



# Moirira House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

ISSUE 1 SUMMER TERM 2017

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



We started the Summer Term off with a Pyramid "Eggstravaganza", with girls from Reception right through to the Sixth Form, raising money for Excalibur's chosen charity, the **NSPCC**. The girls competed in their Pyramids to tackle an obstacle course whilst trying to transport egg shaped water balloons safely from one end to the other. Each intact balloon scored points for their pyramid, although they didn't all make it!

The weather was perfect and the atmosphere was buzzing with great fun had by all. Even the staff got involved with a race at the end (finding the temptation to hurl water balloons at each other too hard to resist!) Donations of £1 and additional sponsorship money have been steadily flowing in.

For those still to hand their money in, please remember that the deadline for all sponsorship, is Tuesday 2 May.

Please hand all monies and sponsorship forms into your pyramid head or Mr Kerswell to support an extremely worthwhile cause.

Thank you very much!



### COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

We are initiating a Communications Steering Committee in order to improve the flow of information between school and home. We would like this committee to be comprised of staff and parents.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Dr Swingle Putland at: [rswingleputland@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:rswingleputland@moirahouse.co.uk) or Mrs Sue Graham at: [sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk).

The first meeting will take place on Thursday 11 May 2017 - the time is yet to be decided. We look forward to working with you in this capacity.



**WE WANT YOU!**

### CLASS & TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS - MONDAY 24 APRIL

Our School Photographers, Pret-a-Portrait, will be with us again on Monday 24 April to take Class and Team photographs. Could you please ensure that your daughter comes to school in her correct uniform and has her full PE kit with her. Please note that any equipment required, for example hockey sticks, will be provided by the school. As before, you will then have the opportunity to purchase the photographs via Pret-a-Portraits' website using a unique Sitting ID Reference number.

For any parents of Nursery children, if you would like to bring your child in for group photograph and Monday is not your usual day to attend, please feel free to join us 9.15am in the Sports Hall.

For any further queries please contact Mrs Sue Graham at: [sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

It has come to my attention that some of our Year 9 girls have been discussing a series that they have been watching at home on Netflix called '13 Reasons Why'. This film is rated 18 as the content (some graphic violence scenes and a teen suicide) is inappropriate for younger viewers. As parents, I am sure you are closely monitoring your daughter's viewing on Netflix, however scenes from this series have been shared via social media and on YouTube. There have been a number of articles nationally about this series expressing concerns that it may be a potential trigger for teen suicides and for normalising violent behaviours.

We will address this issue through PSHE discussions in school but I wanted you to make you aware of the concerns as parents so that you can also keep a close eye on your daughter's viewing material both on TV and the internet.

**Mrs Cecy Kemp**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## RIISING TO THE MATHS CHALLENGES

It was great to see so many certificates gained by those girls taking part in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Maths Challenges again this year, despite many of them saying they didn't want to it and then succeeding!

### Senior Maths Challenge

There were 18 entries to the Senior Challenge this year from Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians.

One Gold certificate was awarded to Patty Chai. Patty scored highly enough to gain a place in the Senior Kangaroo where she was awarded a certificate of participation. Two silver certificates went to Vivian Chen and Shirley Chen and four bronze certificates were awarded to Sarah Yip, Kitty Wang, Yasmin Davis, Belly Qu and Rachel Sekibo. Amazing results - well done to all of you!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It was great to see the girls back in school this week. The girls had so much fun, and some healthy competition, with their Eggstravaganza event on Wednesday. Our theme of the week being Joy, this was the perfect event for our girls, our new short stay students and our staff to bond and experience the Moho spirit from the first day back.

It was good to see Year 11 parents at the session about exams last night. Girls in Years 11-13 are all getting ready for their exams, starting next week with Art and Photography for Year 11. This can be a stressful time for most girls and parents, so please do get in touch with staff at the school so that we can support you over the next few weeks.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at the Parent Reps meetings, the Summer Concert and Sports Day.

**Mrs Elodie Vallantine**  
Acting Principal



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH ACHIEVEMENTS

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards were presented to Caitlin Emerson and Amelia Walker and a Bronze Award was also presented to Jane Cheung in Assembly.



Mrs Dodd knows that there are more of you out there who have completed all the sections of the Award, but not uploaded what you have done to the eDofE!

We are looking forward to the Bronze Practice Expedition next weekend. If you require any additional information, please contact Mrs Dodd at: [ddodd@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:ddodd@moirahouse.co.uk)

## SPORTING SUCCESSES

**ROUNDERS** - On Thursday afternoon the U18 and U16 Rounders teams played their first matches of the season. The U18 team played some superb Rounders demonstrating excellence both with the bat and in the field. Lauren Davison led her team well putting in an outstanding performance as bowler. Poppy Horne, Frankie Head and Jade Biss top scored for the Moira Side and the final score was 26 Rounders to Moira House and 8 to Claremont.

The U16 team started nervously but soon settled into their rhythm putting in a solid fielding performance to keep the Claremont sides score down. Jess Brialey and Millie Garner were superb in the field. Lucy Nottage batted with style and top scored for the Moira side and her team convincingly won the match by 11 rounders to 6.

**TENNIS** - Stephanie Vieira, Amelia Devlin, Lana Harffey-Burkhill and Daisy Williams took part in an U16 Tennis Tournament at Bede's on Thursday. They were playing against girls much older than themselves and played extremely well. They played 5 matches in which we won 3 and lost 2 overall.

Our 1st pair of Stephanie and Amelia won 4 out of 5 of their matches, hitting hard and working well as a team. Our 2nd pair started slowly, but as their confidence grew and they settled down really improved with each match they played. Well done to them all. Stephanie also won the 'Fair Play' award receiving a cap, towel and T-shirt.



