



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

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#### TOP TEN SPOT FOR MICHAELA

Last Saturday, Michaela Taiwo from Year 7 competed in the 2017 Essex Swimming AHE Group Championships, which were held at the London Aquatic centre. She swam in the 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.

Through sheer determination Michaela qualified for the finals in 50m Freestyle and Butterfly. Michaela finished 8th in the 50m Freestyle finals and 7th in the 50m Butterfly finals.

Approximately fifty 12 year old girls swam, putting her amongst the top 10 in the county. She also achieved the Regional qualifying time in her 50m Butterfly. Well done!



#### A SPECIAL VISITOR FOR OUR YOUNGER GIRLS



The Reception and Nursery girls had a very exciting visit from a Vet and a Veterinary Nurse from St Anne's Vets last week. We learnt all about the job they do and how they help to look after animals. They brought George the Labrador with them (who we all fell in love with!). We used a stethoscope to listen to George's heart beat and he even let us bandage his paw! We had great fun trying on the vet's uniform and practising our skills of bandaging, giving injections and checking heartbeats on the teddies.

#### BUILDING CASTLES IN YEAR 7

The Year 7 History challenge was for each team to create their own Motte and Bailey castle.

Teams could either make one section each or make a whole castle together.

The teamwork shown was outstanding with all the teams frantically trying to turn empty cereal boxes into the Motte and being inspired by computer packaging which turned out to be exactly what was needed for the turret walls and crenels!



Throughout the week students have brought in more boxes and discussed additions made at home such as straw houses for the Bailey and lollipops being desperately eaten to provide the Palisade! Each team was asked to present their castle and were rated using several criteria - including historical accuracy, strength and decoration. The class was then asked to vote for their favourite to find a winner. The winners were finally revealed as Jasmine, Tia-Lana, Stephanie and Cheyenna!

## DISCOUNT DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please remember that the deadline to receive a 10% discount on your school photo order expires next **Tuesday 14 February**. You can still order photos after this date, but at full price.

## SELF DEFENCE DEMONSTRATION

Our Sixth Form girls were treated to a Self Defence demonstration this week and got to grips with some extremely useful moves! Hopefully, they will never have to use them, but it is an excellent skill to have as we equip our girls for life outside of school.



## OTHER PEOPLE MATTER

There is a group of girls who visit the residents of Carlisle Lodge each week during their activity session.

They had been working on a performance for the residents and this week, they performed a selection of singing, dancing and drama items, much to the everyone's delight!

These girls really enjoy spending time in Carlisle Lodge and the residents are always pleased to receive them.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Well done to all the girls, parents and staff who made our production *Legally Blonde* such a success this week. It was a privilege watching the girls performing at such a professional standard.

I am sure you will have seen the MoHo Mail that went out to parents earlier this week. It is essential that no unauthorised vehicles drive onto the school grounds in order to protect our girls; we thank you for your cooperation.

I am sure most Year 11 and Year 13 girls will be spending some of the holiday time revising and preparing for their public examinations. Half-term has to be a good opportunity for girls to recharge their batteries and come back to school refreshed. The Nursery will of course be open next week and the Equestrian Centre will also be running some activities.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine  
Acting Principal

## FAREWELL TO MRS BOONZAIER

We are sorry to be saying farewell to our Business Manager, Elizabeth Boonzaier, who is taking up a new post in London, nearer to her family. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work and wish her every success for the future.

Please contact Mrs Jayne Hollister-Sheppard or Mrs Jayne Ring in the Finance Department if you have any queries.



## SOMETHING "BOOKY" FOR YOU TO DO THIS HALF TERM HOLIDAY



# "CAUGHT READING"

## COMPETITION FOR WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

WHERE have you been CAUGHT reading?

Share YOUR ultimate location and style of reading.

Take a "SHELFIE" !!!

Find the most unusual, entertaining or obscure place to get "caught reading" and get someone to take your photograph.

The competition will run from now until 2nd March 2017.

CAUTION: Please at all times remember your safety. This competition is about being creative and unusual not about risk-taking.

Enter by yourself, with a friend or in a group, submit your photo to: library@moirahouse.co.uk



Up a Mountain!



Under the sea!



With the author!

## TIME TRAVELLING IN LOWER PREP ASSEMBLY

Lower Prep took us on a tour through history this week in Assembly, sharing what they have been learning in their Humanities lessons. The Assembly started all the way back in the Stone Age where Year 3 girls taught us how Stone Age and later Iron Age families survived.



Year 4 then whizzed us through time to the Saxon era at the end of the Roman exodus. We learned how land was acquired, how invaders settled and even how Kent

was traded in exchange for a lady's hand in marriage! Year 5 then brought us closer to the 'modern' day with a retelling of the Battle Of Hastings and the challenges to the monarchy. It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to see where their learning fits in the chronology of history and it was lovely to see so many parents and supporters there to encourage them in their fabulous performance. Well done girls!



