



# TAVERHAM HALL

## Preparatory School

5 March 2010

Dear Parents

Year 8 have been busy this week with CE trials and a further five of our Year 8 pupils have been across at senior schools undertaking scholarship exams and we await to see how they have fared.

The sun has made a welcome return this week and it has been lovely to see the pupils responding to this by 'playing' happily in the woods, building dens and just enjoying being outdoors with each other.

### PREP

Year 3 have been studying ancient Egypt and what life might have been like during this time. Armed with an Egyptian recipe, they donned their aprons and in one case, chef's hat, and made their own versions of Egyptian bread. The recipe only required wholemeal flour, salt and water but these still had to be carefully measured out. After much kneading, the dough was shaped into some interesting forms and passed on to our helpful catering team to cook. All the children who tried their bread enjoyed it, even though it tasted very different to our present day bread.



It has been a very busy week on the courts and pitches.....

### Sport

The last seven days has witnessed a full fixture list on Wednesday and two netball tournaments.

**The U10 Girls** travelled to the Haileybury Netball Tournament on **Sunday 28 February**. The tournament consisted of ten teams from all over the south-east of England, with Taverham Hall School travelling the furthest. Taverham's accurate shooting led to them scoring a total of 19 goals in a series of matches that were only 5 minutes each way. The team started off strongly, winning 4-2 against Stormont and continued their winning streak with another win, 2-1 against Ralph Sadleir. During the next two games, the girls managed to

draw 3-3 against St Joseph's in the Park and 1-1 in a nail-biting match against Palmers Green High. With no losses, Taverham Hall succeeded in winning their group stage, going through to the semi-final. Again the girls continued to work hard, in a close match against Heath Mount, winning 5-4, in the semi-final. The final against Widford Lodge, was extremely exciting and the teams were well matched, with Taverham Hall School just losing 4-5, in the last few minutes. Miss Chapman was delighted with the girls winning silver medals – “an excellent achievement for such a young side”!



**The 1<sup>st</sup> XI** travelled across to Dereham hockey club to take on Brandeston Hall, without three regular members of the side, which gave Jacob Dye, Ed Briscoe and Joshua de la Noy a chance to impress. Brandeston started strongly and moved the ball around very well, but all attempts were thwarted by a strong rearguard of Scott Wigglesworth, James Spratt and Will Burton, with Blyth Few playing the holding role very well. Brandeston did score once before half time with a rasping drive from the top of the 'D'. After encouraging words at half time by the coach, the team responded well in the second half and Robert Goldsmith was soon fed the ball just inside his own half of the pitch and managed to beat three defenders to hammer the ball home for an equaliser. Soon after Robert created another chance for himself, but he was fouled whilst trying to go around the keeper and a penalty stroke ensued. Robert got up to take the stroke himself but the goalkeeper pulled off a great save. Soon afterwards a defensive mistake let in Brandeston for a second goal, with only eight minutes left, but instead of letting their heads drop the team set Robert Goldsmith up with the ball again in his own half. He outpaced the defence leaving some on the floor in his wake as he got to the 'D' he hit it early and beat the goal keeper convincingly to make it 2-2. The game was now very even with chances at both ends, Brandeston won a short corner with only two minutes left on the clock and scored on a slipped variation. It was hard on the boys who had played very well and probably deserved a draw on their second half performance. Colours will be awarded in Final Assembly to Robert Goldsmith and Blyth Few for outstanding performances throughout the term.

**Under 9's v Beeston Hall Tournament.** We started very slowly on a lovely afternoon and watched Wisbech play hockey around us for the first two minutes and were still watching as they rolled the ball into the net. We woke up after that and played the remaining 8 minutes in Wisbech's half and, after more than 10 unsuccessful shots on their goal we got the breakthrough just before the final whistle. Charlie Sizer beat two players before drilling the ball into the goal 1-1. Our next match was against a really good Gresham's team. Gresham's played exceptionally well and we defended fairly well to keep the final score to 3-0. We then played Glebe. We dominated the play and could have scored 6 or 7 but settled for a 1-0 win thanks to a nice tap in at the far post from Charlie after an excellent run and cross from Jack van Poortvliet. Beeston were up next. We set up camp in their penalty area for the entire game, we hit the post 2 or 3 times but the game ended 0-0. Our final game was against Town Close. We again dominated but had to wait until the final minute before Jack van Poortvliet scored from the edge of the area. It was an enjoyable afternoon and we played some good hockey. We came second equal out of 6 teams but missed out on the runners-up medals on goal difference. We played much better hockey than all but one of the teams but just lacked that cutting edge. On another day we could, and possibly should, have scored 15 goals but we had to make do with three. It was, however, an enjoyable afternoon and the boys should be proud of their achievements.

**Under 13 Netball v Town Close.** We were simply out-played by a tall and athletic Year 8 Town Close squad, Taverham found the pace just too demanding. As always, everyone put in 100% effort and for at least part of each quarter we managed to give the opposition real competition. With Town Close in their regular positions for the first half of the game we were well behind on goals. The second half of the game was much more of a match and we scored 2 goals to their 7. Particularly good effort from both Hollie Milton and Katy Larter

**The Under 11 A Netball team** played at home to Town Close on Wednesday afternoon, We started off very well, Rosie Griggs won the toss and we scored in the first 30 seconds of the game, however from that point on Town Close took the lead, they had 2 very strong goal scorers who rarely missed an opportunity. Taverham girls played with all their hearts and we were very impressed with their relentless efforts to gain control of the game. Annie Serruys and Charlotte Billig scored some great goals under lots of pressure, Sophie Richardson and Sophie Wigglesworth worked incredibly hard in defence unfortunately we just could not keep them out of the semi circle. Player of the Match goes to Hermione Buttery who made some great passes throughout the game and a special mention to Anna Jolly who played so well in defence. Chiara Bettoni was also involved in the match and scored 2 lovely goals.

