



Moir House

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NEWS FROM LOWER PREP

Congratulations to our Lower Prep Superstars who have been recognised for their hard work and commitment to school life. We look forward to finding out who will be our next Superstars later this term.

The following girls in Lower Prep have been elected as School Council representatives this year. Congratulations to: Ava Williams in Year 3, Cameron Taylor & Daisy Wheatley in Year 4 and Imogen Beale & Yusra Hosenie in Year 5.



Girls in Year 3 worked hard on their Summer news boards over the holidays with fantastic results. They have been very creative in their work and they are currently on display in the Boston corridor.



LIFE IN UPPER PREP - A REPORT FROM THE SQUIRES

Dunn House is the home base for Upper Prep, which includes Years 6, 7 and 8 and we have a team of eight prefects, called Squires who help us. Having our own base provides a great opportunity for us to really get to



know each other. We are one big community, this is why we all get along so well and it's like one big happy family. The common room and locker rooms are vital parts of our life at Dunn House, because this is where we all socialise. We have a selection of games in our common room or we can just chill and chat. Our common room pet is a fish called Stanley. We work as a team to ensure that he is happy and healthy, changing his water each week and feeding him. As Squires, we are around at all times if you ever have any problems you can come and find us.



PYRAMID CAPTAINS

This week in Pyramid Assembly, the new Pyramid Captains were announced. They will help to lead, support and assist their Pyramid during this academic year.

- ◆ Lower and Upper Prep Captains: **Excalibur** - Nancy Ahmadi Motlagh/ Beau Hagan; **Merlin** - Ffion Carnell/ Cheyenna Beale; **Pegasus** -Darcey Byrne/Amelia Devlin; **Vulcan** - Imogen Beale/Jasmine Wright.
- ◆ Year 12 Vice-Captains are: **Excalibur** - Nancy Dai and Lotte Hanne; **Merlin** - Raphy McDavitt-Lowe; **Pegasus** - Ellie Mizen; **Vulcan** - Lucy Nottage.
- ◆ The Year 12 Captains are: **Excalibur** - Isabelle Andrews; **Merlin** - Jessica Brialey; **Pegasus** - Emily Davison; **Vulcan** - Abbie Ring



DRAMA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Drama Department has introduced a Drama Student of the Month award for girls in Years 6 - 13. The monthly winner will not necessarily be the best performer, but the student who shows the greatest imagination; the most intelligent evaluation; completes prep on time; is actively engaged in their own learning; is positive and helpful in creating work. The inaugural awards go to: Zoe, Sophie, Lily, Taliah, Megan and Olivia. Bravo!



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

I met with some more form groups this week to hear about their experiences in school; it is good to hear that the girls enjoy learning in Moira House and make the most of all the opportunities offered to them. There are always things that could be developed and the points raised by the girls are being followed up. Over the last few days, a number of girls completed baseline testing, which enables teachers to track each girl's progress and set personalised targets; if you need more information about the testing, do not hesitate to contact your daughter's Head of Section.

Our theme of the week was "Kindness". Well done to girls in the Prep for a great assembly this morning. We truly are blessed with the whole school community living by our school motto of "Other People Matter" and being kind to others.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parent Meeting on Monday evening. I will then be out of school on Tuesday as I will be attending a GSA regional meeting in London.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

OTHER PEOPLE MATTER

Thanks to Abbie Ring in Year 12, we began the week with a very well attended cake sale at morning break, in support of Macmillan Cancer Research.



Abbie had made all of the cakes herself and they disappeared very quickly! Through her own hard work, Abbie was able to raise a massive £250 for the charity. Very well done!

BATH TIME IN THE NURSERY

This week the nursery children have been talking about the body and hygiene. We had a lovely visit from Miss Evenden and her new baby, Luca. The children helped to wash Luca in the baby bath and then brushed his hair once he was dry. The children were very gentle and Luca enjoyed his bath!



FIRE SAFETY

Last week, 19 members of staff undertook a very intensive Fire Marshall Training course, held by East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. The importance of Health and Safety on site is our main priority and every area of the school was represented. After a lengthy class-based tutorial which included several real-life case studies, the group moved outside to the car park for some hands-on practical training with fire extinguishers and real fire! The session was enjoyable and everyone found it extremely useful, leaving them confident to tackle any situation.



FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

Lower Prep Gardening

Ava in Year 3 chose gardening club because she is going to make a vegetable plot at home and needs to learn some gardening tips and skills. She also likes being outside.

Alice in Year 1 wants to plant some pretty flowers and make a fairy garden.



Karate

I like Karate as it is a good way to deal with stress and keep fit. We have fantastic teachers, some of the moves are challenging, but loads are fun.

In Karate we learn self-defence, for example blocking, ducking and defending, which are very useful skills to have.

May Fogarty-Stevens, Year 7



ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP TO LONDON GALLERIES

This week, a group of Sixth Form Art, Photography and Textiles students travelled to London to visit exhibitions at the Saatchi Gallery, The Victoria and Albert Museum and the Photographers' Gallery. The 'Iconoclasts' show at the Saatchi presented a collection of very challenging work in a variety of media. The works by Maurizio Anzeri can, on paper, look rather mundane and repetitive, but when you look at them in a gallery you can appreciate the way the colours of the threads shimmer in the light and see how the 3D quality of the work adds to the composition.



At the V&A, the Textiles girls were able to see a superb collection of Christóbal Balenciaga's fashion designs and compare them to the dress designs in the permanent collection, to understand how Balenciaga has influenced 20th and 21st century fashion. There was also an opportunity for dressing up in a Balenciaga skirt/cape creation that proved to be quite a puzzle.

