularly unsuitable due to frost and snow and surfacing in particular is not recommended before April at the earliest. A means of opening the drive for car use is being investigated but we are advised that any temporary road will be subject to some sort of planning consent. Options are being presented to Broadland District Council. If so we might be able to open the drive while the works are taking place.

Presentation

The latest presentation, 'Raising Academic Standards' which Miss Menegaz and Mr Hamilton organised on Thursday evening was a huge success. Parents were clearly informed as to how the school has implemented a number of new initiatives and feedback from those parents at the event was extremely positive. If you were unable to attend the event and would like to find out what you missed please speak to Miss Menegaz initially.

Open Morning

Friday's Open Morning welcomed a number of prospective parents through the door and once again my thanks to our Year 7 and 8 tour guides who were up to their usual high standards. Also thank you to Mrs Barter and Mrs Wigglesworth for their help with the refreshments.

PREP SCHOOL

The following pupils all received notification that they have had art work on the theme of 'Under the Sea' published in a nationally organised competition:

Yuri Bettoni	Louis Drane	Tilly Mann
Sacha Burke	Harry Dunn	Tegan Payne
Maya Conway	Samuel Field	Eleanor Richardson-Howell
Molly Crabtree	Will Graver	Charlie Sizer

Also a special mention for Joss Mordaunt and Cecily Rainey for working hard on art projects in their own time and they too, received subject commendations.

We also had success in a Young Writers' creative writing competition and the following pupils' work will appear in a book titled *Tiny Treasures Norfolk and Suffolk*:

Evie Andrews	George Clements	Will Graver	Michael Keith
Samuel Baker	Madeleine Clements	Ben Green	Rhys Perason-Shaul
Harriet Blake	Josun Cole	Ryan Green	Jack Swatman
Hermione Buttery	Jabez Cooke	Felix Heywood	Jack van Poortvliet
Walter Buttery	Alfie Eagleton	Aaron Hollinger	Harry Williamson
Emily Chapman	Joe Fagg		

Well done to all pupils who will receive subject commendations for this fantastic achievement.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music Exams

The following pupils have been entered for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations this term. Exact dates have to be confirmed but it is likely they will be in mid March

Hermione Buttery	Grade 2 Violin
Alexander Conway	Grade 2 Piano
Phillipa Crabtree	Grade 2 Violin
Lydia Ellis-Baumber	Grade 1 Clarinet
Amelia Ellis-Baumber	Grade 1 Clarinet
Hart Fargo	Grade 2 Saxophone
William Graver	Grade 2 Violin
Anna Jolly	Grade 1 Saxophone
Sophie Owles	Grade 3 Flute
Sophie Richardson	Grade 1 Saxophone

Norfolk County Music Festival

The following pupils have been entered in the Festival. Please see the large notice board in the entrance to the Music School for details. Mr Drew-Batty has been sent some Festival Programmes. Please see him if you would like one. **Please note that some pupils have been entered for more than one class and are indicated in bold below:**

Benjamin Hall	5 March	Voice	Princes St URC, Norwich	1400
Louisa Crabtree	5 March	Voice	Princes St URC, Norwich	1400
Hermione Buttery	9 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Louis Clark	9 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
James Graver	9 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1430
Louis Clark	9 March	Class Guitar	Princes St URC, Norwich	1145
Miriam Whadcoat	10 March	Flute	Princes St URC, Norwich	1000
Sophie Owles	10 March	Flute	Princes St URC, Norwich	1000
Cecily Rainey	0 March	Oboe	Princes St URC, Norwich	1000
Rosie Griggs	10 March	Oboe	Princes St URC, Norwich	1000
Madeleine Clements	10 March	Piano Duet	The Assembly House	1030
Walter Buttery	10 March	Piano Duet	The Assembly House	1030
Louis Clark	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Sophie Turner	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Madeleine Clements	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Evie Andrews	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Walter Buttery	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Charles Sizer	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Molly Crabtree	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1000
Louis Clark	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1400
Abigail Foster	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1400
Jemma Crossley	12 March	Piano	The Assembly House	1400

Music Assembly

This week Ben Hall performed 'The Birds', by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by Mr Drew-Batty. We had heard that Ben had sung this song at Lamas Church, just before Christmas, and it was lovely to hear him sing to an appreciative school audience. Ben is becoming quite a seasoned performer as he recently played the part of Mr Sowerberry in our recent production of 'Oliver!' Well done, Ben.

BOARDING - Crazy Hair Night

The girls' dorm last week was full of action and creativity. The theme was for the girls to experiment with hair design and modelling. In pairs the girls secretly discussed and planned their styles, using a most unusual array of items collected. The most outrageous creations had to be completed within 45 minutes. Each pair gave their style a name before walking the 'cat walk' in the boys' dorm. The boys were a fantastic audience and set the mood for the evening.

