



# Moirira House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

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#### OUTREACH SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a team building Science Workshop on Monday morning in Swann Hall, which involved competitive stimuli based on science practice. Even Mr Sheridan and Mr Ashby got involved! The girls had a wonderful morning.



#### VISITORS FROM SKIPPERS HILL SCHOOL

We welcomed 21 Year 5 & 6 girls from Skippers Hill Preparatory School on Tuesday to participate in a Textiles Workshop led by Mrs Caroline Cooper. The girls had a fun-filled morning 'test-driving' a sewing machine, and at the end of the morning produced beautiful shooting stars that they are going to hang in their Dining Hall. Thank you to all girls in the Junior School (especially the Year 6 buddies) who made our visitors feel welcome. Skippers Hill had a wonderful day, and look forward to coming back for more workshops.

#### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone for your support at the Sixth Form Open evening, it was a hugely successful evening. Our visitors found the evening to be most informative and enjoyable.



## YEAR 5 GROOVY GREEKS THEATRE TRIP

On Wednesday 24 February (after an amazing assembly performance) 14 excited Year 5 girls, a relieved Ms Sheridan and a happy Mrs Deane walked prudently down the hill towards the magnificent Congress Theatre. As we arrived, Year 5 found the theatre empty as in our excitement, we were the first to arrive. Groovy Greeks was scheduled to start at 10am, and a few minutes later, a lot more boisterous students arrived and the hall filled up.

The show itself was sensational even though only four splendid actors were in it! During the show, there were gory parts (like when they spoke about blood), funny parts (like when everybody was screaming) and interesting parts (like when we wore the 3D glasses).

Overall, it was a stimulating experience and I think it is safe to say, we learnt a lot! Written by Lois and Sophie N.



## UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF KEY STAGE 4

I hope you all had a good half term.

The girls have settled really well into their common rooms and are enjoying having their own space to socialise with their friends. The year 11 prefects continue to do an outstanding job managing the tuck shop and I always enjoy their input at the Key Stage 4 assemblies. The Key Stage 4 forum takes place every B week on a Friday at morning break and your daughters are very welcome to come along.

Finally, the ban on the use of mobile phones other than for teaching and learning purposes throughout the school day remains in place. Please could you remind your daughters of this rule as there have been a few confiscations from girls in year 10 and 11! Madame McNamara

## A MESSAGE FROM MR CUSSONS

I would like remind you that our main school production of 'Anything Goes' takes place next Tuesday 1 March!

It's not too late to get your tickets for the matinee or evening performances from Eastbourne Theatres Box Office 01323 412000.

This promises to be a wonderful feel good show full of song and dance and features some amazing performers from years 7-13. The show is directed by Jeremy James Taylor OBE (founder of the National Youth Music Theatre) and will be accompanied by an amazing professional band. It really is an event not to be missed and it is only on for 2 performances, so please do come and support the show. I look forward to seeing you there!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back from half term. I trust that most people saw the Facebook posts from Bangkok. As well as a very successful presentation at the British Council, I had the pleasure of visiting two girl's schools with approximately 2,500 girls in each. It was lovely to see how girls are just the same no matter where you go. The girls in Bangkok were particularly well mannered, polite and very happy in their schools. Both Headmistresses have expressed a real interest in having links with us and perhaps arranging future visits to us here in Eastbourne.

Year 11 have had a challenging week with their GCSE mock exams. We have tried the Sports Hall as a venue for these and a decision will be taken shortly on whether we will use this for the summer examinations.

The highlight of my week was definitely the Year 5 assembly. The girls were amazing - well done!

If you have been on site you may have noticed that the Equestrian area has been fenced off. This is in preparation for work which is due to begin next week. There should be no disruption to the site during the works and this should continue to be the case through to the completion by the end of May.

I am afraid to report that my plea for courteous and considerate driving and parking has not reached everyone. Parking and related parental behavior has continued to be an issue. Following a rather harrowing experience for one of our mum's, I have now reported the situation to the local police who are looking into the morning and evening parking. I am hopeful that this will bring an end to the poor standards that have been reported by our parents in recent months. The safety of our girls and families is paramount. Poor and dangerous behavior cannot be allowed to go unchecked and it is a pity it has come to this. I am sure you understand and support this measure.

I look forward to seeing you at Anything Goes this week.

Best wishes

Mr James Sheridan  
Principal

Moira House Association  
presents  
**Curry and a Quiz**  
Friday 4 March 2016  
7.00pm in Swann Hall

Tickets £18 per head  
Tables of 8 people  
Drinks for sale

Book by Monday 22nd February. 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

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An amateur production by arrangement with Musicoscope presents

**ANYTHING GOES**

Tuesday 1 March 2016, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm  
**Devonshire Park Theatre**

To book tickets, please call Eastbourne Theatres Box Office on 01323 412000 or book online at [www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk](http://www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk)

## GIRLS SUCCESS AT EASTBOURNE'S MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL 2016

Moira House was well represented at Eastbourne's Music and Arts Festival. The girls received many 1st, 2nd and 3rd places including Medals, Trophies and Certificates in their classes for Singing, Dancing and Music. Well done to everyone involved.



Sofia Oakdon from Year 4, was awarded the Winners Medal in the "Piano Grade 2, any age" and she was awarded a Distinction for her "Piano Solo, age under 10".

