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## Remembrance Assemblies

Remembrance Assemblies were held this week to mark Remembrance Day taking place this weekend. Staff and students came together in the Hall to listen to readings, to watch a multimedia presentation and to take part in a minute's silence marked by 'The Last Post'.

The assembly was lead by: Tom Cross (Head Boy), Tobi Akinyemi 7ETBR, Chloe Haynes 7EPGN, Marcus Tranter 7ETBR, Lewis Kimber 7WHWD and Alex Toma 7CPDS. The readings included 'In Flanders' Fields' (John McCrae) and 'Remember' (Christina Rossetti).

**Ms. W Hemmingsley – Deputy Headteacher**



## Life Drawing Classes in Art



Life drawing classes have been held for 'A' level students and invited GCSE students this term. Drawing from a life model is an excellent way for students to improve their skills and confidence in drawing. All students will benefit from these sessions and be able to include the work in their portfolio of exam work.



For students wanting to study art at university, having a selection of life drawings in their portfolio will give them a distinct advantage. All students have responded to the demands of the 2 hour sessions with great concentration and stamina. It has been a pleasure to teach them.

**Miss C Drewett and Miss C Gowlett - Creative Arts Faculty**



## Tag Rugby Festival



Four of the five primary schools in our Partnership entered the Tag Festival held at Stratfield Brake. Dr. South's and West Kidlington entered two teams, St Thomas More entered three and Edward Feild entered nine!! The standard of play improved throughout the afternoon and the festival was enjoyed by all.

Mark Gardner, a coach from Gosford All Blacks, marked out the pitches and was on hand throughout the afternoon. The children were signposted to the Club and were encouraged to speak to Mark if they were interested in playing more rugby. Leaders from Gosford Hill School did a fantastic job in running the afternoon.

The sixteen teams were organised into four sections and played everyone in their section. The winners of each section went through to the semi finals. Dr Souths A lost to Edward Feild B; West Kidlington B lost to Edward Feild A. Edward Feild A went on to beat the B team by 4 tries to 3 in the final. While the semi finals and final were being played all the other teams played one more game.

Edward Feild A and B will go through to the Partnership finals which are being held at Stratfield Brake on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Mrs P Selby - School Sports Co-ordinator**

## Call for entries: BIG BIKE RIDE 2013 - Westminster Abbey to Islip, Oxford

Cyclists of all standards are invited to spring into action with us for the second Islip Big Bike Ride, on Sunday 14th April – to start the summer with a gentle challenge...

... taking the northerly route through the Chilterns from London to Oxford via Harrow, Chesham, Princes Risborough and Thame:

- 65-mile mixed ride from Westminster Abbey incorporating London landmarks, parks, streets, canal, climbs, country towns, and a final sweep into Islip;
- fully signed route, marshalled at key points;
- roadside refreshments at regular intervals;
- first aid and mechanical support;
- party atmosphere, food and prizes for all finishers at the end;
- entry fee £30 (or £20 for starters from Thame).



This is a good mixed ride for serious road cyclists – plenty of interest and some good climbs up through the Chilterns – and a really enjoyable challenge for those who are less experienced.

As well as being a really enjoyable event, it seems to us that the BBR is a golden opportunity to fundraise for a large number of charitable causes. If you do plan to fundraise for a charity other than the two organising charities (Islip village church and school), all we ask is that you let us have details – and tell us how much you raised after the event so that we can let everyone know much we raised through our joint efforts.

If you have queries or would like more information about the 2013 Big Bike Ride, please contact one of our organising team at [BBRislip@hotmail.com](mailto:BBRislip@hotmail.com)

## **Graphic novel workshop- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

As part of our continued commitment to improving literacy across the curriculum and boys' engagement with English, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October we ran a graphic novel workshop in the Learning Centre.

The day began with students exploring examples of graphic novels, discussing themes, characters and setting and then thinking about a storyline for their own extract of a graphic novel.

The course was led by Luisa, a graphic novel writer who inspired, advised and supported boys from Years 8 to 11 during the day. There was a real excitement throughout and all students commented about how positive this experience has been.

The amazing work which was produced by our graphic novel writers will soon be displayed and shared with the Gosford Hill community in Sainsbury's and then in the school.



**Miss C Marin – Assistant Faculty Leader, English**



## **Year 11 Skills Show trip NEC Birmingham - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

All Year 11 students will be attending the careers event, The Skills Show, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. It promises to be a very interesting, interactive careers information event for all students.

Further details about the event are at <http://worldskillsuk.apprenticeships.org.uk/the-skills-show/> .

There are still some parent consent forms outstanding, further copies are available at reception or on the School website.

**Mrs E Hounsell - Careers & Work Experience Manager**



## **Friends of Gosford Hill School**

present a fundraising

# **Quiz Night**

With prizes for the winning team

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012**

**Gosford Hill School – Main Hall – 7pm**



**Ploughman's Supper included – Bar available**

Desserts for sale by the World Challenge Team

£30 per team (maximum of six)

£18 for a students' only team

*Smaller teams are welcome to join together on the night*

**Advanced booking essential**

Please register by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November by

emailing [finance@gosford-hill.ocnmail.net](mailto:finance@gosford-hill.ocnmail.net)

or by calling 01865 374971