



Moir House

Girls School

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NURSERY NEWS

The nursery children have been talking about fireworks this week. Looking at the different colours and noises they make. The children said the fireworks go "bang", "ssshh", "crash" and "zoom zoom". We went to the garden and 'splatted' paint on paper to create our own fireworks. Afterwards we made firework rockets using junk modelling for our display!



VISIT FROM 'OLD GIRL' GINA MILLER

We were delighted to welcome Gina Miller back to Moira House this week. Gina, who has recently been voted the UK's most influential black person, was in school to meet with a group of Sixth Form girls. She gave a very candid talk about her time at Moira House and her subsequent career. The girls enjoyed some lively conversation, which will form part of a documentary about Gina's life.



SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY



This week, Year 11 students enjoyed sampling Sixth Form life as part of the school's commitment to help the girls make informed decisions across transitional stages.

They all looked extremely smart in their Sixth Form business attire, in a change from their usual school uniform. The girls had the opportunity to experience both familiar and different subjects such as Business, Philosophy, Psychology and Musical Theatre.

They also enjoyed sampling life in Boston House, including the privileges and facilities available in the Sixth Form.

MHA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DONATIONS!

It is only 4 weeks now until we hold our annual Christmas Bazaar! The MHA do a tremendous job of organising this fabulous event each year. Please could help to support us by sending in donations for Raffle prizes. 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.

**YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING**

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 7 parents to their Parents' Evening on **Thursday 23 November** from 6.00pm-8.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the School House Sitting Room from 5.30pm, where you will have the opportunity to chat to other parents, the Senior Leadership Team and to Mrs Kemp, Head of Prep, who will be around all evening for you to chat to about your daughter's learning and curriculum, in between your appointments.

The girls have a list of consultation times at the back of their school planner and they should approach their teachers to arrange consultation appointment times. If you have specific time requests please ensure that your daughter is aware of these, or attach a note to the back of her planner so that all teachers will see it.

AUTUMN RECITAL & SCHOLARS' PROJECTS

Scholar projects from this year will be displayed in the Sitting Room and Through Hall next week, on Tuesday 14 November from 4.15pm - 7.00pm. This will be followed by the Autumn Recital for Upper Prep, Seniors and Sixth Form. We would like to invite you to come and see the amazing extra project work the girls have done, and stay for a wonderful evening of music. We look forward to welcoming you.

POETRY BY HEART

The pyramids recently hosted a Poetry by Heart competition, with entries from Lower Prep right through to the Sixth Form. The girls chose, learned and rehearsed poems of their own choice, ready to perform in front of judges and peers. It was fantastic to see the confident, expressive performances by all.

Well done to all who put themselves forward and took part. The overall results were Merlin in first place, Vulcan and Excalibur in 2nd place and Pegasus in 3rd place.

Particular congratulations go to our winners from each section of the school; Yusra Hosenie for Excalibur and Eve-Jolie Kerswell for Vulcan; Zoe Whittington for Merlin, Georgia Harris-Moss for Pegasus and Jade Biss for Excalibur.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

We were delighted to see the girls back in school this week. Yesterday was the Year 11's Taster Day for Sixth Form; our current Year 11 as well as external students had the opportunity to sample Sixth Form life in Moira House. We also had trips to London for Art and to Glyndebourne for Music this week; I am pleased so many girls took part as these trips complement the learning in the classroom.

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. Thank you to Year 9 History class and Mrs Gamester for leading a very poignant assembly this morning. With everything going on around the world these days, it is important for the girls to take some time to remember and reflect on what happened in previous wars.

As I mentioned in my letter earlier this week, Head's Commendations are being re-introduced and will start from next week. I am looking forward to meeting the nominated girls to discuss their achievements.

I am currently meeting Heads of Prep schools and other feeder schools around us. These meetings have been very positive. I will be visiting some more schools next week. We are also looking forward to welcoming Senior Leaders from Deepdene in school on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL KNIGHTS

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for the next few weeks. It has been busy for us already and we are planning events for later this term such as the Knights Revue. We hope that everyone is looking forward to it as much as Year 13 are!

The Christmas Bazaar is approaching and this year girls are going to run their own stalls as well as the other professional stalls we have in the hall. We hope that this will mean the girls are more involved in the festivities.

Last half term, we made progress with the student council and enjoyed hearing different views in our meetings. We also held a meeting with a focus on food, where Mr Wakefield came to hear our suggestions. We feel that this year, there will be more of a student voice at school. We

look forward to keeping you updated.



