

MONTH March
YEAR 2011

CALENDAR

Academic Year 2010 – 2011**Spring Term 2011**

Term Starts: Tuesday 4.1.11

Half Term: 21.2 - 25.2.2011

End of Term: Friday 8th April '11**Summer Term 2011**

Term Starts: Tuesday 3.5.11

Half Term: 30.5 – 3.6.11

End of Term: 15.7.11

(12.30pm finish)

Autumn Term 2011

Term Starts: Wednesday 7.9.11

Half Term: 24.10 – 28.10.11

End of Term: Friday 16.12.11

(12.30pm finish)

Reminders**Friday 18th March****BEETLE DRIVE** – Mini Hall

6.30pm – 8pm

NO TICKET REQUIRED, JUST COME ALONG TO TGPS**Tuesday 22nd March**

Photographer in school

Wednesday 23rd March

U-11/U-9 Football v Brooke

Priory School (a) 3.30pm

U-10/U-9 Netball v Brooke

Priory (a) 3.30pm

Thursday 24th March**EYFS to Sundown, Retford****Friday 25th March**

Violin Workshop 9.30am –

11.30am

11am – 3pm Sculpture

Workshop for Year 6 pupils

Saturday 26th March

U-10 Netball Tournament @

Stamford School (a) 10am -

1pm.

Sunday 26th March

Gymnastics Competition



THIS ISSUE

Welcome

Queen Margaret's - Netball**New Whiteboards!****Indoor Athletics****Swimming Gala's****Football Report****Grantham Festival Success****Violin Workshop****Welcome to the TGPS newsletter.****Queen Margaret's Invitational Junior Schools' Tournament – Friday 11th March 2011**

This year's Queen Margaret's tournament proved to be as exciting as ever with 20 schools taking part. 15 teams took part in the netball tournament, some teams travelling from as far away as Scotland and Norfolk. TGPS were first on court in the morning and played a very close match against Terrington securing a 4-3 victory. This was followed by a long morning off court with the rest of our pool matches scheduled in close succession after lunch. The TGPS girls were quickly back on court after their lunch to get in some practice before the pool games resumed, breaking briefly to watch an exhibition lacrosse match which included Daisy Miller, a former TGPS pupil. TGPS first match was against Glebe House, some fantastic shooting from TGPS secured a 10-1 win. TGPS next game was against The Froebelian School, who had secured a win against us last year, both teams, played incredibly hard with the Queen Margaret's umpires speechless at the outstanding standard of play, the final score was 7-7. It was now imperative that we won our final match, the Froebelian had finished

all their matches winning 3 and drawing 1 but with a much higher goal total than ours would go through even if we won our final match. Our final match was against Highfields B (Harrogate Ladies College) and the TGPS girls played with such fierce determination that they secured a 16-0 win. A nail biting ten minutes followed to see if we would go through as highest scoring runners up for a place in the semi's, a strange position to be in when we hadn't lost a match. We were overjoyed to find that we had a place in the semi's where we met Highfields A. The girls played extremely hard with two minutes to go the match was tied at 8-8 but Highfields A just managed to pull ahead to win 8-10. The well rested Froebelian went on to beat Highfields in the final. Throughout the day the Queen Margaret's staff were full of praise for the TGPS girls, not only for their outstanding play but also how they conducted themselves on and off the court.

Netball report continued on next page.



Important Dates

18.3.11
Beetle Drive 6.30pm – 8pm

24.3.11
EYFS visit to Sundown

29.3.11
Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm

31.3.11
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01.4.11
Open Day 9am – 2pm

08.04.11
No Easter Parade, Egg Competition instead, watch this space for details!
End of Term Assembly 12 noon, finish 12.30pm
Parents welcome.

06.05.11
Friends of Grantham Prep. Meeting – 9am Art Room

Cool Cats Uniform Supplier

The link for Cool Cats uniform supplier has been added to TGPS website. If you access the Uniform & Equipment heading on the home page, there is a direct link to the Cool Cats website.

Cool Cats Clothing

Web site address:
www.coolcatsclothing.co.uk/store.html

Mrs. Clegg and I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who came along to support and especially to the girls, you were amazing!



