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Girls School

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NEWS FROM THE PREP DEPARTMENT



Fortnightly, the Year 4 girls have Maths Skills sessions with Mrs Beck to reinforce the maths topic they are working on in daily lessons. This week the girls thoroughly enjoyed playing the “Equivalent Fraction Hopscotch Game”, which required the girls to start from zero and build up fractions all the way to make one whole number. To add an extra challenge element to the game, most rows also contained equivalent fractions for girls to identify. Some rows had no equivalent fractions and the girls enjoyed working hard to figure out which ones those were. Great fun was had by all, whilst also reinforcing maths language and reasoning skills.

In Upper Prep, the Year 7 and 8 girls had a combined lesson last week looking at developing their team work and cooperation skills through Cheerleading.

Some of our girls regularly attend Cheerleading activity but for many this was a new skill. The session, led by Miss Bell, encouraged the girls to work in groups with at least one experienced girl



in each group to guide and support. The girls were asked to come up with a routine that featured dance, clear rhythm, a jump and a stunt. Each routine was then assessed on how well each girl was able to participate; whether the presentation was enjoyable to watch and whether it included all the required elements - the girls worked incredibly hard and the results after the one lesson were superb with all groups achieving the learning outcomes. Well done girls!

YEAR 8 TRIP TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, LONDON

Year 8 artists have recently been fortunate to attend the Jasper Johns: “Something Resembling the Truth” Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in London.

Widely known for his iconic images of flags, targets, numbers, maps and light bulbs, Jasper Johns has occupied a central position in American art since his first solo exhibition in New York in 1958. His treatment of iconography and appropriation of objects, symbols and words makes the familiar unfamiliar, achieving this through the distinctive, complex textures of his works. Through his ground-breaking paintings and sculptures, Johns established a decisive new direction in an art world that had previously been dominated by Abstract Expressionism.



Jasper Johns: ‘Something Resembling Truth’ is the first comprehensive survey of the artist’s work to be held in the UK in 40 years.

The girls agreed that it was well worth the seven hour coach journey to see the exhibition!



MHA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DONATIONS!

It is only **2 weeks** now until the Christmas Bazaar! Please could help to support us by sending in donations for Raffle prizes, such as wine, toiletries, chocolates etc.

Also if any parents work for a business that would like to donate a prize, we would be most grateful.

Perhaps, you could also donate some of your time to help run a stall at the Bazaar? If so, please contact: sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk.

There are collection boxes in both Boston and School House Reception offices. Many thanks for your support.

**BOUNCING BOARDERS!**

Last Sunday, a group of boarders went on an exciting trip to 'Urban Jump' in Heathfield. This was a very popular trip and the girls enjoyed letting off some steam. Kiana demonstrated some fantastic tricks and flips on the trampolines, which everyone was very impressed with. Miss Talkington joined in the fun and played dodge ball with the girls which got very competitive. Meanwhile Alejandra was defeated by a 6 year old on the gladiator beam!!! Lots of fun and giggles were had by all.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

Dear Parents

I hope many of you are coming to watch the Jungle Book performance tonight; I watched this afternoon's show and it was terrific, the girls did an amazing job.

Thank you to Mr Cooper for leading a brilliant assembly on the theme of "Be You" this morning. Girls' schools offer students the opportunity to try many different things, be who they want to be and follow their own paths; this is exactly what we want all girls to do here in Moira House by becoming independent thinkers. Well done to Berry Taylor for being presented with her "Fundraiser of the Year" Award in the assembly, in recognition of all of her efforts in the last year.

I will be out of school on Monday as I have various meetings in Roedean, including a Governors' meeting to finalise future strategies for the school. We look forward to sharing these strategies with you at the Parents' Meeting on Monday 4 December.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Last weekend a group of budding chefs from School House took over the central kitchen for the annual Gingerbread House competition.

Under the watchful eye of Chef Manager, Mr Wakefield, the girls had plenty of fun showing their creative skills in designing and building their gingerbread from scratch. The girls showed great flair and imagination in decorating the houses, which were then judged on Monday by the entire school in a secret ballot.

Very well done to the 2017 Gingerbread House Champions, Sofia and Alejandra.



FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

Junior Gardening Club

Making the most of all the fallen Autumn leaves on the school grounds, the girls collected leaves of different shapes and colours. They have laid them out to create a beautiful Autumnal woodland scene. Ava used her observation skills to notice that if you turn the leaves over you can find a different shade or colour. Both Alice and Ava were extremely creative in making the leaves look like people, cats and butterflies.

Alice likes Gardening Club because she likes all the fun activities, Ava enjoys exploring nature and making use of natural resources to have some fun.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Parents' Evening on Thursday 7 December

Moira House Girls have had a long association with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The scheme offers endless possibilities to anyone aged 14 to 24.

Millions of young people in the UK have already taken part in the world's leading youth achievement award - pushing personal boundaries, gaining new skills and enhancing their CVs and university applications.

We are holding a **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Parents' Evening Thursday 7 December at 5.45pm** in the Computer Room.

