



U19 2nd XI Kent Cup Football Final:

Bexley Grammar v Bexleyheath, 24th May 2011

The Year 12 Football Team competed in another exciting Kent Cup Final earlier in the term. This followed their joint Kent Cup win with Kemnal TC earlier in the year; following a 1-1 draw after extra-time in the Under 17 Final. Local rivals Bexleyheath were well matched opponents. The pitch, at Charlton Athletic's training ground was a good surface and suited BGS' style of play well. Despite that, both teams found it difficult to break the other down in the first half. Adam Smith and Ryan Flack dominated the middle of the park, and the defence looked solid. The breakthrough came when Man of the Match Lee Bulling completed a superb skill to beat a defender before a pin-point cross for Steadman Calender to finish in the top corner. Captain Alex Jones made crucial saves throughout the game, before BGS made some pressure count with a Bexleyheath own goal from a crossed free-kick.

The game threatened to be abandoned after an ambulance was called to the pitch for an injured player on the opposing team. Fortunately, the injury was less serious than first thought and the final 10 minutes could be played. It was a tense affair, but BGS held on to win the game 2-1, and finish the season with an unbeaten record.

The team have been superb all year, playing attractive football with an excellent attitude. All players deserve credit, but a special mention goes to Alex Jones for his superb captaincy, and Ryan Flack whose outstanding play during the U17 final led to a call up to the Kent U18 Squad. Congratulations to all players (1 - Alex Jones, 2 - Matthew Phillips, 3 - Tom Foot, 4 - Adam Smith, 5 - Daniel Hutton, 6 - Charlie Elves, 7 - Steadman Calender, 8 - Ryan Flack, 9 - Lee Bulling, 10 - George Hutton, 11 - Oli Akinwunmi-Ladega, 12 - Ryan Gough, 13 - Robert Johnson, 14 - Danny Harris, 15 - Stuart Sowah). *Mr Rosenthal*

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 14th June ~ UCAS information evening for Year 12

Saturday 18th June ~ Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Monday 20th June ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July-Friday 8th July ~ 'Singing in the Rain'

Thursday 14th July ~ Speech Day

Friday 15th July ~ Year 7 Diploma Celebration & BBQ

Wednesday 20th July ~ Last Day of Term

Bottle Tombola

The office ladies are again planning to hold a Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fayre and we would be very grateful for any donations of different types of 'bottles' – filled obviously! Our stall was really successful last year and we had lots of fun.

Contributions could include wine and spirits as well as perfume and bath products, re-filled jars of sweets, savoury sauces etc – the possibilities are endless.

If you have anything to donate, the ladies on Reception will be pleased to receive your contribution.

Thank you from us all.

Mrs Kendall



PE Notice

Bexley Grammar School Sports Awards (Key Stage 3 & 4), Wednesday 29th June 2011, 15.30-17.00, School Hall.

Invites will be given to award winners in the next week for the annual sports awards. Parents/guardians of award winners will also be invited. We would be very pleased to see you if you are able to attend.

Mr Rosenthal



Greece 2011

On 27th May, some of you may have noticed that a couple of people were walking round school in bright yellow tops and shorts. This is because we were going to Greece for our Water Sports Trip. We left promptly at 3:30 for Heathrow airport. We were facing the 3 hour journey from Heathrow to Athens airport, then a 3 hour journey to Galatas by coach. We finally got to the harbour and caught a foot ferry to Poros. When we got to the hotel we were assigned our rooms and then set about deciding who got the best bed. This took a while. But soon we were being led down to the place where we would have all of our meals.

On the first proper day we had we settled in and then did activities straight after lunch. We did snorkelling and kayaking, Greek language and cooking. Our group had the luck of doing snorkelling and kayaking first for two days, and then we swapped over to do language and cooking. On Monday we split into two groups. Half went for a walk around Poros town and half went for a bike round in the mountains. Then we swapped and did the other activity.

At night we were told that we were going to have an extra activity...Greek dancing. The singing was also Greek. We didn't know how to Greek dance but there was a generally relaxed atmosphere and Chris Goring definitely showed off some of his moves.

On Tuesday, we did more exciting activities. Then we went shopping in the evening. It was a nice cool night and everyone was happy shopping for souvenirs to remember their adventure. We all caught the foot ferry back at around 10:30 and all of the girls were singing Justin Bieber and the Phineas and Ferb theme tune.

The next day we had extra activity time. We had the choice to do ringos and parasailing. The ringos were a huge hit and everyone got soaked. And the parasailing was quite thrilling being pulled along by the boat. And this day hadn't even finished. We then proceeded to a local club to have a disco and everybody had a good time.

