



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

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#### GINGERBREAD DESIGNS

The boarders' took over the school kitchens last weekend to participate in the annual Gingerbread House Competition. Under the supervision of our Chef Manager, Mr Neil Wakefield, the girls prepared, cooked, designed and built their houses from scratch. The competition really heated up once the decorating began, with all of the girls displaying great imagination and skill.

The gingerbread houses were put on display on Monday in the dining room, for an in-house vote, which proved to be extremely close. The winning team was Trinity and Ellen who have won points for their houses and a special Christmas gift.

Well done to all the girls who took part— you have made an excellent start to the Christmas festivities!



#### EQUESTRIAN CENTRE CELEBRATING FIRST FABULOUS TERM

As we come to the end of our first term at Moira House Equestrian Centre, we wanted to celebrate the amazing achievements of all our riders. From our youngest riders - Summer Parry, Ava Williams and Amelia Grist to our top competitive riders Maisie Gibbs, Sasha Baldwin and Rosie Maynard-Watkin, they have all listened, learned and improved enormously.

The entire school community including the girls and staff, be they riders or non-riders have enjoyed visiting the ponies during lunchtimes and break times. They are a great stress buster! Apart from our lessons, we have had two fantastic Gymkhanas during half-term and plenty of hacking on the Downs!



#### Christmas Hacks

We are now booking hacking during the first and last weeks of the Christmas holidays, riding to Birling Gap and Jevington.

Please contact Sarah Aspinall, Stable Manager at: [equestrian@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:equestrian@moirahouse.co.uk)

Please book early to reserve your space.

## A FESTIVE MESSAGE FROM UPPER PREP

### Upper Prep Christmas Party

Year 8 (aided by Ms Sheridan) are organising a Christmas Party for the Upper Prep (Years 6-8)



- ◆ **When:** Tuesday 13th December 3.30pm - 5.15pm.
- ◆ **Where:** Swann Hall
- ◆ **Dress:** School uniform with a Christmas accessory.
- ◆ **What is involved:** Games, Talent Show, Tea & Fun!
- ◆ **Cost:** £3.00 to be given to Ms Sheridan no later than Friday 9 December

## SUPER SISTERS

Congratulations to Berry in Year 2, who recently took her Primary ballet exam, achieving a Merit.



Meanwhile her sister, Cameron, in Year 3 has achieved her Blue Belt at her 7th grading in Karate after just two years of training. She was also recognised by Chief Instructor Han Shi, for the volume of training she attends each week and received a little prize from him.

## MEADS MAGIC

Thanks to the everyone who supported Meads Magic, particularly the girls, Dr Putland and Frank. The choir was outstanding and enjoyed by everyone. The weather was kind and we sold lots of tasty Christmas Puddings, the Lucky Dip was a huge success as were the Moira House cupcakes. As always, it was a great community event.



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS VALLANTINE

Please note that we are in the process of conducting pupil and parent questionnaires from Nursery to Sixth Form. It would be much appreciated if you were able to complete those by the end of next week and return it to your daughter's Head of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing. It is important that we get feedback from parents about what we are doing well and also what we can improve on. Thank you in advance for your time completing the questionnaire.

Christmas is approaching and in line with our school motto, the Pastoral Team have decided to support the charity, Save the Children, by having a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 16 December. Details to support this event will be circulated by the Pastoral Lead for each section of the school.

Mrs Vallantine, Deputy Principal

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It's unbelievable to think that we are only two weeks from the end of term. With the start of Advent this weekend, the school is getting well and truly into the Christmas spirit. Advent is a period of anticipation and expectation, and there is so much to look forward to in the coming days: the Nursery Christmas Play, the Pre-Prep Production, the Sixth Form Angels and Earthlings Party, all the Christmas Parties and, of course, the Advent Carol Service to name but a few.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Junior and Prep Schools in to attend Moiraville, our French immersion day and we will round the week off with the annual MHA Christmas Bazaar. As ever, your support is important to make these events really special for the girls.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6 Parents' Evening last night— it's great to see the progress the girls are making and how much they are enjoying life in Dunn House.

Reports are nearing completion and we hope you feel that the new format, together with the content, will provide you with an accurate indication of your daughter's progress.

Mr James Sheridan  
Principal

## NURSERY CHRISTMAS PLAY

Please can I remind you that the Nursery Christmas play is next week on Tuesday 6 December at 11.30am.



Please can you be aware that there are very young children performing and may we ask you to consider the amount of people that you bring to the performance.

Please do not take photos or film the children during their performance and only take individual photos of your own child. Thank you.

Sarah Hughes, Head of Nursery

**AMELIA'S 'SO AWKWARD'**

Congratulations to Amelia Baldock in Year 7, who has appeared in the CBBC show, 'So Awkward', which aired. If you missed it, you can see her on BBC iplayer—episode 13.

**ITALY REHEARSALS**

I would like to confirm that there are no further Italy rehearsals this term, the last rehearsal for this term was on 23 November. We will resume in the new year with a weekly programme of rehearsals right through to our departure in June. I will write to confirm the various times we will be rehearsing, which will be designed so that all girls will get a chance to attend a rehearsal each week.

My sincere apologies for any confusion over Wednesday night's rehearsal, as I believe some girls were expecting to rehearse and I'm sorry if this caused any disruption. I look forward to the full rehearsal programme commencing in January and to a very exciting trip.

