



Moir House

Girls School

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RIDING SCHOLARS SUCCESS

What a wonderful day Showjumping with our Fabulous Five riders on Sunday! All of our riding scholars represented us at Golden Cross Equestrian Centre in classes starting from 35cm to 80cm, and they exceeded all expectations.

Team coach Flora Alessandrini walked the courses and prepared each rider for their respective classes. Our youngest rider, Rosie Maynard-Watkin bravely joined Sasha Baldwin in the 50cm class, with Sasha collecting a 6th place rosette. Claire Li rode a superb jump off round to come 5th in the 65cm class with Maisie Gibbs claiming a 3rd place rosette in the 75cm speed class!

It was great to get the team together and have a dry run for the forthcoming Inter-Schools competitions.

Many thanks to Miss Aspinall and Miss Maynard who transported and prepared the ponies for the girls.



YEAR 12 AS GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDIES

On Thursday 3rd March the Year 12 AS Geography class went to Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre, near Dorking in Surrey. We had a very early start in the morning - 7.30am! We drove by minibus to the centre and then spent the day studying the River Tillingbourne. The students were investigating how different variables change with distance from the source of the river. These variables included river width and depth, the speed of the water flow and the gradient of the river. This involved standing in the cold river water! The students worked very efficiently and competently. They wrote up what they had done and this material is then used to answer questions in their skills exams, at both AS and A level.



A MESSAGE FROM MR COUSINS

It has been an absolutely fantastic week in the Performing Arts. Following on from a wonderful production of Anything Goes last week, we have had our annual House Music Competition. Judge, Mr Ed Hawkins, a professional singer currently working at Glyndebourne was amazed and delighted by the high calibre of musicians who took part. On Thursday we held our winners concert in Swann Hall and all in attendance were very impressed with the performances. Congratulations go to all the girls who took part, in particular Hannah Richards who won the Gold Medal. Congratulations also to the overall winners of House Music - Merlin, followed in close succession by Vulcan, Excalibur and Pegasus.

Next week we look forward to the Year 5 and 6 Concert in Swann Hall at 6:00pm on Tuesday - all welcome. Then on Thursday we begin our Performing Arts Tour to New York City so still plenty of performing ahead of us this term!

To view the pictures from the Senior School Production of Anything Goes click on the link below:

<http://bit.ly/1QBTdHd>

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Best wishes

Mr James Sheridan
Principal

STEVENSONS UNIFORM VISIT

Stevensons our uniform supplier will be visiting us on Friday 17 June 3-6pm & Saturday 10 September 10-1pm

PYRAMID NEWS

As we approach the end of term and lent we remember our Christian values of charity. Each Pyramid has a unique charity they have chosen to support. Over the next couple of weeks we will be collecting items to support our furry friends. We will be asking girls to bring in items of animal food, clean blankets or towels to support a local animal rescue charity. Donations can be a tin of cat or dog food however small or large.

Please add an extra item to your shopping and send into school by the end of term. Thank you!

YEAR 5 AND 6 TOWN HALL VISIT

On Thursday, all girls from Years 5 & 6 went to the Eastbourne Town Hall to have a tour, meet Madam Mayor Janet Coles, and have a debate in the Council Room. The girls were able to ask the Mayor lots of questions, and learn many interesting facts about the Town Hall, and the process of getting in local politics. The highlight of the afternoon was definitely the formal debate Mrs Kemp presented, where the girls had to take opposing positions on a very contentious topic - Men are better suited to be Mayor than women! Dr Swingle Putland chaired the debate, and Ms Sheridan Co-Chaired. The girls argued their positions superbly, even though they didn't all personally believe in the position they had to defend. After the debate, the girls were able to vote from a personal standpoint, and the proposition was rejected!



PRE-PREP ASSEMBLY

The Pre-Prep performed the story of 'Chicken Licken' for the junior girls, friends and family this week in assembly.



BOARDERS THEATRE TRIP TO LONDON

On Saturday 5 March the boarders went on their annual Theatre trip to see Wicked at the Apollo Theatre in London.

The girls had a fantastic day and were amazed by the spectacular show. They were blown away by the amazing set and found themselves tapping their feet along to the contagious music. Thank you to all the staff that came along and helped on the day.



A MESSAGE FROM MR ASHBY

This time next week I should be in New York with the School Music Tour so this is my last opportunity this term to send out some reminders and notices: If any Year 8 parents have not yet returned their daughter's GCSE option choices, please do so immediately, otherwise the option blocks may be compiled without taking them into consideration. Year 12 subject choice returns are due in by Wednesday 16 March please. Following a review of using the Sports Hall for the mock examinations, it has been decided that the old Junior Music Room, behind the DT block, would make a better venue with Swann Hall being used on those occasions when a large number of candidates are involved. Please note that we start the Summer Term on Monday 11 April with Week B.

