



For the last six years Mrs Young and I have run the after-school Let's Get Cooking Club. The theme of these sessions has been "Healthy Eating Around the World". We have adapted recipes from many sources, including free supermarket magazines. Our most successful dishes have represented countries as far away as America and China.

The emphasis on healthy eating has influenced our choice of dishes, we use fresh raspberries in flapjacks and high-fibre pulses in Lamb Tagine and Beef and Bean Balti. The most unusual recipe was Vegetable Crumble, it attracted the most comments as it sounds very strange but is absolutely delicious! The runaway favourite has to be Italian-style Turkey Meatballs with Tomato and Herb sauce and pasta.

Let's Get Cooking has been enjoyed by an estimated 400 children. Each followed a course of four to six weeks, taking with them a recipe book to use and add to in the future. Some of the sessions have had a different format, with parents joining in.

A regular feature has been our annual Burns' Supper. The students have prepared Scotch Broth and gone on to taste Haggis, Neeps and Tatties while listening to Mr Morris reading a selection of Robert Burns' famous poems, including Address to a Haggis. Recently, Year 10 students have joined us for cookery masterclasses in order to build on their food preparation skills.

Wednesday 29th June was the end of an era; the last club session. Wednesday afternoons will never be the same again.

I would like to be the first to wish Mrs Young a very happy retirement. I am sure that all previous club members will join me in sending their best wishes too.

Mrs Coldicott



Mrs Young

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 14th July - Speech Day

**Friday 15th July – Year 7 Diploma Celebration
& Barbecue**

**Tuesday 19th July – Year 7, 8 & 12 reports
issued to students**

Wednesday 20th July – Last day of term

Our Girls Race For Life

Congratulations Anna Roach, Tania Morton, Chloe Archer, Rachel Belsham, Fern Woodhouse, Harriet Dawkins, Natasha Allen, Kathryn Clark, Erin Bullions, Winnie Hoi, Katie Falconer, Christine Tang and Abhirami Kamalanathan for completing the 5k Race for Life along with Ms Ramsden, Mrs Leffen and Ms Stoddard. We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated and supported us.

We joined thousands of other women running for loved ones on Blackheath in the scorching heat to raise money for cancer research. Each of us had a strong reason to keep going, many of us were running in memory of Natasha's Mum who I'm sure would have been very proud. It was a touching and emotional day for everyone but I think we'll all definitely take part again next year.

Kathryn Clark and Natasha Allen



Year 10 Rounders

Monday 4th July, saw the Year 10 Rounders team make their way to the Borough Tournament at Blackfen School for Girls. Our team has won this title for the past two years and we were keen to retain it as Bexley Rounders Champions. We were drawn in Pool B and with victories over St Catherine's School and Cleeve Park and some extremely impressive fielding work, St Catherine's were bowled out in 12 balls and scored only one rounder. The girls were through to the Final against our old rivals Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School.



We had set ourselves some pretty high targets for the final and were very dedicated to the cause. Charlotte Long and Charlotte Harris both showed some fantastic catching and striking skills, whilst the team as a whole played outstandingly well and won by 20 rounders to 5½. The girls were fantastic and thoroughly deserve the title of Champions of Bexley Borough (for the third year). Beth Nobes was voted player of the tournament following her faultless performance on second post.

Ms Leffen

Drama Club

Drama club is run by Sixth Form students for students. It takes place every Thursday from 3.15 to 4.15 pm in the Drama room (J16) and aims to create a fun, creative atmosphere outside of lessons to help improve dramatic skills. It was created by the A-level drama students (Nicci Contento, Sarah Back, Katie Clark, Faye Howe, Bethan Austin, Natalie Aylward, Claire Newcombe, Sophie Ray and Munashe Muza) and is led by them too. For example, games are directed by Bethan and Natalie. The club does activities that differ from classroom tasks as it is not restricted by curriculum, such as listening to a piece of music and creating a short devised piece to fit with it. All Years are welcome, and although it was only started a few weeks ago the numbers have been rising. It's a great opportunity to just do drama, and meet new people. So come along to J16 at 3.15 on Thursday and give it a go.

Nicci Contento (Y12 Drama Prefect)

Merits

Congratulations to Eloise Mankerty, 7FOM, on achieving 150 merits

Mr Crawford

Messages from the PA

This is your last chance to buy tickets for the Golf Day on 1st August (forms are due back to the Finance Office by 15th July please).

Year 7 parents - please send back your 15th July Diploma Celebration & BBQ requests to the Finance Office by 11th July.