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Congratulations!

I have recently received a letter from Somerville College informing me that Natalie Fung a former member of Gosford Hill School has been awarded a Cobbe Scholarship to read Physics at the College. This was awarded to Natalie in recognition of a good performance in her exams. The letter also stated that Somerville will always be pleased to welcome entrants from this school and hoped that Natalie's success would be an encouragement to other applicants.

Dr. S. Bizley – Headteacher

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

All ballot forms have now been sent out so please vote for your chosen nominees (a maximum of **three**) and return your ballot paper to school, in the envelope provided, by **3p.m. on Wednesday 16 November 2011**. The ballot papers will be counted on Thursday 17 November 2011 and the results published in the newsletter sent out on Friday 18 November 2011.

Doreen Rose - Chair of Governors

1st XV Rugby v Bicester Community College

In an exhilarating game of rugby at Bicester Community College, Gosford put up a superb performance to win 22-7.

In a game with many outstanding performances Luke Newton was immense in the forwards while Dan Jones was also very influential in loose play. The three quarters of Luke and Jake Townsend alongside Tim Price were assured throughout. A thoroughly enjoyable game. Well done all.



Team: Joe Foxon, Will Brett-Harding, Tim Price, Jake Townsend, Luke Townsend, Travis Gordon, Jake Milburn, Luke Newton, Jame Heydon, Malcolm Marecki, Reece Gonella. Matt Keys-Lumley, Angus Lodge, Dan Kirby, Dan Jones

P. Catling – P.E. Faculty



KIDLINGTON YEAR 5/6 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL 2011

Thirteen teams took part in this year's Kidlington Tag Rugby Festival. It was held at Stratfield Brake on 31st October. Seven of the teams came from Edward Feild School and North Kidlington, West Kidlington and Dr South's each brought two teams.

Mark Gardner from Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club marked out the pitches in the morning and provided the bibs and balls for the festival. Leaders from Gosford Hill School did an excellent job in their roles as timekeepers, scorers, leaders and referees. **'Young leaders were great as usual! I had lots of positive feedback from the children and adult helpers'**

Our leaders have been asked to officiate at the County final on 10th November.

P. Selby – School Sports Co-ordinator

U16 County Cup Football Quarter Final (girls)

Gosford Hill dominated possession in a fantastic team display at Henry Box in the Quarter Final of the U16 girls County Football Cup. On 20 minutes, Lauren Haynes picked up the ball from half way and beat three defenders to slot the ball neatly into the bottom right hand corner. A superb piece of individual skill. Lauren struck again 2 minutes later with a screamer from 25 yards, beating the keeper at full stretch. The half ended 2-0.

Despite Gosford starting well in the second half, Henry Box scored quickly to make it 2-1 but Gosford replied soon afterwards with another goal. Nat Morris took an excellent corner kick and Lauren converted to secure her hat trick. A few minutes later, Kasey Butler picked up the ball and beat 2 defenders; she slotted the ball through to Beth Hawtin who scored in to make it 4-1. The final flurry of the game saw Nat pick up the ball on the break and slot a superb through ball into Lauren to add in her 4th and Gosford's 5th.

The final result: 5-1.

Squad: Lauren Haynes (c), Georgia Guy, Kasey Butler, Moon Fulcher, Jodie Launchbury, Mariana Assuncao, Elissa Clark, Lorna Rivers, Beth Hawtin, Hayley Clements, Nat Morris, Tor Rodway, Emily Murphy.

Players of the match: Nat Morris, Lauren Haynes, Kasey Butler.



Miss V. Rose – Head of P.E.

Congratulations to:-

The U13 Hockey Squad who played in the North Oxon tournament at Blessed George Napier School on Wednesday 2nd November. The squad was made up of year 8 and 7 students and they played excellently together – many for the first time. The team played 4 matches, winning one, drawing one and narrowly losing two.

Well done to Lisa Groves , Charlotte Smith, Holly Davies, Phoebe Naylor, Emily Moss, Emily Nutt, Andreia Vieira, Chloe Ridewood, Caitlin Brown, Kara Selby, Phoebe Littlewood, Catherine Hill.

Miss V. Rose – Head of P.E.





**Would you like to be involved in supporting your
child's education?
Have you been involved in your child's school PTA
before?**

Join us for an informal meeting (refreshments provided) and brief
welcome by the Headteacher
Followed by a short Annual General Meeting



**TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2011
LEARNING CENTRE
(Please follow signs from reception)
FROM 6PM**



(Please join us when you can if you can't make it by 6pm)

**NEW MEMBERS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME**

Gosford Hill School Association (GHSA) is a charity and made up of
volunteers
Join our social fund-raising group and help support pupils' educational
experience

For more details, visit the school website:

www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

Or contact Mr Stocks (Learning Centre and Extended Schools Manager)
on 01865 374971 ext. 167

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

With increasingly difficult economic times, a number of families may now have become eligible to claim free school meals for their children. If you are in receipt of one of a number of benefits you may be entitled to claim for free school meals. Please note that you do not normally need to provide evidence of your income, only your date of birth and National Insurance Number. The relevant support payments include:

- Income Support (IS) or Employment Support Allowance (IR) (ESA) (IR).
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not included, and that your 'annual income for Tax Credit purposes' does not exceed a threshold figure.

Our main aim is to ensure that families receive the financial support to which they are entitled. Therefore we would encourage families to claim free school meals, even if your child does not want to take them up, as this would also benefit the school through additional funding we would receive.

If you think you are entitled please contact Mrs Seward at the school for an application form.

CONTACTING YOUR SCHOOL

Your views are very important to us, whether they're about your child, school activities or wider community issues. For all contact details telephone School Reception.

If you have a concern about your child contact:

- **The subject teacher** - if it concerns learning in a particular subject. Contact Reception to leave a message or alternatively, if you have internet access, you can ask for their email address.
- **The Head of Faculty** - if you wish to discuss any matter in greater detail.
- **Their Form Tutor** - if it is a more general issue about your child's well being.

Staff will endeavour to phone you back as soon as possible. All information is treated in the strictest of confidence. If you want to raise an issue or query about a more general area of school activity or a community matter contact a Parent Governor. (Telephone numbers available from School Reception)

SCHOOL RECEPTION: Telephone: 01865 374971

SCHOOL EMAIL: office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

ABSENCE LINE: Telephone: 01865 855378 (please use this number to report absences)

or

email – absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

The Parent Support Site has information on supporting your child(ren) in a number of curriculum areas.

Remembrance Assemblies were held during the week and on 11/11/2011 a moment of silence was held.

