



Night of Shakespeare

Following on from last week's report on Macbeth we are proud to announce a 'Night of Shakespeare'. Performances are on December 1st, 3rd and 4th, 7.30pm – 9pm. Tickets are available from the Finance Office at break and lunch times. They are priced at £2.50 for children and £4.00 for adults.

We are extremely proud of the quality of these productions and are certain you will have a very entertaining night and will see a great deal of talent.

Miss Wrightson

Year News

An interview with Mr Welsh ~ Budding reporters Jennifer Milliams and Aidan Rye from Year 7 interviewed Mr Welsh this week. This is their report:

Mr Welsh was brought up locally with dreams of becoming a famous rock singer! X Factor awaits! Alas he was hopeless at playing the drums and decided instead on becoming an English teacher.

He supports two football teams, Charlton because it is local and his grandfather used to support them and Liverpool because they used to win a lot.

At weekends Mr Welsh walks, relaxes, reads, visits relatives and looks after his mother-in-law of 96. He also helps his brother on the family farm.

He most admires people with strong convictions and faiths and his proudest moment was to be honoured with the role of Headteacher of Bexley Grammar School. When he retires, Mr Welsh wants to travel, in particular to China.

And finally, the secret is out!!! Mr Welsh watches X Factor! "So who do you want to win"? we asked. Mr Welsh's answer "Someone who can sing and not the silly twins so I think Joe will win".

This was Jennifer Milliams and Aidan Rye reporting from Mr Welsh's office on a cold Thursday lunchtime in November.

Congratulations go to James Green 7APB for winning double gold in the Karate championships this weekend. Well done on a successful day.

Mrs Kemp

Congratulations go to Matthew Ward 7APB for reaching 50 merits. Well done! Please can I also remind Year 7 students to let myself and their tutor know when they receive 50 merits so they can be entered into the prize draw to win an iPod. Work hard to gain those merits!

Mrs Kemp

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 24th November ~Governors' Briefing – The IB and its Ethos for Years 10 & 11

Monday 30th November ~ **Inset Day**

Wednesday 2nd December ~ UCAS deadline

Friday 4th December ~ Deadline for 6th Form Applications

A big well done also goes to Rosie Thackeray, Stephanie Rooney, Sarah Fathers and Sajana Karunagaran 7APB for an outstanding performance at the Bexley Conference on Tuesday 17th November. They represented the school within the Bexley Borough working on tackling the theme of bullying in schools. They all produced an impressive performance and were a real credit to themselves, the year group and the school. Congratulations girls!

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Wieck

Following the Year 12 Wingsofhope Assembly last term, I would like to inform Year 12 students that due to popular demand WOHAAs have decided to extend the registration deadline for 2009. Students will now have until Sunday 22nd November to register their WOHAAs teams. If there are still students who were thinking of registering a team but have not yet done so, you now have more time!

Signing up is quick and easy. All the students need to do is visit our student website at www.wohaa.co.uk and fill in their team's details on the entry form. They can then begin their fundraising.

Good luck to all those students entering teams and please keep the weekly newsletter informed of your fundraising events!

Mrs Leffen

Sports News

Year 11 Basketball ~ After a convincing win over Dover Grammar the boys continued their winning ways on Monday 16th November by beating their Nemesis side Erith. Over the last two years the boys have stumbled at this hurdle but this time they blew away the opposition 83 – 20, when 35 points were scored in the final quarter alone!!! After the game the boys were buzzing and looking forward to the next round in the Kent Cup and the following games in the League, so nominating a player of the match was hard work. In the end four players stood out just above the rest; Shai Ebanks for

his rapid scoring at the start of the second period which got the team going, Lee Bulling, for his tireless efforts up and down the court linked with some sublime passing, Joe Breslin for his 18 points, 12 blocks and 6 assists throughout the game and finally Ade Olagbaiye who single handedly scored more points than the entire Erith side with 22 points!

Well done to all the boys, this was truly a good performance and here's looking to a 100 point game which can't be far away!

Mr Boyle

The under 14 girls' football team beat Northfleet girls in a convincing 6-0 win last Tuesday. Player of the match was Emma Corby. They now have to play Bexleyheath in the quarter finals in December. Well done Girls. Mrs Haslam

Notices

The Geography department are running revision, coursework and homework help sessions every Wednesday from 3.05 until 4pm. Sessions will be covered by prefects and Geography staff. This is open to all year groups for help. Mrs Rock

KS3 BOOK CLUB ~ The first book we'll be reading is 'The Blood Stone' by Jamila Gavin.

We'll be talking about this book and anything else you've been reading in our next meeting in M20 at lunchtime on 26th November. Ms Casey

A very big thank you to students in Years 8 and 9 who donated to the Mary's Meals Backpack Project. The charity supports children in developing countries by providing them with school equipment and clothing. Students at Bexley Grammar have shown great generosity – thank you. (see photo below)

Miss Taylor



Exams

Year 13 IB Mock exams take place from Wednesday 9th December to Friday 18th December inclusive. Students should already have received copies of the timetable and study leave letter ~ copies of the updated timetable can also be found on the BGS website under 'Letters Home'.

Mrs Gianakakis

Academic Council

The Academic Council has been full of activity during these past few weeks!

Just before half term, a group of Academic Council members visited Dover Road Primary School to lead discussions, and create a questionnaire with pupils from Years 2 – 6, regarding improvements that could be made to behaviour at the school. Those who took part found it to be a highly rewarding experience, and they hope that their help will benefit the school. In recognition of their hard work, they received a card from the staff at the school, and were personally congratulated by Mr Welsh.

In addition, members of the Academic Council have been improving student learning closer to home! Several of our members have been busy observing lessons to assess student learning, and how it can be improved in the classroom. Although many of those who took part were admittedly nervous, at first, about the prospect of reporting their findings back to the staff, they felt that their Ofsted training greatly helped them, and will definitely volunteer to observe lessons again.

Well done to everyone involved!

Quote of the week:

"Learning is not a spectator sport." - Anonymous

Parents' Association

Parent Survey – 30th November Deadline

Christmas Shop – Helpers wanted for 3rd to 11th December lunchtime and after school in the canteen