**Under 11B v Town Close.** The girls tried hard in this game but unfortunately struggled throughout the match with getting the ball out of defence. In the second quarter, with a few position changes, the girls managed to get the ball into attack more and actually scored more goals than Town Close. Unfortunately, despite trying hard and bringing the score closer to 13-9 to Town Close, in the second half; Town Close proved much more consistent than us, defending well and working well as a team. Miriam Whadcoat and Isobel Hall worked hard when they were on and Mollae Scott worked tirelessly as Centre. A good try, but we need to work more on bringing the ball out of defence and sensible passing.

**The U11 Girls** travelled to the IAPS U11 Regional Netball Tournament on **Thursday 4 March**. This tournament consisted of 19 teams taking part in it, split into two different groups. Taverham started well with a win against St Cedds with the girls working well as a team. The next two games resulted in a draw against Beeston and Barnardiston Hall. Taverham managed to win 4 out of the 6 remaining games. They narrowly lost to a strong South Lee team, who against many of the other teams, won by many goals and eventually came second in the whole tournament. Taverham managed to keep the score at 3-2 to South Lee, with some excellent defending by Jemma Crossley, Louisa Crabtree and Anna Jolly. It should be noted that Jemma and Louisa were not used to being in defence or playing in the A Squad, however they played extremely well throughout the tournament and coped easily with the higher standard of play. The girls went on to come second in their group which resulted in them playing against New Hall in a playoff for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> position. The girls again played very well as a team against a strong New Hall team. Unfortunately Annie Serruys had a nasty fall, which weakened our team slightly and led to New Hall winning 3-2. The girls played so well the whole day and even when tired or injured, continued to try hard and raise their level of play. They should be extremely proud of their performance and effort and in them eventually coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the whole tournament. Well done



## **Boarding**

On Tuesday night the borders had a fantastic evening of entertainment as the boys took their turn at the crazy hair night. It was an evening full of wacky hair and crazy costumes. The acts ranged from Isaac Little as a hula dancer through to Jamie Clamp as Elvis Presley and Henry Alston and Tom Martin as the punk rockers. Toby Little was a convincing Jack Sparrow, Mikey Keith and Jack van Poortvliet as 'Mike the Spike' and 'Robby the very colourful clown', Edward Clough and Joss Mordaunt made a grand entrance as the hair monster and the hairy hare, opening the night with the two jokers Cedward (Conal Murphy and Edward Briscoe) reciting a variety of hairy jokes. Finally, the evening ended with a BANG with the three amigos (Jacob Dye (on skates), James Spratt and Hart Fargo) who did a stunning performance which involved serious Mexicans and less serious wacky dancing and some excellent skating. All in all the night was an epic hair- raising experience! Credit must go to Henry and Tom as well as Toby coming joint first, the three amigos coming third and Edward and Joss, just missing out on a medal in fourth!

Written by Hart Fargo, Jacob Dye and James Spratt.



## **PRE-PREP**

Last week Reception children began incubating eggs. We have our own incubator kindly provided by the Friends and have hired a brooder from Easton College. We are very grateful to Cecily Rainey for giving us the fertile eggs and now have to wait 21 days for the eggs to hatch.

On Thursday Reception children visited Easton College, it was dry but very cold, however this did not affect the enjoyment of Reception children, seeing all the different farm animals. One of their favourites was the newly born lamb in the lambing shed.



The Pre-Prep is buzzing with excitement as Activity Week draws near. We begin on Monday with our music day and look forward to welcoming lots of parents to watch the sponsored sing at 0900. Please could we have all sponsor forms in by Monday morning. There is something special happening every day and we look forward to telling you about it in next week's news. The children are going to be keeping a diary of the week's events.

Can you help?

Just before half term, Ben Blowers in Year 2 lost his watch in or around the swimming pool area. The strap is of a green camouflage type material and the watch face lights up in the dark and has a helicopter going round the dial. Should anyone find the watch, Ben would be delighted to have it back.

### **NURSERY**

The sun is beginning to shine again and the Nursery children have found renewed enthusiasm for Forest School activities. The snowdrops are a delight and we have studied the different shapes and colours of each. This week we have made birds' nests with twigs, moss and clay eggs. There are many new shoots to be seen and the warm weather is bringing out the mini-beasts - the Nursery children are delighted to see small red jewels in the brown leaves - ladybirds are everywhere!

### **ASSEMBLY**

This week's Friday assembly entailed a visit and presentation by LEPROSA. The pupils should be able to tell you all about leprosy and have also been requested to collect small change etc. in an attempt to help with treatment. I am aware that charity requests appear to be coming thick and fast these days and parents should not feel under any pressure in this regard. These assemblies are in place to increase pupil awareness and as ever the children were interested and inquisitive.

As the hint of Spring is in the air and the woods and dens are very much back in force, may I wish everyone a restful weekend and good luck to the boys' hockey sides competing on Sunday.

M A Crossley  
Headmaster

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

8 – 12 Mar	Pre-Prep Activity Week
Mon 08 Mar	1700 Year 8 Parents' Evening
Fri 12 Mar	1900 M&M Friends' Pop Quiz
Tue 16 Mar	1700 Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thu 18 Mar	1830 Years 3&4 Entertain
Fri 19 Mar	E&A Grades
Thu 25 Mar	1430 Pre-Prep Dance Display
Thu 25 Mar	1900 Prep Spring Concert