



Moir House

Girls School

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LOWER PREP GIRLS VISIT TO WHATLINGTON CHURCH

Girls in Year 3 have been studying churches in their RS lessons and last Friday they had the chance to visit a Norman church in the parish of Whatlington. The trip provided a great opportunity to see some of the core features of a church in situ and to understand how a building can support Christians in their worship. They learnt about the history of the church (including how it was rebuilt after a fire in 2010) and how there has been a church on that site since 1066!

They sketched some of the beautiful stained glass windows; completed a search to identify church features, including a baptismal font, altar, and lectern, and they even had a go at ringing the bells (which was a lot harder than they had anticipated!) Our thanks go to St Mary Magdalene church for enabling the girls to get such a 'hands on' learning experience



COMFORTING TIMES IN BOARDING

The Sixth Form boarders in Boston House marked the change of season and temperature with a night in, snuggled up with hot chocolate, marshmallows and fun conversation in their new common room!



INTERIM REPORTS

Next week, we will be sending home your daughter's interim report. You will note that there is a new format for reporting on both Attainment and Behaviour to Learning. A letter will be sent home to explain the new codes on the reports. If you have any queries, please contact your daughter's Personal Tutor in the first instance.

A MESSAGE FROM MR CRUM

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Harvest Festival on Thursday 20 October at St John's Church in Meads at 9am.

I know it's a little early to be thinking of half term, but I wanted to ensure that everyone knows that on Friday 21 October the day finishes at the slightly earlier time of 4.00pm. Houses will be open until 5.00pm, to give enough time to collect sports kit for washing and find any of those items of homework that seem to go missing at the last minute!

Mr Crum, Assistant Head

UPPER PREP UPDATE

Lockers: Would you please make sure that your daughter has a padlock on her locker. The lock needs to be of a reasonable thickness so it is able to catch the lock. If you are unable to buy a padlock, can you please let Ms Sheridan know and one will be ordered for you and put on your school bill.

Sports Kit: Please remind your girls to take home all of their sports kit next Friday. This would be a good opportunity to make sure everything is labelled (and also that they haven't accidentally come home with another girl's kit!)

MEXICAN NIGHT FOR BOARDERS!

The boarders were treated to a Mexican themed evening on Friday. The menu had a distinctive spicy flavour and included dishes such as pulled pork tacos, cool bean wraps and even chocolate chilli cookies with cactus jelly!



The sound of Mexican guitars filled the air, sombreros and cactus plants were aplenty!

GIRLS HELPING EACH OTHER

Last Saturday, myself and Taliah helped with the weekend horse riding lessons. Some girls, who are new to riding, have to be led, so we volunteered.

We had to lead them around the school, helping them to encourage their ponies to walk



and stop when being told. We also led them while the riders were rising up and down to get ready for a trot. Taliah led Alfie, Denver and Toby and Daria led Denver and Toby. We had to swap between Toby and Denver because Denver kept being naughty and I know how to handle him because I ride him every Monday!

The riding here is very good and we really recommend that you give it a go if you have not done so before. The teachers are very nice and understanding and they will help you if you are scared. The girls that rode were very confident and that is what you need to be when riding a horse because you don't want to show them that you are scared. Have a go at riding, it's great fun!

Written by Daria Gorbunova (Year 7)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I am writing my notes for this week en route to Hong Kong. I am attending a student recruitment exhibition over the weekend. Moira House has enjoyed a great reputation in Hong Kong for many years. We have many Old Girls living here and I hope to see some of them in the next few days. I am also looking forward to catching up with our current parents at a reception we are hosting on Saturday evening. The remaining time will be spent with Agents and interviewing prospective students.

On the home front, we are quickly heading towards half term. The Parent Rep meeting Minutes are almost all complete and some of you will have received yours already. Please contact the school office if you have not established contact with your Class Parent Rep: we hope to have all minutes circulated before the half term break.

I will be back in the office some time on Tuesday.

Mr James Sheridan
Principal

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

We enjoyed a fantastic Afternoon Tea for Year 11 and 12 girls in Boston Common Room this week; the hot chocolate, sandwiches and cakes were very much appreciated, alongside the comfy sofas. It was lovely to see the interaction between Year 11 and the Sixth Form.

We look forward to welcoming some potential Sixth Formers next Wednesday for a taster day.

The girls enjoyed a lovely Assembly in preparation for the Harvest Festival next week. Please remember to contribute to this worthy cause.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Rep for the Sixth Form, please contact Miss Savage at hsavage@moirahouse.co.uk - it's a great opportunity to share your thoughts.

PRE-PREP ASSEMBLY REMINDER

The girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 look forward to welcoming family and friends to their forthcoming Assembly.

This will be held in the JAC, next Wednesday 19 October at 8.30am. We hope to see you there!

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Life continues to be very busy in the department. Next Monday, 17 October, there is a meeting in Swann Hall for any parents and students new or old who would like to hear more about what is on offer in our evening music and musical theatre school. I hope to see you there between 5.30pm - 6.15pm. Meanwhile here are some current highlights of life in the department:

Seaford Proms

Girls from the Upper Prep Choir 'Cantabile' and Year 7 took part in the Seaford Proms last Saturday. The girls performed several choral items and helped to lead the traditional last night of the Proms celebrations.

