



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

## STRANDS

ISSUE 6 SPRING TERM 2017

### EASTBOURNE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Moir House was tremendously well represented at the local Music and Arts Festival last week. Many congratulations to all our girls who participated - the hours of training, rehearsal and dedication have really paid off, with such amazing results. There will be a full round up in next week's Strands together with a photo of all the girls with their shiny silverware!

We would like the girls bring their medals and trophies to school next **Tuesday 28 February** and come to the Sitting Room at morning break for the photograph.

### WE LOVE TO BOOGIE!

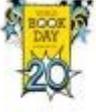
Enormous thanks to our fantastic MHA team who enabled our Pre Prep, Lower Prep and Upper Prep girls to enjoy two fabulous discos on Wednesday evening.

The JAC was beautifully decorated, and our girls enjoyed a good boogie (along with some staff!) and treats and snacks. It was lovely to see them having fun and we are hugely grateful to the team who worked so hard to enable this to happen.

### TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all who bought books in our Travelling Book Fair this week - it was great to see such enthusiasm for reading, especially as we look forward to our annual Book Week next week. Commission from the book fair has enabled us to add to our class fiction stocks with some lovely new titles. Thank you to all who helped this to happen.





## REMINDER ...WORLD BOOK DAY

### THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2017



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. If you're stuck for ideas, have a look at <http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

There will of course be book-related activities and competitions on the day, but we would like to draw your attention to our **Bookmark and Caught Reading competitions (for all students) which there is still time to enter!** There is also the Hogwarts trail for Year 6+. Entry forms for the bookmark competition are available in the Library or can be downloaded from the VLE Library page. <http://vle.moirahouse.co.uk/course/view.php?id=168> Caught Reading entries can be emailed to [library@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:library@moirahouse.co.uk) with the student's name, pyramid and school year.

The girls will be invited to make a voluntary £1 donation to Book Aid International.

If you would like to know more about World Book Day and its purpose, and for fantastic resources and articles, visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/>



### IMPORTANT DIARY CHANGE

To ensure that we are in line with other schools in East Sussex and to therefore make childcare solutions easier, we have taken the decision to change our February Half Term 2018, which was provisionally advertised from Friday 16 February 2018.

**Half Term will now commence on Friday 9 February 2018** and we will return to school on Monday 19 February 2018.

### ADVANCE NOTICE - MHA CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

The annual MHA Curry & Quiz Night will be taking place on Friday 10 March 2017. Please come along and support this great event and have lots of fun raising funds for the school. Tickets cost £15.00 per head to include a delicious curry. Get your teams together! More details to follow shortly.

## MAY SLOPED OFF TO FRANCE!

Well done to May in Year 6 who is continuing to train every winter to develop her skills in one of her favourite sports - skiing.



Last Friday she was awarded her "medaille de deuxième étoile" from the Ecole de Ski de France.

Big smiles all round with her instructor!

## TRAMPOLINING SUCCESS

Many congratulations to Olivia McMullen in Year 5, who recently competed in The Sussex Gymnastics Trampoline Competition in Horsham, where she finished in fourth place in the U11s category.



## QUALIFICATION FOR DARCEY & EDDIE!



Congratulations to Darcey Byrne and her pony Eddie on qualifying for the Regional Grass Roots NSEA Championships!

Darcey and Eddie jumped a lovely clear round in the 40cm, coming 5th overall, then went on to compete in the 50cm and 60cm with great style. Well done!

## CAMERON'S PUSHING ON

During half term, Cameron undertook extra swimming training, working on her technique, starts and turns, which led to her attaining her 400m badge and certificate. She swam competently, maintaining good technique throughout.



## PHOTOS - EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT EXTENDED

For anyone who has not yet ordered their School Photos, we have negotiated an extension of the Early Bird Discount period to next Friday, 3 March 2017. This will entitle you to receive a 10% discount on your order.