This meeting is for parents of girls who have already signed up to the Award for this year however, other parents are welcome to come if they want to know more about the Award. Girls need to be in Year 9 or above to take part, and all parents of pupils in these years have received details via MoHo Mail. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, DoE Organiser, Mrs Dodd at: ddodd@moirahouse.co.uk



FORTHCOMING FESTIVE MUFTI DAYS

As we start our end of term celebrations, we will be having **2** whole school mufti days. On Friday 8 December, for the day of the Christmas Bazaar, girls are invited to come dressed in festive red and green clothing. This is also the UK Alzheimer's Society 'Elf Day', so girls can alternatively dress as an elf for the day, if they wish! We are not asking for a monetary donation, although if you would like to contribute to support Alzheimer's, that is your choice. However, would we grateful if you could bring in a chocolate bar for the Christmas Bazaar Chocolate Tombola.

Finally, on Friday 15 December, we are joining in with the national 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Girls are asked to bring in **£1.00** and all proceeds will be donated to 'Save the Children'. Thank you for your continued support, and for helping Moira House to spread festive cheer.

UPDATE FROM OUR CHARITY CAPTAIN, RACHEL SEKIBO

As a school, last half term, we provided 152 wonderful meals for the Eastbourne Foodbank during the Harvest Festival. I want to express my gratitude to everyone that supported this cause through their generous donations.

The Ann Harris Scholars have raised a great deal of funds for their individual charities this year as part of their Scholar Projects and we are really proud of their achievements in contributing to the wider society. The Boston House Boarders are still working on our charity blankets every Thursday evening and we are also looking forward to the annual Santa Run nearer to the Christmas holidays. Just a quick reminder that the Vulcan Charity Christmas Run is on Friday, 1 December and we are expected to appear festive for this cause.

The last day of term, Friday 15 December, is our annual Christmas Jumper Day, so please come dressed in your beautiful jumpers with a donation for charity. I do hope that you feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas or suggestions that we can work together on. Thank you very much.



U12 & U13 NETBALL v BEDE'S

Our U12 netball team did a fantastic job against Bede's this week, winning their match 18-12. The girls showed great consistency and teamwork throughout the game, which made it very difficult for Bede's to score. With some brilliant defending from Sophie Naish and Alice Granea and skilful attacking play from Imogen Wells, Beth Beeby and Sasha Baldwin, Moira House took the win. Well done girls.

The U13s played a very strong game against Bede's and took the lead quickly, achieving a lead of 9-1 at the end of the first quarter. The girls worked hard and showed the teamwork skills they had been working on in their training sessions. Our U13A team finished with a strong final quarter and won. Well done girls - we look forward to our next match.

U14 NETBALL v BEDE'S

The U11 netball team showed some great improvements this week in their match against Bede's. A fantastic first half saw Moira House pull back from 1 - 4 down to go into the lead by 5 goals to 4. Great attacking play through the centre court to the circle led to our shooters sinking their chances in style. In the second half, however, despite some lovely, tight defending from Zoe Whittington and Tamanna Anoop, the height advantage and accurate shooting from Bede's began to tell and they won the match by 17 goals to 8. Congratulations to Olivia McMullen for winning "Girl of the Game".

SWIMMING GALA WIN OVER BEDE'S

Last Monday, Moira House girls from Years 3 to 6 attended a friendly swimming gala held at Bede's Prep School. This event is always an exciting opportunity for our girls as we have, for some time, failed to beat this opposition until fairly recently. We were warmly welcomed by their staff and given the whole pool to warm up in and then it began...

Our girls were pitched up against some fierce swimmers, including many of their boys who took part in virtually every race. Throughout the event it was difficult to tell who had the edge, as it seemed that the races were evenly matched in ability and everyone was so enthusiastic, with so much love and support from the children and the many parents who had turned up to offer their support.

Overall, it was an electric and exciting gala, resulting in a Moira House win, with our team beating Bede's by 168 to 153. A huge congratulations to all the girls who took part, especially those who were competing in their first Gala for Moira House.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**WEEK A****MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

5.30pm Swimming Gala v Ardingly & BHHS (h) Years 3-6

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

2.45pm U14 A & B, U15A Netball v Brighton College (h)

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

2.30pm U11 Netball v Skippers Hill (a)

2.45pm U10 Netball v LOGS (a)

2.45pm U12 & U13 B Netball v Skippers Hill (h)

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

6.00pm Year 6 Parents' Evening, Swann Hall

WEEK B**MONDAY 4 DECEMBER**

11.00am Nursery Christmas Play

5.30pm Inter-Schools Swimming Gala (h)

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

2.15pm Pre-Prep Production, Swann Hall

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

8.35am Lower Prep Parents' Assembly, Swann Hall

2.30pm U10 & U11 Netball v St. Andrew's (a)

2.45pm U12 & U13 Netball v St. Andrew's (a)

4.00pm Advent Carol Service, All Saints' Church

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

9.00am Moiraville, Sports Hall

3.00pm U18 Netball v BHHS (a)

4.30pm U16 Netball v Farlington (a)

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

4.00pm MHA Christmas Bazaar, Sports Hall

6.30pm Angels & Earthlings Party

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

7.00pm Boarders' Christmas Dinner and Party



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