Mr Cousins, Director of Performing Arts

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

You are warmly welcomed to the forthcoming festive events:

- 6 December at 11.00am—Nursery Christmas Play
- 7 December at 2.15pm—Pre-Prep Production in the JAC
- 9 December at 4.00pm—MHS Christmas Bazaar, Sports Hall
- 12 December at 4.00pm—Advent Carol Service, All Saints Church
  - Your daughter will be taken to the Church by minibus
  - Girls need to wear School Uniform with jumpers and blazers
  - If your daughter usually gets a minibus home, this will leave from the Church.
  - All girls need to be collected from the Church—they will not be returning to school.
- 15 December at 4.15pm—Cantabile performing at Eastbourne Bandstand
- 16 December—Last Day of Term
  - Christmas Jumper Day—we will again be supporting National Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for Save the Children. If your daughter would like to wear a Christmas jumper, please send her with a donation for the charity.

11.30am—End of Term Assemblies

12.00pm—Principal's Festive Reception, Swann Hall

1.00pm—TERM ENDS (Minibuses depart at 1.15pm)

4.00pm—Boarders to have departed—All Houses will be closed.

THE PERFECTS PRESENT

The Year 9, 10 & 11

# Christmas Party

Thursday 8th December

5.30pm - 8pm

Common Room Landing

Come for fun, food,  
games & festivities!

Confirm your attendance by replying to  
the email on MoHo Mail

**OTHER PEOPLE MATTER**

Last weekend, Beau Hagan and Katie & Erin Hillyer danced their Ballet solos for the patients at Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice during their Christmas party, as some of the children had made a wish to be a Ballerina.

**MINI MOHO NURSERY NURSES REQUIRED**

If you are interested in working within our busy Nursery and have an NVQ 3 or equivalent in Childcare, please do pop in for a chat with Sarah Hughes, Head of Nursery.

We have both part time and full time positions available.



**PEGASUS ON TOP IN PYRAMID HOCKEY**

Last Thursday the pyramids drew their hockey sticks and took to the astro ready to do battle! After a tropical storm hitting the pitch the week before, the girls were delighted to play in brilliant sunshine! All four pyramids drew on points at the end of the tournament and so we had to look at the goal difference. Vulcan came in 3rd place, with Excalibur and Merlin drawing in 2nd place. Congratulations to double Winners - Pegasus being awarded top spot, having scored one more goal than Merlin!

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****WEEK B**

Monday 05 December

Swimming Gala v Battle Abbey—CANCELLED

Tuesday 06 December

11.00am Nursery Christmas Play

Wednesday 07 December

2.15pm Pre-Prep Production

2.30pm U10 & U11 Netball v St.Andrews (a)

3.00pm U13 Hockey v St.Andrews (a)

Thursday 08 December

9.00am Moiraville

4.00pm U9 Netball v St.Andrews (a)

6.30pm Angels & Earthlings Party (Sixth Form)

Friday 09 December

4.00pm MHA Christmas Bazaar, Sports Hall

Saturday 10 December

6.30pm Boarders' Christmas Dinner

**WEEK A**

Monday 12 December

4.00pm Advent Carol Service, All Saints Church

Tuesday 13 December

2.15pm Pre-Prep & Lower Prep Christmas Party

3.30pm Upper Prep Christmas Party

Wednesday 14 December

12.30pm Old Girls' Christmas Lunch

2.15pm Pre-Pre & Lower Prep Craft Afternoon

Thursday 15 December

12.00 Whole School Christmas Lunch

4.15pm Knights' Revue

Friday 16 December

11.30am End of Term Assemblies, Parents welcome

12.00pm Principal's Christmas Drinks Reception

1.00pm TERM ENDS—HOUSES CLOSE at 4.00pm

**SPORTS ROUND UP**

On Monday the Junior Swimming team went to Bedes and fought a very close contest, with MoHo coming out on top - 128 to 123. Special mentions must go to Sophie Naish, who won all of her races and the Year 4 relay team of Eve-Jolie Kerswell, Imogen Beale, Romilly Smith and Rosie Maynard-Watkin who came from behind to beat a very strong squad from Bedes.

We also sent a slightly depleted swim squad to Mayfield Convent on Monday. This gave some of our juniors an opportunity to swim up their age groups. We fought very well, exceeding expectations and leading throughout the gala but finally missing out to an overall win at the end relays.

Last Thursday the senior 1st XI played their last ever hockey fixture for Moira House against local rival, Eastbourne College. The team, comprising of four Year 13s and eight Year 11s, ended the season on a real high and saved their best performance until last. Sorrel Jordan continued her 'matrix' style saves with some awesome deflections to prevent the opponents from hitting the backboard. In their central role Emily Davison, Jade Buck and Frankie Head proved virtually impenetrable as the opposing forwards tried to battle through.

On turnover the three worked as a diamond unit, with striker Annie Smith, taking on the opposing defence and with clever quick fire passing were unlucky not to score more than the two goals. Midfielders Millie Garner and Chloe Hughes worked hard to hassle the College players and made some lovely runs and through balls down the wings. In attack Hope and Amelia were both unlucky not to score, having played their best attacking hockey to date. Lucy Nottage and Lauren Davison worked extremely hard in defence with some timely tackles and clever clears to deny the College attacks.

Hannah Rich, Jessica Brialey, Raphy McDavitt-Lowe and Poppy Horne unfortunately did not feature in this match, but have all been a huge support to the team this season. We will certainly miss the comradery and humour that the team has brought over the last few years.

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