



# NEWSLETTER



## THE LANGUAGES LOCAL TO YOU

University of Exeter ran an exciting photo competition in March and several BGS students took part with great enthusiasm. The contest focussed on showing languages other than English in their local areas - shop signs, bilingual street signs, film posters, advertisements and so on. We submitted our top 3 entries before the Easter holidays, alongside over 100 schools across the country.

Huge congratulations to Nimrat Matharu (8REL), whose submission was selected as one of the top 25 by the judges and to Lev Griffin (8CPB), selected as a national runner-up for the competition and who won a £25 Amazon voucher as a prize!

Thank you to all our participants for the wonderful submissions, we look forward to taking part again next year.

***Miss Giglione, MFL Department***

Scroll to page 2  
to see the winning  
entries.



# Congratulations!

## Congratulations– BGS U16 Girls' Kent Cup Champions

We were delighted to watch our brilliant football team produce a fantastic performance in claiming the U16 Girls' Kent Cup last week against Farringtons at Bromley FC. The sun was shining on the players and their large group of supporters: teachers and staff from school and lots of families and friends. It has felt like a long wait for this game after a semi-final win over Ravensbourne back in January.

Scroll to page 3 for the full match report.





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The photo shows signs jostling for attention on a cold day on Welling High Street, including one for a Chinese food supermarket with Chinese characters displayed on the shop sign, a language I am currently learning in school.

***Lev Griffin, Year 8***

**Congratulations!**



Nepaliese is not a language I speak, but it is commonly used within the area I live in. Many supermarkets, corner shops, etc. are owned by Nepalese people. People who work in these shops also speak Hindi, which allows them to communicate with other Asian people from places such as India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The picture above is a money transfer shop which allows others to send money to a specific place abroad. In addition, this shop includes jewellers and clothes shopping but it only has these things for those who are natives of Nepal.

***Nimrat Matharu, Year 8***





BGS were in control from the start of the game, dominating possession and territory and limiting Farringtons to only brief periods without pressure on their goal. The best chance of a close first half was a fierce shot from Freya Bucksey that was very well saved by the Farringtons goalkeeper who was excellent throughout the game.

By contrast our goalkeeper, Hannah Batt, had very little to worry her, as Freya, Chloe Box, Isabel Lilley and Scarlett Barber did a tremendous job throughout the game making timely challenges and clearing the ball to safety when required. Freya played superbly as captain, and was a commanding presence as she relieved the Farrington attackers of possession time and time again, before calmly bringing the ball out and starting BGS counter-attacks.

Those attacks were initially led by Gracie Speak, who looked threatening down the left hand side of the pitch, while Lily Hewitt dominated the middle of the field and produced a number of powerful shots that helped build confidence amongst the BGS girls. Emily Atkinson and Summer Hewitt worked really hard up front and put a huge amount of pressure on the Farringtons defenders, never giving them time to settle on the ball. Freya Bibby, who struggled with a foot injury but bravely played on, also showed glimpses of her prodigious talent as she worried the Farringtons full back on her side.

Despite BGS being in control, the first half finished with the scores tied at 0-0. The tension in the stands was palpable, with families and supporters both finding the pressure difficult to bear.

Early changes in the second half saw Mya Fewell and Daisy Rowland come on to provide some fresh legs and Daisy in particular caught the eye as she made an immediate impact with constant pressure and aggressive runs. Daisy finally broke the deadlock with a brilliantly measured finish into the bottom corner of the goal for a 1-0 lead.

Neve Morgan had produced a typically solid first half, reliable and tenacious, but became more prominent as the second half continued and produced our second goal with a strong run and cross into the box, which could only be turned in at the back post by the Farringtons defence for an own goal.

The second goal eased much of the tension, and with only ten minutes remaining it seemed unlikely Farringtons could play their way through our formidable defence. Then it was the referee's whistle, cheers, handshakes, medals and a big trophy.

This was a well-deserved win for a team that has won lots of games since Year 7. We are hugely proud of them, and we're sure they will inspire many of the younger footballers in the school.

Well done girls.

