



Moira House
GIRLS SCHOOL EASTBOURNE

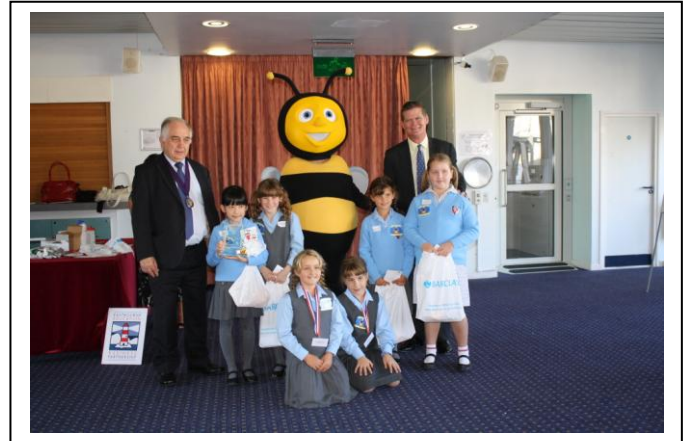
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Junior School Newsletter

Moira House Junior School are WINNERS!



Year 4 pupils represented the Junior School in the Eastbourne Enterprise Challenge, competing against 9 other schools from the local area. They received the winning trophy from our MP Stephen Lloyd and the Deputy Mayor Mike Thompson.



The competition involved making a presentation to win the contract which was to provide all the promotional material for a new Eastbourne Carnival. They had to design a logo, create a poster and flyer, present a radio advertisement and to design and price a souvenir for the event which would make money.

All the schools had the same challenge and there were several judges marking their work against a variety of criteria. The end result was that our Year 4 girls won hands down.

At the same time, Alexandra and Emily were the Press Officers for the event and created a short video illustrating the involvement of the business representatives and the roles of the children involved.

The press officers interviewing one of the businessmen at the event



The press officers with the Deputy Mayor and his wife.



The girls even had to eat their lunch while they were working as they had so much to do. Time management was part of the challenge.

Tianlu was the Manager, Holly the Buyer, Lana was responsible for Sales and Poppy looked after the Marketing and Finances.



The girls making their presentation to a large audience.

WELL DONE TO THEM ALL!!

Science Open Day

Saturday 1st October - the sun shone and visitors enjoyed a fun and exciting morning of science shows here at Moira House Junior School. Girls and boys aged 4-8 joined us for two interactive shows. The first show 'Dinosaurs' included a variety of prehistoric visitors joining us to help explain what characteristics make a dinosaur a dinosaur.



In the second show 'Robokid' the children needed to equip a volunteer with the correct tools to survive on a newly discovered planet. Luckily for our volunteer we learned enough to send him safely into space!



India

Years 3 and 4 presented the first Class Assembly of the year on the topic of India. They had only just started investigating how life is different there so they took the opportunity to find one thing out for every letter of the alphabet - 'x' proved tricky but they overcame it by referring to 'Xmas' and explained that India has many religions and Christmas is celebrated in January by Christians. The girls looked stunning in their traditional Indian costumes. Mr Neill also taught them a Diwali song which referred to the story behind the Hindu Festival of Light.



MOIRA HOUSE DO THE DOUBLE

Moira House Girls School have won the Eastbourne College Invitation Gala for the fourth year running. Jessica Brialey (Captain for the first team), Tahlia Winn, Isabel Loubser, Emily Davison and Abigail Tucknott (Captain for second team), Millie Garner, Abbie Ring and Shaumya Kularajan came 1st and 2nd out of 11 teams last Thursday night, receiving gold and silver medals respectively and winning the overall girls trophy. The girls also gained 8 personal best times throughout the evening and Captain Jessica Brialey grabbed a new record for the 50m freestyle in a time of 33.49, almost a second faster than the old record that had been standing since 2006 by former Moira House girl, Sarah Bees. Both swimming coaches of Moira House Girls School were ecstatic with the results.



