



SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations!



Toby Lee took part in his first triathlon on Sunday 16th May at the David Lloyd Club and came 2nd! Well done Toby. CB

Sports Relief 2010...Update

With all the sponsorship money now in, the school has raised a total of £2000.90! A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the event and generously donated.



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Cricket



We are nearly at half term and we have yet to lose a match to the weather! A comprehensive victory over King's Cambridge is the highlight so far for the 1st XI, helped by an excellent 110 partnership from Charlie Kent and Ben Alcoe. The 2nd XI soundly beat Brandeston by 110 runs and the 3rd XI have only lost once in their five matches.

The Colts are also busy with the A team defeating the Abbey and the B team winning four matches in a row. The C team are also playing with Henry Marshall's 6 wickets for 2 runs the highlight so far.

The under 8s and 9s are enjoying their summer sport and a good win over Brandeston was the highlight as well as large crowds for the OPS tournament on Saturday 15th May. Let's hope for an even more successful second half of term. AB

Running Spikes

Lots of pupils have borrowed running spikes this year for the cross country and athletics. Can I please make a plea to have these returned as soon as possible so that we can help more pupils next year. If you would like to donate old running spikes if your child has outgrown theirs, these would be gratefully received by the Sports Department. CB



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Under 13 Girls Rounders

The under 13 girls have had a fantastic rounders season so far, losing only their first match to Bishop Stortford. There have been historic victories over Beeston Hall (17 - 11 1/2) and Felsted (31 1/2 - 6 1/2). Consistent top scorers have been Chloe Hobart and Jessica West, with Jemima Erith scoring 8 rounders in one match!

Captain Eleanor Berry has led the way in fielding taking some amazing catches, including 5 against Woodbridge, a game which the girls won 29 1/2 - 9. So if you are bored of watching cricket, please come along and watch an exciting game of rounders, you will not be disappointed!

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U11 Girls Rounders

Our U11 rounders season is improving, slowly but surely. The teams had a really tough start to the term; straight into matches against Bishop's Stortford, South Lee, Beeston Hall and Felsted. The scores were close for our Bishop's Stortford and South Lee matches, with the U11B losing 15-13 1/2 and our U11A losing 19 1/2 - 18 respectively. Unfortunately we have lost a number of our matches against some strong teams but despite this, the girls have remained positive and they exude excellent teamwork. Recently, we have had a lot more time to practice with a lack of matches in the calendar and both the U11A and U11B are aiming for a big win on Saturday 22nd May. We will also be hoping for a win from the U11C team in June at Holmwood House. The girls' skills are developing well and they should all be proud of the effort they put into the sport. A big well done to all our 'players of the match' girls so far! CB

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"Summer is a-coming in....."

In the month of May, news has come in of two more scholarship successes. We congratulate Flora Scott-Barrett and Eleanor Berry on winning scholarships at Oundle.

Scholarship Successes

- **Flora Scott-Barrett** - Academic Scholarship, Oundle
- **Irina Usenko** - Academic Scholarship, King's Canterbury
- **Hermione Hill** - Academic Scholarship, Tudor Hall
- **William Byrne Hill** - Academic Scholarship, Ampleforth
- **Eva Hilger** - Academic Scholarship and Music Scholarships, Woodbridge School
- **Fergus Angel** - Academic Scholarship, Ipswich School
- **Eleanor Berry** - General Scholarship and Music Scholarship, Oundle
- **Chloe Hobart** - All Rounder Scholarship, Ipswich School
- **Oakley Elsom** - Art Exhibition, Repton
- **Patrick Ronan** - Sports Scholarship, Ampleforth
- **Edwina Longe** - Sports Scholarship, Stowe
- **Jessica West** - Sports Scholarship, Rugby
- **William Schwier** - Albert Memorial Scholarship, Framlingham



Headmaster

Orwell Sailing Club



The Orwell Park School sailing club has been resurrected after being dormant for the past few seasons. Currently there are 13 sailors who travel out to Alton Waters every Tuesday evening just after 5 to then rig their boats and enjoy the pleasure of "sailing into the sunset" The sailing takes place under the direction of qualified instructors and caters for all levels including absolute beginners (for whom all equipment can be provided). Currently we are able to sail a fleet of 2 Lazer Picos and 6 Toppers.

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Orwell Park Observatory - Quick Facts

Authors: Tina Hammond and James Appleton

Commissioned by Colonel George Tomline, owner of Orwell Park Mansion from 1848 until 1889.

Observatory tower is on four levels:

- Ground floor: Turkish Bath (now the boys' boot room!)
- First floor: Muniments room (now used for storage).
- Second floor: Belvedere – offering from its five balconies pretty views of the lands surrounding the School.
- Third floor: the Equatorial Room with domed roof and telescopes.

When the Observatory opened in 1874, it was one of the finest in the land. The facility presents many unique architectural and technical features, including an 18m (60') high pillar supporting the telescope; vaulted ceilings; construction bricks, doors and windows radiused to match the cylindrical shell of the building; and a copper-domed roof lined inside with individually-shaped tongue and groove mahogany planks.