Music director Callum Brown
 Judges Matron Lister Yuri Bettoni Tom Martin Isaac Little Jacob Dye
 Compere Albert Sorensen-Pound
 Photographer Mrs Crossley



The evening was a great success and everyone was amazed at the wonderful designs that were created. Great fun and laughter was had by all. Photographs of the evening can be seen in the girls' dorm and on the website.

The cast was as follows:

Designer	Model	Name of Style	Awarded
Charlotte Caswell	Rosie Griggs	'Allen Space Chick'	
Hollie Milton	Annabel Kennard	'The Colour Clash'	
Georgie Lyon	Molly Crabtree	'In the Night Garden'	3rd
Katy Larter	Emily Chapman	'Oriental Sci-fi Party'	
Gap Students	Sophie Richardson	'Zombie of the Sea'	
Lydia Ellis-Baumber	Hermione Buttery	'The Salon'	4th
Pippa Crabtree	India Gill	'P-and-i'	
Amelia Ellis-Baumber	Lousia Crabtree	'Circopotomus'	1st
Jemma Crossley	Chiara Bettoni	'Ocean Zombie Angel'	2nd



SPORT

The **1st XI** travelled to Town Close on Sunday for the inaugural indoor tournament. There were teams from Beeston, Town Close and Gresham's and as the tournament started at 1000 and finished at 1530, the boys were fairly tired after their exertions! The team played well yet did not quite manage the results that their play deserved, especially against Town Close B team and Beeston, where we had more than enough chances to win the game hands down. The defending improved as the games wore on, so did our lead up play to the goal. It was just the killer touch in front of goal that evaded us on numerous occasions. Sam Hunt scored two goals and Robert Goldsmith scored a hat-trick against Town Close B team.

The boys' hockey side travelled to a very cold and wet Beeston on Wednesday and had mixed results...

Mr Martin had the following to report..

Beeston had been able to train on their Astroturf all term as they had very little snow, yet the Taverham teams had limited training on grass. The match did not start well for us as Beeston scored in the second minute in their first attack and I did fear the worst, but the boys rallied well and gained their composure and started to threaten the Beeston goal, with Robert Goldsmith fashioning a one on one chance for himself, which their keeper saved well. An unfortunate clearance from Taverham fell to a Beeston attacker who made no mistake from five yards. The score remained 2-0 until half time. The second half was much more even with chances at both ends, the only difference in the teams was that Beeston had a bit of luck in front of goal, whereas luck deserted our forwards and an inspired

display by the Beeston goalkeeper kept Taverham scoreless. I was very pleased with the performance of the boys and they showed good improvement upon their performance the previous week. I am sure that a win will be coming their way soon.

Although many of the **2nd VII** tried extremely hard, Beeston proved to be the stronger of the two teams, with their regular practice on Astroturf showing. Although Beeston scored a number of goals, Ed Briscoe certainly deserves a special mention for a string of outstanding saves that prevented the score from being considerably more.

Colts v Beeston - This proved a very tricky first set of fixtures for a young Colts' squad. With team practice so limited because of wet pitches we struggled against some well drilled Beeston sides although as spectators will testify we certainly worked hard and never gave up. The A's conceded early and this was a shame as we slowly but surely forced our way back into the game through the increasing influence of captain, Kieran Peters. Others worked hard to give him support but sadly we gave away a soft second goal just as we had a foothold in the game. Nevertheless, we showed renewed vigour in the second half and only a brilliant save by the Beeston keeper prevented a goal after a fierce shot from Kieran. Freddie Mann's forceful play down the left in tandem with defender James Robb was also pushing Beeston back as we enjoyed our best spell of possession. It was a shame then we conceded again as the boys deserved more reward for their efforts. Final score 3-0 to Beeston.

The **B's** gave everything to repel their talented opponents and due to stout defending by captain, Albert Sorenson-Pound and George Clements kept them out until 30 seconds before the interval. Then a deflected short corner beat a wrong footed Will Barker who had previously made several fine saves. The second half saw our goal besieged despite the best efforts of Yuri Konstantinidis who was tireless in midfield and it was no real surprise when Beeston added a further two goals as we tired after so much defending. Final score 3-0 to Beeston.

The **C's** were simply overmatched in their fixture but sterling work by Isaac and Toby Little made Beeston work hard for their 5-0 victory.

