



Moir House

Girls School

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BUTTERFLIES TAKE OFF FROM NURSERY TO RECEPTION

The Nursery children have the opportunity to come up to the Reception environment every week to play and take part in activities with Miss Wood.

They have particularly been enjoying playing in our 'Vets' role play area and joining in with some activities on the theme of 'People Who Help Us', which is both Nursery and Reception's topic this term.

The Butterflies also have French lessons in the Reception classroom with Miss Wood every week and so are already very confident in coming up to 'big school'. In French, we have been learning about our families and the children have made their own family picture. We have been practising saying the names of our family members e.g. 'Mon Père, Ma Mère, Ma Soeur and Mon Frère!' We have even learnt an action song called 'Ma Famille'.



YEAR 1 VISIT BRIGHTON TOY & MODEL MUSEUM

Year 1 took a trip to Brighton Toy and Model Museum this week to support their learning. The Museum has over ten thousand toys and models in its' archive, with toys from as early as the mid-18th century.

The girls took part in an exciting two hour workshop where they were able to learn, hands on, all about toys from the past.



Highlights for the girls included the opportunity to hold 'Alfie Bear' who was over 70 years old, as well as handling some very delicate, antique dolls and playing with a range of moving toys and trains.

After lunch the girls enjoyed spending their pocket money on a little souvenir from the gift shop.

Back in school, the girls will be using their experiences from the trip to enhance their current class topic on the history of toys. This will include creative writing and making their very own felt Teddy Bear!



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DANCE & CHEER SHOWCASE

On 26 April 2018, Moira House will host the first annual Dance and Cheer Showcase. We will be liaising with Dance and Performing Arts scholars over the next week to encourage them to display their dancing and cheerleading talents. There will also be pieces from the Elite Dance Group, Pre-Prep Dance group, Senior Cheerleading Team, Junior Cheerleading team, the student choreography competition and with many others.

This will be an opportunity for our talented dancers and cheerleaders to show off their skills to their parents, students and friends. Please look out for more information in the coming weeks.



SOUTHERN SCHOOLS BOOK AWARD

Last Friday, a very excited, well-read group of Moira House girls travelled over to Roedean School to attend the annual Southern Schools Book Award.

This event, now in its fourteenth year, aims to alert young people to books worth reading, re-establishing and strengthening the reading for pleasure habit, promoting the ethos that it is OK to read, and creating a mechanism for lively book discussion across the region. It is an award that 'young adult' authors rate highly, as it is voted for by the students who are their readers and target audience.

This year's fantastic novels were *The Hypnotist* by Laurence Anholt, *Margot and Me* by Juno Dawson, *The Trap* by Alan Gibbons, *Paper Butterflies* by Lisa Heathfield and *Instructions for a Second Hand Heart* by Tamsyn Murray.

The event was hosted by last year's SSBA winner, Holly Bourne, introducing all the authors who spoke eloquently about their novels. Local illustrator, writer and former Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell kept us entertained with his quick thinking illustrations of the authors, their books and even Mr Blond introducing the event.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming a good number of families to Open Morning tomorrow, as we launch our vision for Roedean Moira House from September this year. There will be an opportunity for current parents to learn more about our re-branding in the next few weeks. Staff from Moira House and Roedean have been working tirelessly to refurbish areas within the school, to make it look as welcoming as possible for our prospective new girls. Please rest assured that the funding provided for these initial works will not detract from other essential investment in the school, including staffing.

We had an inspirational talk today from Holocaust survivor, Dorit Oliver-Wolff, who reminded us that with tenacity and resilience, we can overcome the very worst of times to fulfil our dreams - a sentiment which we hope to instil in all our girls.

I am looking forward to seeing Year 10 parents next week for their Parents' Evening and opportunity for the girls to discuss their Sixth Form A-Level options.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

UPPER PREP 'CHRISTMAS' PARTY!

The long-awaited Upper Prep Christmas Party, which had to be postponed due to adverse weather and ill health, will now take place next Tuesday, 30 January from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in Swann Hall. Girls are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the party.

Please collect your daughter from Dunn House at 7.00pm.



This year's winner was Lisa Heathfield. Juno Dawson, a firm favourite of our group, came second. After the ceremony, our girls were able to purchase books from the Bags of Books stand, as well as being able to meet and speak to the authors, and to have their books signed by them. It was a very enjoyable evening for all of us.

FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

First Aid



Girls learnt how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator in the First Aid activity this week.

They were all keen to have a go and Mrs T was very impressed with their life saving skills. The group learnt how to recognise unconsciousness and what to do to maintain an airway. Most importantly, they have learnt how important it is to call an ambulance to get help.

SURVIVING THE HOLOCAUST

As our school remembers Holocaust Memorial Day, which is on Saturday 27 January, we paused in assembly with Mrs Gamester to consider the theme of "The Power of Words" and to reflect on times when our words might have been hurtful, divisive or unkind.



