

# Guillemont News

GUILLEMONT JUNIOR SCHOOL

## What a half term!

Thank you for joining us on what has been a rollercoaster ride this half term! Well done for keeping up and making it to the end intact! "which is more than I can say for some of the **Parents V Staff** netball players!" 14:7 this year, but the staff would like a rematch next year please!

### Residentials

We have had two residentials out this half term, the final two of the six this academic year to Burley in the New Forest, Year 5 and 6 are off to Stow on the Wold next year—please contact us if you would be interested in accompanying a trip.

### Rushmoor in Bloom

Mrs Young and all the adults and children in gardening club were on tenterhooks following our judging for Rushmoor in Bloom. Just this week we have been informed we have been awarded **Second Place!** What a fantastic achievement—well done to everyone who was and is involved—onions and potatoes are currently on sale in the staff room!

### Sports Day

Despite an injection of £13000 into the field it wasn't quite ready for sports day, however, never to be undone, the entire school travelled to Aldershot Military Stadium for a fantastic day of sporting prowess (and some sun bathing!) The children were outstanding across all areas; behaviour, sportsmanship and the actual events—next year we need to have "scouts" from the local athletic teams invited.

### Book Fair

Was a fantastic success and raised £2300—this has meant that we could claim £500 of free books from Scholastic, thank you for all your support. I am sure you will agree the children who were manning the stand were fantastic—thank you to all involved.

### Bastille Day

Had everyone celebrating the progress they have made in their French work this year; both staff and children alike! There was Baguette baking, Eiffel tour building, flag

Designing, French art painting and much more... children dressed in the colours of the French flag and really celebrated their progress in language acquisition.

### Arts exhibition

The school came to life with colourful art displays throughout the corridors and halls, 3D images, music and singing. This was a true celebration of the arts. So many children now learn musical instruments here at Guillemont that we are well on the way to having our own orchestra. Congratulations to all the musical performers for holding their nerve in front of such a large audience on such a hot day. Both the Lower Junior and Upper Junior dance clubs performed despite the heat to rapturous applause and both the choirs sang beautifully. A fantastic display of talents.

### Leaver's concert

The Year 6 children performed beautifully to their parents and staff at their Disney themed farewell concert, fortunately the up beat finally prevented too many tearful parents sobbing in to their hankies at the end.

## SAT RESULTS

Our year 6 children have again made themselves, their parents and the school incredibly proud with a fantastic set of SAT scores this summer. All credit to the children who work hard throughout their time here at Guillemont for achieving so well.

Percentage of pupils achieving:	Level 4+	Level 5	2 levels progress
Mathematics	85%	41%	80%
English	88%	35%	81%

To put this into context—please compare our results with Hampshire and National averages last year—all are bettered!

Percentage of pupils achieving:	Guillemont	Level 4+ Hampshire 2009	Level 4+ National 2009	Guillemont	Level 5 Hampshire 2009	Level 5 National 2009
	Junior School Level 4+			Junior School Level 5		
Mathematics	85%	77%	79%	41%	35%	35%
English	88%	81%	80%	35%	35%	29%

## Governor questionnaire to parents

Thank you for your replies to our recent questionnaire. We had 174 completed forms returned which is **excellent**. Such a response is very encouraging to those working in the school as it is a further indication of the level of interest and support the school receives from parents and carers.

If you recall there were twenty questions marked on the scale 1 (completely disagree) through to 5 (completely agree).

The results of the analysis showed that the average "score" of each question was in excess of 4, indicating a high level of satisfaction across the range of areas the questionnaire addressed. There was also a high degree of consistency in the results between the Upper and Lower Schools and across individual classes.

In addition to ticking boxes, comments were invited to which a number of parents responded constructively. These comments were a mixture of praise and criticism and these, where actions were required, have been followed up appropriately.

There were a few comments about the questionnaire

itself. We do realise that it can be improved and we will take the lessons forward to the next time we design a questionnaire.

It has been a year of continued progress in all areas. We are delighted with the recent SATs results, which reflect the excellent work of staff and children who deserve our congratulations.

This week sees the departure of Barbara Cook after 30 years at the school. She joined all those years ago as Deputy Head, and then became Head Teacher before retiring last Easter. She stayed on as Acting Deputy Head to help us through a time of transition and whilst we recruited a new Deputy Head. Barbara's contribution to the school has been immense and innumerable pupils, parents, teachers and staff are greatly in her debt. On behalf of the Governors and the school we thank her and wish her a very happy retirement.

