



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

STRANDS

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NEWS FROM PRE-PREP



It has been a busy week in Pre-Prep! The girls had a fantastic time celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday. In Reception we learnt about why we celebrate Pancake Day and wrote instructions on how to make them. In the afternoon much fun was had as the whole of the Pre-Prep went out onto the playground to have pancake races!



On Wednesday the girls performed brilliantly in our assembly. The Reception girls acted out the story of Jasper's Beanstalk as part of our topic on Planting and Growing. Year 1 and 2 have been learning about toys. They performed a dance routine they had learned to the music from 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and delighted us with some poems.

DON'T FORGET - that it is the Pre-Prep 'Stay and Share' afternoon next Wednesday, 8 March at 4pm in the Pre-Prep Department. We look forward to seeing you to celebrate the work that the children have been doing.

PYRAMID MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all the girls who took part in this week's Pyramid Music Competition. The standard was amazing and a record number of girls entered. West End Star, Katie Rowley Jones was a fantastic adjudicator and was really impressed with the quality of music on display and it was an extremely proud day for the school. We have our 'Winners Concert' next Thursday 9 March at 6.00pm which we hope will be packed out with



parents and students!

Meanwhile for the many other talented girls who took part we have two senior recitals and a lower school concert to look forward to on the 16 and 23 March - details to follow in next week's edition!

OTHER PEOPLE MATTER

Cameron Taylor in Year 3 has raised £550 for the Little Princes' Trust through cutting off her hair over the Summer holiday. She has received a letter from Blue Peter in recognition of this! Well done, we are proud of you!



BEACHCOMBING BOARDERS

Even at the end of Winter, the beach is a wonderful place to spend some time. Last weekend, Mrs Talkington and Mr Rich took some of our boarders to beachcomb along our shoreline. They looked at rock formations, shells, fossils, limpets and rock pools. Mrs T's dog, Jax, really enjoyed this activity as he helped search the beach for treasures!



MOHO HO DOWN!

On Saturday evening, the girls from boarding partied the night away with a slight twist. Mrs Wright and her husband kindly came in and took the girls through some line dancing. At this point it would be fair to say that to start with, it was more a lesson for everyone on which was left and which was right!

The atmosphere was filled with fun, laughter and a few Ye Has!



Sainsbury's Active Kids

It's time once again to collect your 'Sainsbury's Active Kids' Vouchers.

This offer ends on **30 June 2017** so don't forget to bring them in and pop them in the collection box in the Junior School.

This year's vouchers are back to the normal style so hopefully we will do better this year!



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This has been another week packed with successes with great sporting victories in Netball and Swimming, our Pyramid Music competition and World Book Day. In the middle of all of this, girls are working hard and the pressure is on for those sitting public examinations next term. I am in the process of meeting all Year 11 and Year 13 girls; it is nice to hear from them what is working well for them in the school, as well as what else can be done to ease the pressure at this crucial time.

This week marked the start of Lent. In Moira House we have opportunities for reflection built into our school life available to Christians as well as those of other faiths or of no faith. We are an inclusive community which offers rich and varied experiences to all; a great example of this is the International Evening organised by our boarders next weekend.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Coffee Mornings next week. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be present for all of those, so do pop in to come and have a chat.

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

EASTBOURNE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL WINNERS

As promised in last week's Strands, we are very proud to be able to show the measure of success our girls achieved at the Music & Arts festival during half term. Due to their busy schedules, we were unable to get all the girls together at one time for a group photo!



Many congratulations to every single one of you!

Your commitment, dedication and amazing talent is inspirational! The haul of Gold, Silver and Bronze is absolutely stunning.

Keep up the hard work girls, there are bound to be many more successes to come in the future. Well done!

