



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

STRANDS

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A 'HAPPY' HOUSE FESTIVAL TO START THE YEAR!

Last week saw the launch of the Moira House Pyramids House Festival', with another fantastic display of singing, dancing, acting and general merriment as the girls took to the stage to deliver a 'Pyramid' performance. This year's theme, 'Happiness Around the World', was embraced in many different ways across the four Pyramids. The Pyramid captains, vice-captains and leadership teams showed exceptional organization, determination and vision to coordinate and put together their pyramids' performances.

Pegasus kicked off the event with an 'Aladdin Whole New World' take on the theme, incorporating a world peace poem from four students in their native tongue and a 'happy' song from our Asian students, finishing with a Happy



Feet Tap

Dance. Next up were **Merlin** who produced their own poem about happiness, performed an African themed dance and tap danced their way to "Happiness".

Vulcan incorporated a theme of travelling around the world in a plane exploring the dance, music, culture and language of different countries, including those home countries of the girls in the pyramid. Brilliant use of choreographed dance, instruments and choral singing all brought the performance to life.



Finally, **Excalibur** finished the event with their take on the theme, using the school motto "Other People Matter" as a central storyline, focusing on the importance of the Moira House family through poetry, dance, songs and home made maracas!

It was really lovely to see all of the girls get involved and getting to know each other. The joint winning pyramids were Vulcan and Merlin, with Excalibur in 3rd place, closely followed by Pegasus.



NEWS ARTICLES FOR STRANDS

Following on from discussions with the Communications Steering Group, we would like to structure the Newsletter to have a more 'school-based' bias. From next week, we aim to promote a wider selection of news items of events and activities that take place within school.

Whilst we are always delighted to receive news of the myriad of achievements that our girls produce outside of school, we will now publish these via our Facebook Page.

We are looking forward to regular items, on a rota system, from each Section of the School, the Activities programme and the School Knights and Captains.

We hope that you will continue to enjoy Strands and, as ever, your feedback is most welcome. Please contact us via email to: News@moirahouse.co.uk.

Sue Graham
Head of Communications & Alumnae
Editor of 'Strands'

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Head of Boarding, Mrs T, arranged a fun filled trip for all the boarders and boarding staff, last Saturday as a great way to get to know everyone. They arrived at the Seven Sisters Country Park in the beautiful Cuckmere Valley and gently meandered along the path all the way out to the beach, where everyone enjoyed their delicious packed lunch. Luckily the weather was kind and the sun was shining!

Miss Lewis found a great spot for the girls to play games, which had been organised by our fantastic prefects. There was plenty of laughter, chatting and cart wheeling, mainly by Miss Lewis! The games became very competitive, when the girls realised that they were playing for prizes for their team. Miss Justice and Mrs T lead the winning teams of the day. Everyone had a great day out, including Jax, the dog!



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank our School Knights this week, Jade Biss and Poppy Horne, for doing a fantastic job since the beginning of term. They have made such an impact already on the whole school community and I am really proud of them.

Today is the National Day for Teaching Assistants. Mrs Karkach, Mrs Pont, Miss Burt, Mrs Brown and Mrs Lewis were recognised in our whole school assembly today for the huge contribution they make to the girls' education.

Staff from Roedean School visited us on Monday to familiarise themselves with the school, get to know the students and staff, and visit lessons. They will be back in for one more day on Wednesday 20 September.

It was nice to have new members joining the Communications Steering Committee and the Moira House Association (MHA) to plan new initiatives and events. You will be able to find out more about the MHA and the work they do at our Whole School Parents' Information Evening next Thursday. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

ALL ENGLAND NATIONAL DANCE FINALS

During the summer holidays, Presley in Year 3 went to the All England National Dance Finals which were held at the Hackney Empire in London.



Presley danced her Character Solo and an Austrian National group dance, achieving Honours for both dances!



Congratulations to Presley and also to Keiana, from Year 4 who participated in the Austrian Group Dance.