Photos are available in a wide variety of print and digital packages, for your convenience.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week, we were very pleased to host the termly Independent Schools Safeguarding Group meeting for all independent schools in the area. In two weeks' time, we will also be hosting a GSA Deputy Heads' Conference. These are great opportunities to share best practice with other professionals in education in order to keep on providing the best education for our girls.

World Book Day preparations are being finalised and we look forward to seeing the girls in their fabulous outfits. With studies providing evidence that reading for pleasure boosts children's academic performance, we always put great emphasis on this celebration of reading in Moira House and we hope you are able to support this at home too.

We have Coffee Mornings coming up for each section of the school the week after next. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible at those events. This is a chance to have a chat with key staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Finally, thank you to the MHA for putting on a fantastic disco for the girls in the Pre-Prep and Prep this week.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine  
Acting Principal



Moira House Association

presents

## Curry and a Quiz

Friday 10 March 2017  
7.00 pm to 10.30 pm in Swann Hall



Tickets £15 per head

Tables of 8 people

Drinks for sale

Book by Monday 6 March. Book early to avoid disappointment.  
Tickets are available from the Finance Office, or the School Office  
For further information and/or to book Tickets, please call 01323 644144

[www.moirahouse.co.uk](http://www.moirahouse.co.uk)

## WEST END STAR TO JUDGE OUR PYRAMID MUSIC FESTIVAL

We are delighted that Katie Rowley Jones is coming to adjudicate the Pyramid Music Competition which takes place next Tuesday, 28 February in Swann Hall.

Katie is an accomplished singer and performer who is enjoying an incredible West End career, having already created leading roles in the original West End productions of Sister Act (Sister Mary Robert) and Wicked (Nessarose and Elphaba) as well as playing the leading ladies in Grease (Sandy), Beauty and the Beast (Belle) and The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Janet) to name but a few. Katie has had much experience working with and teaching young singers and musicians and I am very excited she is coming to join us for the day.

You are welcome to come in and watch the classes in action, just sign in as a visitor at the office. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9.15am Singing Pre Grade 1	12.20pm Singing Grade 5
9.25am Singing Grades 1-2	12.50pm Piano Grades 7 - 8
9.55am Strings Pre Grade 1	1.45pm Ensemble Class
10.05am Singing Grade 3	2.00pm Singing Grade 6
10.20am Piano Pre Grade 1	2.30pm Strings Grades 5-6
11.10am Piano Grades 1 -2	2.50pm Piano Grades 3-4
11.25am Strings Grades 1-2	3.10pm Woodwind and Brass Grades 5-6
11.45am Woodwind & Brass Pre Grade 1 - Grade 2	4.00pm Piano Grades 5 - 6
11.55am Woodwind Grades 3-4	4.30pm Gold Medal Class
12.00pm Singing Grade 4	6.00pm END (Approx)

### MORE PERFORMANCE NEWS

Many thanks and huge congratulations to all the girls who took part in our production of Legally Blonde just before half term. The girls gave two fantastic performances and worked extremely hard to produce such a high standard on stage.

We are about to announce our Middle School Production and meanwhile Annie rehearsals are getting into full swing!

# Annie

### PREFECT PAMPERING!

The Upper Prep Prefects were treated to a pamper evening in Dunn House as a reward for their hard work during the first half of this term. Thank you for your help ladies, you look gorgeous!



### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The first Bronze Award training day will be on Saturday 11 March! I will also be using this day to ensure that all the girls know how to access their 'edofe' accounts. I would like to remind girls in Years 11, 12 and 13 that they also need to get everything uploaded so that they can actually receive their Award. I know that a lot of girls at Bronze level have done everything, but it needs to be on their 'edofe' account! I will be running extra D of E training sessions to help the girls with this, so they will need to watch the noticeboards. Please try to get yours completed before Friday 17 March when certificates will be given out.

