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PRE AND LOWER PREP PERFORMING ARTS RECITAL

On Wednesday, we held a Performing Arts Recital for members of Pre and Lower Prep. We were treated to a mixture of instrumental, singing, dance and choral items and all the girls gave very confident and polished performances. It is wonderful to see the breadth of talent in our Pre and Lower Prep girls and it is always exciting for me to see the girls beginning their journey as performers. Thanks to all the performing arts staff and parents who helped prepare the girls.



ANNIE AT DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE

Final rehearsals are in full flow for the Upper Prep and Seniors production of Annie next Tuesday, 16 May at the Devonshire Park Theatre.

I really think we have a very special and talented cast. Jeremy James Taylor OBE is directing the show. Jeremy who runs the National Youth Music Theatre has been very impressed by the skill and talent of our girls and I think it will be a great production.

We are also delighted that Keltie Tomlinson is choreographing, following on from her work on last years' 'Anything Goes' production and our own Mr Cousins will be conducting the show. We are looking forward to hearing the professional orchestra which is made up of West End musicians! We hope you have all purchased your tickets by now, but if not, they are available from the Eastbourne Theatres Box Office on 01323 412000. Bring your family and friends for a great night out! The girls really deserve great audiences to appreciate their hard work and dedication. We look forward to seeing you there!



NEWS FROM PRE-PREP

The Pre and Lower Prep girls have finally been able to enjoy some new play equipment which we recently purchased for use in the finer weather! Hopefully, they will get plenty of opportunity to play with it this term. Please do remember to send you daughter into school with a sun hat for outdoor play.

In other news, may we remind you that we are looking forward to welcoming parents to our **Pre-Prep Assembly on Wednesday 17 May at 8.30 am** in Swann Hall.



PERFORMING ARTS EXAM SUCCESSES

We are delighted that our girls have done so well in the recent Musical Theatre exams, achieving 100% Merit and Distinction grades.

Special mentions go to Megan Clarke and Jade Fenton who both achieved Grade 6 Distinction and Sorrel Jordan who gained Grade 8 Distinction. We are extremely proud of all of you.

CELEBRATING YEAR 11

In Wednesday morning Assembly we celebrated the Year 11 girls. Josie, Helen, Leah, Mona and Raphy opened the assembly with live music. There was a lovely Powerpoint display set to music showing photos of all the girls. Mrs Standen showed archived photos of some of the girls from when they were in Reception at school. To conclude, teachers shared memories and some of their favourite anecdotes with the girls.



Staff and Year 11 are also looking forward to sharing a BBQ together on Friday. We wish all the girls well in their forthcoming exams, and look forward to welcoming many of them into the Sixth Form to continue their Moira House journey.

A TWIST FOR TIA IN LONDON THIS SUMMER

We have received the fantastic news that Tia-Lana in Year 7, has been chosen to play the lead role in Anya Reiss's adaptation of Charles Dickens 'Oliver Twist' at the prestigious Regent's Park Open Air Theatre in London.

Tia is very excited to have the opportunity to play 'Oliver' and to perform in this theatre, which won London Theatre of the Year at the Stage Awards in January.

She will start rehearsals mid June and will perform on various dates between 17 July - 5 August.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I hope you have had a chance to read our inspection reports. We have picked out the key quotes for us and I thought I would share those with you:

Academic

Pupils of all ages have an extremely positive attitude to learning.

As they grow older, pupils increasingly develop leadership in their learning.

Pupils are most attentive in lessons and apply themselves well.

Pastoral

Personal tutors, who provide clear guidance over any personal difficulties and help them talk through their options at important points of transition.

Leadership

An atmosphere of mutual respect pervades the school, actively promoted by leadership and managements that set clear standards and expectations.

Performing Arts:

Pupils' achievements in the performing and creative arts are outstanding due to the many opportunities on offer both in the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Resilience

The resilience of pupils is developed through the performing arts and on the sports field; pupils understand that they learn through working out what they could do better rather than dwelling on defeat.

SEND & EAL

Pupils with SEND and EAL make particularly strong progress due to the high quality of support provided for them.

Boarding

All pupils benefit from the collaborative attitudes of the boarding pupils and the diverse cultural experiences they share.

EYFS

Children in the EYFS make particularly strong progress, nurtured by staff who know them well.

All children make strong progress in relation to their starting points. They are extremely well prepared for their next stage of education with excellent development of communication and social skills, which help them to interact confidently with other adults and children.

Children's learning is skilfully supported and extended by staff who know the needs of the children exceptionally well.

The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding.

The outcomes for children are outstanding.

I look forward to seeing you at The Devonshire Park Theatre next week for Annie.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Acting Principal

SENSATIONAL SWIMMING SUPERSTARS

Last Saturday, 11 swimmers from Moira House went to the IAPS National Swimming Finals at the K2 in Crawley. The girls swam their hearts out putting in some amazing performances. Many of the girls swam two years underage, which is a fantastic feat. The Small Schools Relay Team of Cameron Taylor, Romilly Smith, Fleur Quinn, Sophie Naish, Sophie Stevens, Olivia McMullen and Zoe Whittington placed 7th in the country!



