



Marathon Runners

On Sunday 2nd April, Mrs Le Cornu and her sister ran the Southampton Marathon. Although having completed two virtual marathons before, this was Mrs Le Cornu's first one in race conditions.

Even with all the training, they were very nervous on the morning of the race. The atmosphere was buzzing when they arrived at the Guildhall for the start of the four races (Marathon, Half Marathon, 10km and 5km).

They started strong and enjoyed the energetic atmosphere and support around the course, both finishing with good times and in high spirits. A great achievement - Well done!



is no exception. Even before the races begin the house banners are pinned up, every student in red, yellow or blue; it really feels like an event with a capital 'E'.

Then the races begin... We start with the open races, where you can do whatever stroke you want - this race is all about participation - what matters most is doing your best. Each race ends quickly but not without a fair amount of exhilaration in each one. Everyone on the side lines are chanting, cheering and clapping - the atmosphere is electric.

Next we move onto a range of strokes - backstroke and breaststroke. The energy is no less electric with applause erupting after each win - house pride is a must!

As the races continue, Year 10s and 11s update the score boards parading the latest results to the adoring crowds.

After the breaststroke, the scores stand at Trojan in first with 102 points, Spartan in second with 82 and last but not least the mighty red Romans are third with 66. The freestyle goes by much the same positions but with no less enthusiasm from the crowds and participants!



The places haven't changed but who knows? The relays could change everything.

The relays reach a grand crescendo - they all want to win and competition is fierce! I bet you could hear the cheering back at school.

The final scores are in and everyone waits with baited breath.....

Trojan are the winners, with Spartan second and Roman third.

Congratulations to all students who took part and represented their house.

House Swimming Gala

On the last day of term, we held our annual Swimming Gala at the Quays in Southampton. Thank you to Grace P (Year 9) who wrote a report about the event:

Every year the House Swimming Gala brings students together for some friendly house rivalry, and every year cheering bounces around the room - everyone supports one another! This year



House Point Totals

Heading into the Summer term the scores for the houses are incredibly close:

Trojan 1,350
Spartan 1,135
Roman 935

Artistic Gymnast



Despite having been on a restricted training programme due to a back injury, Elite Sports student Betsy J (Year 7) has been competing in Gymnastics during the Easter break.

She is very proud to have come in the top 15 of the Southern Region Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Grade 3 competition, not only passing but achieving a Commended result and just narrowly missing out on a Distinction.

This is a huge achievement having missed out on weeks of vital pre-competition training. Well done Betsy and we look forward to hearing about your future competitions.

Maths Answer

In the previous Newsletter (No 14) we set a Maths question for readers to try:

The diagram shows three squares of side-length 3 cm, 5 cm and 8 cm.
What is the area, in cm^2 , of the shaded trapezium?

A 13 B $\frac{55}{4}$ C $\frac{61}{4}$ D $\frac{65}{4}$ E $\frac{69}{4}$

The answer is B. We hope you managed to answer it correctly!

Primary Schools Cross Country

On Wednesday we welcomed excited pupils from Year 4 and Year 5 from 14 primary schools to compete in a 1000m cross country route around our grounds.



It was a great atmosphere with some impressive running performances. Well done to all pupils who took part.

Congratulations to the winners:

Year 4 Girls
Owslebury Primary School

Year 4 Boys
Hook-with-Warsash CE Primary School

Year 5 Girls
Otterbourne CE Primary School

Year 5 Boys
Hook-with-Warsash CE Primary School

Let's Party!

On Tuesday the cast and crew of our pre-Easter production of Robin Hood had a well-deserved "Wrap Party" to celebrate the success of the play. Mrs Azor is very proud of everyone involved.



Upcycling

One of the majestic Mulberry trees (thought to be around 150-200 years old) in the grounds had unfortunately died and was no longer safe so was felled and replaced by a Morus Nigra (Black Mulberry Tree).



The Groundsteam arranged for some of the wood to be turned into a beautiful bowl and pen for Mrs Sellers and our stalwart Gardener Rod Clay as a memento of the magnificent tree.

They were both thrilled to bits.