YEAR 3 EXPLORE THE SYMBOL OF THE CROSS

Year 3 have been studying the symbol of the cross for Christians. They have looked at how Christian communities around the world have adapted the cross to reflect their needs and their hopes. They explored symbols of Christianity and then designed their own cross. They had to explain why they chose the materials they did; what the symbolism on their cross was and who would use their cross and why. The girls presented their crosses to the rest of the class and to Mrs Barber, Head of RS, on Friday. The work produced was of an excellent standard and it was lovely to hear how many of the girls had used their ideas to work on a family project together. The crosses are on display in the Year 5 classroom. Year 3 parents, do please come and look at them when you collect your daughter at the end of the day. Year 2 parents might also want to bring their children to look closely at the fabulous ideas, as they will be working on their crosses this time next year! Thank you to all parents who have supported their children in this project.



YEAR 4 CLASS PARENT REP

We would like to invite Parents from Year 4 to apply to become the next Class Parent Rep. Mrs Beale is standing down at the end of this term after several years in the role. We are extremely grateful to her for all of her hard work and diligence over the years, your contribution has certainly made an impact!

If you would like to take on the mantle of Class Rep for Year 4, or have any queries about the role and responsibilities, please could you contact Mrs Graham in the first instance at:

sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

U10 & U11 NETBALL v CLAREMONT

Congratulations to our U11 and U10 netball players for great results this week. All of the matches were closely fought. Our U11A team won their game by 7 goals to 5, with some great shooting from Lois Harffey-Burkhill and Sophie Stevens. Lois was playing her first game as GA this year and was awarded Girl of the Game. The U11B team won their match by 6 goals to 1 and Talah Loughland was Girl of the Game for her great defending in the circle. Our U10s played a short match against Claremont's U11B team and won by 3 goals to 2. Very well done to everyone!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**WEEK A****MONDAY 6 MARCH**

8.00am Pre-Prep Parents' Coffee Morning
1.05pm U9 Short Tennis v Bedes (h)
3.00pm U9 and U8 Netball v St Andrews (h)
5.00pm Cross Fit Throw down, Newhaven

TUESDAY 7 MARCH

8.00am Lower Prep Parents' Coffee Morning
2.15pm U15 Netball v LOGS (a)

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

WEEK B**MONDAY 13 MARCH**

4.30pm Years 3-6 Swimming Gala v Bede's (a)

TUESDAY 14 MARCH**WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH**

12.30pm Years 3-6 Sussex Primary Schools Swimming Championships, Horsham
3.00pm U13 A & B Netball v Battle Abbey (h)

THURSDAY 16 MARCH

3.00pm U18 A, B & C Netball v Brighton College (h)
3.15pm Years 7-13 Lacrosse v Benenden (a)
4.15pm Pre-Prep & Lower Prep Parents' Evening, Boston

FRIDAY 17 MARCH**SATURDAY 18 MARCH**

10.00am Lacrosse Tournament at Rendcomb College (a)

U15 NETBALL v BATTLE ABBEY

On Tuesday the U15s played Battle Abbey. The U15Bs worked hard, showing some great determination throughout the match and a strong fourth quarter. Our U15As have continued their winning streak with great movement and strong ball skills throughout the match, beating Battle Abbey 18-6. Well done to Evdokia and Katy-Anne who were awarded Girl of the Game for their respective teams.

SENIOR SWIMMING v ROEDEAN

The Moira House Senior Swim Squad swam amazingly on Monday night, beating Roedean 32-22. A special mention to Maddy Drury, who demonstrated some fantastic butterfly skills and helped to secure our victory.

LACROSSE v WORTH

Last Saturday our Lacrosse Team played Worth for their first match of the season. The girls fought hard and showed some outstanding skills in defence and some smart plays in the attack. Final score was 4-4 with special mention to Poppy Horne who was selected as the coaches' Girl of the Game. Great job girls, you did yourselves proud!

**U18 NETBALL v LANCING COLLEGE**

An astounding team performance by our U18A netball team saw them beat Lancing College by 22 goals to 17. Strong defending, fast, agile centre court play and good shooting combined to secure the victory in a close well-matched contest. The Bs had a difficult first half which saw Lancing take a commanding lead. The team showed good team spirit, however, and worked hard to win the second half by 13 goals to 7.

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