New Interactive White Boards in Class One and Two

Class One and Two were delighted to have their new interactive whiteboards installed last Thursday. The new equipment has been received with great enthusiasm by pupils and staff alike. Class Two have been accessing upto the minute news of events across the world; like the Japanese tsunami. They have been using the touch screen technology & interactive programmes to reinforce their learning in Maths. Much fun has been had along the way.



Indoor Athletics – Round 2 Mike Bundy, Grantham & District Small Schools. Hot on the success of our Under 11 team at the County Finals the Year 5 and Year 6 Girls team finished another strong night of competition by winning their respective titles. Winning performances on the track from Holly and Maria from Year 5 and Paris and Madeleine from Year 6 set a winning tone from an early beginning. Our girls were very strong in the field events and Madeleine, Natasha, Ella, Georgina, Holly and Paris all improved on their achievements from week one. Our Year 5 boys were trailing by only 4 points after week one and again with some fantastic improvements on their performances by Harry, Hector, Ethan and Richard managed to secure a well deserved second place. After a difficult week one the Year 6 boy's team could only haul themselves back from 15 points down to 4th place. A special mention must go to George – Year 3 – who stepped in at the very last moment to replace missing Year 6 boys and did himself and his team proud. Mr. Park



School Nurse

The School Nurse will be in school on Wednesday 23rd March 2011 from 3.10pm to 4.00pm. If you have any concerns regarding your child/children please see the School Nurse in the School Entrance Hall.

Dance & Free Movement

Parents of Early Years & Reception children are welcome to watch/join in the last Dance and Free Movement session this term on Wednesday 30th March at 11.25am.

Year 6 Sculpture Workshop

Friday 25th March 2011. Please could you ensure that the children have their old clothes with them to wear during this workshop. Thank you.

Swimming Galas – We have two swimming galas coming up rapidly and I am looking for some willing volunteers to help out with timing each lane. I need at least 6 bodies who would like to get a ring side seat to experience the cut and thrust of the swimming pool battles and enjoy the power of holding the hopes of our young future swimming stars in their hands as the athletes beg for your verdict on how fast they have just swum. At this point most adverts talk financial rewards and qualifications but alas we have no need for either!! Please, please, please if there is anyone out there I would love to hear from you. **Monday 4th April** and **Monday 9th May from 1.15pm until 2.30pm.** (Tea/coffee and biscuits I could reward you with if that persuades any of you?) Mr. Park
Football U-11 v Witham

There was no repeat of the “No Show” from the boys this week. Wow were we up and at them or not? To be fair Witham hurried and badgered us and that was even before we had got our boots on! The team quietly and confidently strode into an early lead from Hector in the third minute. From then on it was a procession of quality football which excited and entertained the travelling band of supporters – well all 3 of them anyway! Further goals from Ethan, Adam, Freddy & Richard (2) with only goal in reply secured a well deserved victory of 5 goals to 1.

Football U-9 v Witham

Unfortunately, the Under 9 team lost to Witham School 1-3.

Grantham Festival Success

It's been a busy week for our musicians, with around half the junior school competing at some point at the the Grantham Festival.

Congratulations go to all those who took part – they all performed and behaved impeccably & we are very proud of all of them. Particular success to celebrate: 1st place in small ensemble to the Clarinet Choir; 1st place in the solo recorder classes to Freya (Year 4) & Joshua (Year 5); 1st place Ella (Year 6) and joint 2nd Paris (year 6) and Freya (Year 4) in vocal solo and second place in Piano Prep class to Helen (Year 3). Also, a huge well done to the choir who sang magnificently on Monday and received a merit in their class. It's been a very busy time, & our thanks go to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support the children. It's much appreciated. Mrs. Banfield

Violin Workshop

The school violinists are very much looking forward to their special workshop next Friday, when they will be joining with children from Huntingtower and Croxton Kerrial Schools to work with Helena Cotterill, one of the leading players in the Lincolnshire County Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Parry is re-arranging her teaching to ensure all her pianists get their weekly tuition on Tuesday. Younger violinists will not need their violins on Tuesday, but must bring them on Friday; those in string group or preparing for exams should bring their instruments on both days. If you have any queries, please get in touch with Mrs. Banfield who will do her best to answer them. Parents and friends are very welcome to come and listen to the violinists at 11am next Friday (25th March 2011.)