## JUNIOR SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY CLUB

There is a great deal of research that demonstrates the importance of the study of philosophy in schools. Since January, the Year 6 students have been able to join Philosophy Club in their activity time. The students involved have been challenged to think deeply about a number of different subjects - from 'what impossible thing should we try to do' to 'are dreams REALLY better than reality?' They have each been individually helped by a student studying Philosophy & Ethics at A Level. The girls in Junior School and Sixth form are buddied up and send messages via their own Philosophy Pot. They met each other and completed a riddle task together. Philosophy is a superb subject for our girls to demonstrate their thinking, and it is always so good to see our students from different year groups working and learning together. Mrs Barber, Subject Leader, Religious Studies.



Senior girls pictured above are Emma Walker, Ellie Mizen, Sian Clarke, Darcie Bennett, Chloe Dain, Carys Clarke, Leah Hallinon and Caitlin Corbett.



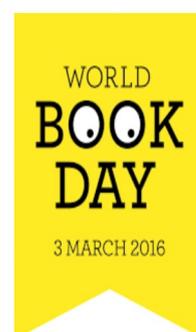
Junior girls pictured above are Jasmine Wright, Cheyanna Beale, Imogen Beale, Alice Granea, Katie Hillyer, Chloe Crockett, Sofia Oakdon, Jasmine Lee, Lucy Leister, Abbigail Leister and Daisy Wheatley.



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS VALLANTINE

A reminder that the Junior Student Council meeting will take place on Monday morning. I look forward to all the girls' comments and suggestions to improve the school.

I would like to welcome Mrs Karkach, Lead TA, to Moira House. She is in charge of Special Educational Needs for all the children from Nursery to Sixth Form. She is mostly based in Dunn House, giving her the opportunity to work with KS3 very closely in the next few weeks.



We are sorry to announce the death of Mr Steve Simpson, who was a former colleague and Science Teacher at Moira House Girls School for 13 years, until his retirement in 2014. His funeral will be held next Friday 4 March at 4pm, in the main chapel, Eastbourne Crematorium.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Monday 29 February

- 8.30am Junior School Student Council Meeting
- 9.00am Senior Production Technical Rehearsal (until 8pm)
- 10.00am U11 In2hockey tournament at Beresford Astro
- 4.30pm U8,U9,U10,U11 Swimming Gala v Bede's (h)

## Tuesday 1 March

- 1.00pm U9 Short Tennis v Bede's, Sports Hall
- 2.15pm Nursery & Reception Mother's Day Tea Party
- 2.45pm U15 Netball v Gildredge House (h)
- 2.30pm Senior Production, Anything Goes, Devonshire Park Theatre
- 7.30pm Senior Production, Anything Goes, Devonshire Park Theatre

## Wednesday 2 March

- 8.35am Pyramid Assembly
- 9.30am French School to visit Year 4 and 5
- 1.30pm U13 Lord Traverners Cricket Tournament hosted by Moira House Girls School
- 2.30pm U10 A and B Netball v Brambletye (h)

## Thursday 3 March

WORLD BOOK DAY in the Junior and Senior School

- 7.00am AS Geography river fieldwork day at Juniper Hall, near Dorking (until 8pm)
- 3.00pm U9 Netball v Skippers Hill (h)
- 3.00pm U18 Netball v Lancing (h)
- 4.00pm Meeting School Knights, Captains, Principal and Deputy Principals, Sitting Room

## Friday 4 March

- 10.00am U13 IAPS Netball Tournament at Roedean
- 10.50am Senior Student Council Meeting, Sitting Room
- 7.00pm MHA SPRING EVENING EVENT in Swann Hall

## Saturday 5 March

- 9.30am Borders Theatre Trip to London West End

## Sunday 6 March

- 2.00pm New York Performing Arts Tour Rehearsal until 5.00pm



### Sainsbury's Active Kids

It's time once again to collect your 'Sainsbury's Active Kids' Vouchers. This offer ends on the 4 May 2016 so don't forget to bring them in and pop in the collection box in the Junior School. These vouchers are different from previous years and come out with the till receipts - so please check and don't throw them away by mistake! Many thanks.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

There were great matches on Wednesday against St Andrews with our U11's winning their match against St Andrews U11B team by 12 goals to 5. Great attacking play and solid defence was followed up with good shooting from Stephanie Vieira and Imogen McNaughton-Ely. Cheyenna Beale dominated centre court and was awarded player of the match. Our U10 A team played a short game against St Andrews U10 A's and narrowly lost a competitive game by 3 goals to 4. Our B's then took on the A's in a short game and fought valiantly, but lost by 13 goals to nil. Lois Harffey-Burkhill and Esme Scanlon respectively were awarded MVP by their opponents. Well done to all!

U13 A, B and C netball teams played St Andrews on Wednesday. The U13C have progressed incredibly well with their centre court play improving each day. The U13B's fought hard and lost a close game. Special mention must go to Amelia Finch-Mitchell for moving up to the B's and working very hard throughout. The U13A team match was nail bitingly close. Although the A's were missing two key players due to illness, Lana Harffey-Burkhill stepped in and helped the team with her strong defensive skills in centre court. At the last minute the U13A's lost 13-11. The regional round of the IAPS netball takes place at Roedean next week. We wish all the girls the best of luck!

More Tennis Success for Amelia Devlin!



Amelia Carrington has been selected to play U16 hockey for Sussex. After being invited to join the Junior development centre. Amelia then progressed to the junior academy where final selection took place out of 80 girls across the County. Amelia will represent Sussex in the county championship games.

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