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ANYTHING GOES

Weeks of blood sweat and tears culminated in an extremely successful production of Cole Porter's musical 'Anything Goes' at the Devonshire Park Theatre. Directed by Jeremy James Taylor OBE, with stunning choreography by Keltie Tomlinson and a superb live band under the direction of Mr Cousins the show was a wonderful showcase for the acting singing and dancing talent in years 7-13. Special thanks also to Mrs Walker and her team for supporting the show backstage and ensuring the show ran so smoothly and professionally. Most of all congratulations to the fantastic cast! DVD's will be on sale at £10 each next week - details to follow soon.



World Book Day special insert at the back!

MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon the Nursery and Reception Mummy's enjoyed a lovely tea party to celebrate Mother's Day. They enjoyed tea, coffee and yummy cakes. The children had even made little plant gifts with a heart shape picture of themselves. Everyone had a lovely afternoon.



YEAR 4 AND 5 FRENCH PEN PALS VISIT

The girls, having previously exchanged letters with the pupils of "Ecole Charles Hainy" from Loire Valley, were delighted to finally meet their pen pals face to face. Feedback from the French visitors, both staff and pupils, was very positive, pointing out how welcoming the school was.

A big thank you to all the staff involved, both Junior and PE, for their support, as well as particular thanks to Madame Couture, for organising this special event.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I am writing just a few words this week as I am currently in London carrying out a school inspection.

I was due to join the Inspection Team on Tuesday evening, but gave my apologies as I wanted to see Anything Goes. What a great decision that turned out to be. The girls were magnificent. The performances were so professional and it was a real showcase for the extraordinary standards that we enjoy in our Performing Arts. A huge thanks to all the staff who helped in the preparation and on the night of the production.

We continue to provide our girls with such personally enriching opportunities. This is why we are able to give our Sixth Form leavers such a great start in life. As we know, our school examination results have put us in the Top 20 Girls Schools in the country (best-schools.co.uk), but it is opportunities like this that we know impact so positively on our community and drive the girls on to achieve so much.

Well done to everyone for making us so proud.

Best wishes

Mr James Sheridan
Principal

MINI MOHO NEWS



This topic in the Nursery this term is 'Growing and Healthy Eating' The children have been busy making beautiful flowers.

ROME TRIP

We all had a fantastic trip to Italy! In Rome we covered most of the great sights including the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, and of course the gelateria. The photographers and artists were busy for the whole trip; inspired by the ancient ruins, they commented on the idiosyncratic nature of how the buildings appeared to be cobbled together and by the crumbling structures. We retreated in the evening to the beautiful 'Palazzola' overlooking Lake Albano, an old volcanic lake, where we indulged in Italian food and studied art in the library.

After a couple of days in Rome we travelled to Pompeii. Mr O'Reilly and our guide painted an exciting picture of the life in ancient Pompeii whilst the artists completed some fantastic drawing studies. We then spent time in Sorrento, the Amalfi coast, and Capri. The scenery was stunning!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS VALLANTINE

Today I had the pleasure of being shadowed by Sasha Baldwin in Year 5. She got elected by her peers to be Deputy Principal for the day, which allowed her to present awards in the whole school assembly, take part in meetings, walk around the school and meet with students.

Nina Carron, School Knight, has organised for the whole school to support the Tear Fund charity. This will consist of the girls having soup, ham and bread for lunch one day before the end of term. The money that would have normally been spent on a full school meal will be donated to the Tear Fund Charity. Nina presented her ideas to the whole school in this morning's assembly and the girls are really looking forward to taking part in this charity event.

If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wakefield, our Catering Manager.

PRE-PREP UPDATE

It has been a busy and exciting week in the Pre-Prep.

The Reception girls joined the Nursery girls in hosting their mums for a Mother's Day Tea on Tuesday, while Year 1 and 2 girls enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see the fabulous production of 'Anything Goes'.

On Thursday the girls joined in a range of World Book Day activities, including a secret shoe box challenge designed by Mrs Standon and Mrs Lewis in the library.

Thank you to all parents for your support with the wonderful costumes!

The girls are now busy preparing for their assembly next Wednesday 9 March and we look forward to welcoming all parents to join us in the JAC at 8:35 am and for coffee afterwards.