- Boasts an original refracting telescope with a 26cm (10") object lens: this is 4m (13') long!
- Tomline employed a professional astronomer, John Isaac Plummer, to operate the facility.
- Tomline died in 1889 and the Observatory was thereafter used only occasionally until the late 1960s.

Now operated by Orwell Astronomical Society Ipswich, a charitable body dedicated to operating and maintaining the Observatory and promoting public interest in astronomy.

Open Saturday 9 October 2010, 10 - 12 pm for pupils, and prospective pupils, of OPS and their families.



Colonel George Tomline
(1812-1889)



The Orwell Park
Observatory Tower



The Tomline Refractor,
commissioned in 1874



John Isaac Plummer
(1845-1925)



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Match report: Under '9' Rounders

The U9 girls have had a superb start to the season, comfortably winning 4 out of 5 of their rounders matches so far! There have been many good hits and rounders scored, along with some excellent fielding. 'Player of the match' against South Lee was Letty Lang, for her consistently good bowling and excellent play. 'Players of the match' against Felsted were Lucy Murphy and Lily Von Moll, for rounders scored and quick thinking on the pitch, which prevented Felsted from scoring. In the recent tournament the girls really demonstrated their excellent teamwork by encouraging each other and communicating well on the pitch. There were plenty of good hits and some excellent fielding. The girls won their first two matches well, narrowly losing to Littlegarth in their penultimate match, and gaining 2nd place overall. Cordelia and Zara were the 'players of the matches' for their all-round achievement. All of the girls should be congratulated for their success and I have confidence that they will continue to do well in forthcoming matches!

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Boy's Hockey Tour

The season ended with a successful tour to the North of England. Three matches were scheduled to be played in three days. Our first stop was Ranby House, which was on our way to York. Poor weather conditions, the "surprise of finding out we were to play on grass (a first for the season) resulted in a rather scrappy game and a 1 – 1 draw. This aside, it must be said that Ranby House were fantastic hosts and overall it made for a superb start to the tour.

That evening we took up lodging in York and spent a most enjoyable evening walking around the historic town of York. On the Wednesday, following breakfast, it was off to St Martin's Ampleforth, a team who earlier in the season had beaten Ranby House 3 – 0. After the previous days scrappy game, and back onto astro, the boys stepped up to the plate and played superb hockey. It certainly was the game of the season with fantastic passing, defense and fast paced ball distribution, resulting in Orwell Park running out 5 – 2 winners. Once again, the hosting was fantastic. The third day saw our scheduled match against Oakham being cancelled due to severe illness and the school having to send the majority of their pupils home. A hurried game against St Peters of York was put together. Unfortunately with all their best players and year 8's away, this turned out to be a complete mismatch and we were able to comfortably win the game.



Back row from left to right:

William Church, Edward Hodson, Charlie Hibbard, Ben Alcoe, Oakley Elsom, Hugo Pollok, Patrick Ronan, Rupert Fynn

Front/Middle Row left to right:

Edward Roberts, Alistair Mason, Francis Perumatantri, Luke Middleton, William Byrne-Hill

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Year 7 Trip to Ely Cathedral

After a short and somewhat enthusiastic bus ride, the Orwell Park group arrived in Ely Cathedral. Bounding with energy, we made our way into Cathedral chambers to begin our journey. The teachers watched the students as they transformed into young apprentice monks for the day; learning not only the hardworking and charitable lives the monks once lead, but also understanding the self-control involved in living an almost silent life. After

watching the students walk about their monastery in 'two straight lines', we all enjoyed an interesting tour of the remarkable Ely Cathedral. The students walked a labyrinth, observed modern and traditional religious art pieces, and wrote a prayer for the Cathedral's prayer wall. The students then had an opportunity to give their hand a turn at brass rubbing; taking home their own reminder of our enjoyable day at Ely Cathedral.

Dominika Moir



Year 8 Scholars Visit to Tower of London By Flora Scott-Barrett



A smooth journey across London resulted with 85 arriving at the Tower of London. We looked around the Bloody Tower and were allowed into the 'Jewel House' after hours, the two tonne steel doors were opened especially for us! At 10 in the evening (having eaten too much) we witnessed the traditional 'Ceremony of the Keys' before returning home after an amazing outing.



The Public Speaking Competition

After half term, work for the Public Speaking Competition will be in full swing for the main school with every pupil in each year group performing in their English class before year group finals. A selection of the best representatives is put forward for the finals on Tuesday 29th June. Parents of all finalists will be notified. Topics for pupils' speeches should be agreed upon in conjunction with the class English teachers. Parental help with listening and polishing delivery of prepared speeches is always appreciated but perhaps some brainstorming over half term would be productive.

Finals: Tuesday 29th June

Middle School Final (Yrs III & IV) start at 6.00pm
Senior School Final (Yrs V & VI) start at 7.15pm



.....Up and Coming Events....