The **Under 9 A team** started off well against Beeston on the Astroturf pitch. They had a couple of chances to take the lead early on but, after failing to score, they allowed Beeston time on the ball and Taverham had to defend 2 short corners in quick succession. We came back into the game but were failing to make our dominance count up front until Ryan Green, shortly before half time calmly slotted the ball under the advancing goalkeeper. The boys came out fighting in the second half as the result was always in danger when the score was just 1-0. Beeston managed to have a few more chances but we really improved our performance with Ryan scoring another goal before Charlie Sizer got onto the end of Jack van Poortvliet's goal bound shot to score the third. Charlie scored again before Ryan wrapped up a 5-0 win tapping home after excellent work from Jack. It was a good start to the term with a number of fine performances with Jack pulling the strings in midfield and Harry Williamson harrying the opposition and winning possession on more occasions than I can mention. Well done.

The girls' netball teams had a very successful afternoon on Wednesday

Under 12 v Glebe - An excellent game, Taverham looked in control right from the start. Having said that, Glebe worked hard, had a good share of the play and possibly the final score of 8 – 1 doesn't really reflect what a well fought match it was. Everybody gave of their best and there were particularly creditable performances by Katy Larter and Charlotte Caswell. Rosie Griggs and Annie Serruys played for one quarter each, fitting in well even though they are a year young for that squad. A large number of first shots were on target and for this, as well as her timely moves, Sacha Burke was named player of the match.

Under 10 v Glebe. This match was enjoyable to watch, With Taverham again starting off very strong, scoring 4 goals to Glebe's 1 in the first quarter. Jemma Crossley and Louisa Crabtree worked well together, resulting in some accurate shots at goal. By half time Glebe came back slightly, with it resulting in the score being 7-4 to Taverham at half time. In the third quarter, some excellent, tight defending by Harriet Blake and some great interceptions by Carlotta de la Noy, meant that Glebe only managed to score 1 goal in this quarter. The final score was 11-7 to Taverham, with the girls working hard together to achieve their win. Players of the match go to Harriet for her tight defence and Louisa for her accurate shooting.

Under 9 Netball at home v Glebe. The U9's played a very exciting game to win 8-6. They had to work hard to maintain their possession of the ball but they put their skills to good use and working together as a team they produced their best performance of the season so far. It is very difficult to name a player of the match with such a team effort so much in evidence. The defence was ably manned by Madeleine Clements, Abigail and Elana Foster, Molly Crabtree worked tirelessly at centre supported by Maya Conway and Lucy Reader on the wing and Evie Andrews and Ellie Serruys concentrated hard on scoring the goals. Well played everyone in a testing and demanding game.

Under 9 Rugby Competition

We wish the Under 9 rugby side every success as they travel to Warwick School for the regional stages of a national competition on Sunday. Mr Wood and Mr Hamilton have been putting them through their paces of late and those of us making the long trip will watch them with real interest as they are a talented and promising sporting group.

Football in the Community

'Football in the Community' who operate their session at 1600 in the Sports Hall on Wednesdays are keen to boost numbers, and pupils in Years 3 – 6 who wish to join pupils from Year 2 are asked to express an interest at the school office.

CHICKEN CLUB

These are the chickens given to the school by Mrs Papworth (previous Chair of Governors). They were named before they arrived at Taverham Hall School and are called Susan, Blackie and Brownie.



PRE-PREP

Reception children enjoyed their Forest School work this week. They enjoyed choosing animal names for themselves and they worked together to build a shelter. In topic work they had to think of their favourite food to put in Mother Hubbard's cupboard and then they made the cupboard! They have also been busy sorting fruit and vegetables.

Year 1 have been exploring and investigating the best methods of building a den in the woods. Some children used a tarpaulin tied to trees whilst others collected and built shelters with sticks. The girls even made sure there was a proper door and some sort of bell to alert the residents to visitors! In science they have been looking at how rainbows are made and although it was not possible to see any outside, the children made plenty in the hall by blowing very large bubbles and noting the order in which the colours appeared.

Year 2 children have completed their glove puppets; they designed these themselves and have created a vast selection of characters. They have also enjoyed creating their own simple electrical circuits, discovering how to make a bulb light up and a buzzer 'buzz'! A great deal of fun has been had and the children are looking forward to making their own lighthouses and colourful spinners over the next few weeks.

And finally..

As I prepare for an overnight Youth Hostelling experience with an excited Under 9 rugby side on Saturday evening, I wish everyone else a relaxing weekend!

M A Crossley
Headmaster

Dates for your Diary:

There is a Prep School **ski trip** planned for **8 – 16 April 2011**. If your child is interested in this event please inform **Mr Wood** in writing by **1 February 2010**

Tu 02 Feb	1700	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Fr 05 Feb	All day	Whole school – Unicef Day – donate £1 to the charity and enjoy a non-uniform day at school
Mo 8 Feb	All day	THS Academic Scholarship Day
Tu 9 Feb	All day	THS Music and Sport Scholarship Day