On the Thursday morning we had some very competitive games in a triathlon that included kayaking, swimming and running. Our group came second which was really good, and in the afternoon we had a series of heats of volleyball. Unfortunately no-one beat the teachers and their celebrations were definitely something to remember. In the evening we had an award ceremony; people were given prizes and certificates for things that they had done

throughout the trip. For example Marco got a certificate for his dress sense and Felix got an award for 'Born Leader'. Then after lunch at 1:00 we began our journey back home. Everyone enjoyed this great trip. *Conor Robertson 8KAS*

Fanfare

During the Spring term, all of Year 9 spent 6 weeks composing fanfares to be entered into a national competition for students aged 11-14, run by the **Royal Opera House**. The idea was that students study the purpose of fanfares, what effect they have and then compose their own 30 second fanfare for any event of their choosing (this could be something as obvious as a Fanfare for the 1st day of the holidays, or as eclectic as a fanfare for your toast popping out of the toaster – whatever caught their attention and imagination!).

The Music department would like to congratulate in particular **Thando Parker, George Luck and Joe Kelly** from **9H**, whose fanfare was shortlisted as one of the top 30 entries from over 400 entries! They did fantastically well, and we would like to congratulate them all. *Miss Swadkin*

British Sign Language

Congratulations to Eleanor Healy (Year 13), who has been shortlisted in the category of Learner of the Year for the 2011 Signature Annual Awards.

We wish her well in the regional finals. Winners for each region will be announced on 15 June and will be in the running for national Learner of the Year, to be announced at a glittering awards ceremony in November. *Miss Bobin*

Notices

Year 12 Reminder ~ UCAS Information Evening is on Tuesday 14th June at 7pm in the School Hall. *Mr Gilmore*

School Council ~ There will be meeting for Year 10 prefects and all Year Reps on Wednesday 29th June. Please come to H8 at Academic Monitoring.

School Nurse ~ Can all BCG consent forms handed to Years 7 & 8 please be completed and returned (via Reception) asap.

Parents' Association

Discounted Adventure Island Tickets

Last chance to buy tickets before the summer holidays, details and form available via Parentmail distributed just before half term. We will also be selling Adventure Island tickets at the Summer Fayre.

Last Reminder for Grand Draw Raffle - Summer Fayre

The draw for the Summer Grand Draw and chance to win £100 Bluewater vouchers in addition to other amazing prizes is less than two weeks' away. Please send completed ticket counterfoils to Finance Office in the envelope provided marked PA Summer Grand Draw. If you would like more tickets, please contact Denise at sewcraftydenise@talktalk.net. Tickets will also be on sale at the Summer Fayre.

Summer Fayre ~ Plant Stall

Have you got any plants you could donate to a stall being run by Year 7 parent Bridgette Laws? If you don't manage to bring them into reception next week, just take them along to the stall on the day of the fayre, before 10.30 if possible.

Matched Funding Update - £376 Donated

We are very grateful to parent David Cast and the company he works for (Citigroup) for coming up trumps with matched funding for our Quiz Night in March - this brought in an extra £376! If your company has a corporate social responsibility programme that includes matched funding or other contributions to registered charities, we'd love to hear from you: sewcraftydenise@talktalk.net

BGS Summer Fayre and Sports Day - Saturday 18th June 2011

Our annual joint Sports Day and Summer Fayre is nearly upon us! On Saturday 18th June, **students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 will attend school from 9.30am until approximately 2.45pm**. Parents, friends and Years 11 and 13 are welcome to join us from 10.30am until approximately 2.15pm but please note that there will be no parking available on site. Please remember to plan for the day off in lieu on **Monday 20th June** when the **school is closed**.

There are now over forty stalls, many of them traditional, some refreshingly new. Glancing down a list, I see everything from face painting to crockery smashing, sumo wrestling to Human Hoopla, not forgetting the annual dog show. A programme will be available at the gate for 50p and stalls will be charging anything from 10p to £1. Three World Challenge teams will be raising funds for their exciting trips to India but all the rest of the stalls are fundraising for the Parents' Association.

Please join us to support your son/daughter both at the Fayre and at the Sports Day track events, finishing with the relays towards 2.00pm. There is stiff competition between the Houses, as ever; the day promises excitement for all!

Please be aware that your son/daughter should be prepared for spending most of the day outside. Students are welcome in their own clothes (at no charge) but are being encouraged to support their House colours. **Students should have a hat, sun cream and a bottle of water for the day**. The canteen will be serving lunch as usual (cashless and cash transactions welcome) but there will also be a range of world foods available, a tea shop, ice creams and, of course, there will be Mr Crowley's famous barbecue!

We do not anticipate poor weather, but in the event of sustained torrential rain the school will decide on the appropriate course of action after morning registration.

Mrs R Mallin
Assistant Head