



# Moir House

## Girls School

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#### SPORTS DAY 2017

Sports Day took place on Friday 28 April for all of Moira House. The Upper Prep to Sixth Form Sports Day took place at the Eastbourne Sports Park, where girls were able to show off their talents in a very professional setting. Many new records were set throughout the day with Carys Clarke jumping a phenomenal 1.4m in the high jump. Pegasus won the day overall, inching out Excalibur by 1 point!



The Pre-Prep and Lower Prep Sports Day took place in the afternoon and great fun was had by all. There were some outstanding displays of athletic prowess with Imogen Devlin winning her long distance races in style. Vulcan took the overall win, pipping Merlin to the post. Thank you very much to all staff and parents for their support.



#### BERRY'S BIG WALK

Sheer determination and an amazing spirit, saw Berry Taylor complete her ambitious charity walk from Eastbourne to Bexhill, in 3 hours 26 minutes, walking 10.13 miles and completing 23,379 steps!

Two representatives from the charity, [www.youraisemeup.co.uk](http://www.youraisemeup.co.uk), who had recently lost their own son in a road accident, met her at the end with pink balloons, a confetti banner and a soft toy. Miss Burt was also there to give her support. In next week's newsletter, we will be able to let you know the total amount raised by donations to Berry's Big Walk.

Anyone wishing to donate to Berry can find the site by using: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GwenTaylor2>.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Well done to the 16 girls who completed their practice Bronze expedition last weekend. The girls walked from Butts Brow in Eastbourne, camped overnight in Polegate and then finished their walk in Herstmonceux. They learnt a lot and are now ready for the assessed expedition at the end of this month.



## U9 SUSSEX SHIELD TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the U9 Tennis teams who won the U9 Sussex Shield Tournament at Bede's School on Tuesday!



There was some marvellous play and outstanding sportsmanship from all the girls involved.

Many congratulations to the 3rd place team of Abigail Lester, Daisy Dunton, Tea

Neill and Eve-Jolie Kerswell, as well as our Overall Championship winning team of Gabriela Pacheco-Lagoda, Izzi Putland, Romilly Smith, and Ffion Carnell. Well done girls, you are on a roll!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I have been at the BSA Heads' Annual Conference in York this week which proved to be an extremely valuable opportunity for Moira House to be showcased. There is a great deal of evidence to show that girls who are educated at Boarding Schools have increased resilience, confidence and are better equipped for future life - this is what we aspire to for all of our girls.

Our girls are going to need to draw on all of these skills as we progress in to the exam season. They need to be calm and not distracted. Last minute 'cramming' is less important than a good night's sleep. As parents, you might be interested in the OurPact app which allows you to limit your daughter's screen time by blocking internet access and app access.

You will have received your invitations to Founder's Day and the Annual Golf Tournament this week, so please ensure that you reply to those and I look forward to seeing many of you at these and other events throughout the term. Ball Girl practice has commenced in readiness for the AEGON International Tennis Tournament at Devonshire Park in June.

I am particularly looking forward next week to the Pre and Lower Prep Performing Arts Recital and the MHA meeting. If any parents would like to learn how they can get involved with the MHA, please do join us for the meeting on Thursday at 7 pm.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine  
Acting Principal

## ANYONE FOR TEA?

A wet Bank Holiday Monday gave us the perfect excuse to introduce our Columbian Visitors to the finer details of a traditional English Afternoon Tea. Under the supervision of Mr Wakefield, the girls spent some time preparing and cooking afternoon tea scones.

The girls enjoyed getting their hands dirty in the floury mix and learning about our traditions before sitting down together at tables covered by white linen tablecloths, with steaming hot tea,



very fresh homemade scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam!

Many thanks to the Catering team for sharing their secrets.

## SAVE THE DATES

You will have received your invitations to two of our annual Summer events this week:

- Golf Tournament on Friday 23 June
- Founder's Day / Summer Ball on Saturday 24 June.

This year the Summer Ball is available to Year 11 and Sixth Form Students, although any Year 11 girls, must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.

Please make sure that you reply to these emails to book your Golf entry, Founder's Day lunch and Summer Ball tickets.

Payment must be returned with the Reply Slip to the Finance Office by 5 June 2017, at the latest.

## SASHA AND BOB FLYING HIGH!

Sasha Baldwin in Year 6, competed at Felbridge Equestrian Centre last weekend.



She excelled in the 80cm-90cm class and came fourth out of over 70 riders, most of whom were much older than her. Well done Sasha and Bob the Cob!

## TIA-LANA ON RADIO 4

Tia-Lana in Year 7 recently recorded her part in a new Radio 4 series, Tumanbay. This is now on air every Tuesday at 2.15pm, after The Archers.



This is a multi-character epic of political intrigue set in the fictional city of Tumanbay, at the heart of a vast empire, which is threatened by a rebellion and a mysterious force devouring the empire from within.

The setting is inspired by the Mamluk slave dynasty of Egypt.

## SIGHTSEEING IN THE CAPITAL AND BEYOND

Our Short Stay Columbian visitors are taking every opportunity to absorb themselves into the British culture and way of life; they have only been here for one week but already have been to Beachy Head and enjoyed ice creams at Birling Gap!

Last weekend we went sightseeing in London on the London Eye and learned about medieval history in the London Dungeon. The girls are also looking forward to cultural trips to Brighton and Oxford.