HANNA'S KARATE ACHIEVEMENT

Hanna Frankowska continues to work her way up the belt grading in Karate, achieving her 9th Kyu (Orange Belt) last week.

Congratulations Hanna and keep up the hard work.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 7 March

8:00am Senior School PSHE

4:00pm U9 Netball v St Andrews's (h)

Tuesday 8 March

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

2:30pm U14 Netball Tournament at Benendon (until 4:30pm)

4:00pm PRE-PREP AND PRER PARENTS' EVENING in the Junior School

Wednesday 9 March

8:35am Junior and Senior Assembly

8:35am Pre-Prep Class Assembly

1:30pm U12 and U13 Netball Tournament at Benendon (until 4:30pm)

2.15pm U11 and U10 Netball v Battle Abbey (h)

Thursday 10 March

8:30am Meeting of senior Parent Representatives, Sitting Room

9:30am U9 Sussex Mini Tennis Tournament at The Dicker, Bede's

1:30pm Senior School visit to Eastbourne Town Hall

4:30pm U18 Netball v Mayfield (a)

7:00pm House Music Winners Concert

Friday 11 March

10:50am Senior School Key Stage Forums

2:00pm Pyramid Swimming Gala (Years 3-13)

Saturday 12 March

1:00pm Lacrosse v Roedean (h)

Sunday 13 March

1:00pm Local trip to Eastbourne

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

U13 Girls cricket Squad played this week in the Lady Taverners Indoor cricket competition. The girls' played some excellent cricket and worked exceptionally well as a team, showing great enthusiasm and commitment to win the tournament. In their first match against Portslade Academy the girls showed their raw talent for fielding and in particular Megan Lee bowled some excellent balls to beat the opposition by 15 runs. In their second match against Cavendish School the girls continued to improve and the batting innings they showed great team work and tactical runs, in particular from Maisie Gibbs and Amy Cowdery, beating the opposition by over 20 runs. The girls' saved their best match till last where they showed how much determination they had in a very close match against Ratton School. The girls needed six off the last over and with a whole team effort managed to achieve this with one ball to spare!

The team are now through to the Sussex finals next week against Warden Park, Brighton College and Warden Park.

Well done ladies and good luck for next week!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

We are really looking forward to this year's HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION. We will be joined by judge Ed Hawkins from Glyndebourne. It takes place throughout the day next Tuesday 8 March in Swann Hall with a Winners Concert (open to all) on Thursday 10 March at 7pm.

Meanwhile we are preparing for the Year 5 and 6 Concert on Tuesday 15 March at 6pm in Swann Hall (all welcome) and the New York Performing Arts Tour departs on 17 March!

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WORLD BOOK DAY

The whole school celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March in true - outstanding - Moira House style. Girls and staff surpassed themselves with a variety of costumes - featuring book characters, stories and genres - and we had great fun sharing these in a Whole School Assembly in the morning.

The run up to World Book Day has been just as exciting, with girls talking about and finding out about lots of different books. In the Senior School, girls have been trying to save the Claire West Library from disaster following a "literary murder" that took place there just before Half Term. Book characters have been fleeing the shelves in fright, but the girls have been on hand to solve the crime; solving clues around the school to identify the victim and suspects and finally to solve the case and restore peace to the bookshelves! The Bookmark and Junior Picture Trail competitions have also been running and we have had record numbers of entries.

During World Book Day there were Pyramid quizzes for all the Key Stages to take part in. Key Stage 1 had an "Open the Box - Guess the Story" trail which was very exciting, and Key Stage 2 and Senior School girls had their literary knowledge tested with the annual Claire West Library Quizzes, with the added bonus of a World Book Day "rap" contest during the Senior Quiz!

Books are amazing things, able to pass on knowledge, skills and inspiration as well as being able to transport us into other worlds and other lives - they can teach us about ourselves, teach us empathy, inspire us to reach further, and of course, they can give us a welcome escape from the stresses of our daily lives. World Book Day is a chance to celebrate all of the facets of books and reading, as well as a moment to take stock, and realise what a truly wonderful community we are part of here at Moira House!

