



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

STRANDS

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NEWS FROM LOWER PREP

The girls in Lower Prep inspired and entertained all present with a fascinating ‘whistle-stop’ tour through British history, with their version of ‘Britannia: This is your life!’ There were marvellous individual performances and a great team effort as lines were delivered flawlessly and songs sung with gusto! It was also a celebration of important women in our history, in anticipation of this month’s ‘Women’s History’ focus. A fabulous assembly, put together in less than two weeks. Very well done girls, you keep rising to the challenge!



SNOW DAY FUN!

The girls have been making the most of every opportunity to play in the snow this week and to ‘snowball’ the staff! Even the ponies had their winter coats on and were frolicking around Top Lawn.

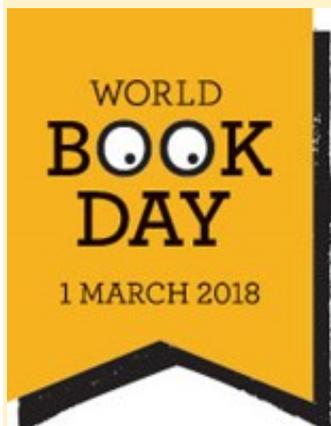


WORLD BOOK DAY REARRANGED

Please remember that we will be holding our annual World Book Day celebrations next Thursday, 8 March.

We look forward to see your wonderful ‘booky’ creations.

This year we will be supporting The Quicken Trust charity and ask that your daughter brings in a voluntary donation of a £1 to support this. Thank you.



NEW LOOK FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This will be the last edition of our newsletter, Strands, in this current format.

From next week, we will be introducing the Head's Weekly Review in the format adopted by Roedean. We hope that you continue to enjoy reading about the wonderful events that happen in school each week.

HEAD'S WEEKLY REVIEW

RECEPTION CLASS TASTER MORNING

We would like to welcome you to attend our Reception Taster Morning on Tuesday 6 March 2018 between 9am and 12pm. If you have a daughter about to begin her school journey, come and experience the Reception Class at Roedean Moira House.

To book your place or to enquire about our competitive fee structure, please contact Mrs Alexa Barlow, Group Registrar at: groupregistrar@roedean.co.uk



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Reception Taster Morning

Tuesday 6 March – 9am-12pm

To book your place,
please contact Mrs Alexa Barlow:
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

The weather has been dominating school life this week, but I am delighted that we were able to remain open, despite some minibus cancellations - thank you so much for working with us. I am thankful to the staff too for making it into school despite the poor weather and ensuring the site was safe and girls were being taught as normal.

Unfortunately a number of events had to be cancelled or postponed, but we are looking forward to a busy week next week, with World Book Day, Seniors/Sixth Form Stay & Chat, Pyramid Music Competition Winners' Concert, Nursery Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea, Communications Steering Committee meeting and our Reception Taster Morning.

This week, our focus in school has been wellbeing, for everyone in our school community. If you have any feedback or ideas, please let your daughter's Head of Section know.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and keep warm.

Best wishes,

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

BOARDERS' TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

With the end of term approaching, please may we remind you that the travel form that was sent out at the beginning of term needs to be completed by next **Wednesday, 7 March** so that we can make the necessary arrangements for the girls to leave on 23 March.

Please also remember that if you wish to book travel outside of our term dates, you do need to email your daughters' Head of Section for permission, prior to confirming any flight details. Thank you.

NURSERY MOTHERS' DAY AFTERNOON TEA

We look forward to celebrating Mothers' Day with our Nursery parents next Wednesday, 7 March at 3.00pm.

Please let Sarah Hughes, Nursery Manager know if you would like to attend: shughes@moirahouse.co.uk.

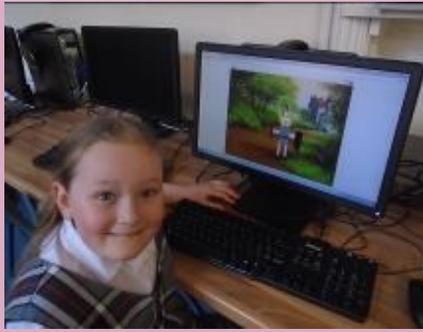
**RACE NIGHT - CANCELLED**

With regret, the proposed Race Night next Friday, 9 March has been cancelled. The cost of any tickets already purchased will be refunded to you.

FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

ICT Club

ICT Club are making great progress in exploring ICT! During the Spring Term, girls have designed bookmarks for the World Book Day competition, created PowerPoint presentations (experimenting with their new skills in making hyperlinks), and made some games. From Knights to Astronauts, some superb adventures are being created by the Lower Prep girls. Once the girls have used the step-by-step guides to produce a game, they will move on to designing their own game from scratch.



