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VISIT FROM LOCAL MP

We were delighted to welcome Nicola Blackwood MP and OCC Cabinet Member Melinda Tilley to our school last week. They toured the school, met with Dr Bizley and chatted to students. They were very impressed with the progress Gosford Hill School is making and congratulated us on our recent Ofsted report. Nicola is keen for people to write to her as the local MP in all matters to do with politics.

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Dr S Bizley – Headteacher



SCHOOL SPORT AMBASSADORS' ASSEMBLY

Our School Sport Ambassadors led a week of assemblies last week to promote the Olympic Games and their Values. They showed two films: one explained the Values of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the other showed some of the greatest moments from past games.

Three of the Olympic values, Inspiration, Respect and Equality, match the values Gosford students are asked to strive to achieve in their daily lives. The ambassadors gave their own interpretation of the Values of the Games and briefly explained some of the activities they had been involved with since becoming Ambassadors for Sport.



Mrs P Selby – School Sports Co-ordinator

KIDLINGTON SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

The children who took part in this year's sportshall athletics had three taster sessions before their festival. This gave them an opportunity to experience the standing triple jump, javelin, ladder work and fun obstacle relays as well as the traditional events of the festival.

The same students from Gosford who officiated at the Gifted and Talented athletics confidently led the tasters and the festival. St Thomas More were the winners by one point. Edward Feild came a very close second with West Kidlington in third place and North Kidlington in fourth.



Actor and DJ visits pupils at his old school (Oxford Mail Article)

By Tom Jennings »

LEGENDARY reggae DJ David Rodigan returned to his secondary school – with a few words on coping with fame for its latest musical stars.



DJ David Rodigan MBE returned to his alma mater, Gosford Hill School where he met pupils and headteacher Dr Stephen Bizley

Mr Rodigan, 60, visited Gosford Hill to speak about his career in radio over the past 30 years. One student he spoke to was Daniel Sarbatta – more widely known as D-Sarb.

The 18-year-old has reached number one in the iTunes world music chart, amassed more than 250,000 views on YouTube, been interviewed on Radio One and is about to start a nationwide tour with Dappy, lead singer with the group N-Dubz.

After meeting Mr Rodigan, who was made an MBE in the New Year's Honours list, D-Sarb said: "David shared his experience and the way he coped with his quick rise. It was phenomenal. We spoke about how it can be lonely and challenging flying off around the world. It has been a big inspiration, especially because he started at Gosford Hill. I'd love to follow in his footsteps."

Mr Rodigan, who now lives in London, lived in Kidlington and attended the school during the 1960s.

He was presented with a programme from school play Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, in which he appeared and which helped spark his career.

Mr Rodigan said: "I had an inspirational teacher with a passion for literature and I looked forward to class. That man and that production introduced me to the joys of theatre."

After leaving school, Mr Rodigan starred in *Doctor Who* before starting his 34-year long career as a DJ.

With a passion for ska and reggae, the DJ – known as Ram Jam Rodigan – worked on Capital Radio, Radio London and the British Forces Broadcasting Corps for 25 years and joined Kiss 100 FM in 1990 where he can still be heard every Sunday at 11pm. He said Gosford Hill School had changed a lot but he was buoyed by its continued focus on the arts.

Lucy Truman, 15, said: "It has been slightly surreal because we have just walked around the school with this successful and famous man."

Headteacher Stephen Bizley got in touch with Mr Rodigan about a visit after reading the Oxford Mail's article about the DJ's MBE success.

HOUSE POINTS

RECENT EVENTS

The recent Creative Arts production of Oliver was a tremendous success and the culmination of hard work put in by the cast and production team. All students who participated in the production will have earned points for their house.



**SPORT RELIEF WEEK IS...
20-23 MARCH**

**Secret student is back
..... A secret student from each house will be checked on Friday 16 March. If they have been successful in school then they will be revealed and earn 10 valuable points for their house. This could be YOU.**



**MUSIC LIVE EVENT
WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH**
There were solo artists, bands and singers performing to a packed school hall. Mrs Frankcom's music night was a great success and showed just what talent there is at Gosford Hill. All students involved in this evening will have earned points for their house.



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... WELL DONE EVENLODE – come on Cherwell, Windrush and Thames ... can the SPORT RELIEF games alter the total? ...

Questionnaire for Parents and Carers - Year 10 March 2011

Statement 1 - My child is happy at this school

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 23 32.39% | 40 56.34% | 7 9.86% | 1 1.41% | 71 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 88.73% | | |

Statement 2 - My child feels safe at this school

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 24 33.33% | 44 61.11% | 3 4.17% | 1 1.39% | 72 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 94.44% | | |

Statement 3 - My child makes good progress at this school

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 24 33.33% | 41 56.94% | 7 9.72% | 0 0.00% | 72 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 90.28% | | |

Statement 4 - My child is well looked after at this school

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 21 29.58% | 41 57.75% | 7 9.86% | 2 2.82% | 71 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 87.32% | | |

Statement 5 - My child is taught well at this school

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 16 23.19% | 44 63.77% | 8 11.59% | 1 1.45% | 69 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 86.96% | | |

Statement 6 - My child receives appropriate homework for their age

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 10 14.08% | 42 59.15% | 17 23.94% | 2 2.82% | 71 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 73.24% | | |

Statement 7 - This school ensures the students are well behaved

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 11 15.28% | 42 58.33% | 14 19.44% | 5 6.94% | 72 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 73.61% | | |

Statement 8 - This school deals effectively with bullying

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 12 17.39% | 49 71.01% | 2 2.90% | 6 8.70% | 69 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 88.41% | | |

Statement 9 - This school is well led and managed

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 15 21.13% | 48 67.61% | 4 5.63% | 4 5.63% | 71 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 88.73% | | |

Statement 10 - This school responds well to any concern I raise

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 17 24.64% | 35 50.72% | 13 18.84% | 4 5.80% | 69 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 75.36% | | |

Statement 11 - I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 21 29.17% | 39 54.17% | 10 13.89% | 2 2.78% | 72 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 83.33% | | |

Statement 12 - I would recommend this school to another parent

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 19 27.14% | 37 52.86% | 10 14.29% | 4 5.71% | 70 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 80.00% | | |

Statement 13 - Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 18 25.35% | 47 66.20% | 5 7.04% | 1 1.41% | 71 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 91.55% | | |

Statement 14 - My child studies regularly at home

| Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 21 29.17% | 31 43.06% | 17 23.61% | 3 4.17% | 72 100.00% |
| Percentage positive | | 72.22% | | |