## A 'ROCKING' EXPERIENCE FOR ELLIE

Ellie Mizen recently attended the Gibraltar International Dance Festival, having been selected to represent Sussex. Only one dancer is selected from Sussex and Ellie was the only dancer from the UK to attend the festival. She was very successful achieving one 1st, one 2nd and three 3rd places against some very tough competition. The standard of dancing was incredible and as well as her own dancing, Ellie really enjoyed watching different and very talented dancers from Italy, Spain and Gibraltar.

## MORE DANCE SILVERWARE FOR OUR TALENTED GIRLS

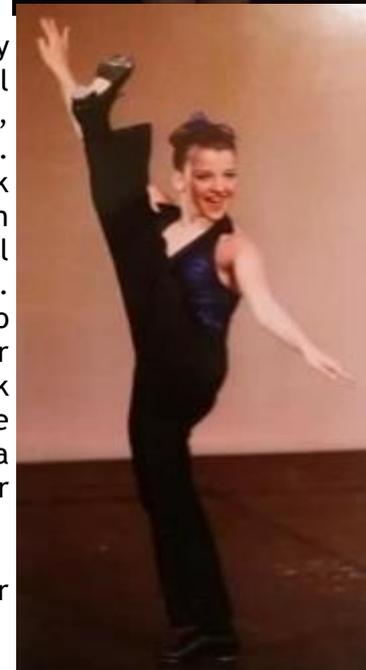


Congratulations to Alice in Year 6 who competed at the Wallington Dance Festival in the holidays and gained four 1st places, two 2nd places and one 4th place, as well as winning the Junior Aggregate Trophy!

The Clarke Sisters, Sian and Carys, have also been busy during the holiday. They competed in the Sussex Festival of Performing Arts & had a very successful competition, winning Gold and Silver medals as well as a fourth place. Carys won the Song & Dance Trophy with the highest mark of 88. The girls also competed in a Greek Festival and won

through Greek final solo group dances. Sian & Carys also recently auditioned for the Tap Attack Company and were successful in gaining a place on their associate programme.

Well done to all our amazing girls !



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Week A

## MONDAY 24 APRIL

**\* CLASS & TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS (PE KIT ESSENTIAL) \***

- 8.00am Parent Reps Meeting, Senior & Sixth Form  
 1.05pm U9 Mini Tennis Tournament v Bede's (h)  
 5.30pm Equestrian Meeting

## TUESDAY 25 APRIL

- 10.00am U10 Sussex Tennis Tournament at Bede's Dicker  
 2.30pm U15 Cricket v Claremont (a)

## WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL

- 1.00pm U13 Rounders Tournament, Bede's Dicker  
 2.30pm U11 Rounders v Skippers Hill (a)  
 2.30pm U13/U12B Rounders, Bede's Prep (a)

## THURSDAY 27 APRIL

- 8.00am Parent Reps Meeting, Lower & Upper Prep  
 1.30pm U18 Sussex Schools' Tennis, Bede's Dicker  
 1.45pm Junior Maths Challenge  
 3.00pm U18 Rounders v Lancing (h)  
 3.15pm Volleyball v Michael Hall (a)  
 7.00pm Yr 6-13 Summer Concert, All Saints Chapel, Meads

## FRIDAY 28 APRIL

- 8.00am Parent Reps Meeting, Nursery & Pre-Prep  
 9.00am Upper Prep, Senior & Sixth Form Sports Day at Eastbourne Sports Park  
 2.15pm Pre-Prep & Lower Prep Sports Day, New Field, Moira House

## SATURDAY 29 &amp; SUNDAY 30 APRIL

Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Expedition

## MONDAY 1 MAY

Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

## TUESDAY 2 MAY

- 10.00am U9 Sussex Schools' Tennis, Bede's Dicker  
 2.30pm U15 Rounders v Bede's (a)  
 4.15pm Pre-Prep Open Parent Coffee, Sitting Room

## WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

- 2.30pm U11 Rounders v Bede's (a)  
 2.30pm U13B Rounders v Skippers Hill (h)  
 2.30pm U13 Tennis v Roedean (a)  
 5.30pm Year 5 & 6 Parents' Meeting, Marchants Hill Trip

## THURSDAY 4 MAY

- 1.45pm U18 Rounders v Bede's (h)

## FRIDAY 5 MAY

External Exams Start

- 10.00am U11 Sussex Schools' Tennis, Bede's Dicker  
 5.15pm Years 3-8 Open Parent Drinks, Sitting Room  
 7.00pm Gig Night, Swann Hall

## SPORTS ROUND UP

It was a busy term for our athletes over the Easter holidays. Mary Oakenfold competed in a dressage competition at Golden Cross doing very well in her age group on her horse, Murphy.



Maddy Drury attended a National Triathlon qualifier at Loughborough where she placed 6th in the swim and 5th on the bike out of 60 competitors. Her placings qualified her for the National Super Series taking place on 5 May 2017.

Amelia Devlin competed in two high level tennis tournaments over the holidays and won both her tournaments very comfortably, ranking her 38 in her region, and 138 nationally. Well done girls for some great efforts over the holidays.

Gabriela Pacheco-Lagoda in Year 3 took part in two tennis competitions, achieving a first place in Brighton Withdean 9U and 3rd Place in Cross-in-Hand Grade 5 9U.

Gabriela also had some great tennis experience in Poland where she had the chance to meet with young players who were inspired by Gabriela's determination and discipline during training sessions.

She was called "role model" for the children of Lobez in Poland. She was certainly very proud of herself and we are very proud of her too - very well done Gaby!



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