## LITTLE SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to this week's Pre and Lower Prep Superstars, who received their awards in Assembly.

Keep up the good work girls!



## EXAMS

As exams begin in earnest next week, may we remind you that any students who are not doing three days of internal exams will be following the week 'A' timetable. This applies to Year 7 and Year 8 on the Wednesday.

Good luck to everyone taking exams - keep calm!

## PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

We are so proud of all the girls who took their Musical Theatre exams yesterday. They achieved 100% Merits and Distinctions!

Please remember that there is just over a week until the Upper Prep and Seniors production of Annie at Devonshire Park Theatre.

There are two performances on the day at 3.00pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets are available in person

from the Box Office, by telephone (01323) 412000 or online at [www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk](http://www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk).

## CHARITY CLOTHING COLLECTION

We have a charity bag collection service coming to school on Friday 16 June. The company 'bags2school' collects our donations of clothes and shoes, and in return gives us money to donate to a charity of our choice.

If you are Spring Cleaning your wardrobes, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Please do not send any donations in yet - we will contact you know nearer the time and let you know when collection bags are available.

Many thanks for your support.

## SUMMER UNIFORM UPDATE FROM PRE AND LOWER PREP

Although the weather has turned cooler of late, summer is approaching and so this a reminder about our summer uniform requirements. Summer uniform for the girls consists of the tunic, a short-sleeved white blouse and plain white socks (no frills please), grey jumper and school blazer.

Some girls have already moved over to summer uniform following the Easter holidays and this is fine, whilst some girls continue to wear long sleeved shirts and long socks on colder days. **Summer uniform should be worn by all girls from half-term onwards.**

**ROUNDERS**

This week the U13B team played a highly competitive rounders match against a strong Skippers Hill side. The Moira House girls fielded well in both innings with Lily Jenden and Sian Clarke taking good catches. Accurate and consistent bowling from Emma Walker (girl of the game) kept the Skippers Hill score down to just 9 rounders.

In a very exciting final innings we managed to win the match 13 - 9!

On Tuesday our U15 and U14 Rounders teams played against Bede's School. Both matches were played well and fielding was fierce and some excellent catches were made. Both matches were closely fought and final results our U15s lost 7.5 to 9 and our U14s lost 4.5 to 11. Moving forward both teams are keen to practice and develop their game plan.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****WEEK A****MONDAY 8 MAY****TUESDAY 9 MAY**

3.00pm U15 Cricket v Gildredge House (a)

**WEDNESDAY 10 MAY**

2.30pm U11 Rounders v Burgess Hill (a)  
 2.30pm U13B Cricket v Claremont (h)  
 3.00pm U13 A Cricket v Gildredge House (a)  
 3.00pm Pre & Lower Prep Performing Arts Recital

**THURSDAY 11 MAY**

8.15am Communications Steering Committee Meeting  
 1.45pm Standard Bearer's Lunch at The Grand Hotel  
 3.00pm U18/16 Rounders v Buckswood  
 5.00pm Year 6 Parents' Reception  
 7.00pm MHA Meeting

**FRIDAY 12 MAY**

4.00pm Optional Year 11 Study Leave commences

**WEEK B****MONDAY 15 MAY****TUESDAY 16 MAY**

3.00pm & Year 6-12 Production of Annie, Devonshire Park Theatre  
 7.30pm  
 4.30pm U15 Rounders v Mayfield (a)

**WEDNESDAY 17 MAY**

8.30am Pre-Prep Parents Assembly, Swann Hall  
 2.30pm U11 Rounders v St Andrew's (a)  
 U13 Rounders v St Andrew's (h)

**THURSDAY 18 MAY**

3.00pm Year 11-13 Crossfit Throw-down  
 4.00pm U9 Rounders v St Andrew's (a)

**FRIDAY 19 MAY**

12.00pm King Asia Pop-Up Kitchen Demonstration  
 2.00pm U12/13 Sussex Tennis Tournament, Bede's Dicker

**SATURDAY 20 MAY**

Upper Prep, Senior & Sixth Form Academic Scholars Trip to Arundel Castle

Last week the U13B Rounders team played a match against Bede's. In freezing cold conditions our girls made a tremendous start to the match making it very difficult for the Bede's girls to score. Accurate and consistent bowling from Lauren Freitas and athletic fielding from Grace Russell helped the Moira side keep the Bede's score to just 2 rounders after the first innings. Our girls put in an equally strong performance with the bat and Grace, Jemima, Rebecca and Emma all hit the ball well. The Moira House side ended up winning the game comfortably and are looking forward to their next match.

Congratulations to our U13A Rounders team who played Gildredge House on Wednesday. The girls teams played very well with some great bowling by Megan Lee and solid fielding from Darcey Russell. We came out on top, by winning 13 to 2. Great Job!

**GYMNASTICS AWARD FOR OLIVIA**

Well done to Olivia McMullen from Year 5, who has just achieved the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award Advanced Level Bronze in Floor.

Olivia trains very hard and shows great dedication to her sport. Very well done!

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!**

Improve your gardens with our first batch of properly composted MoHo horse manure and grass cuttings, it's ready to go!

This organic resource is FREE to staff and parents, but please provide your own bags!

If you would like some manure, please email our Stable Manager, Miss Aspinall at:

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