Finally, a dash to Oxford Street to see the Gregory Crewdson exhibition at the Photographers' Gallery. This divided opinions amongst the girls more than anything we saw all day. Crewdson's large scale photographs look like stills from a film and they set a scene that requires you to fill in the story. It was a tiring, but rewarding day from which we all learned a great deal.

MEET OUR CHARITY CAPTAIN, RACHEL SEKIBO

I am very happy to have been appointed as the Charity Captain for this new academic year. I look forward to getting to know everyone and sharing wonderful ideas of how we can work together to contribute positively to our local community. If we haven't met already on previous occasions, I hope to see you very soon at upcoming events.

I want to thank all the girls who have already started their charity activities this year. From the girls who volunteer on a regular basis at Carlisle Lodge Nursing Home to everyone who participated in the Eastbourne Schools Partnership Gala Concert, and all the girls involved in individual projects within and outside of our school; it means a great deal to see Moira House represented so well in our community.

This year, some of my aims are to get the school community more involved in charity activities especially across the year groups, as well as being more environmentally friendly, through recycling. This is already underway, as the Boston boarders run a weekly knitting club to make charity blankets, and we are looking forward to having our annual Santa Run nearer to the Christmas holidays.

You are very welcome to meet me at anytime with any ideas and suggestions that you have, and I look forward to working with you.



U9 NETBALL v ST ANDREWS

A massive well done to our U9 netball teams for their superb matches against St Andrews this week. The A team won 7 - 2. There was some fast movement through the court and good shooting, particularly from Georgia McKay. Girl of the game was awarded to Cameron Taylor. The B team won their match by 2 - 0. There was some great defence from Daisy Dunton (Girl of the Game) and Agya Gurung. Special mention to Bethany Gander and Harriet Stone, both in Year 3, who were playing in their first ever match!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**WEEK B****MONDAY 9 OCTOBER**

8.15am - Open Parent Coffee Morning, Seniors,
8.45am Sitting Room
1.05pm U9 Mini Tennis v Bede's (h)
5.30pm U13,U15 & U18 Swimming Gala v Ardingly (h)
7.30pm Parent Meeting with Head & Executive Head

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

Sixth Form Scholarship Assessments
2.30pm U13 & U15 Cross Country Cup, Worth School (a)
4.15pm U14 & B, U15A Netball v Benenden (a)(late return)

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

8.15am Lower Prep Parent Reps Meeting, Sitting Room
11.00am ESSA Relay Qualifiers, Horsham (a)
2.30pm U11A Netball v Windlesham School (h)
2.30pm U12 Sussex Netball Knockout Cup at BHHS (a)
2.45pm U10 Hockey v Skippers Hill (a)
3.00pm U12A Netball Knockout Cup, Burgess Hill (a)

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

8.15am - Open Parent Coffee Morning, Sixth Form,
8.45am Sitting Room
2.45pm U16 & U18 Netball v Buckswood (h)
4.00pm U13 & U15 Indoor Rowing v Roedean (a)
5.30pm Prep-Prep & Lower Prep Parents' Evening, Boston
6.30pm U10 & U11 Swimming Gala at Sovereign Centre

WEEK A**MONDAY 16 OCTOBER**

5.30pm Swimming Gala v Benenden (a) (late return)

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

4.00pm U14A Netball Knockout Cup, Burgess Hill (a)

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

8.35am Pre-Prep Parents' Assembly, Swann Hall
2.30pm U13 Hockey v Claremont (a)
3.00pm U10 & U11 Hockey v Burgess Hill, The Triangle (a)

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

8.50am Whole School Harvest Festival, All Saints' Church
2.00pm U9 & U10 Hockey v Deepdene at Roedean (a)

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

4.00pm Half Term Begins - 4.15pm Minibuses depart
5.00pm Boarding Houses Close

U14 & U15 NETBALL v BUCKSWOOD

The U14 and U15 matches were played Buckswood this week where both teams won their games through some fantastic play and teamwork. For the U14 team, it was a staggering win with a final score of 42-1. Within both games you could really see what the girls had been working on over the last few weeks. This was well demonstrated through strong and consistent attacking play. Well done to all girls involved especially Megan Lee who was awarded Girl of the Game.

In the U15A match, the girls played a confident and skill full game contributing to the final score of 49-1. It was a fantastic game for all of the girls involved, demonstrating the skills they have been working hard on to improve. Special mention to Daisy Williams and Natalya Chance who were awarded Girl of the Game in their matches.

U13 HOCKEY v BUCKSWOOD

The U13 girls started their season with an extremely determined team performance. Captains Amelia Devlin and Stephanie Vieira did a great job organising the team, showing great leadership skills. Sophie Naish made some fine saves which spearheaded the attack. In defence Alice Granea and Jasmine Wright showed strength and poise blocking the Buckswood attack. Stephanie was the force behind each turnover, making relentless tackles and interceptions to keep Buckswood at bay. Amelia made some equally crucial tackles and chased down every ball to cause their defence all sorts of problems. Teni Ogunlesi showed lightening pace down the left wing and with some outstanding tackles, drives and passes, she break through their defensive line. On the right wing Imogen showed great pace and positioning with some very well timed runs into the circle, resulting in an excellent goal. A brilliant team performance, we look forward to your next match.

U10 & U11 NETBALL v BURGESS HILL

Our U10 and U11 teams played their first netball matches of the season against Burgess Hill this week. Both matches were closely fought contests. Our U10s won their match by 4 goals to 3 and the U11s lost by 2 goals to 8. Beata Sperling-Tyler was awarded Girl of the Game for the U11s, playing a crucial role as Centre. Carys Gibson won the U10 Girl of the Game for her strong, defensive performance. Well done to both teams for such a great effort!

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