Staff & Parents Mixed Doubles Tournament Saturday 6 June

On Sunday 6th June, there is the Staff and Parents Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament starting at 11am. Bring a picnic and all children are welcome to come along and support or play whilst you enjoy your tennis. All partners will be drawn out of a hat to ensure that some couples don't get too competitive! All interested players need to email or contact Jason Hyatt (jasonhyatt@orwellpark.co.uk). You don't need a partner to enter as you will be given one on the day.

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Mothers & Sons/Daughters Tennis

Traditionally, there is always a Mother & Son/Daughter Tennis Competition on Speech Day (29 June 2010—CHECK). If you would like to participate in this fun event then please notify the school through the school office. This avoids any surprise volunteering of Mums by over enthusiastic offspring! We will always try to pitch pupils of similar ability and or age against each other with their parents. It would be helpful if any parent wishing to enter could indicate their level of proficiency or otherwise. This is not Wimbledon – it is just for fun!

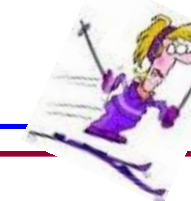
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Orwell Park Ski Trip—March 2011

We are proposing an Orwell Park Ski Trip, commencing on Saturday 26th March 2011 to Gstaad in Switzerland. This is open to any pupil in years 4-8. The approximate cost (depending on flights) will be in the region of £850. This will include everything from meals, ski hire, lift passes to all day inclusive ski lessons from fully qualified instructors. Any parents expressing an interest in skiing for their children should contact Jason Hyatt.

JH



Marathon Camp & Night Walk

This year Mr. Middleton took on the challenge of running the London Marathon in support of the East Anglia Air Ambulance Service. Plagued by injury and time constraints, (his longest training run being 11 miles) he took on the challenge with a

degree of uncertainty. However, with a number of marathons and ultra distance events under his belt in years past, he paced himself to a 5: 20 finish.

As part of his fundraising, and in place of merely challenging the children to sponsor him, the Night Walk and Beaulf Camp Out Challenge was set up. This involved the children taking on the challenge of walking 12km in 3 hours. Thirty-two children set out at 8 in the evening, heading out into the night armed with keen enthusiasm, torches and light jackets in case of rain (which had threatened all day). The route took them via the Bridleways to Levington, down to the Marina and back via the foreshore. On their return a little after 11pm and with energy levels waning, it was off to the campfire. A dose of hot chocolate and a kit kat and suddenly the night came alive again for all. Many dived into their sleeping bags to find a good spot under the parachute, while a few found a good spot in a tent. Early to bed (around 1 am) and early to rise (around 5:30) was the motto and after a camp fire breakfast of bacon and egg rolls it was time to head on home again. A big thank you to the Gaps, who walked and helped at the barbeque, kitchen staff (for catering) Mr. Beck and Mathews along with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts who led walks.

Apart from a few pledges that need to still come in, to date the children have brought in £736.10 in addition to the £305 donated received from parents and visitors. Mr Middleton comments:

"I have found it a most rewarding experience – raising funds for an organization that saves lives daily, completing a challenge that many have watched and few done, but most importantly, sharing the excitement of the children as they took – and completed – their own challenge. Thank you to all for the fantastic support."

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Year 5 at Kingswood

Kingswood is all about involving young minds and expanding imaginations. In the classroom, Year Five built their very own computer game. Using state of the art graphics, they designed their own labyrinth style world with challenges and clues for team players to solve. In between computer time, Year Five followed an exhausting activity programme of caving, karting, archery, ab-seiling and laser-tag. The evenings were noisy and fun with an egg-drop challenge and a pool party. Year Five pupils are now undergoing a series of follow-up activities based on their brief residential stay at Kingswood.



PRB

Activities : Canoeing & Crate Stack

Canoeing: We are very lucky to have a fleet of Canadian Canoes that we paddle at Stephen and Billy Clark's house at Stutton. Canoeing occurs on Tuesdays, after games and activities, running from 5 until 8pm. Any pupil is welcome to attend; there is a sign-up on the day sheet by the Red Stairs in the morning that they need to write on to book a space. There is no charge for the activity and all they will need is some old clothes to get wet in and a towel.



Crate Stack: The new climbing installation is now well under way in the Sports Hall and is proving to be exceptionally popular. Pupils have climbed the Caving Ladder and built towers from milk crates, climbing as they go. Skills are not limited

to the climbing itself, with some individuals now capable of outfitting themselves correctly in climbing harnesses and being able to belay the climbers. The record for the crate stack currently stands at 20 layers before collapse and was set by new Orwellian, Callum Mash.

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Art Exhibition and Workshop A Brush with Colour!

We started the term filling the Alston room with an abundance of paintings by local artist and teacher Nigel Dickerson. His work based on still life and landscapes demonstrated his interest and passion for colour and expressive use of oils, reminiscent of the work of Van Gogh. He has spent much of his earlier work studying the old masters and Renaissance period but has enjoyed developing his own style on more modern work. Nigel provided the Year 7 Art scholars with a Sunday morning talk, demonstration and workshop to help inspire them, exploring with them the use of complementary colours within shades and shadows.

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