



Moir House

Girls School

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WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

Last week, Moira House was transformed by an array of colourful literary characters when we came together to celebrate World Book Day.

We started the day with a whole school assembly and girls and staff once again surpassed themselves with a huge variety of costumes, featuring book characters, stories and genres - and we had great fun sharing these. The Sixth Form even managed to represent non-fiction and came as "Historica's Women - 1000 Years of Women in History" and helped us remember many of the great women from history, which was perfect for helping us remember International Women's Day!



Both World Book Day and the publication of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone marked their 20th anniversaries this year. The MoHo staff embraced everything "Harry Potter". There were "Potter" themed literary quizzes, Hogwarts' fare from the kitchen for lunch and dinner, Potions lessons in the Science Labs and Quidditch in the Sports Hall; Harry, Hagrid, Dobby and even a Nimbus 2001 and Golden Snitch were amongst the Potter themed characters represented by the staff and all the costumes made for a very fun day.

The girls were also treated to a story, The Gifts of the Foundation Stone, which was written by Mrs Lewis and read to the girls throughout the day. (This can be found on the Clare West Library section of the VLE).

It was another truly memorable day!



DANCING SUCCES FOR YOUNG ERIN

Congratulations to Erin Hillyer in Year 1. Erin competed in the Hastings Dance and Music festival this week. She competed in three dance sections - Modern, National plus Song and Dance. Erin qualified for the All-England competition with her marks in all three dances, gaining two 2nd places and one 3rd place. Her 2nd place for Song and Dance was a particular highlight since this was a 9 years and under category and Erin is still only 6 years old!



MEET SASHA AND 'BOB THE COB'!

After a difficult year with her previous pony, Sasha in Year 6 now has her new pony, 'Bob The Cob', who is proving to be superb. After only a day of having him, he competed in the 90cm-1m class at Golden Cross Equestrian Centre last week, giving Sasha a double clear round! He then went schooling at Little London Stud last weekend, jumping 1m - 1.15m courses. Sasha and Bob are looking forward to lots of competition success in the future.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Wednesday was International Women's Day (IWD), a big date in the calendar for us as a girls' school. This morning's whole school assembly was brilliantly led by Year 5, who were celebrating women with major achievements. The theme for this year's IWD 2017 is #BeBoldForChange - encouraging people to step up and take ground breaking action to help drive gender equality. It is an active message that is likely to resonate with you; I have on behalf of our school made a pledge for parity on: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/Pledge>; it would be great if some of you were also able to make a pledge for parity on this link.

One of our aims as a school is to develop ambitious, determined, attuned, confident young women with humility and determination, grace and knowledge, combined with a keen sense of justice and what is right and true, taking their place assertively and with self-confidence. On that note, the Old Girls' reunion in Mayfair on Wednesday was a success and we look forward to many of our previous students returning to Moira House to inspire our current students with talks and workshops. To name just a few, we will be welcoming back Shirley Choi, an international award winning song writer, composer and musician, in May and Gina Miller, a business woman and philanthropist, for our Prize-Giving Ceremony in June.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Acting Principal

LEAH IS A MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

This year, Leah has been chosen as one of the "Musicians in Residence" at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

Leah can often be found performing at Eastbourne District General Hospital. Last weekend she performed at the Conquest Hospital in Hastings.

Leah is very proud to represent Moira House in the wider community and she was recently presented with a certificate from the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Michael Foster DL.

Well done Leah!



OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR SAMARA'S APPEAL



We are thrilled to say that we have sent 23 boxes and 17 bags of clothes to the refugee camps in Syria. On top of this we have raised £46 which will be put toward the cost of transport.

A big thank you to all parents, family and friends of the school for the generous donations and a special thank you to the girls for their hard work in screening, packing and carrying all those boxes. Your help and support is invaluable and will make a real and genuine difference. Thank you from Merlin!

PRE-PREP STAY AND SHARE

The Pre-Prep girls welcomed their parents into the classrooms this week to share the work they have been doing this term.



The girls were justifiably proud of their achievements!

The parents seemed equally proud of their girls!



CROSSFIT THROWDOWN!

