



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

STRANDS

ISSUE 6 SPRING TERM 2016

SCHOLARS' DINNER – IN PICTURES



At Friday's Scholars' Dinner, girls and parents were given a 2 part quiz. Einstein's Riddle is allegedly only able to be completed by 2% of the world's population, but our Moira House family defied that statistic with over 85% of participants getting the correct answer - The German in House 4! Well done to everyone. The overall winners for both quizzes combined are:

1st place - Maddy Baldwin Charles, Natalya Chance and Bronwen Trowhill (Table 13)

2nd place - Chloe & Taliah Maidens, Cody Standen and Hannah Ward (Table 9)

Tied 3rd place - Holly & Jasmine Broadhurst, Abbie Ring and Daisy Williams (Table 15)

Sabrina Heaton, Poppy Horne (Table 24)

Tied 4th place - Jessica Frisby, Tianlu Wang & Alexandra O'Brien (Table 14)

Cheyenna Beale, Tia-Lana Chinapyele, Lauren Freitas (Table 8)

Well done to everyone. You all made me proud.

Dr Swingle Putland
Head of Scholars



Check out your photos here, by clicking on the link below:
<http://bit.ly/1O2QGAJ>



A VISIT FROM INROAD PRODUCTIONS



“I see the horizon. A light blue. A beautiful band. This is Earth. How beautiful it is. All is well.”

Russian Cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova, was the first woman in space. This was an extraordinary feat, from an ordinary factory girl. Watching, first hand at school, new work on a dramatisation of Valentina’s story written by Sara Clifford, I was astonished at the amount of insight that she had entwined into the production.

Although the actors had only been working on the script for a week, it was already becoming very powerful. The director, Kirstie Davis, had incorporated aerial work with the help of a specialist to spectacular effect. Three actors are playing the same role - Valentina - at the same time! The actress, the most experienced with aerial work, plays ‘Goddess’, the part of Valentina that is up among the clouds in space. Another, ‘Traveller’, is the one that has crash-landed, devastated, weary, and delusional, all the way back down to Earth. ‘Earthbound’ is Valentina’s playful, down-to-earth past and future, who explains most of the story.

Throughout, we were encouraged to ask and answer questions on the complex snippets of acting, and the concept behind them, and we also got to listen to an explanation of each piece in between scenes. Afterwards, we had a chance to chat to the cast, director and the writer of ‘I See The Horizon’. I came out with my mind buzzing and stimulated, and I was interested to learn more on the topic.

Thank you to the Ms Stevens and Dr Swingle-Putland for organising this amazing opportunity for the scholars.

By Jemima Soars

A MESSAGE FROM MR ASHBY

A letter has been sent to all Year 11 parents regarding changes to the Sixth Form curriculum for September 2016 and asking for feedback by **Monday 22 February**, prior to the Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 25 February. Please take this opportunity to make your views known, they are important to us.

Also, Year 8 parents have been mailed about GCSE option choices and please note that the reply slips are due back by **Friday 11 March**.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely half term break and please remember that we return to Week B!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Kung Hei Fat Choi. This is a very eventful week with both the Chinese New Year and the beginning of Lent. I am writing this ahead of Friday Assembly, as I am heading off to Thailand on School business for a few days. The girls are very excited as each house will be doing a Chinese themed event and I know that a lot of effort has gone into this. On our return we will be doing some Lenten fund raising, again through the Pyramids and, with the Government matching all Lenten charity funds, this is a great time to fulfil our alms giving promise ‘other people matter’!

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed Year 12 & 13 Parents into School for their consultations with teaching staff. Thank you to everyone who managed to attend. Please let your daughter’s Personal Tutor know of any follow up that is required.

It was a real joy to attend the Year 4 Assembly on Wednesday morning. The girls were fantastic. Well done!

Finally, thank you to everyone who made the Scholars’ Dinner on Friday such a success. It was a very enjoyable celebration of the girls’ achievements. A very special thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Mullaney who provided a lovely after dinner speech. Mrs Mullaney is a Moira House Old Girl and I always love to hear the fondness with which she and many of the alumni hold their memories of the School.

Best wishes

Mr James Sheridan
Principal

SUNDAY MORNING HACK

On Sunday morning, we set off for a lovely hack with two of our boarders, Ines and Claudia, who rode Toby and Pinto. We stopped for a photo shoot outside the beautiful little Church in Jevington and ended up helping a little old lady who had been locked out of the church! Not only do we ride, we also help our neighbours! If you would like to join our hacks or would like a taster session during half term, please email me at:

saspinall@moirahouse.co.uk





WORLD BOOK DAY

3 MARCH 2016

On Thursday 3 March, the School will remind ourselves of the magic of reading for pleasure as we celebrate World Book Day.

As in previous years, we will be asking girls to come dressed up as a favourite book or book character.