**Mr Lines, Head of PE**







## Come and Support Our Year 11 Boys' Football Team on Thursday 12th May

The Year 11 Boys football team recently beat St Columba's in the North Kent Cup semi-final. They will now play Bexleyheath Academy on Thursday 12th May at 5pm. The game will be played at Cray Valley (PM) - The Artic Stadium, Middle Park Avenue, Eltham, SE9 5HP. I know the boys would love your support, so it would be great to see you down there to cap off an excellent 5 years of football for them at BGS. Congrats to all of the squad:

Aidan Wicks  
Leo Ridge  
Riley Woods  
Oli Knight (c)  
Mason McKenna  
Dayo Sijuade  
Dillon Walton  
Obi Igwe  
Arinze Chukwejekwu  
Eman Eyin  
Jonny Lawson  
Liam Hutchings  
Dexter Gilchrist  
Ilkan Aydigun  
Malachy Turner



***Mr Martin, PE & History Department***

## Icons and Legends



### The Spring Concert: Icons and Legends!

There were definitely many iconic and legendary songs that night! This concert was filled with performances of all types and ranges- there's always something for everyone here at BGS. All of the musicians that were included played/ sang amazingly and it was an amazing night.

It's such a breath of fresh air that these events can happen again, even though the pandemic rid us of this experience for a while. The atmosphere was amazing and it was a day to remember, for sure!

Make sure to look out for the next concert- we all can't wait!

***Deya Dimitrova, Year 9***



## Titschen

For the first time ever, along with my classmates, I took part in the Annual Titschen Competition. Titschen is the German name for an egg fight, in which painted/coloured eggs clash together in an "arena". After a short countdown: drei... zwei... eins... tisch!" the 2 eggs collide with each other. One will inevitably crack and one will stay strong.

My experience of Titschen in school was amazing! Even though I did not win, I enjoyed it very much as the tension rose throughout the competition.

Congratulations to Billy for winning the competition and I hope we will be able to take part in this tradition again next year.

***Kristian Nachev, Year 7***

On the morning of Friday the 22nd of April the most epic Annual Titschen Competition the world has ever seen took place. The hard boiled eggs were dressed to impress many in the colours of the German flag and one particularly dashing egg had the Berlin Skyline in silhouette embossed across its midriff, another was in traditional Tracht: Lederhosen. It was a rollercoaster of emotions: there were highs and there were lows. From Zidan's heroic dash to Reception to collect his misplaced battle egg, which got him through 2 rounds of legendary titschen to an unfortunate explosion during play between Hailey (who had forgotten to hard boil her egg) and a good humoured Jamie, which saw both Jamie and me being covered in raw egg and the moment the crowd went wild as Billy was crowned Titschen King leaving a defeated Jack in the dust as runner up! 7JOO, you are true warriors, I am very proud of you all.

***Miss Reed, MFL Department***







## My French Language Course Holiday

I went to Antibes in the South of France during the Easter holidays for 10 days. I attended a French language course. We started the mornings at school, we ate, then we went to lessons, there was a 20 minute break, then we had 2.5 hours of lessons, then we went for lunch. Some days we had outings like Lasertag or Escape Rooms. We played ping-pong and table football. I got a certificate for speaking French at B1 level in the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), with 100% attendance. I also got 4 ECTS credits, which equates to 60 hours learning.



The certificate describes me as a motivated, serious, versatile and dynamic student with good participation in interactive games.

***Daniel Lambin, Year 7***



Antibes  
Southern  
France



**Bravo Daniel! Ms Orchard and the BGS language department are very proud of you!**



## Young Enterprise - 10X Challenge

Last term saw Year 10 Business Studies students participate in the 10X challenge by Young Enterprise. Students arranged themselves into groups and were loaned £10 from the school. They had four weeks to get their businesses off the ground and the results have been phenomenal! Students were able to put theory into practice

and source the best (or cheapest) suppliers, conduct market research, develop their sales skills, improve their customer service and fine tune their finance skills. The businesses included services such as patio cleaning, car washing and dog walking while products included jewellery, badges and stickers. It certainly created a buzz in the year group! After students repaid their £10 loans (£120 in total, with 12 groups), the total profits made were £845.31! I look forward to hearing about the sensible purchases made with their money over the Easter break... Well done to all who participated, you should be very proud of yourselves!

***Mrs Harris, Head of Business Studies & Economics***



In our group we decided to search on Amazon and find cheap beads and strings to create bracelets for Mother's Day. We managed to buy the necessary equipment and we made the bracelets and set up an Etsy account to sell the bracelets online. We then posted pictures of the bracelets on Etsy and also sold some bracelets in school. This allowed us to make a total of £35.10.

***Sahil Panesar, Year 10***



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## Diversity in STEM

It has long been discussed that there is a lack of diversity in some STEM careers, this can include a lack of different ethnicities or a gender imbalance. Even within a field that appears to be more balanced or diverse there can be a lack of representation in higher levels.