Finally, best wishes to those Yr 6 pupils and parents who are leaving us this week. We wish you every success in the future and hope you will look back fondly to your days at Guillemont!  
*Clive Norris, Chair of Governors*

### Looking Forward

*I would like to reiterate Clive's thanks for the excellent level of response we received from the parent questionnaire this summer. We feel it is important that you know we take your responses seriously and act, where possible, on your recommendations.*

#### Attendance

Thank you to those parents who shared their views on the attendance letter that is sent home from school to parents when a child's percentage attendance falls below 90%. We appreciate that children, and adults, get sick and do understand that illness is a fact of life and cannot be avoided! As a school we are monitored on our percentage of absentees and the Local Authority and Rushmoor District have strict targets and high expectations for attendance across all schools. As such we are held accountable by an Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who visits us half termly to discuss the attendance of all pupils and specifically the attendance of pupils with a rate below 90%.

We are instructed by the EWO to write to parents about poor attendance and as such, all Heads in Rushmoor schools, have agreed to send the same letter home when instructed to do so.

Of course every child is an individual and every case is an individual case and we should be ensuring that you feel part of the communication process. We will endeavour to call you to inform you if your child's attendance is falling below the threshold so that you are aware prior to any meetings with the EWO, that way any letter we are instructed to send will not be a surprise. As always, please feel free to discuss this issue with either Mrs Thomas, in the front office, or I should you be concerned by the content or the tone of the approved letter or if you feel there is any further way we can improve the process moving forward.

#### Talented and Gifted

There were a number of queries about the tick box where you classify your child as being on the Talented and Gifted Register—thank you for raising this.

*We believe here at Guillemont that every child has talents and gifts, however, we are required by the Government to list the top ten percent of academic and non academic achievers on a register and to submit this to the Department for Education each year as part of a National initiative. Children are selected for sporting, artistic, performance and academic gifts and talents and are tracked through the school as part of the initiative.*

*Having said that we celebrate all successes here at Guillemont and hold an achievement certificate assembly every Friday to that effect. Please feel free to let us know about anything you would like to share in these assemblies!*

#### Uniform

*The word Uniform means:*

**"identical or consistent, as from example to example, place to place, or moment to moment: uniform spelling; constant; unvarying; undeviating: "**

*Here at Guillemont we believe that every child is an individual and that they are each unique. We are proud that our non-uniform approach allows children to explore what it is to be individual and to feel responsible for the image that they portray to others. **Our uniform is a lack of uniform!** It is our identity and has always meant that children have been comfortable in their own skin as well as their own clothes while at our school. Children feel very strongly about this ethos and we very rarely have any child who struggles to adhere with the behaviour code leaving teachers free to teach, rather than to sanction for uniform violations, and children free to learn.*

*Guillemont polo shirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available for any parent or child who would like to wear them from Mrs Thomas at the front office. 01252 666 846*

#### Positives:

**"We feel that the school gives children a good foundation for their lives, both professionally and personally. Keep up the good work"**

**"I think Guillemont has done amazing things with my child"**

**"They are given great independence with responsibility which sets them up for life—I love that learning is catered around the children and their needs, rather than the other way round!"**

## THE ORCHARD NURSERY

After over 10 years, the children's nursery attached to Guillemont Junior School is now under new ownership and over the coming summer break you will see it undergo a face lift.

Nurturing happy and well balanced children in a safe, welcoming and inspiring environment are my main ambitions for the nursery. As the new owner and mum of two children, I am passionate about the early years programme and as part of the makeover will be ensuring we provide the right equipment for the children to get the best experiences to thrive in. I'll be adding an injection of colour, redesign and play equipment specific for 0 – 5

years, inside and out.

Complimenting the great work undertaken by Kate and her team in the junior school, I hope to create a setting that you, your children and my hard working team of excellent carers can all be proud of. I come from a big corporate background and have overseen the growth of several multi million pound businesses, but I have never lost sight of the personal and human touch. As the new owner, I will take a very active role in the nursery at many levels and you'll see me with a paint brush in hand over the summer break as well as playing with the children and talking to parents next term.

I want to make The Orchard Children's Nursery part of the local community, and from September I have a few places for all age groups and will be happy to discuss childcare arrangements with you or anyone you may know.

You can call the nursery on 01252 666875 or me directly on 07764 286360.

My email address is [Rhoda@theorchardnurse.co.uk](mailto:Rhoda@theorchardnurse.co.uk)

I look forward to meeting many of you and have a great summer!

Rhoda

Owner

## GUILLEMONT FAMILY BBQ

### Summer BBQ

The Friends of Guillemont held a summer BBQ on Friday 9 July, when lots of children and their parents came and enjoyed themselves together.