For our girls in years 8 to 13 we were delighted today to welcome guest speaker, Dorit Oliver-Wolff, to talk to us about her own experiences of surviving the Holocaust. Dorit's speech was fascinating, inspiring and a real insight into the horrors she and so many others experienced during the Second World War. She engaged our students with stories of survival, tenacity and determination.

What particularly struck the girls was how Dorit recovered from her horrific experiences to follow her dreams to become a recording artist. We have so much to learn from other people's experiences and it was an honour to learn from the life of such an inspiring woman.

SCHOOL DISCO

Back by popular demand, the MHA will be hosting another amazing school disco on Thursday 22 February in the JAC! Tickets will cost just £5.

Please look out for more information next week!



SWIMMING GALA V WINDLESHAM

Girls from Years 3-6 took to the pool on Monday in a friendly gala against Windlesham School. Windlesham had some strong swimmers, especially their boys but Moira House managed to hold their own. Special mention must go to Berry Taylor, Cameron Taylor, Izzy Putland, Tea Neill and Darcey Byrne who all had outstanding swims as well as swimming up an age group. Fantastic swimming girls, all your hard work in the pool is really paying off.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK B

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY

OPEN MORNING— WHOLE SCHOOL

Minibuses Depart 12.30pm

WEEK A

MONDAY 29 JANUARY

Year 11 Careers Interviews

4.30pm Y4-6 Swimming Gala v Burgess Hill (h)

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

Year 11 Careers Interviews

8.15am Upper Prep Parent Reps Meeting

3.15pm U14A Netball v Steyning Grammar (a)

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

2.00pm U10 Netball Tournament at Bede's Prep (a)

2.30pm U11 Netball v Skippers Hill (a)

3.15pm U12A & U13A Netball v Benenden (a)

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY

10.00am U13 Lady Taverners Cricket (h)

2.00pm Intermediate Maths Challenge

3.00pm U18 Netball v Eastbourne College

6.00pm Year 10 Parents' Evening & Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 10, Swann Hall

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY

9.00am Duke of Edinburgh's Award Training Day at MoHo
Trip to Wing Yip, Croydon

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Trip to Indoor Go-Karting

WEEK B

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY

4.50pm Y5-8 Swimming Gala v Claremont (a)

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

10.00am U15 Lady Taverners Cricket (h)

4.00pm U15A Netball v LOGS (CANCELLED)

3.15pm U14A & B Netball v Mayfield (a)

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

8.35am Pre-Prep Parents' Assembly

2.00pm U11 Netball v Claremont (h)

3.00pm U10 Netball v Burgess Hill (h)

3.00pm U12A & U13A Netball v Rye College (a)

4.15pm U12B Netball v Uckfield College (h)

5.00pm Drama Trip, The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk -
Late return (11.30pm)

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

2.30pm U18A & B Netball v Claremont (a)

6.00pm YEAR 12 & 13 PARENTS' EVENING, Swann Hall

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

4.00pm HALF TERM STARTS

4.15pm Minibuses Depart

5.00pm Boarding Houses Close

NETBALL ROUND-UP

U15A v Claremont

The U15A team played an outstanding match against Claremont School on Thursday, winning 19-8! It was one of the best matches we have seen this team play this year. This was reflected in the speed of play, accuracy of passes and the fantastic team work seen throughout the match, which made it very difficult for Claremont to compete against. Well done to each and every player on the court that day, representing Moira House - you did the school very proud.

The U14A team also played a brilliant match against Claremont School, winning 19-4. The girls took off to a fantastic start in the first half showing well implemented set plays and spatial awareness for each other throughout the game. Special mentions must go to Pippa Carrington and Bronwen Trowhill for their outstanding team work inside our goal third throughout the duration of the match.

U13A v Lewes Old Grammar School (LOGS)

The U13 A team played in Hurricane conditions this week as they fought the wind, rain and the LOGS! The girls worked very hard and improved in each quarter; with a very close second half score of 6-3 to LOGS. Well done to Teni Ogunlesi for great attacking plan and a special to 'Girl of the Game', Sofia Hanan, for her amazing defence.

The U14 B team also played a tough fixture this week against LOGS. Defensively, Moira House improved each quarter, with some outstanding interception and marking from Trinity Talkington.

U12 A & B v Skippers Hill

Our U12 A team played brilliantly with great defence from Alice Granea, Camryn Gibson. A special mention must go to Beth Beeby who won 'Girl of the Game' two weeks running. Well done to the whole team as the final score finished with a Moira House win of 11-8.

Our U12B team also had a good game against Skippers Hill where they showed some fantastic teamwork and determination throughout the duration of the match. It was a tight first half for our U12B team with both teams working hard to score the goals. However, in the second half they came back even stronger to take the win with the final score finishing 4-1. Well done to all girls involved and Katie Hillyer for winning 'Girl of the Game'.

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