The Proms Concert in Seaford



Seaford Proms Concert

On Saturday 8th October the Junior Chamber Choir took part in the annual Charity Proms Concert, organised by Seaford Martello Rotary Club. The girls performed two songs, 'From A Distance' and 'Lullaby Of Broadway'. The choir made a fantastic sound and their diction was immaculate. Afterwards the audience gave a huge round of applause which I thought would never end! At the climax of the concert the girls returned to the stage to sing the traditional songs 'Land Of Hope And Glory', 'Rule Britannia' and 'Jerusalem'. They waved their flags with tremendous enthusiasm, really helping the audience to get into the spirit of the occasion. Special praise must go to the younger members of the choir, who did themselves proud at their first Chamber Choir performance. MN

A letter from a member of the public who was at the concert:

'Dear Mr Neill,
Last evening my husband and I spent a very enjoyable two hours at a concert in Seaford on behalf of the Rotary Club. The Silver Band's performance was, as usual, very good, as was the singing of the soloists, but the 'piece de resistance' for us was the singing of the Moira House Chamber Choir. They were excellent, not only their lovely voices but the clean, clear diction and their obvious enjoyment of singing. Please pass on our congratulations to them all. Of course, a good choir is only as good as the Musical Director. Congratulations to you on your lovely choir and thank you. Well done!'

The Summer Discovery Camp was extremely popular and the smiling faces say it all!!



From the Deputy Head

If anyone asks how I feel about starting at Moira House six weeks ago, my answer is quite simple. It is fantastic! We all know it is a busy school with busy and happy girls and the Junior School epitomizes both the busyness and the happiness.

I have been fortunate to have joined assemblies, popped into classes, joined staff meetings and chatted to parents in the Junior School. In wanting to be seen as part of Junior School life (sadly, losing the mystique reserved for staff at the Senior School) my goal is to make the move to the Senior School a little easier for the girls. They are well-prepared by their teachers for the transition and are very eager to be both leaders in the Junior School and at the same time, excited to be 'almost' in the Senior School.



Over the last few weeks I have been meeting the girls from Years 5 and 6 in small groups in my office. I am getting to know each of them and their sharing with me of photographs, medals, art-work and music has been a delight. They are articulate, funny and warm young ladies who are comfortable in the company of adults and children. I am looking forward to sharing their schooling as they move through the School.

Cynthia May

Summer Nursery

It was a busy and exciting summer holidays at Mini MoHo Nursery! The children took part in many fun activities, such as, beach collages, splatter painting, marble and bubble paintings, cooking activities, picnics outside and walks on the Downs and through the woods. We even went to Airbourne! We are now planning for Halloween fun in the October half term and plan to be just as busy!

MoHo's Netball Victory

On the 5th October Moira House played a Netball match against Lewes Old Grammar School.

In the first 10 minutes Moira scored 2 goals and Lewes didn't score any goals at all. Then we had a group talk and changed ends. In the second quarter Moira scored another 2 goals and Lewes didn't score any again. In the third quarter we did a bit better. Not to say that we did not play well in the first two quarters. We managed to score 3 goals and Lewes none.

Carrying on from there I was taken off to have a rest in the fourth quarter but I was still watching the game. Moira scored another 3 goals and Lewes scored 1. So altogether Moira got double figures with 10 goals and Lewes just 1. After that we went over the road for tea.

We all played very well and encouraged each other. We did brilliantly!

By Jessica Brialey

Other match results

Hockey v Claremont

U11 A won 1-0

U11 B won 1-0

Netball v St Andrews

U11 A lost 5-11

U11 B won 17-1

U10 lost 1-8

Netball v Battle Abbey

High 5's U11 won 16-0

Netball v LOGS

U11 won 10-1

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 20th October - Harvest Festival 8.40 am - JAC
- Friday 4th November - Fireworks Fayre 6.00 pm - Swann Hall
- Saturday 5th November - Scholarships Morning 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
- Sunday 6th November - Pied Piper rehearsal 1.00 - 5.30 pm - Swann Hall
- Week beginning 7th November - Book Week
- Tuesday 8th November - Junior School Concert 2.15 pm - Swann Hall