GALA CONCERT - 25 SEPTEMBER

At 7.00 pm next Monday, 25 September, 50 students from Years 4-13 will be performing at the Winter Garden Theatre, Eastbourne. This event is to raise money for Chestnut Tree House, an incredible local children's hospice that cares for over 300 children. Our girls will perform as a group, as well as with students from 11 other local schools that are part of the Eastbourne Schools Partnership. Please come and support our girls and Chestnut Tree House. Tickets can be purchased in advance from eastbournetheatres.co.uk or by calling 01323 412000 or at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

GALA CONCERT

Monday 25 September 2017
7pm at the Winter Garden



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"A show of outstanding quality, the musical talent of the young people of Eastbourne is truly awe-inspiring – a must see!"

All profits to Chestnut Tree House.



Ticket Price
Adults £10 | Concessions £7

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POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

In Friday Assembly this morning, the Year 11 Prefects and the Year 8 Squires were presented with their badges. They had each applied to these positions of responsibility with incredible letters and are true MoHo girls that embody the school's ethos.

Year 11 Prefects:

Darcie Bennett, Katy-Anne Burr, Megan Clarke, Jade Fenton, Georgia Harris-Moss, Dan Huang, Yanni Liu, Elaine Siu, Victoria Wallner



Year 8 Squires:

Amelia Baldock, Cheyenna Beale, Tia-Lana Chinapye, Lauren Freitas, Beau Hagan, Teni Ogunlesi, Mila Pesenti, Jasmine Wright



YOUNG WRITERS SUCCESS FOR CAMERON

Last Easter, Cameron from Year 4 submitted some poems and a short story she had written, to the Young Writer's Publication. Recently, she has received the news that two of her fun poems and her short story are to be published in the "Young Writer's Anthology" books, to be released on the 30 November. Cameron also received 3 certificates of Merit to recognise her achievement. Fantastic news Cameron and a very big "Well done!"



STEPHANIE IS QUEEN OF THE COURT

Many congratulations to Stephanie Vieira in Year 8 for her amazing tennis achievements during the summer holidays. To begin with, Stephanie and her brother walked out onto Centre Court with superstars Marin Cilic and Feliciano Lopez at the Queen's Final. Stephanie had the honour of flipping the coin for both the Singles and Doubles finals! It was certainly a day to remember!

Stephanie then travelled to Russia where she trained for 7 weeks at the Sochi Tennis Academy, played a host of matches and won all of them!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK A

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

U9 Netball v St Andrews - CANCELLED

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

3.15pm U15A, U14A & U14B v Gildredge House (H)

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

8.15am Nursery & Pre-Prep Parent Reps Meeting

3.15pm U12A & U13A Netball v Gildredge House (a)

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

3.15pm U19 Sussex Netball Knockout Cup v Hurst (a)

6.00pm Whole School Parents' Information Evening

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

10.00am Year 9 Netball Trip to Conover Hall Departs

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

10.00am Eastbourne Schools Partnership Gala Rehearsal, The Birley Centre

2.00pm Year 9 Netball Trip Returns

WEEK B

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

5.30pm Swimming Gala v Ardingly (Years 4-8) (a)

7.00pm Eastbourne School Partnership Gala, The Winter Gardens, Eastbourne

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

European Day of Languages for Years 6-8

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

8.15am Upper Prep Parent Reps Meeting

2.45pm U10 & U11 Hockey v Claremont (a)

3.00pm U12A & U13A Netball v Buckswood (h)

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

3.15pm U18A & U16A Netball v Gildredge House (a)

3.00pm U13 Aegon Tennis (h)

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

8.25am **WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING (3pm finish)**

12.30pm U12 Netball Tournament at Burgess Hill (a)

Not content with that, Stephanie won the 12 & Under Sussex Open Regional Tennis Tournaments singles and doubles in August and the 14 & Under singles and doubles the same tournament at West Worthing. She rounded off her summer by winning the Devonshire Park Regional Tennis Tournament 12 & Under singles last month.

Truly amazing results - very well done!



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