



Children in Need

Can I say a massive thank you to everyone for showing their spots and helping to raise lots for Children in Need, by doing something different and getting sponsored.

We had Thulasi Srikanth being a good Samaritan all day, Sophia McBride speaking with a French accent all day, Peter Smith (and his translator Tony Chambers) speaking Russian all day, Katherine Beeching endlessly baking (she managed to raise an amazing £66.20 on her own), all the Year 7 and 8 students baking and bringing in cakes for the BGS Bake Off. Thank you to Mrs Coldicott and the Food Tech team for their bake sale, and to you all for getting involved, and also thank you to everyone who sponsored our students and bought their cakes! Please can I ask that all sponsorship money and donations are collected as quickly as possible and paid into the Finance Office by Friday 9th December.

Mr Harris

Charities Update

As before, we offered the students a choice of charities this year for their £1 non-uniform money. The votes have been counted and checked, and we will shortly be sending off £117 to UNICEF and £114 to the NSPCC. We have also been able to give our new BGS Carers Support Group a starting fund of £117. If you would like any more information about the BGS Carers group, please contact Mrs Haslam in the SEAN department.

The total for Children in Need, including all of our extra collections, donations, sponsorship, bake sales etc., currently stands at £1,331.57. Please can I ask that all outstanding monies and donations are handed in to the Finance Office by 9th December, so that we can finalise our Children in Need total and send this off.

Many thanks again to everyone for getting involved and helping make such a great day.

Mr Harris

Bollywood Night

It was a great night to raise funds for the World Challenge 2012 team. There was Bollywood singing live by Riya, Bollywood dancing, and a great disco to finish.

Everyone was dressed in colourful Bollywood style which added to the atmosphere of the evening.



There was a Henna artist creating beautiful Mehendi art and selling bindis. The photographer took photos of the guests against the backdrop of the Taj Mahal which was superbly hand printed.

The members of the BGS Parents' Association and the World Challenge 2012 team did an excellent job to organise the event.

Riya Das, TCJW

Thanks for Bollywood

Many thanks to everyone who attended last Friday's Bollywood Dinner Dance, either as guest, performer or helper.

Look out for a full report and pictures in the next edition of the PAper, due out next week.

Parents' Association

Year 9

Year 9 has already had a busy start this year and we're definitely in need of the break that's coming up. We've had two big House activities, two ECM days, a significant increase in homework and we're all working towards a competition about NHS careers.

On top of all this, we have our other commitments and hobbies to do. The sets that we've been put in have given us a new view to school life as we're surrounded by different people. A new year has provided a new take on school life. We're a bit busier, but I'm sure that we can find time for everything.

Year 9 Prefects

Well done to Oluchi Ezeh 9TM for becoming a Year 9 prefect. I am sure she will be a valuable member of the team and we look forward to working with her.

Mrs Gradley

Sports News

On Tuesday 15th November, the U-14s girls' football team played their fourth match in the league at Erith Secondary School. We were up against stiff opposition in the form of Chis & Sid, who like ourselves hadn't lost a match yet. The girls played excellently with a thumping 6-0 victory!

Goals from Bianca Bastos Figueiredo (3), Maddie Wright, Sasha Williams and Megan Doughty secured our best victory to date. Well done to all the girls who played, it was a splendid team effort. Special congratulations to Megan Doughty who was awarded Player of the match for her great skill and wonderful individual goal. We remain equal top of the league, and look forward to our next match.

Mrs Haslam

ECM Day

Last Wednesday (23rd Nov) saw the school's second ECM day of this year, with a real mix of work and a huge variety of events. Sue Morris has taken some wonderful photos which are on Fronter and they show a real flavour of the day,

Year 7 ~ enjoyed an Enterprise day; working in small, cross form groups on a project to design a postal system for use in school. Students really enjoyed the day, especially presenting their 'pitch' to judges, and their evaluation shows both enjoyment and learning. The winning team of Ellie Barnes, Alex Tyler, Jenetha Raveendran, Ayomikun Olagbaiye, Eleanor Jenkins, Joseph Hearn, Rasheedat Bishi and Jordan White was chosen by Mr Welsh and they will be providing a Christmas postal service in school for Years 7, 8 and staff, with proceeds going to great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. I hope staff and students will support this worthwhile cause and full details will be provided soon.

Year 8 ~ spent a day working on careers knowledge and staying safe. We were fortunate to have expertise from the local 'safer neighbourhoods' team', the police and Drugline to give students excellent lessons and a clear understanding of how to stay safe. Students enjoyed the 'understanding alcohol' lesson, especially the quiz and 'line of lash' task, as well as the external speakers.

Year 9 ~ were also working on careers, through an ICT programme called 'fast tomato', considering the Olympic values through lessons and PE, as well as working with Bexley Womens Aid and school staff on relationships and anti-bullying. Students enjoyed designing anti-bullying lessons for their peers and some of these will be used in future PSHCE sessions.



Year 10 DT students 'dressed' and ready to go on the factory tour.

Year 9 Olympic values
– 'blind sport'

Year 10 ~ Students spent the day working on a variety of chosen study themes. For many this meant trips out of school. DT students went to Coca Cola in Sidcup, IGCSE Geography students collected fieldwork data in Bexleyheath and Bluewater, German students went to an exhibition of German art and then to a Christmas market, a group of students visited the City of London and others participated in a team building day at Arena Events in Flimwell.

All students and staff who went on trips reported that it was an excellent day full of fun and learning opportunities. Students who stayed in school worked on a drama production, food technology, textiles and art. A group of students volunteered to do community work and decorated a toilet block – now very bright, colourful and much improved!

Year 11 ~ spent the day looking forward to life in the Sixth Form. They met and spoke with current Year 12 students about life in the Sixth Form, heard from Mr Handscombe and Mrs Longman (careers advisor) about how to make sensible subject choices and thinking forward to life after school, completed their work experience feedback and visited 4 subjects of their choice to see what is involved at IB and A level. Students responded well and enjoyed the chance to engage with subject staff and current Year 12s and think clearly about their option choices.

Year 12 ~ spent the day working on social and team building skills as well as time with an excellent motivational speaker who encouraged students to be self-motivated.

Year 13 ~ students were split: IB students stayed in school to work on their group 4 projects; A-level students were out on a number of different trips to London which

included the Metal Exchange, V & A museum, Natural History museum, Courtauld Gallery, London Bridge Experience and Houses of Parliament, giving students a chance to extend their knowledge and understanding in interesting environments.

As always, none of the above could happen without the hard work and commitment of all staff, and I thank everyone for the time and effort that goes into making ECM days such a success. *Ms Rock*

Notices

Year 12 students ~ there are 4 more spaces available for the New York trip running in October half term 2012. Please see Mrs Mitten in Drama for letters.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 8th December ~ Christmas Concert at St John's Church

Friday 16th December ~ Last Day of Term

Christmas Lunch

Christmas dinner will be available to all pupils on the 14th December at a heavily subsidised rate of £2.00. Please ensure that your son/daughter has adequate funds on their account to enable them to purchase this meal on that day.

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. Various sandwiches and rolls for those who do not wish to have a hot meal will be available.

Menu

Roast turkey
Roast potatoes
Peas & carrots
Brussels sprouts
Stuffing
Yorkshire pudding

Vegetarian

Country vegetable pie
Roast potatoes
Peas & carrots
Brussel sprouts
Yorkshire pudding

Desserts

Pick one from the following

Christmas pudding & custard
Mince pie & custard
Chocolate fudge yule log

