



Year 7

On our 2nd ECM day of the Autumn term, Year 7s took part in two challenges about Enterprise and Fairtrade. First we were shown a video on how unfair it can be for Farmers in poorer countries, and then we were told about our first challenge. We were to manufacture different shapes to a certain size, colour it and take it to our country's Continent bank and exchange it for money or resources to make more shapes as at the beginning we were only given 3 colouring pencils, 1 pair of scissors, 1 piece of paper and a ruler. But unfortunately it wasn't that easy. Every few minutes a 'Market Report' would be announced that, say, the price of squares had gone down to £10 but a new microchip using Octagons had been discovered so that would be £200! At the end of this challenge we were told that the winning team with the most money after subtracting all the money spent and damage costs (rubbish on the floors around or table) would not be revealed until the end of the day.

Before we had break we were told about our next task, we needed a bag of materials. If you were in the Africa or Asia continents you were a poor country, so you got a plastic bag with little materials in it. Although if you were in Europe or USA you were a rich country so you got one big bag with materials and a plastic bag inside with more materials. Now after our break we got on with the job. First, you needed to decide what you were going to make and how you would make it. Then the leader needed to decide what everyone's job was. Finally, you needed to make it. The materials we were given and were all the same in our continents. All our products were completely different. For example we made toys and another team made a handbag. We had up until lunch to complete those tasks and the winner would be announced after our lunch. After lunch we had time to prepare a presentation that would be shown to the Special Guest judges - Mr Welsh, Mr Crawford and a lady from the volunteers that came along. When the winners were announced it was that Tennessee won the shape manufacturing challenge with about £23,000, and for the product making challenge, Uganda won for making a brilliant drink holder. We all really enjoyed ECM day and the activities. Thank you! Maya Kirby and Jack Davis, Year 7

Forthcoming Events

Monday 13th December ~ School Production

Tuesday 14th December ~ School Production

Friday 17th December ~ Last Day of Term

Tuesday 4th January ~ 1st day of Term

Thursday 6th January ~ Year 12 Parents' Evening

Rescheduled School Production

A Midsummer Night's Dream and A Christmas Carol are now being performed to the public on Monday 13th December and Tuesday 14th December.

The show starts at 7pm and finishes at 9pm. Tickets are: £2.50 students and £3.50 adults.

If you already have tickets they are transferred to the following dates:

Wednesday tickets are now automatically on Monday 13th

Thursday tickets are now automatically on Tuesday 14th

Mrs Mitten & Mr Otley

▲ Midsummer Night's Dream & A CHRISTMAS CAROL



"This Christmas Eve, you will be Visited"

Merits

Congratulation to Maya Kirby, Aaron Harrex (7EP) Joseph Cast, Roberts Grogan (7MTR), Ella Tournes and Tilly Whrlan (7KLB) who have all achieved 50 merits.

Keep up the good work.

Mr Crawford

Notices

Year 12 IB English Presentations ~ The standard presentations will now take place on Monday (13th) and higher presentations on Tuesday (14th). Mr Baker

All Ecuador and Peru (2010) World Challengers ~ If you still have a tent at home please give it to Miss Fairbairn- these tents now belong to the school and are needed on a Duke of Edinburgh trip soon after Christmas.

Please bring them in before the end of term.

Thank you!

World Challenge India and Himalayas 2012 Up-date ~ The teams have been compiled and all students should look at the board between M2 and 3 to find out team information and any up and coming fundraising opportunities.

Teacher leaders will meet with their teams in the next few weeks.


If challengers want to fundraise in school, they should check plans with their teacher leaders **and** Miss Fairbairn **before** going ahead.

If there are any questions concerning payments, fitness, or administration please contact World Challenge directly.

T-shirts will be distributed soon!

Miss Fairbairn

Year 12 students thinking about medicine ~ We are starting a non-fiction reading club for students interested in medicine and related areas. Our first book is *Better*, by Atul Gawande (easily available in paperback). Because of snow delays, we will be meeting to discuss it on the first Thursday of next term, so there's plenty of time to get hold of a copy and read as much as you can. (It gives an excellent and highly readable introduction to medical ethics.) Ms Stoddard



Bullying? **Homework?**
Trouble at home?

School worries? **Pressure?**
Need help?.. **Any problems?**

Then come and speak to our friendly Peer Mentors because they are here to help you!

Or you could email them confidentially at: BGSPeerMentor@bexleygs.co.uk

Just look for the white Peer Mentor badge!

Morrisons Let's Grow Promotion ~ A big thank you to everyone who supported us this year by collecting Morrisons vouchers. We collected just over 3000 and have been able to order lots of goodies including a wheel barrow, potting tray, secateurs, broom and potting compost. In addition, because we had collected so many vouchers, we were awarded two free apple trees which will be planted down near our pond area.

Thank you again.

Pat Hamilton (Science technician)

This is the final newsletter of 2010, next week the Christmas edition of the School magazine will be handed out.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th December

Next Wednesday the Canteen will be selling Christmas Dinner for a heavily subsidised price of £2 per person.

This will include a full hot meal and pudding. If your child normally has a packed lunch and does not have an account set up but wants to take up this offer they may purchase a ticket in advance at the Finance Office. The ticket must be produced in the Canteen on the day to obtain their meal.

This will be the only hot meal available including a vegetarian option. Various sandwiches and rolls for those that do not wish to have a hot meal will be available.