**Jade & Poppy,
School Knights**



FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

Relaxation Techniques

On Wednesdays, Year 11-13 girls have the opportunity to go to the Chapel for an hour's rest and relaxation. They have explored different breathing and visualisation techniques to manage stress and anxiety.

The girls say "Relaxation Techniques is a great activity in our exam year because we use deep relaxation and mindfulness techniques to de-stress from our weekly worries".



Japanese

I speak Mandarin and English so I wanted to learn another language for my future. I have been to Japan twice, and I liked the culture. **Gabrielle Jin, Year 13.**

I have Japanese friends in Japan. They communicate with me in Chinese. But one day I want to write and speak to them in Japanese. **Alva Gao, Year 11.**

I speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, English and I want to travel around, especially to Japan all by myself. Japanese is useful. **Kathryn Xu, Year 12.**

I just want to have fun! **Christine Chen, Year 12.**



SPOOKY GOINGS-ON IN BOARDING!

The boarders enjoyed dressing up for the Spooky Party at the end of last term, arranged by Mrs T. They enjoyed fun and games in the JAC where there were balloon-popping games and musical chairs followed by the doughnut challenge, where the girls had to eat a doughnut without using their hands. Lots of spooky fun was had by all and the girls made some fabulous costumes!



NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

The Science department would like to pay special recognition to a Year 11 short-term student Alejandra Mesonero-Romanos de la Cal, for the excellent effort she put into her independent research project on Cancer. During the last lesson before half term, Alejandra gave a very informed, coherent and personal presentation to her Science class covering the development of tumours, types of cancer and possible treatments.

Having been at Moira House for such a short time and with English as a second language, standing up and presenting such a wealth of information was no mean feat and her approach to the delicate subject was an inspiration to all in the audience.

Well done Alejandra! We look forward to your next talk!



Cancer



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK A

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER

- 13.05pm U9 Mini Tennis v Bede's (h)
 4.30pm Years 3-6 Swimming Gala v Battle Abbey (h)
 6.15pm Years 7-13 Swimming Gala v Roedean, Mayfield & Eastbourne College (h)

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

- GCSE Geography Field Trip Returns
 4.00pm Scholars' Project Display, in Swann Hall
 7.00pm Autumn Recital

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

- 2.30pm U11 Netball v Battle Abbey (h)
 3.00pm U12 & U13 Netball v Brighton College (h)
 3.00pm Lower Prep Recital, Swann Hall

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

- 9.30am Communications Steering Committee
 2.30pm U18 Netball V Brighton College
 6.00pm Year 9 Parents' Evening, Swann Hall

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

- 1.00pm ESSA Team Championships, London Aquatic Centre - Years 6-13

WEEK B

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

- 4.15pm Swimming Gala v Bede's - Years 3-6 (a)

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

- 3.00pm U15 Indoor Hockey v Battle Abbey (h)

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

- 2.30pm U11, U12 & U13 Netball v Bede's (h)

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- 3.00pm U16 Netball v Steyning Grammar (a)
 4.30pm Netball v Mayfield - Years 11-13 (a)
 6.00pm Year 7 Parents' Evening, Swann Hall

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- Meads Magic
 2.00pm &
 7.00pm 'Jungle Book' Performance, Swann Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day, please take time to think about all of the families who have been affected by conflicts.



U12 & U13 NETBALL v ASHDOWN HOUSE

Both our U12 & U13 teams played some brilliant netball this week. The girls should be particularly proud of themselves as both Ashdown teams are consistently trained by a player on the England Netball squad! Our U12 team played a fantastic match, with scores staying even for the majority of the match. Our girls continued to play a strong defensive game making it difficult for Ashdown to attack the court. Moira House began to take the lead in the final quarter and we can out victorious 14-10. Well done to Sasha Baldwin for being awarded 'Girl of the Game'.

Our U13 team had a very tough match, but the girls held out and presented some good attacking play down the court with Teni Ogunlesi and Stephanie Vieira working well together to overcome a strong defence. The score finished with an Ashdown win of 18-9. Well done to Teni Ogunlesi for taking a well deserved 'Girl of the Game'.

OLIVIA'S FLYING HIGH!

Olivia McMullen from Year 6 competed in the recent County Trampoline Competition, despite being placed in U13s category at only age 10, she gained 1st place! Her hours of practising and dedication have paid off.



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