Although this term has been relatively short, it has been packed with numerous events and activities with many outstanding performances and achievements by the girls; I never cease to be amazed by the wealth of talent in the school and I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to ensure we have had another highly successful term.

Congratulations to Esme Scanlan in Year 5 who has been awarded a Distinction in her Grade 4 piano exam that she took last week. She is delighted! Well done Esme!



THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Congratulations to our U11 and U10 netball teams on their great performances against Battle Abbey this week. Our U11s played some excellent netball to beat Battle Abbey by 2 goals to 1. Our U10s marked their opponents tightly, giving Battle Abbey little chance to settle on the ball. Their feisty play resulted in plenty of turn-overs and Moira House won a competitive game by 2 goals to nil. Very well done!

On Tuesday nine Year 9 girls represented Moira House in the Sussex Schools Netball Tournament at Benenden School. The girls' improved with every game and showed great motivation and commitment in each match. Well done girls' we look forward to building on this experience next ready for next season.

On Thursday ten Year 7 & 8 students represented Moira House in the next round of the Sussex Schools Lady Taverner's indoor cricket competition at Warden Park School. The team came up against both the reigning champions and runners up, St Bede's and Warden Park, where they showed an excellent attitude and teamwork to make it hard for the opposing batters. The girls' were very unlucky in their match against Brighton College, narrowly losing by four runs. This has been an excellent experience for the new team and we look forward to building on this as we prepare for the summer terms Outdoor Sussex League.



Our U13 netball players placed 2nd overall at the inter-net netball tournament at Benenden School on Wednesday. The standard of play was very high and the girls did themselves proud! Well done to all who took part. It's been an amazing season!

We took 3 U9 teams (of 4 players) to the Sussex Schools' Mini Tennis tournament this week and all the girls can be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations to Moira House 1 who played some superb tennis and finished as runners up to a strong Sion team, taking home the silver medals. Well done Sofia Oakden, Gabriella Pacheco-Lagola, Zoe Whittingdon and Hanna Frankowska. Moira House 2 also played very well and narrowly missed out on a semi-final place after achieving a 3 match tie against Bedes 1, but losing the point count up narrowly by just 2 points. Moira House 3 played strongly in their group games, winning a semi-final place after beating Bedes 2 in their final group game, and thereby earning themselves a 3rd place finish overall. Very well done to our U9 tennis teams!

This Monday saw the first ever CrossFit competition at Moira House School. 3 teams from Moira House and 2 teams from Bedes competed in 3 workouts over the course of 2 hours. The workouts were challenging and consisted of bodyweight movements, rowing, kettlebells, and running. The girls were outstanding, showing that all of their fitness training over the year has paid off. They placed first overall with 2 wins and 1 second place finish. The exciting new "sport of fitness" is taking secondary schools in the UK by storm, and Moira House is at the forefront of this exciting endeavour.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 14 March
9:00am GCSE Art and Design Exam
- Tuesday 15 March
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2:00pm Year 5 & 6 Concert Rehearsal in Swann Hall
3:30pm U15 Netball v Mayfield
6:00pm YEAR 5 & 6 CONCERT IN SWANN HALL- All parents welcome
- Wednesday 16 March
8:35am Key Stage Assembly
Nina Carron's Tear Fund Charity Lunch
3:00pm U13 Netball v Vinehall (h)
3:00pm U11 and U10 Netball v Vinehall (a)
- EVENING - New York Performing Arts Trip - Dress Rehearsal
- Thursday 17 March
AM - NEW YORK PERFORMING ARTS TRIP DEPARTS
5:30am CLUB LA SANTA TRIP DEPARTS
2:45pm U18 Netball v Bede's (a)
4:00pm Meeting between School Knights, Captains, Principal and Deputy Principles, Sitting Room
- Friday 18 March
10:50am Senior School Student Council Meeting, Sitting Room
11:30am JUNIOR SCHOOL END OF TERM ASSEMBLY - All parents welcome
1:00pm TERM ENDS (Minibuses depart 1.15pm/Boarders depart by 4:00pm)

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MACKENZIE

Reminder: With the summer term fast approaching, please remember that all girls in years 7-13 require a tennis racket as part of their PE kit. Please ensure these are in school from the first day of the summer term. Many thanks.

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