The Moira House CrossFit competitors took part in their first Throwdown against Roedean School on Monday. The girls proved that they are not to be messed with and dominated the competition placing 1st in both the 4 person team and the 3 person team. Well done to all our exceptional athletes for your determination and camaraderie in this growing sport.



FINAL ASSEMBLY

Following parental feedback, there will be one combined, whole school Final Assembly for the Spring Term, which will be held in the Sports Hall at 11.30 am on Friday 24 March 2017. We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating the girls' achievements for the term.

However, we do ask that **no stilettos** are worn so that we can protect the flooring of the Sports Hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Dr Rebecca Swingle Putland
Director of Outreach & Pastoral Care

BRONZE FOR OLIVIA

Olivia in Year 5 has been working extremely hard and has recently gained her British Gymnastics Advanced Proficiency Bronze Fitness



MILA IS EXCITED TO JOIN US!

Mila is so excited that she is joining us in Year 7 after Easter, that she is already wearing her new uniform!



Mila will be a new boarder. She is Italian and has been attending a school in Dubai.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

U11 NETBALL v VINEHALL

The U11s travelled to Vinehall on Wednesday. The A team played some excellent netball, with good spacing, movement, passing out of defence and through the centre court. Our targets are to develop our patterns of play in our attacking third to ensure the ball is getting to our shooters more effectively. Chloe Crockett had an outstanding game as WD and Sasha Baldwin received Girl of the Game for her strong, attacking play. Our U11Bs worked hard to keep possession against a fast moving Vinehall team who converted their shooting chances with confidence. We had a strong last quarter with goals from Anna Graham and Fleur Quin. Esme Scanlon was Girl of the Game.

U15 NETBALL TRIANGLE

On Tuesday the U15 Netball team played a triangular match against Shoreham and Lewes Old Grammar. The girls won all of their matches and played with fluidity and grace in some very physical games.

Well done girls, you are true representatives of Moira House.

U8 & U9 NETBALL v ST ANDREWS

Our U8 and U9 teams enjoyed matches against St Andrews on Monday. The U9A team fought bravely and had plenty of possession but the accurate shooting by St Andrews made the difference and they won by 4 goals to nil.

Our U9 Bs held a narrow lead until the final quarter when St Andrews secured an equaliser and the excellent game was drawn at 5 goals each. Our U8s played an excellent match, creating space and passing strongly through the court to win the game by 3 goals to 2.

U12 & U13 AT BENENDEN FESTIVAL

On Wednesday the U12 and U13 Netball teams travelled to Benenden, Kent for the INTERNET Netball Festival. The girls played very tactically with excellent skills by all involved. The U13 Team placed 5th out of 11 teams whilst the U12 team placed 3rd out of 11 teams. Well done girls!

U13A SISNA TOURNAMENT

Also on Wednesday the U13A team competed in the SISNA tournament. The girls won their first match against Brighton and Hove High School convincingly. The rest of the tournament was a steep learning curve, but the team carried themselves with grace and dignity even in the defeat. Great Job!

U18 NETBALL v BATTLE ABBEY

The U18 netball team, captained by Frankie Head, played a superb match to beat Battle Abbey convincingly by 19 goals to 9. Amelia Carrington was a commanding figure in the shooting circle, whilst Lauren Davison and Jade Buck kept tight control of space in our defending circle.

Fast reactions and speed through the centre court saw Moira House dominate possession in a well contested match. It was an excellent team performance. Chloe Hughes was awarded Girl of the Game.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**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)

WEEK A**MONDAY 20 MARCH**

9.30am U8/9 Sussex Schools Mini Tennis at Bede's Dicker

TUESDAY 21 MARCH

3.00pm U15 A & B Netball v Brighton College Senior (h)

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

2.15pm U13 A & B Netball v LOGS (h)

THURSDAY 23 MARCH

3.00pm Lower Prep Spring Concert

5.30pm Upper Prep Pizza & Quiz Night

FRIDAY 24 MARCH

11.30am Whole School Final Assembly

1.00pm TERM ENDS

1.15pm Minibuses Depart

2.00pm BOARDING HOUSES CLOSE

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