



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

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#### NEWS FROM PRE-PREP

Girls in Reception have been finding out about Autumn! We went on an Autumn hunt and used all of our senses to see what signs of the new season we could find. With the leaves we collected, we made leaf pictures and had a go at threading veins on our own leaf shapes. The girls had fun exploring and creating different colours and textures to make some Autumn inspired art work. We were excited to find out lots of interesting facts about this time of year.



Year 1 have been studying their Senses in Science this term. Using the theme of Bonfire Night, the girls explored their five senses. This included a taste test of the food they might have on Bonfire Night, they decided if the food tasted, salty, sweet, bitter or sour.

Year 2 have been investigating vegetables that might be suitable to use in a stir fry they will be designing and preparing as part of their Design and Technology lessons. The girls researched where the vegetables were grown, made careful observations of them and were happy to taste test the samples, even those they didn't think they would like!



#### GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Last weekend Mrs Legate and Mrs Justice took our Year 9, 10 and 11 Geographers to Leeson House Field Study Centre in Langton Matravers, Swanage, for their GCSE field trip. The students first took to the sandy beach at Swanage Bay measuring the impact of groynes on long shore drift and measured the beach profile. Learning from Leeson House tutor, Matt Smith, the girls found how the local hoteliers are desperately trying to manage the shoreline to stop their properties slowly disappearing into the sea! After some tasty fish & chips to warm us up, we were then extremely lucky to witness the beautiful landscape of Old Harry Rocks, 'stack' and 'stump', as the sun was setting on what had been a very exciting and action packed first day.

During the second day we undertook another study in Boscombe, looking at the urban rebranding that the beach front has undergone over the last ten years and how this has resulted in an uneven pattern of multiple deprivation. The girls worked extremely hard in their working groups and showed exceptional team work and enthusiasm.





## COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Steering Committee met again this week. One of the agenda items was how to contact the appropriate member of staff with a query about student. A Communications Flow Chart has been produced and will be sent to all parents via MoHo Mail. If you find that, for whatever reason, your initial query has not been answered within one week, we would like you to forward your query to Mrs Sue Graham, Head of Communications, who will follow up your query in order for the correct staff member to contact you.

We also discussed the feedback from our 'Secret Mealtime' sessions. This was an overwhelmingly successful trial, with parents very happy overall with the quality and volume of food on offer at each mealtime throughout the day. It is likely that we will repeat this process each term and will ensure that a wider group of parents is invited to participate.

## NEWS FROM BOSTON HOUSE

In boarding there are few restrictions with cooking, for safety reasons. However, we trust the girls enough to give them a little something that will make the boarding community in Boston more homely. So I am happy to announce that the wishes and hopes to have hobs in the kitchen have been granted! We are excited to see many of the different dishes from all over the world as well as getting to know where the girls originate from and their culture.



With the seasons changing, the temperature dropping and the stress of revision, Sixth Formers and boarding mistresses gather together to mark the coming of winter. We share stories and take comfort with a special cup of Boston hot cocoa with cream, marshmallows and chocolate flakes. We love cosy winter evenings!

## BOARDING UPDATE

The Boarders are getting excited in the lead up to Christmas. Mrs Justice took the girls on a shopping spree to Brighton at the weekend. It is beginning to look like Christmas already in Boston House as the girls are starting to put their decorations up.

The School House girls are looking forward to their annual Gingerbread House making competition this weekend with Mr Wakefield. Their finished houses will be on display in the dining room from Monday, ready for voting.



The Boarders choir have been preparing a few festive Christmas songs that they are hoping to perform at the Christmas Bazaar and at the Boarders' Christmas Dinner. Please note that rehearsals will now take place on a **Monday** evening at 6.30pm on Legend Landing.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Eastbourne Youth Radio broadcast today; it was fantastic for us to be able to listen live to brilliant performances. Congratulations too, to Taliah Maidens for her great performance in assembly this morning.

We had our Fire Inspection today and we are very pleased with the outcome. My thanks go to Mr Paul Graham, Head of Maintenance, for all of his hard work to prepare the school for this process.

I hope you have all received the MoHo Mail invitation to our next parents' meeting on 4 December with Mr Blond, Executive Head, and myself as Head of School. We hope to see as many of you there as possible to present the future strategies for the school.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine  
Head of School

## MHA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Please support the Bazaar by donating Raffle / Tombola Prizes and Bric-a-Brac. Collection boxes are located in School House and Boston House Reception Offices.

**Moira House Association**  
Parents and Friends of Moira House Girls School Eastbourne

**Christmas Bazaar**  
**Friday 8 December**  
**4 pm to 6 pm**

**Father Christmas, Refreshments, Music and Games**  
**Fantastic Raffle Prizes, Moira House Choirs**

**Sports Hall, Upper Carlisle Road, Eastbourne**

## FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

### Friendship and Fun

During Friendship and Fun the girls from years 6, 7 and 8 have been reading and learning about children who are less fortunate than themselves. We have used a website called PostPals, which gives details of poorly children and a contact address for people to write to them. The group looked through all the children and wanted to write to a young girl called Brooke. Brooke is 9 years old and has Cystic Fibrosis. On Brooke's profile, it lists things that she likes and enjoys. The girls have written letters and cards to Brooke and some girls were very generous and brought gifts from home of Moshi Monsters and Shopkins as Brooke likes these. Not only did the girls create their own letters and cards, but they also designed and created the wrapping paper for Brooke's parcel.