This is something that we are actively trying to address at Bexley Grammar School. By raising the aspirations of all students and helping to provide a diverse range of role models we can help to break down students' own perceptions of different STEM careers. We have a number of events throughout their school life that creates links with STEM industries and provides opportunities to be inspired by STEM professionals directly.

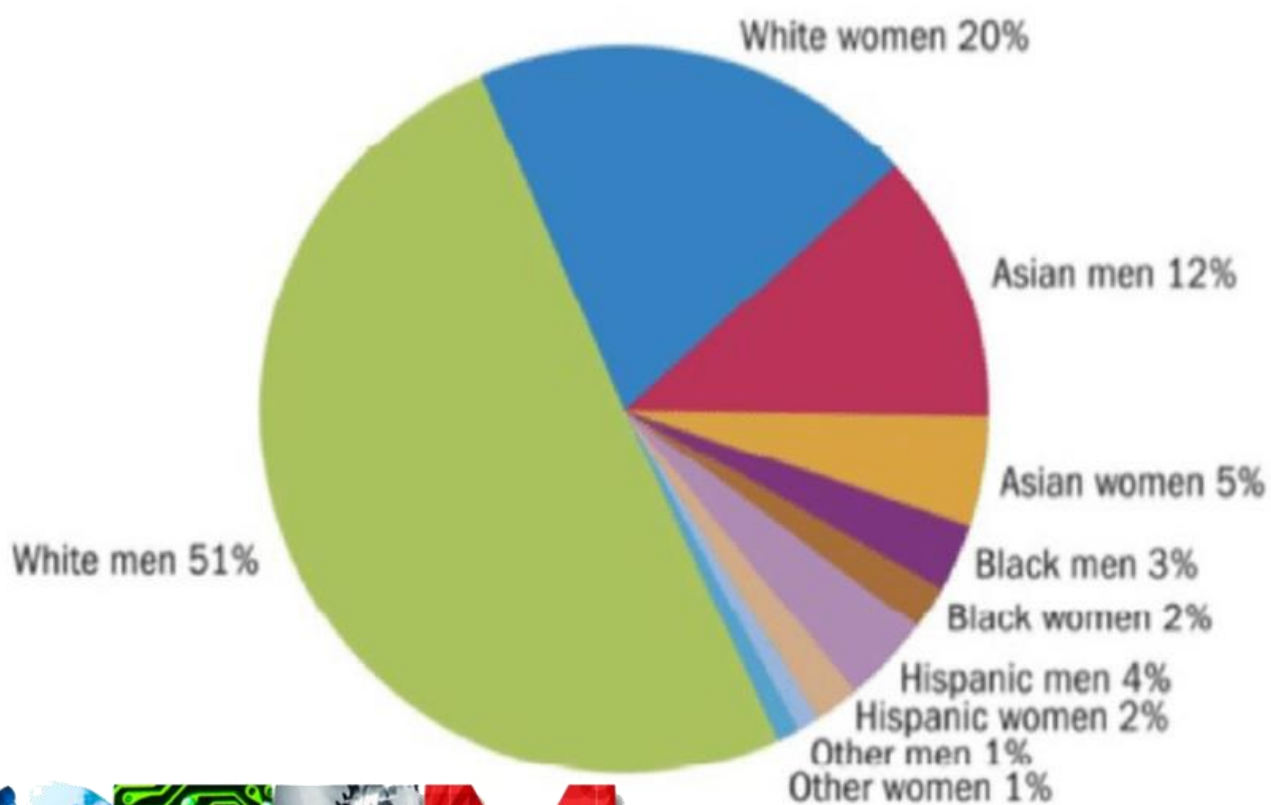


Just before Easter we held a virtual talk on Diversity in STEM. We were very grateful to be joined by five STEM professionals who discussed their experiences in the workplace and also gave them some great advice.

***Ms Lusted, STEM Coordinator***

Just before Easter break, a few of us were lucky enough to receive a talk about diversity in stem from a few in stem professions hoping to encourage diversity. Among the speakers, many different issues were discussed such as the unfair treatment of women in workplaces especially in management roles and being able to receive the same qualifications and opportunities if you are on the neurodiverse spectrum. We were also given advice about how to get through hard situations like these and a Spanish civil engineer told us that what got her through them was remembering that, "If you never feel challenged, then you are never really growing," which is what helped her develop her own voice to be able to take control in her workplace. I think what was really inspirational to see was someone talking to us who had come from Bexley Grammar and is now a civil engineer which kind of gave us an idea that we can go into stem professions and be just as successful as well.