I realise that it is hard to complete the Gold Award within your time in the Sixth Form, but you do have until your 25th birthday to finish the Award. It is, of course, vital that you get everything you have done signed off before you leave!

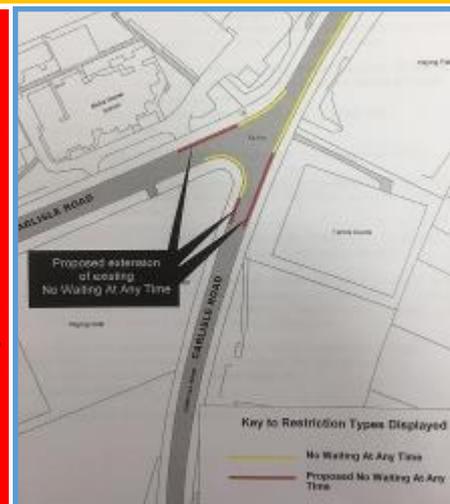
Dorinda Dodd

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

You may have seen the Notices from East Sussex County Council, which are attached to lamp posts outside of school. These are to inform you that the parking restrictions are about to be extended on the areas shown red on the adjacent map. This is for the benefit and safety of our girls. We ask you to respect the law and not park in these areas.

Additionally, may we please ask those parents who park fully on the pavements outside of Dunn House, not to do so - this is illegal, it makes crossing very dangerous for the girls and causes traffic congestion. East Sussex County Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## 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

## WEEK A

## MONDAY 6 MARCH

8.00am Pre-Prep Parents' Coffee Morning

## TUESDAY 7 MARCH

8.00am Lower Prep Parents' Coffee Morning

## WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

8.00am Senior Parents' Coffee Morning

1.30pm U12 & U13 Netball Festival at Benendon

3.00pm U11 A & B Netball v Vinehall (a)

4.00pm Pre-Prep - Year 2 Stay & Share Afternoon

3.00pm Old Girls' Afternoon Tea, The Lansdowne Club, Mayfair

## THURSDAY 9 MARCH

8.00am Upper Prep Parents' Coffee Morning

3.00pm U18 A & B Netball v Battle Abbey (h)

6.00pm Pyramid Music Winners' Concert

## FRIDAY 10 MARCH

8.00am Sixth Form Parents' Coffee Morning

5.15pm Volleyball v Battle Abbey (h)

## SATURDAY 11 MARCH

Duke of Edinburgh Training Day

## U11 A &amp; B NETBALL v ST.ANDREWS

Our U11A and B teams played at St Andrews this week. They were both very competitive games with the B team narrowly losing by just 2 goals. Esme Scanlan defended superbly and Millie McKay was awarded girl of the game.

The A team had a difficult second quarter, but otherwise worked hard to limit a strong St. Andrews team. We had plenty of possession and showed some lovely patterns of play through the centre court, with Lois Harffey-Burkhill and Chloe Crockett showing very good timing and movement in their dodges. Sasha Baldwin was awarded girl of the game.

## U13 NETBALL v ST.ANDREWS

The U13A and B teams put in a very strong performance against good St. Andrews sides. In very windy conditions the girls played fast attacking netball which their opponents found very difficult to deal with. After a close first half our B team stepped up the pace and we won the game 12-6.

The A team stayed neck and neck with their opponents for the whole game, narrowly losing by 1 goal in the last 20 seconds of the game; the final score was 12-11. Congratulations to all the players and a special mention must go to Emma Walker and Teni Ogunlesi who were jointly awarded player of the match for the Bs and Amelia Finch Mitchell as girl of the game for the As.

## PYRAMID NETBALL

Upper Prep took part in a Pyramid Netball tournament on Wednesday afternoon. All of the pyramids put in solid attacking performances and the team work and determination of all the girls involved was commendable.

Each Pyramid had two teams per side and the final placings are based on the performances of both sides combined. In joint first we have Merlin and Vulcan and Pegasus and Excalibur were awarded joint fourth place.

Well done to everyone who took part!

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