The bouncy mega slide and BBQ were very popular and there was a disco in the hall later on. Each class ran their own stall, including Guess How Many Sweets in a Jar, a treasure hunt, cake stalls and a long queue to throw wet sponges at Mr Cooper! The classes raised between £8 - £89 each and are now deciding how to spend their money. The event was a big success and a huge thank you to everyone who came,

and especially all the helpers – we could not have done it without you.

FOG are planning more events next term, starting with a Salsa Evening on Friday 24 September. Details will be sent out when we come back to school. We are always looking for new committee members, so if you are interested please come along to our first meeting of the new school year on **Tuesday 14 September at 6 pm at school**

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM

On the 20<sup>th</sup> June some of our Year 3 and Year 4 girls took part in the annual festival of youth sport, the Hampshire Games.

They were representing Rushmoor in football, competing against other Boroughs of Hampshire.

The girls have been attending training for the past 7 weeks preparing themselves for this big event. Having not played competitive football before all the girls were up for the challenge and excited about this opportunity.

They have put on brilliant performance, worked as a team and despite not winning on the day, they have come away with a smile and enthusiasm.

### WELL DONE EVERYONE

I would like to say Big Thank you to all the girls taking part but also to the girls that attended every Wednesday training, to all the parents for their support and time, to Mrs Harrison for all the help with organising the training and the event and to our coach Mike.

Mrs Petra Down

## TERM DATES

### Autumn term

Autumn Half Term holiday from Mon 25 October 2010 to Fri 29 October 2010.  
Christmas holiday from Mon 20 December 2010 to Mon 3 January 2011.

### Spring term

Spring Half Term holiday from Mon 21 February 2011 to Fri 25 February 2011.  
Easter holiday from Mon 11 April 2011 to Mon 25 April 2011.

### Summer term

Summer Half Term holiday from Mon 30 May 2011 to Fri 3 June 2011.  
Summer holiday from Thu 28 July 2011 to Fri 2 September 2011.

### INSET Days

6th September, 22nd October, 1st November, 26th April, 6th June.

## GUILLEMONT NETBALL CLUB

The netball club has had a very busy season. The Year 6 team played five league games in the North East Hampshire Netball League.

**V Cherrywood Won 13-2**

**V Mayhill Drew 5-5**

**V Potley Hill Lost 5-4**

**V Westfields Won 10-1**

**V Charles Kingsley Lost 7-3**

Although they only finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the league, they had some very exciting games and the team all played extremely well.

In March the Year 5 team played in the N.E. Hants tournament at Wavell School.

This was the first time for all of the girls to play in competitive games and although they only won two games, they all worked very hard and were very proud of their performance.

Also in March the Year 6 team

played in their tournament at Wavell. The girls have all been very dedicated this year, attending all practices and always available for the matches. This hard work paid off when they qualified for the final against Mayhill.

Unfortunately, they lost this game by two goals but, as finalists, they were asked to represent North East Hants at the Hants Inter SSP High Five tournament at Basingstoke in April.

At this tournament they met some tough opposition as most of the schools had boys in their teams but the Guillemont girls tried hard in every game, winning one and losing three.

Also in April, the Year 5's played another tournament at Manor Junior School and managed to finish third despite some 'unusual' umpiring decisions!

Finally, many congratulations to the following girls who have been 'talent

spotted' at tournaments and invited to join Rushmoor Netball Club-

**Louisa Ewing,  
Isabella Kevan,  
Shannon Glew,  
Holly Chapel,  
Emily Heynes and  
Scheri Al- Hamed.**

As the Year 6's depart to play netball for their senior schools, we look forward to our Year 5's carrying on the good work. We hope to see lots of new players in September, especially Years 3 and 4 so that we can continue with the high standard of netball at Guillemont.

Many thanks to all the parents and staff who have helped the Netball Club this year-your support has been very much appreciated.

Pam Bovington (Netball Manager)

### Year 6 Team

Molly O'Riordan,  
Isabella Kevan,  
Mya Fuga,  
Sarah Payne,  
Jasmin Baker  
Not pictured:  
Sarah Johns,  
Louisa Ewing,



### Year 4/5 Team

Shannon Glew, Holly Chappell,  
Georgia Ratcliff,  
Imogen Taylor,  
Rebecca Cann,  
Scheri Al-Ahmed,  
Year 4: Bethan Gill,  
Rebecca Burton .  
Not pictured: Emily Heynes,  
Amy March-Smith.



## KEW Dance Academy

New dance school coming soon to Guillemont.

**FREE TRIAL WEEK 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010.**

- \* ISTD ballet, tap and modern.
- \* Jazz and disco.
- \* Pre-school dance.
- \* Adult dance and fitness classes.

ISTD and REPs qualified teaching staff.

Non-compulsory exams and regular shows.

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