## EQUESTRIAN ARTISTS

In a cross-curricular exercise this week, girls from Year 8 have been drawing horses at our stables in preparation for a forthcoming horse sculpture project. This was an excellent opportunity for the girls to study the horses so intently and Alfie, in particular, seemed to enjoy all the attention!



## MHA VALENTINE'S DISCO

The MHA are presenting two discos when we return from half term, so get your dancing shoes out! They will both be on Wednesday 22 February and will run from 4.30pm - 5.30pm for Reception - Year 5, followed by Years 6 - 8 from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. If attending, the girls will remain at school at the end of the day, so bring in spare clothes, if you wish to change.



Moira House Association  
presents

## Valentine's Disco

Wednesday 22 February

Reception to Year 5 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Years 6 to 8 6 pm to 7.30 pm

in the JAC

Tickets £4 in advance or on the door.

Pizza and a drink included.

Other refreshments 20p, glowsticks 50p

Children will be looked after until the end of the Disco if staying on from school



**U10 - U13 SWIMMING GALA v CLAREMONT**

Our swimmers had another successful gala against Claremont on Monday, finishing ahead by 117 points to 111. Many congratulations to Sophie Naish who achieved a PB in the 25m Butterfly, and Eleanor Finch-Mitchell who achieved a PB in the 25m Breaststroke.

**U15 NETBALL v EASTBOURNE COLLEGE**

On Tuesday a mixed U15 netball team played a friendly match against Eastbourne College. The game was played at a fast pace and saw some excellent shooting from Darcie Bennett and Issy Barlow. In the second half, our defence began to take more control of the game and outstanding performances were put in by Katy-Anne Burr and Maisie Gibbs (Player of the Match). Well done to all the girls for their determination and team spirit.

**U15 LADY TAVERNERS CRICKET TOURNAMENT**

Captain, Amy Cowderoy and Vice Captain, Holly Broadhurst led a team of 10 girls in their first Cricket fixture of the season. The team worked hard throughout the tournament and improved in every game. A fine batting display from Davina Forward showed some solid defensive shots and Maisie Gibbs hit a lovely '4' in the last game. Taliah Maidens was the most consistent bowler, taking a strong wicket in the last over of the game. Natalya Chance, Daisy Williams, Davina Forward, Holly Broadhurst and Jess Frisby also took either a catch or a wicket. Well done ladies, we look forward to the summer season!

**VOLLEYBALL v BEDE'S**

Congratulations to our Volleyball team who beat Battle Abbey in the 3rd/4th play-off game in the Bede's Volleyball Tournament on Sunday to finish in 3rd place. Again we were the only girls team in the tournament! Well played, everyone!

**U13 NETBALL - THREE VICTORIOUS TEAMS!**

It was an outstanding result on Wednesday for our U13 Netball teams. All A, B and C teams confidently beat Claremont, 21-3, 31-2, 22-2 respectively. Girl of the game on the As was Bronwen Trowhill, with coaches' pick of Jemima Richenberg. For the Bs Beth Cook and Darcey Russell shared the honour and for the Cs Rebekah Noyce and Cheyenna Beale were mentioned for their strong efforts. Well done girls. You are all beginning to develop into some outstanding sportswomen and are really coming together as a team.

**U11 HOCKEY v BATTLE ABBEY**

Our U11 hockey team played a great match against Battle Abbey on Wednesday. It was a feisty and closely contested game with Battle Abbey making the most of their goal opportunities.

Millie McKay scored a superb goal in the second half. She won a strong tackle in the middle of the pitch, played the ball through to Lois Harffey-Burkhill up front, who took the ball forward. She then cut it back to Millie as she arrived in the D and then Millie slotted it past the Goal Keeper. A great goal! Congratulations also to Sasha Baldwin, who was awarded girl of the game.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****WEEK A****MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

8.25am School re-opens  
9.00am Book Fair, Reception to Year 5

**TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

9.00am Book Fair, Reception to Year 5  
2.15pm U14 Netball v LOGS (h)  
6.00pm GCSE Options Evening for Year 8

**WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

9.00am Book Fair, Reception to Year 5  
2.30pm U11 A & B Netball v St Andrews (a)  
2.45pm U13 A, B & C Netball v St Andrews (h)  
4.30pm Valentine's Disco (Reception- Year 5)  
6.00pm Valentine's Disco (Years 6 - 8)

**THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

2.45pm U18 A & B Netball v Eastbourne College (h)  
6.00pm Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 10

**FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY****SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

1.30pm Lacrosse v Worth (h) mixed Year 7-13 team

**WEEK B****MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

5.30pm Swimming Gala v Roedean (a)

**TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

Pyramid Music Competition  
2.45pm U15 A & B Netball v Battle Abbey (a)

**WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH**

8.30am Pre-Prep Class Assembly, JAC  
2.30pm U11A & B Netball v Claremont (h)

**THURSDAY 2 MARCH**

World Book Day  
2.45pm U18 A, B & C Netball v Lancing (h)  
6.00pm Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening, Boston House

**FRIDAY 3 MARCH****SATURDAY 4 MARCH**

10.30am Lacrosse v Roedean (a) - CANCELLED

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