



## School Pantomime

On Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> the atmosphere backstage of the school Pantomime was pulsating with energy. We had done it. After three months, we had finally managed to put a successful show together and perform it to a crowd of expectant parents, waiting to see their little angels blow the audience away.

Standing in the busy corridor I recalled how it all began – it had been my first day in Bexley Grammar as an external student (my first lesson actually!) that my IB drama class were told that we were going to be writing and directing the school Panto as our first project. Needless to say I was terrified, but little did I know I was about to be launched head-first into one of the most remarkable experiences of my life.

In that busy corridor on Friday, students were running up and down from the dressing rooms trying to get costumes away pronto. Everyone was exhausted after two days of performance; but high-fives were flying around faster than Peter Pan came to the rescue; and standing at the side of the hall with rubbish bags, we were congratulated many times about the quality of the performance. It's just a shame that we were only involved in that part for about thirty seconds!

Nevertheless, I felt incredibly proud of all the cast members – both in my bit and not. Over the rehearsal period everyone was a sheer joy to work with and my IB group and I can now say we've had an experience very few people have had. We created a show from scratch.

Huge thanks must go to Mrs Mitten for costume and working closely with us during the initial devising period and

## Forthcoming Events

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last day of Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ First day of Term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January ~ Year 12 Parents' Evening

final stages; Mr Otley, Miss Woodcock, Miss Bartlett and Miss Palmer for putting in a tremendous amount of work organising and helping out the rehearsal phases. The show would have been impossible without them all.

One part of me is relieved that we get to come home on time every day now instead of rehearsal, but another part of me will miss all the amazing people I got to work with for such a long time. This Pantomime was a whole lot of work, but it was the most fun I've had in a long time.

*Adam Bligh-Hasan, Y12 IB Theatre student*

## Christmas card postal service for Years 7, 8 and staff

The Year 7 team that won the Enterprise ECM day challenge (Ellie Barnes, Alex Tyler, Jenetha Raveendran, Ayomikun Olagbaiye, Eleanor Jenkins, Joseph Hearn, Rasheedat Bishi and Jordan White) are running a Christmas Postal delivery service in aid of Great Ormond St Hospital. Stamps are on sale at break and period 5 lunch in the foyer (10p and 15p) with post-boxes available in the foyer, G2, L2 and the staff room.

It would be great if staff and Year 7 & 8 students could support the team and this worthwhile cause.

*Ms Rock*

## Bin-it-to-win-it

Alfie Cromarty and Roberts Grogan (both in 8MTR) are the winners of the first bin-it-to-win-it prizes, and both received £10 of Amazon vouchers this week.

In order to stand a chance of winning please throw empty plastic bottles into the new grey recycling bins – writing your name on the bottle – winners are drawn at random.

*Ms Rock*

## Key Stage 3 Book Club and Art Department Competition!

The Key Stage 3 book club and the Art department are holding a competition to design a new book cover for The Lord of the Flies and you can get involved!

**Who:** Anyone in Year 7, 8 or 9

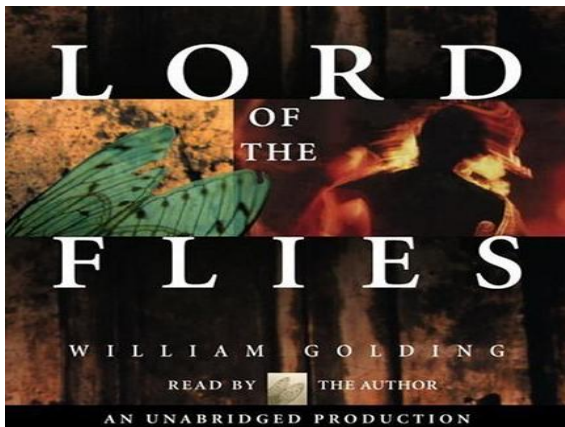
**Deadline for competition entry:** 6<sup>th</sup> January

**What?** Design a new cover for The Lord of the Flies by William Golding

In celebration of William Golding's centenary year, Faber and Faber and the Guardian are calling on young artists to create a brand new look for The Lord of the Flies novel cover. For more information have a look at the website below:

<http://www.readinggroups.org/offers/young-people-invited-to-redesign-lord-of-the-flies-cover/>

For any more information please see Miss Woodcock in the English office or Mr Gilmore in the Art Dept.



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be available to all pupils on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at a 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.

## Merits

Well done to Georgina Leeson (7CJW), Evie Booker, Osarumwense Ediae, Shyon Gredley, Ainhoa Luque, Georgia Staden-Laing, Alexander Sutcliffe (7EFM), Amir Akhtar-Gordon, Eris Nishku, Andrew Polston, Isobel Spanton (7LJP), Zachary Bouzidi, Jennifer Ma (7MYL), Ethan Cheung, Isabella Harvey, Abigail Marus, Harrison Pring, Andres Ramirez, Stephanie Tame, Ashok Thavanesan (7SMA) on reaching 50 merits.

Congratulations also go to Jenetha Raveendran (7EFM) and Mobolaji Kuti (7SMA) on achieving 100 merits.

Keep up the good work.

*Mr Pullen*

All names will be added to the draw for an iPod

## Japanese Calligraphy Club

We are looking to start a Japanese Calligraphy Club in the New Year.

Open to Years 7-11, knowledge of Japanese not essential.

12 places are available.

Please collect a letter from the Languages Dept. if you are interested.



## Christmas Concert

Congratulations to all involved in last night's Christmas Concert at St John's Church. Around 200 people heard a magnificent array of musical talent and an uplifting evening was had by all. Special guests were pupils from Marlborough School who almost stole the show!

A more detailed report will follow in the New Year.

*This is the final newsletter of 2011, 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.*