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Languages Awareness Week

To celebrate the European Day of Languages on the 26th September the languages team held a number of events to celebrate language learning at Gosford Hill. On Monday and Tuesday lunchtime we had an impressive turnout of pupils from Years 7-10 to watch 'Marley und ich' (Marley and me) in German.

On Wednesday lunchtime Mrs Hagmann-Smith ran a German Spelling Bee, quizzing contenders on spellings to win prizes. Thursday lunchtime saw Mrs Jessior-Tiffet working with the languages team to help students make posters for our school buildings in Polish, German, French, Spanish, Russian, Bulgarian, Portugese, Chinese and Korean. To complete the week we held an international food-tasting event where pupils brought in home-made dishes for our students (and staff!) to sample. The most popular dishes were the Polish chocolate cake, Chinese biscuits and Spanish Tortillas.



Thank you to all students and staff who helped us celebrate the European Day of Languages this week. We hope you enjoyed the events as much as we did.

Miss Normington, Mrs Williams and Mrs Hagmann-Smith
Languages Faculty



"I went to languages on Thursday to create posters for the school. It was great to be helping and talking in my own language. We talked, we ate and we had fun! The week provided special moments from the school to students from other countries."

Ana Flausino, Year 11, CPDS

"The languages day was an amazing opportunity for all of us who are from different countries to show people our traditions. I was really happy because I had the chance to show off my culture and my food. I would like to thank Dr Bizley and all of the staff that made this day happen and for joining us in respecting our countries."

Anelia Gagova, Year 11 EACL

"On Monday and Tuesday I went to L3 (my German classroom) and we watched Marley and me in German! It was funny but hard to understand it but then Miss Normington put English subtitles on to help us. Luckily we also had...POPCORN!!!

On Thursday we made posters for the school for different subjects. I chose music and I wrote my poster in English, Polish and German with the help from Miss Normington and Mrs Jessior-Tiffet. It was really fun!"

Jasmine Lallis Year 7, CJHX

Evenlode Charities

Evenlode house has decided to raise money for two charities this year. We wanted to focus on the immediate needs of the school and the wider needs of the community. We will therefore be raising money for the piano fund in school as we have a number of talented pianists in our house and across the school. Keeping this talent alive will provide great opportunities for the students and school community.

Our second charity will be the Food Bank in Kidlington. Our students feel this charity is worthwhile as no-one should go hungry let alone those living in a developed county in the 21st century. This charity also gives students the opportunity to get personally involved in helping out our community. Evenlode students are looking forward to starting our fundraising and sharing our collections with our chosen charities.

Miss S Clinch – House Leader for Evenlode/Miss C Rees – Evenlode Tutor

Reports from the P.E. Faculty

A busy start to the year in the PE faculty with football, rugby and hockey fixtures taking place. In addition many clubs are taking place afterschool with gym club, basketball club, table tennis club, Sportivate and also cheerleading at lunch times. All timings can be found on the PE noticeboard at the back of the hall.

Congratulations to all students who have represented the school and taken part in a club. The faculty have also launched a Twitter account for students and parents to follow with information on fixtures and results. Please follow us @SportGHS.



This week the Year 7 and 8 boys have played rugby against Sibford. The Year 7 won their first fixture and Year 8 lost by one try. The Year 8 boys are also due to play football against Icknield School on Thursday evening. At the same time the girls will be playing hockey against Warriner School and we hope for positive results in all games. Fixtures continue next week with the Year 10 boys representing the school in the rugby county cup

against Lord Williams School, Thame and hockey fixtures against BGN.

Mr P. Green – Head of P.E. Faculty

ESFA UNDER 13 NATIONAL CUP ICKNIELD 0 GOSFORD HILL 3 Thursday 4th Oct

A below strength Gosford Hill side put up a spirited display at Icknield School to come away with a hard earned 3-0 win. Without several key players and fielding just 11 players with stand in goalkeeper Ryan Hambridge it was a fine performance in the circumstances. After a lively opening Gosford opened the scoring with a Matty Hughes long range effort. The Icknield keeper was by far the busier but only some good defensive work by Ryan Chambers denied the home team in some threatening moments. On the stroke of half-time a mazy run by Matty Walker resulted in him being brought down in the box and he picked himself up to calmly slot the penalty home and make it 2-0.

In the second half Gosford wrapped up the game with another Walker penalty. Morgan Smith had his best game in a Gosford shirt and Ryan Chambers and Matthew Comley were outstanding in defence. The team now host Thorngrove School from Newbury in next round on Wednesday 17th October.