ART FACULTY TRIP TO LONDON GALLERIES

Last Monday, Art, Photography and Textiles students from Years 11 to 13 went on a trip to London to visit various galleries. Firstly, we visited the Guildhall Gallery and saw the 'Nature Morte' exhibition. This was a collection of still life art works, featuring work by international contemporary artists including Michael Craig-Martin and Gabriel Orozco, as well as the City's own historic collection.

The next place we visited was the Tate Modern. We had time to discover for ourselves the various exhibits they had on offer. The last exhibition we went to see was at the Hayward Gallery. The exhibition was a display of the acclaimed German photographer Andreas Gursky's work. He is known for his large-scale, often spectacular pictures that portray sites and scenes of the global economy and contemporary life. Overall, it was great seeing the range of artworks which featured many different styles.



Written by Grace Fuller, Year 12

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Pyramid Music Competition
2018
Winners' Concert

Wednesday 7 March
6 pm, Swann Hall

SENIOR & SIXTH STAY AND CHAT

Please remember that parents in Seniors and Sixth Form are invited to stay and chat with their daughter's class teachers and catch up on their progress next Wednesday, 7 March at 5.15pm in the Sitting Room. We look forward to seeing you.

NEWS FROM RACHEL SEKIBO, CHARITY CAPTAIN

I have signed up Moira House to the McVitie's biscuit wrapper recycling programme as a fun way to keep our environment safe and eco-friendly and also an added bonus to raise money for charitable events that we decide to venture in as a school.

Once collected, the wrappers are cleaned to recycled to make new products. I have collected a good amount of wrappers in the past couple of weeks to be recycled and if you would like to make a contribution, there is a collection box in Boston House and School House. All brands are accepted as long as the wrapper has a white inner lining.

I am very open to any suggestions you may want to share and I look forward to hear from you. For more information, kindly visit: www.terracycle.co.uk



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK A

MONDAY 5 MARCH

4.30pm Swimming Gala v Bede's Prep (h)

TUESDAY 6 MARCH

9.00am Reception Class Taster Morning

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH

12.00pm U12A SISNA at Roedean (a)

2.20pm U13A Netball v LOGS (a)

3.00pm U10A & U11A Netball v Vinehall (a)

3.00pm Nursery Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

5.15pm Senior / Sixth Form Stay & Chat, Sitting Room

6.00pm Pyramid Music Competition Winners' Concert

THURSDAY 8 MARCH

WORLD BOOK DAY (Re-arranged)

8.30am Communications Steering Committee

3.00pm U18A & B Netball v Lancing (h)

FRIDAY 9 MARCH

7.00pm MHA Race Night, Sports Hall - **CANCELLED**

SUNDAY 11 MARCH

Boarders' International Evening

WEEK B

MONDAY 12 MARCH

TUESDAY 13 MARCH

12.00pm U15A Netball Tournament, Benenden (a)

4.15pm U14A & B Netball v Burgess Hill (a)

4.15pm Pre & Lower Prep Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

2.30pm U10A & U11A Netball v Brighton College Prep (a)

4.15pm Upper Prep Pyramid Netball

THURSDAY 15 MARCH

FRIDAY 16 MARCH

2.15pm Senior Production, Swann Hall

7.00pm Senior Production, Swann Hall

SATURDAY 17 MARCH

2.15pm Senior Production, Swann Hall

7.00pm Senior Production, Swann Hall

Weekend Trip - Spa Day in Hastings

SUNDAY 18 MARCH

Weekend Trip - Zorbing

IAPS SWIMMING SUCCESS

Last Friday the girls travelled to Ardingly College for an IAPS swimming Qualifier. The girls swam extremely well, with some very close races. Well done particularly to Teni Ogunlesi came 1st in her closely contested race. We will know within the next few weeks if we have qualified for the next round. Well done girls, your performances were outstanding and you were a credit to the school.

FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Eve-Jolie Kerswell, in Year 5, who entered and won the Violin Duet class for the Eastbourne Music and Arts Festival recently, performing a Violin Concerto from Vivaldi's "L'estro Armonico".



Twins, Sian and Carys in Year 9 also competed during half term and brought home a haul of silverware, despite Carys having to withdraw from many classes due to injury. She managed 3 solos out of 11 with 1st, 2nd & 4th place as well as winning the trophy for the highest mark in improvisation. The pair won 1st and 2nd places in their duets and the shield for the highest contemporary mark with Ellie Mizen.



Congratulations to Alice in Year 7 who had a fantastic time at the Eastbourne Festival, being awarded the Aggregate Trophy for the 11 year old age group for her six solo routines.



Olivia, also in Year 7 performed her Modern routine in the first week of the Festival and won her category with 88 marks, achieving also the cup for highest modern mark. Unfortunately, she took a fall down the stairs before her next dances were due and could not perform her solos in the opens, nor her duet. She did however soldier through the 4 group dances that she was in and managed three 1st places and one 3rd place!



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