Open Morning

Both The Gregg School and our Trust Partner The Gregg Prep are holding an Open Morning on Thursday 27th April at 9:30-11:30am.

If you or your friends/family have any children up to the age of 11 who would be interested in visiting The Gregg Prep or in Year 7 - 8 who would

like to visit The Gregg School please forward the link below so they can register their interest.

Both schools will be offering tours and the headteachers and teachers will be available to chat to. Thank you.

<https://bit.ly/3UIMIp>

Gardens Open Day



The next Gardens Open Day will be held on Monday 1st May 2-5pm. Come along to see the first blossoms on the trees and the bluebells in the arboretum. There will also be a classic car display and a performance from the Duke of Wellington Dancers. Admission and parking is free and there are refreshments available.

FROGS Meeting



Everyone is welcome to the next FROGS meeting on Wednesday 10th May 6pm at the school.

Also, save the date for the Pizza and Prosecco evening on Friday 9th June which is always a fun event.

Music Concert

We are delighted to invite you to our Summer Term Music Concert at The Gregg. It will be taking place in the Atrium on Wednesday 3rd May at 6pm.

The concert will showcase the hard work our students have put into the ensembles over the past term, as well as performances from soloists.

Nice New Motors

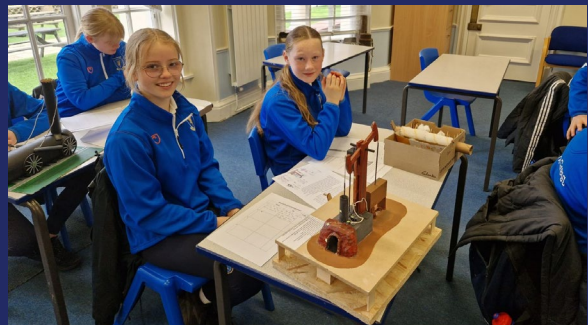
We are pleased to have taken delivery of three shiny new minibuses this month to replace the older ones on Route D Hamble, Route E Netley and Route H Winchester.



It's a Revolution

Year 8 History students have been studying the Industrial Revolution and were tasked with producing a model to depict machinery of the era.

We were very impressed by the top notch work from the students of the fantastic models of spinning jennies and of Stephenson's Rocket. Judging will take place shortly!



Shelter Box

On Wednesday, the Year 8 and 10 Geographers had a special treat: a volunteer from 'Shelter Box' visited our school.

Mr Webster spoke to students about the good work being carried out by Shelter Box and required students to think critically about the best forms of responses to natural disasters.



As always, The Gregg School students were amazing but in particular, a huge well done to Alex B, Joe S, Arthur J for their brilliant contributions in the Year 10 session.

In 2022, Shelter Box provided shelter and essential items to over 400,000 people.



The Gregg School will be supporting the charity with a fundraiser soon.

Mrs Rendall



DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

April

Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 Borneo Practice Weekend – Peak District

Monday 24 – Tuesday 25 Creative Arts GCSEs

Monday 24 – Tuesday 25 Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

Tuesday 25 – Wednesday 26 Gregg's Got Talent heats

Wednesday 26 - Year 6 Connections Evening

Thursday 27 – Friday 28 Creative Arts GCSEs

Thursday 27 – Open Morning 9:30-11:30am

Friday 28 - Gregg's Got Talent heats

May

Monday 1 May – Bank Holiday

Monday 1 May - Gardens Open Day 2-5pm

Tuesday 2 May – Monday 8th May Y11 MFL Speaking Exams

Tuesday 2 May – ISA U13 Girls 5-a-side Football at Lingfield College

Wednesday 3 May – Elite Sports Presentation 1-3:30pm

Wednesday 3 May – Music Concert 7pm

Thursday 4 May – Year 7 Geography trip to Hengistbury Head

Monday 8 May – Coronation Day Bank Holiday

Looking Ahead! Save the Date!

FROGS Pizza and Prosecco Evening: Friday 9th June

Open Day: Saturday 24th June from 10am – 1pm. All parents and students are invited. More details to follow in due course.

Sports Day: Friday 30th June, Southampton Sports Centre. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.

Gardens Open Days: Bank Holiday Monday 1st May and Sunday 2nd July, both 2-5pm