***Anna Hardie, Year 11***



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# Welcome to the

*Inspiring art that influences new artists everyday...*



## Bernard Aubertin - "Painting in red is an absolute necessity."

Bernard Aubertin was a French artist born in 1934 in Fontenay-aux-Roses, France. He met Yves Klein in 1957 and joined the Zero movement during the 1960-1961 period, and was inspired to follow in Klein's footsteps.

### Childhood and Early Career. . .

Bernard Aubertin was born on July 29th, 1934 in Fontenay-aux-roses, Ile-de-France, France. Not much is known or documented about his childhood, though he is/was commonly mistaken for a German artist for his participation in the Zero art movement in 1960.



Following a visit to the studio of Yves Klein in Paris, Bernard was instantly inspired to follow suit, and passionately work within the field of monochromy, a very unique art style that only includes one colour. Throughout his career, his works would most commonly include a bright red, just as Klein had famously worked with a bright blue. A very common pattern in his paintings is a red canvas with nails sticking through, each work varying in size. An example of this is the "Tableau Clous".

By the 1960's, Bernard had introduced fire into his work, which is also a physical manifestation of his chosen colour.

### The Zero Movement. . .

Zero was an artist group founded in 1950 by Heinz Mack and Otto Piene. Piene described it as "a zone of silence and of pure possibilities for a new beginning". They would use light and motion in their art, opening up new forms of perception.

By 1962, Bernard Aubertin was recognized as an official member of the movement. He was often seen among the group whilst touring with them, and would often set his work ablaze. He would later move on to experiment with spinning wheels, 2D objects with fire, matches, circles, and then onto 3D objects such as violins, cars and books. He shared a similar rejection of art as language with the rest of the group, and strived to create art that embodied simplicity.

### The End

Since the 1960s, Bernard's work has been widely exhibited throughout Europe and the United States in museums such as the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Stedelijk Museum, and the Palais de Tokyo. His work is included in the permanent collections of the Musee de Graz, the Museum of Dusseldorf, and the Centre National de l'Art Contemporain, among others. He sadly passed away in Reutlingen, Germany in 2015.



**Alex Potocnik Hahonina, BGS Art Prefect (Year 8)**



## Missing Library Books

I am missing lots of Library books at the moment so please can I ask that everyone has a good look at home for any that might be lurking there? Any books can be returned to the Library, or to the Book Return box in the corridor outside the Library Office.

**Mrs Carey**  
**School Librarian**



## Message for Year 8 Parents

Details for the Year 8 Diploma Evening on Tuesday 17th May have been sent out today. The evening starts at 16:00 and will be followed by a social with the Parents' Association. It would be great to see you there. Due to limitations on space, we can only offer a MAXIMUM of 2 tickets per child. I know this may be a challenge and frustrating, but we want to have as many families represented as possible and this is the only way to do it.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible to celebrate the year group's efforts over the past two years in the Diploma, as well as seeing their fantastic work with their CAS journals.

Best wishes,

**Mr Martin**  
**Director of Studies, Year 8**







## Parent Champion Community Event

Live in Bexley and want to know more about how the Council and local charities are working to keep our children safe? Come Along!

**Thursday 12 May 9.30-1pm**

Bexley Civic Centre, 2 Watling St, DA6 7AT

FLARE Parent  
Group – What We  
Do & How To Join!

Missing Children,  
What Happens  
Next?

Community  
Safety & Policing

Encouraging Safe  
Teen Relationships

Children & Financial  
Exploitation - How  
To Spot The Signs

Information Stalls  
From Local  
Charities

This is your chance to talk to experts, ask questions and meet other local parents -drop in or stay all morning.

We want to hear your concerns!

Refreshments provided and a prize draw worth £50!



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07768 312270**



## London **Philharmonic** Orchestra



## **LPO Junior Artists – applications open until Monday 2 May!**

LPO Junior Artists is the London Philharmonic Orchestra's free, year-long programme for talented young musicians from backgrounds currently under-represented in UK professional orchestras. Applications for the 22/23 programme are now open!

### **About LPO Junior Artists**

Each year we welcome 8 LPO Junior Artists to spend a year with the LPO, offering one-to-one sessions with an LPO player-mentor on their instrumental playing, unique insights into the workings of a professional orchestra, sessions to build wider skills like communication and audition technique, opportunities to perform and take part in projects to inspire the next generation.