Dr Swingle Putland was also on hand as a specially invited guest opera singer and it was great to hear both Dr Putland and the girls in fine voice at this annual charity event organised by the Seaford Martello Rotary Club.



Italy 2017

Next Wednesday will see our first Italy rehearsal. It will take place from 5.15 - 6.00pm in the music department. Rehearsals will continue after half term on Wednesdays from 5.15 - 6.00pm each week until the end of November.

Annie

Many girls in the Upper Prep and Senior school are excited for this week's Annie auditions, we wish them all lots of luck and I am delighted to confirm that Mr Jeremy James Taylor OBE and Keltie Tomlinson will be back to direct and choreograph the show. This is the team that previously bought us Joseph, Bugsy Malone and Anything Goes, so we are very excited to welcome them back to the department.

DVD REMINDER

If you have pre-ordered a DVD of:

- Founder's Day 2016
- Ye Ha!
- Beauty and the Beast – these are now available for collection from the school office.

Thank you.

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR TENI

Congratulations to Teni Ogunlesi on qualifying for the 2017 East Region ASA Finals.

Teni swam a season's personal best, achieving an impressive 30.30 secs in 50m Freestyle, beating her previous time of 30.65 secs.

She was entered for 5 events, winning 2 gold and 3 silver medals. She is the club champion in her age group in 4 events. Congratulations and well done Teni for qualifying for the 2017 Regionals.



BOARDING NEWS

As the end of term is upon us please can I remind parents and guardians that travel arrangements are still needed for all boarders leaving for half term. Please can I ask you to send the information as a matter of urgency to: schoolhouse@moirahouse.co.uk – thank you.

Also girls are looking forward to their forthcoming paint-balling trip this Sunday. After half term we are arranging a trip to Ten Pin Bowling on Sunday 13 November. If anyone would like to join us please see Mrs T, or ask a member of boarding staff.

Special mention.... 'Boarder of the Week' goes to AMAYA DEL RIEGO VIERA (pictured Left). She always contributes positively and is always happy and polite. She also contributed in the winning volleyball match against Bede's this week. Well done Amaya.



MORE MEDALS FOR MICHAELA

Last Sunday, Michaela Taiwo competed in the Thurrock Swimming Club Alan Mitchell Memorial Gala which also doubled as the Club Championships.

Michaela raced in a total of 4 races: 400m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200 IM winning Gold medals as the first placed winner for 10/11 year olds.

She also raced 50m Freestyle and came second winning a silver medal.

Very well done!



VOLLEYBALL VICTORY

Huge congratulations to our volleyball team for their superb victory over Bede's this week. Great serving saw our girls take the first set 25–20. Bede's responded with some great play to sneak the second set 25 - 23. Moira House then played some commanding volleyball, with great defensive over, to win the next two sets, 25 - 16 and 25 -11. Really well deserved! Well played!



U11 HOCKEY WIN OVER ST.ANDREWS

Huge congratulations to our U11B hockey team who beat St Andrews by 3 goals to 2 in a great game. We were gifted an early own goal, which boosted the team and two further goals by Beata Sperling-Tyler and Imogen Devlin sealed the match.

The U11A team had a good first half against a well organised St. Andrews team, conceding just one goal, with Sophie Naish in goal defending stoically. In the second half, St Andrews stepped up the speed of their passing and despite our best efforts we were unable to defend against the barrage of attacks.

HOCKEY ROUND UP

U15 v Claremont

The girls played their most attacking match ever with a fine display of passing from the midfield; Daisy Williams, Lana Harffey-Burkhill and Hannah Ward.

U13 Hockey v Mayfield

The girls worked extremely hard displaying great commitment and teamwork. In attack there were some awesome displays of support play and they were unlucky not to score more. Well done to Bethany Cook for scoring the only goal. A special mention to Bronwen Trowhill for a high level of defensive marking and tackling.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK A

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

8.30am Pre-Prep Assembly for parents in the JAC
2.30pm U10 & U11 Netball v Bede's (h)
3.15pm U13 Hockey v Bede's (a)

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

9.00am Whole School Harvest Festival,
St. John's Church, Meads - All parents welcome

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

4.00pm HALF TERM BEGINS
4.15pm Minibuses depart
5.00pm Boarders to have departed - Houses Close

WEEK B

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

4.00pm Boarders return from 4.00pm - 9.00pm

MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER

8.25am School re-opens, Day Girls Return

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

1.30pm Senior Maths Challenge

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER

2.30pm U10 & U11 Hockey v St. Andrew's (a)
3.00pm U13 Netball v St. Andrew's (h)

THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER

4.15pm U18 Hockey v Mayfield
6.00pm Year 11 Parents' Evening, School House

EASTBOURNE FOODBANK

As in previous years we will be collecting items for Eastbourne Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival.

I am sure that, as in previous years, Moira House will prove just what a generous and thoughtful community we are.

Collection baskets will be situated in School House and Boston.

If each of us brought in just one item it would amount to a great deal of help.



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