Michaela Taiwo placed 7th overall for her 25m Butterfly, Beth Cook placed 5th overall for her 50m Freestyle, and Teni Ogunlesi placed 4th overall missing out on medals by 0.01 sec for her 50m Freestyle!

Great job girls, you are truly inspirational representatives of Moira House.

STANDARD BEARER'S LUNCH AT THE GRAND HOTEL



Our Standard Bearers were treated to lunch at the very prestigious Grand Hotel, Eastbourne this week, in recognition of their service to the school.

The girls looked radiant in their formal attire and displayed the finesse expected of a true MoHo girl. The food was exquisite, and with the beautiful sunshine, location and company, it was a fitting celebration for a year group that have been phenomenal both academically and pastorally.

SCHOOL BLAZERS

If your daughter is going to require a new school blazer for September, please could you let us know as soon as possible, with her size. We have to order the blazers directly from Stevensons and there is a 3 month lead time to receive them. Equally, if you will be selling a second-hand blazer, could you also let us know and we can sell this for you through the school shop. Please send your requirements to: admissions@moirahouse.co.uk

PARADISE DRIVE ROADWORKS

We are sure that many parents are affected by the current road closure across Paradise Drive, which is a major access route to Moira House. We have contacted the Highways Department who have informed us that the road closure has been requested up to 23 June, although they are hoping to have the work completed before this date.

East Sussex Highways and South East Water are collaborating on a project to replace the drinking water mains which run underneath the road.

GREEK DANCE FESTIVAL

Last weekend Ellie Mizen, Emma Walker, Sian Clarke, Carys Clarke, Chloe Crockett, Daisy Wheatley and Keiana Hollobone took part in The Classical Greek Dance Festival Final in Stevenage.

The girls danced brilliantly and were awarded two group trophies.

A special mention goes to Emma Walker who gained 3rd place in her solo.



FESTIVAL TROPHIES FOR OUR DANCERS

Several of our girls have been involved in Dance Festivals recently and have made off with quite of haul of silverware!

Congratulations to Beau Hagan, Katie and Erin Hillyer and Olivia Cole have been competing over the last three weekends at



Chatham and Swale Dance Festival. Erin achieved the highest mark in her age category and Katie came home with four trophies. These were for the highest mark in her age category in song & dance, national and her quartets. She also won the aggregate trophy in the 13 and under category.



Olivia won one silver and two gold medals in both the groups and modern solo. She was also awarded the Modern Cup for the highest modern mark across four age categories, beating off some very strong competition to achieve this great accolade.

Beau placed in all six of her solos, achieving 1st, 2nd & 3rd places and winning the Classical U19 Duet Cup. Well done to all of you.



U11 ROUNDERS v BURGESS HILL

Our U11 rounders teams enjoyed great rounders matches at Burgess Hill this week. Our B team had a close game but finished with 10½ rounders to Burgess Hill's 14½. Hannah Petherick was awarded Girl of the Game. Our A team were dominant in the first half of their match, with solid fielding and some good batting. Burgess Hill staged a comeback in the second innings with some powerful batting but Moira House managed to contain the threat and won the game by 14½ rounders to 12½. Well played!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**WEEK B****TUESDAY 16 MAY**

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

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
3.00pm 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

WEEK A**MONDAY 22 MAY**

5.30pm Swimming Gala at Ardingly

TUESDAY 23 MAY

12.15pm U13A & B League Tennis v Bede's (h)
3.00pm Year 10 Tennis League v Hurst (a)
4.00pm Pre-Prep Stay & Share Afternoon
4.30pm Y2 Transition meeting

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

Year 10 Educational Visit to Drusilla's Zoo
2.00pm Year 8 Tennis League v Bishop Luffa (h)
2.30pm U13 Cricket v Roedean (a)
2.30pm U11 Rounders v LOGS (h)

THURSDAY 25 MAY**FRIDAY 26 MAY**

9.15am Years 1 & 2 Seaside Walk
4.00pm **HALF TERM COMMENCES**
4.15pm Minibuses Depart
5.00pm Boarding Houses Close

SATURDAY 27 MAY

8.00am Equestrian Event, Felbridge
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Expedition departs

SUNDAY 28 MAY

8.00am Equestrian Event, Horsham
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Expedition returns

U18 ROUNDERS v BUCKSWOOD

Yesterday the U18 A and B rounders teams played against Buckswood School. Both of our teams played some outstanding rounders. Tahlia Winn bowled well for the A team and strong batting from Poppy Horne helped the A team to a 22-5 win. Hannah Rich was the star of the show for the B team, scoring numerous rounders. Abbie Ring and Jade Biss both bowled well and the B team won a very close and exciting game 15 rounders to 14. Well done to both teams.

STAFF v GIRLS ROUNDERS

Straight after their match against Buckswood, our U18A team played their last game for Moira House against the staff.

In a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining game the U18A team demonstrated why they are unbeaten in 3 years by fielding strongly and beating the staff soundly by 18 rounders to 10! Thank you to everyone that played.

MORE MEDALS FOR GABY

Gaby was victorious at a tough Tennis Tournament in Brighton last weekend.

It was a very strong tournament where she played against competitors with much higher ratings than her. Her desire and determination to succeed helped her to win all 5 out of 5 matches.



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