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Whole school Gifted and Talented Projects:

The Science Department is running a term long project for students who are gifted in Science to complete in their own time. This will offer the opportunity for our students to further develop their passion for Science.

In order to complete the project, students are asked to pick one sport or aspect of the Olympics that interests them, and research and explain the science behind it. This can be presented as a short film or animation, a presentation, an essay, or a model, whatever medium takes their fancy! The project will need to be handed in by Friday, 11th January.



The best presented and informative entry will win a PRIZE!!!!



Letters have been sent out to those gifted in Science. For more information please contact Tom Baker (Science Faculty G&T Link) or Catrin Rees (G&T Coordinator).

Year 7: A New and Exciting Experience at Gosford Hill School. The 'STEP UP' Project!

This term we will be starting a brand new project for Year 7 students who are gifted in Maths, English and Science. The project will allow students to attend one Year 9 lesson this term in the subjects they are gifted in. As the project develops we hope that students will be able to spend more time in Year 9 lessons. It is the belief that this will allow students to expand their knowledge in their gifted subject and provide them with motivation to continue with their passion.



Letters will be sent home to Year 7 students who have been nominated to participate in our 'Step Up' project.

For more information please contact Mr Baker (Science), Miss Koufou (English), Mrs Ninkovic (Maths) or Miss Rees (G&T Coordinator).

Miss C Ree – Gift and Talented Co-ordinator

Drama Auditions

This week auditions are taking place for Gosford's next school production. After great deliberation, we have decided to do Buggy Malone. A fast moving, fun and exciting musical set in Chicago in the 1920's. There will be show girls and gangsters, a love story and a battle. All great material for Gosford's talented students to get their teeth into.



We held auditions in the Hall on Wednesday 21st November for Years 7, 8 and 9 and on Friday 23rd November for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The turnout was amazing, over 100 students from across the school auditioned. We made it much harder this year as everyone needed to sing, act and dance and all material needed to be learnt off by heart.

We are thrilled with the turnout and talent for this year's production. It is going to be an amazing show.

Provisional dates for this year's production of 'Buggy Malone' are 19th-23rd March. Put it in your diary.

Mrs H Whitford – Head of Creative Arts Faculty

Year 3/4 Football Festival

Schools were encouraged to hold intra competitions to select their top teams to take part in this competition. Four schools took part, North Kidlington, West Kidlington, St Thomas More and Edward Feild. Games were played using a Futsal ball to encourage dribbling and passing.



The games were played in good spirit and were umpired by students from Gosford Hill School.



Edward Feild School beat North Kidlington in the final but both schools will go forward to the Partnership Final on 29th November at Banbury Stadium.

Mrs P Selby – School Sports Co-ordinator

Official Photo of Recent Oxfordshire Award



Well done!

Gosford Hill School students and staff raised £125 for this year's poppy appeal.

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy to support this important appeal.



Reminder

Just a quick reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 7th December for a Staff Training Day as detailed in last week's newsletter.

Dr S. Bizley - Headteacher

Questionnaire for Parents and Carers - Year 10 November 2012

Statement 1 - My child is happy at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
23	57	4	0	84
27.38%	67.86%	4.76%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		95.24%		

Statement 2 - My child feels safe at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
34	49	1	0	84
40.48%	58.33%	1.19%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		98.81%		

Statement 3 - My child makes good progress at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
24	53	4	0	81
29.63%	65.43%	4.94%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		95.06%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
23	55	4	0	82
28.05%	67.07%	4.88%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		95.12%		

Statement 5 - My child is taught well at this school

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
16	59	4	0	79
20.25%	74.68%	5.06%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		94.94%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
15	47	16	2	80
18.75%	58.75%	20.00%	2.50%	100.00%
% positive		77.50%		

Statement 7 - This school ensures the students are well behaved

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
11	64	8	1	84
13.10%	76.19%	9.52%	1.19%	100.00%
% positive		89.29%		

Statement 8 - This school deals effectively with bullying

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
13	58	8	1	80
16.25%	72.50%	10.00%	1.25%	100.00%
% positive		88.75%		

Statement 9 - This school is well led and managed

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
20	55	6	0	81
24.69%	67.90%	7.41%	0.00%	100.00%
% positive		92.59%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
16 21.05%	50 65.79%	9 11.84%	1 1.32%	76 100.00%
% positive		86.84%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
15 18.07%	58 69.88%	9 10.84%	1 1.20%	83 100.00%
% positive		87.95%		

Statement 12 - I would recommend this school to another parent

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
17 21.25%	60 75.00%	2 2.50%	1 1.25%	80 100.00%
% positive		96.25%		

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

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
23 28.40%	57 70.37%	2 2.47%	1 1.23%	81 102.47%
% positive		98.77%		

Statement 14 - My Child Studies regularly at home

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
16 19.75%	44 54.32%	18 22.22%	3 3.70%	81 100.00%
% positive		74.07%		

Year 10 Educational Visit to Oxford Prison

Year 10 have recently visited Oxford Prison to help them consolidate their understanding for their Controlled Assessment in History. They not only toured the site but also attended a workshop to look at historical artefacts from the 19th century prison.

Oxford Prison underwent huge changes in the late 18th and early 19th century under the watchful eye of the Governor, Daniel Harris. Gone were the days of prisoners being locked up with as many as 20 to a cell and in its place was a very strict and controlled regime. A typical day for a prisoner would involve: cleaning out their cell, hard labour, for example working the capstan wheel to transport water from the river into the prison, mealtimes consisting of gruel and bread (if they were lucky!) and religious services.

Both Years 10 and 11 have used their visit to assess how far the evidence they gained from visiting the site supplemented the understanding they had already gained from the historical evidence they had examined in the classroom. Both groups were, as always, extremely well behaved. It was a pleasure to spend time with them out of the classroom and experiencing history first-hand.



Miss H Stephens, Team Leader (Humanities)



The 12 days of Christmas The EasyFundraising Way



On the first day of Christmas my school sent to me
A letter about raising money for free

Boden

On the second day of Christmas, I registered with easyfundraising
I added Easyfundraising to my favourites



On the third day of EasyFundraising, I did my first online shop
I did a "compare" and the cheapest came out at the top



On the fourth day of EasyFundraising, I bought a gift from the Amazon store
Amazon donated £2.50, so I decided to shop some more



On the fifth day of EasyFundraising, I bought an ipad online in the sale
This raised TEN POUNDS



On the sixth day of EasyFundraising, I bought some Theatre tickets for my mum
Through EasyFundraising, another £5 went into the school fund



On the seventh day of EasyFundraising, we ordered a Razor scooter from ToysRus
Ordering online is so easy, it is really a must



On the eighth day of EasyFundraising, I found a present on line for me
I wrapped it and put it under the tree



On the ninth day of EasyFundraising, I bought a gift for all the family
Next year's summer holiday

Boden



On the tenth day of EasyFundraising, I decided which Christmas food to choose
Shopping online with my supermarket avoided all the queues

On the eleventh day of EasyFundraising, I ordered all my Christmas booze
With Easyfundraising there's really nothing to lose



On the twelfth day of EasyFundraising, I found I'd raised the most
I won a voucher and Champagne for the Christmas toast



Avoid the queues: do your Christmas shopping online this year and raise money for Gosford Hill School at the same time.



Register as a supporter



Search for your purchases compare suppliers to get the best prices



Use the link from the easyfundraising website to get to your chosen suppliers



Shop online as normal