Brooke's Parcel



### Lower Prep ICT Club

We chose ICT club because we are interested in computers. We are glad we did, as it is really fun. At the start of term we created a poster about ourselves. We used PowerPoint and added pictures and information. Now Mrs Lewis is helping us to create a pirate game using Scratch. We have used a code to create a purple boat with round windows. One girl has also made a pirate version of herself with curly hair and a pirate hat!

We would recommend it to other people because Mrs Lewis is kind and patient and has helped us understand how to use Scratch. She has made ICT more interesting and we are looking forward to learning more this half term.

Year 3, ICT Club

## AUTUMN RECITAL AND SCHOLARS' PROJECTS

If ever needed a reason to be a pupil, parent or teacher at Moira House then the quality of the music floating out of Swann Hall on Tuesday evening, would be just one.

The Wonderful World of Amelie welcomed us beautifully, at the hand of Kiana setting the scene for the evening. Emily Davison was clearly not bothered, giving us a truly professional song from 'Pal Joey' leaving us bewitched and bewildered as she rushed off for another stage performance! The fairy dust was sprinkled as Daisy delightfully expressed herself, guiding the piano through Fairy Song. Next to the stage were the 'Bonnie and Clyde' of Moira House, Jade and Megan, who performed with passion, love and togetherness worthy of top flight production.

A recital is not a recital without a little 'Disney' and the Chamber Choir stepped up to the mark showing the depth of talent taking us from a whole New World, to mermaids and Beauty and the Beast. Nancy put a Spring in our step with her inspirational classical piano solo. The classical setting was quickly forgotten as Taliah took to the stage showing us that she is more than a one note show stopper. Raphy left us wondering how she come



to have such a wonderful voice, delivering from 'Wild Party' with power, feeling and showmanship. Finally, we were treated by the group without a name. 'Pitch Perfect' springs to mind, with a Billy Joel number to make the hairs on the back of your neck tingle.

The Scholars' Projects were also on display for everyone to enjoy. There were so many informative and creative pieces of work. The standard of both content and effort increases each time the girls are asked to produce a project and they clearly take pride in their individual tasks.





**NEWS FROM THE POOL**

On Monday our Junior and Senior swim squads took to the pool in a fabulous display of swimming prowess. First up our junior swimmers competed against Battle Abbey. The races were intense and there were some strongly contested events, especially our relays. Well done to all the swimmers who took part, your progress throughout this term can really be seen. Only two points separated Battle Abbey from Moira House, but Battle Abbey won overall with a score of 111-113.

Next, our senior swimmers competed in an invitational gala against Eastbourne College, Mayfield and Roedean. The girls were phenomenal and had some incredibly fast races. Well done to Darcey Russell and her performance in Backstroke, achieving a new PB. Moira House took the win by 10 points with Roedean coming in 2nd, followed by Mayfield, and then Eastbourne College. Great job girls!

**U14 HOCKEY v LOGS**

Well done to our U14 hockey players for playing some great hockey in their match against LOGS. We showed some tremendous defence, with strong clearances from Jemima Richenberg and Lily Jenden and good supportive play from the rest of the team. Pippa Carrington was tireless on the pitch, picking the ball up from defence and displaying lovely stick skills to keep possession of the ball. LOGS scored a good goal to take the lead at the end of the second half and made a quick start in the 2nd half, scoring 2 early goals to win the game.

**NETBALL ROUND-UP**

Well done to the U15A team who played one of their strongest and toughest matches against Ardingly to date. Throughout the game our U15A team showed consistency, skill and determination which made it a tough match for our opponent to beat. Ardingly took the lead but with brilliant defence from Maisie Gibbs, Beth Cook and Daisy Williams, the score was close throughout. In the final quarter, Ardingly took the win. Well done to all girls involved.

A very close match against Brighton College took place this week for our U12A team. They played some good set plays alongside some strong defence. Brighton College took the win but our girls continued to play a strong and confident match. Well done to all girls involved. The U13A team also played Brighton College on Wednesday. They had stiff competition from an experienced Brighton College side. Defensive work by Teni and Stephanie was strong with some great circle work by Amelia Baldock. The girls worked hard but unfortunately could not get the win. Better luck next time!

The U11s played a double fixture this week against Battle Abbey's U11 and U10 teams. The U11 game was won by the feisty Battle Abbey team by 8 goals to 4 but we improved our movement through the game. Zoe Whittington was awarded 'Girl of the Game' after some great defensive play and there was quite accurate shooting from Olivia Soars and Olivia McMullen.

In the game against the U10s, Moira House took the lead early on and defended resolutely to win the match by 4 goals to 2. 'Girl of the Game' went to Beata Sperling-Tyler. Well done, girls and it is good to see improvements week on week!

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****WEEK A****SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

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

NSEA Showjumping at Petley Wood, Battle

**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**

4.30pm U18A & B Netball v Mayfield - Years 11-13 (a)

6.00pm Year 7 Parents' Evening, Swann Hall

**FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

5.00pm The Elite Choir Performing at Meads Magic

2.00pm & 'Jungle Book' Performance, Swann Hall

7.00pm

**SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

NSEA Regional Championship Showjumping, Horsham

**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

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