The girls have been asked to remember that costumes:

- ◆ Should be warm enough for March.
- ◆ Should allow them to continue with their normal day without hindrance.
- ◆ Can be simple yet effective - and we love them homemade, as imagination and creativity are a key part of what we celebrate on World Book Day.
- ◆ Must be book related (not film or TV please!).

This year we will be supporting Book Aid International a charity that sends books to libraries for children in Africa and asking girls to make a voluntary donation of a £1.

There will of course be book-related activities and competitions on the day, but we would like to draw your attention to our Bookmark (for all students) and Murder Mystery competitions (for Senior School students) which have been launched in advance of World Book Day; perhaps this could be a fun project over half term!

Entry forms are available in the Library or can be downloaded from the VLE Library page.
<http://vle.moirahouse.co.uk/course/view.php?id=168>



YEAR 3 MATHS WEEK CHALLENGE

During Maths Week Mrs Bees gave Year 3 the challenge of creating Colouring By Numbers Pictures for the children to use in Butterflies Group in the Nursery. Here are Year 3 girls handing over their finished projects for the Nursery children to enjoy.



ANYTHING GOES

Tuesday 1 March 2016, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm

Devonshire Park Theatre

MESSAGE FROM MR NORRIS AND MRS LEGATE

Mr Norris and Mrs Legate would like to say a big official "Hello" to all of the Year 7 parents and guardians. We are both very excited to be joining the Year 7 girls 'Team Bus'. We are finishing off the term by looking at the 'MoHo Year 7 Rights' and how we can all continue to develop as model citizens and support each other through the rest of this year. The girls are starting off this journey by producing an A4 sized 'suitcase', and will put in this a reflection of their current strengths and areas in which to improve.

We look forward to reporting on the girls' journey into next term.

An Independent Day and Boarding School for Girls aged 0-18




Moirahouse
Girls School
 EXETER
Dare to Dream...

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 25 February 2016

6 pm to 8 pm

MOIRA HOUSE SWIM SCHOOL

Moira House Swim School is expanding, and your daughters can come and join in on a Friday evening or a Saturday morning, where they will have the opportunity to improve their swimming skills.

Our lessons start from toddler's, right through to our one hour elite group training sessions. We run the Swim School with fully qualified swimming instructors, and offer a free trial session and a fantastic 20% discount to the parents of Moira House Girls School.

We also offer a Moira House Membership to use the pool over the weekends and lane swimming on a Wednesday night. If you would like to find out more about Moira House Swim School and our membership, please e-mail: gburt@moirahouse.co.uk

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

On Monday swimmers in Years 4 - 8 took part in a Gala against Battle Abbey School. Battle Abbey proved to be fierce competition with their youngest swimmers but Moira held their own in Years 6, 7, and 8. Well done to Chloe Maidens and Megan Lee who swam multiple events and came out on top in many of them!

Tuesday saw the U14 and U15 netball teams, take on Bede's and Claremont respectively. Well done to both Esther and Claudia on the U14 team making some great passes and defensive moves in both centre court and the circle. Sadly the U14 team lost 9-6. The U15A and B teams played some really strong matches against Claremont. The U15A's movement down the court has improved tremendously enhancing the opportunity for better passing and scoring. It was an extremely close match with the U15A's losing in the last minute 22-20. The U15B's fought hard against Claremont and consistently improved the pace of their game throughout the match. Well done to Emily, Jess and Eloise for working so well together in the circle and centre court. The U15B's drew 16 all.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 22 February

8:15am SCHOOL RE-OPENS Day Girls Return
8:45am Year 11 Mock Examinations (08:45-17:15 each day)

Tuesday 23 February

2:45pm U15 Netball v Eastbourne College (h)
6:30pm Parents' Meeting for prospective Ball Crew 2016
Swann Hall

Wednesday 24 February

8:35am Key Stage Assembly
8:35am Year 5 Class Assembly
2:00pm U11 and U10 Netball v St Andrew's (h)

Thursday 25 February

12:00pm U18 SISNA at Hurst
6:00pm SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Friday 26 February

10:50am Senior School Key Stage Forums

Saturday 27 February

9:00am - 12:30pm U10 Netball Tournament at Burgess Hill
1:00pm - Bowling and Laser Quest at David Lloyd Centre
(To Be Confirmed)

Sunday 28 February

10:00am - Senior Production Rehearsal (until 5pm)

PE & Sport at Moira House: We have taken a new approach to the way we present opportunities to participate and represent the School. In our quest to 'be the best we can be' we have been able to provide your daughter with a greater range of activities within their PE & Sport curricular and extra-curricular time. In addition to this, the Moira House representative sides have a more challenging, yet inclusive fixtures programme. To support this transition, we have combined age groups at U11, U13, U15 and U18 level. The students in each squad have access to the same number of fixtures and training programme, whilst at the same time ensuring numbers are maintained in order to field the required number of teams. These changes have had an immediate impact on the fitness and quality of the sports teams and quality of the competitive sporting opportunities the girls experience at Moira House.

Get social with us...



moirahouse



moirahouse1875



moirahouseschool