Team: Ryan Hambridge, Lewis Jones, Joao De Souza, Tom Keppie, Ryan Chambers, Matthew Comley, Morgan Smith, Lloyd Thomas, Matty Hughes, Matty Walker, Ben Druce,

Man of the Match: Ryan Chambers

Mr P Catling – P.E. Faculty

Cheerleading at Gosford Hill School

Cheerleading, although hugely popular in the US and many other countries around the world, is a somewhat unheard of pastime in Great Britain, therefore, we as a school, are very privileged to have our own cheerleading club! It has already proven extremely popular.

Esther Schmidtpott runs the club and has already managed to drum up lots of members. Esther recently moved from Germany to join our Sixth Form; she has been extremely passionate in trying to create a cheerleading club, especially after only having been at the school for a month. She has excelled not only in advertising the club, but also in being a knowledgeable and influential coach; she is extremely popular amongst the current members and is always looking for more!

Around twenty students are already attending classes on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes; Tuesday consisting of dance based activities and Thursday providing the enjoyment of the always impressive stunt sessions. The stunt sessions may sound slightly hazardous, but safety is of paramount importance with several crash mats being set up around the stunts, also the classes are always in the Gym and only PE kit is to be worn. Anyone is welcome to join - not only gymnasts but bases will be needed as well, as they will be lifting and throwing people for the stunts. Esther has had some help from male Sixth Formers to act as bases, however, due to work commitments they are very rarely free, and therefore, she is in need of some male helpers to aid with lifts.



The club is a great way to keep fit and offers something different and enjoyable to do with your lunch break so come along!



By Edward Keppie

GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL FILM CLUB

Thursdays 3.20pm in the Learning Centre. **It's FREE!**
Drop-in or become a member and influence the choice of films. Find out more at www.filmclub.org and use Club code: CCZ508A5.



COMING SOON!

Thursday 18th October - AFRICA UNITED (12). Adventure comedy drama about a group of kids who walk 3000 miles to the Football World Cup in South Africa. 1hr 24 mins (finishing around 4:50pm).

Thursday 25th October - MILLIONS (12). Comedy drama about a young boy who finds a bag full of money, based on the award winning book. 1hr 38 mins (finishing around 5:05pm). FILM CLUB is open to all year groups. For more information see me in the Learning Centre.
Mr Stocks - Learning Centre Manager.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs. Jacqueline Lallis has been appointed to serve for a first four-year term of office as a Parent Governor on the Governing Body with effect from Monday 8 October 2012 and Mrs. Stephanie Leach has been re-appointed to serve for a further four-year term with effect from Thursday 1 November 2012.

It was not necessary to hold a ballot as two nominations were received for the two positions. Details of contact information for all Parent Governors are available from Reception. Please contact one of the Parent Governors if you have a concern or question about the governance of the school. Messages can also be left at Reception inside the main school entrance.

Mrs. Doreen Rose - Chair of Governors

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.

Questionnaire for Parents and Carers - Year 7 October 2012

Statement 1 - My child is happy at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
59 68.60%	27 31.40%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	86 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 2 - My child feels safe at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
49 56.98%	36 41.86%	1 1.16%	0 0.00%	86 100.00%
% positive		98.84%		

Statement 3 - My child makes good progress at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
34 40.96%	48 57.83%	1 1.20%	0 0.00%	83 100.00%
% positive		98.80%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
51 59.30%	34 39.53%	1 1.16%	0 0.00%	86 100.00%
% positive		98.84%		

Statement 5 - My child is taught well at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
48 56.47%	37 43.53%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	85 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 6 - My child receives the appropriate homework for their age

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
36 42.35%	46 54.12%	2 2.35%	1 1.18%	85 100.00%
% positive		96.47%		

Statement 7 - This school ensures the students are well behaved

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
41 48.81%	43 51.19%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	84 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

Statement 8 - This school deals effectively with bullying

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
29 39.19%	43 58.11%	1 1.35%	1 1.35%	74 100.00%
% positive		97.30%		

Statement 9 - This school is well led and managed

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
51 60.00%	34 40.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	85 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
38 55.07%	30 43.48%	1 1.45%	0 0.00%	69 100.00%
% positive		98.55%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
34 44.16%	42 54.55%	1 1.30%	0 0.00%	77 100.00%
% positive		98.70%		

Statement 12 - I would recommend this school to another parent

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
50 60.24%	32 38.55%	1 1.20%	0 0.00%	83 100.00%
% positive		98.80%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
68 80.95%	16 19.05%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	84 100.00%
% positive		100.00%		