Activities happen during school holidays, weekends and occasional weekday evenings. By participating in the programme, Junior Artists gain a unique understanding of the LPO and the orchestral profession, develop their playing and musicianship, and increase their confidence around their next steps in the world of music.

**We have extended our deadline to Monday 2 May - we would be grateful if you could share this with any young musicians who might be interested!**



## Who can apply?

To be eligible for this programme young people considering applying need to:

- play an orchestral instrument (not including piano) at Grade 8 standard or above
- be aged between 15 and 19 on 1 September 2022
- be considering studying music beyond school or otherwise interested in a career in the orchestral music sector, but not currently studying at undergraduate level
- be from a background that is currently under-represented in professional UK orchestras. This is something the applicant self-identifies, and eligible criteria may include, but are not limited to, under-represented racial, ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds, gender and disability/special educational needs. Further guidance can be found on our website by clicking the apply button below.

**The deadline to apply is Monday 2 May.**

If you have any questions about the LPO Junior Artists programme please contact Rebecca Parslow, Education & Community Project Manager, at [rebecca.parslow@lpo.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.parslow@lpo.org.uk) or 07932 636373.

[Apply for LPO Junior Artists](#)

# London Philharmonic Orchestra







# 32 wristbands left!

BGS PA is pleased to have secured reduced price wristbands (£16.50 each - saves you £6!) for unlimited use of all suitable rides at Adventure Island, Southend. They can be used on any one day in 2022 when the park is open.

**To purchase, visit:**

**[bgspa.co.uk/adventure](http://bgspa.co.uk/adventure)**

BGS Parents' Association



Years 7- 9 present...

Tickets available from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/as-you-like-it-tickets-308577763397>

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**This Week!**

***Thursday 28th April &***

***Friday 29th April***

**7 pm start**

**A story of hidden identities, evil uncles,  
quarreling brothers, and romance!**

**Tickets cost:**

**£4 Students**

**£6 Adults**





News items you may have missed



**BGS MUSIC  
DEPARTMENT**

# QUIZ NIGHT

Bring your own drinks  
and snacks!

Saturday,  
**May  
7th**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**TEAMS  
OF 6!**

To buy tickets, please go  
on to Parent Pay



# BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day

## Saturday 11th June 2022



### Important Notice

Our annual joint Sports Day and Summer Fayre is nearly upon us! On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, **students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 will attend school from 9.30am until approximately 2.45pm.** Parents, friends and Years 11 and 13 are welcome to join us from 10.30am until approximately 2.15pm but please note that there will be no parking available on site. Please remember to plan for the day off in lieu on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** when the **school is closed** (apart from public examinations).

There are now over forty stalls, many of them traditional, some refreshingly new. Please join us to support your child at the Fayre and at the Sports Day track events, finishing with the relays towards 2.00pm. There is stiff competition between the Houses, as ever; the day promises excitement for all! Please be aware that your son/daughter should be prepared for spending most of the day outside. Students are welcome in their own clothes (at no charge) but are being encouraged to support their House colours. **Students should have a hat, sun cream and a bottle of water for the day.** The canteen will be serving lunch as usual (cashless and cash transactions welcome) and there will also be a range of world foods available, from fabulous Japanese food to mouth-watering pulled pork!

We do not anticipate poor weather, but in the event of sustained torrential rain the school will decide on the appropriate course of action after morning registration.

**Mrs R Mallin**  
**Assistant Head**







## Forthcoming Events

### May

**Monday 2nd Bank Holiday school closed to students**

Tuesday 3rd ~ Schoolcloud booking system closes for the Year 7 Parents' Evening at midday

Tuesday 3rd ~ Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm (letter to follow)

Wednesday 18th ~ PA Meeting

**Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June - Half Term  
school closed to students**

### June

**Saturday 11th ~ Summer Fayre & Sports Day (normal school day - see notice)**

**Monday 13th ~ Day in lieu of SF&SD  
school closed to students except for  
public examinations**

**Please click [here](#) to the full summer term  
calendar of events**

BGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

All BGS parents are welcome to attend our meetings!  
The next dates are:

~~23 FEBRUARY~~  
~~16 MARCH~~  
~~20 APRIL~~  
**18 MAY**

PA meetings will be held from 7.30-9.00pm  
either at school or on Zoom.

Please email [bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk)  
to confirm the meeting place.