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## Languages Week 2013

At the end of September we held a languages week at Gosford Hill to celebrate European Day of Languages on 26<sup>th</sup> September. On Monday some Year 11s performed an Indian dance with Mrs Whitford. On Tuesday there was an origami session in which we made foxes, cats and other animals. On Wednesday there was a quiz about the capital cities and flags of the world which was enjoyable whilst creating a competitive atmosphere.

The next day was speed languages learning and we learnt languages like Tongan, French, Spanish, Hungarian and Lithuanian from other students. On the last day we experienced flavours from around the world by tasting a variety of international foods, made and brought in by students at Gosford. Overall it was an educating experience and we would recommend that people get involved and attend the events next year.

**Yemi Akinyemi and Faustine Petron-Daniels (Year 9)**





**Parent Forum Wednesday 13th November - 6.00pm - 7.00pm Learning Centre (Library)**

There is so much change in Education that it can be difficult to keep up with what is happening. Parents and Carers of students in Years 7 - 10 are invited to 3 short 20 minute presentations:

1. What are the key changes to Curriculum and qualifications from 2014 onwards?
2. What can I do to protect my child when they are 'on line'?
3. What are the key changes to the English and Maths exams?

All welcome.

**Dr S Bizley – Headteacher**

**Follow us on Twitter!**

You can now follow the school on Twitter! I have a Gosford Hill Headteacher Twitter account. I will use this to give brief updates and snippets of useful information about the school. It's also a great way for families to 'keep in the know' about school activities! (see right for details).

Tweets will also appear on our website but I will be unable to reply to any individual tweets. The tweets replace my Headteacher blog. The twitter account will be reviewed and if successful will become a permanent part of our communication system.

Kind regards and get following!

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**



**Congratulations to Erin Corness**

Erin has been selected to be one of only 35 from the Oxfordshire Scouting movement to attend the 2014 23<sup>rd</sup> World Jamboree in Japan which will happen in the summer holiday!

**Dr S Bizley - Headteacher**



**Parent Governor Election**

The ballot count was held in school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and following a close count Andrew Gauld was elected to serve as a Parent Governor of Gosford Hill School for a four year term.

Thanks to all parents who voted in this election. The response was very encouraging with a good number of ballot papers returned.

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**

## Life Drawing Classes

The second life drawing session for selected Year 11 and Sixth Form students was a huge success. Students worked through a range of short drawing tasks such as continuous line and negative drawing and progressed to extended drawing tasks. All students showed progress from start to finish.



Miss C Gowlett – Team Leader, Art Faculty

## 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](mailto:office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

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

## TERM DATES

### 2013-2014

#### Term 1

Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October

#### Term 2

Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December

#### Term 3

Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February

#### Term 4

Monday 24 February – Friday 4 April

#### Term 5

Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May

#### Term 6

Monday 2 June – Friday 18 July

**INSET Days: 6 December 2013, 21 & 22 July 2014**

**Bank Holiday: 5 May 2014**