



18th May 2022
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North Kent Cup Champs!



It had been a beautiful morning, so supporters were caught unaware by the cloud cover and chilling wind that appeared in the late afternoon of Thursday 12th May. Forgive my superstitions, but I could have felt the footballing deities sending a message, especially when 3 players were not present at our designated meet time!

However, warm up complete, tactical instructions passed on via the use of the magnetic team board available in the changing room and the boys were ready. Thankfully, the winds blew kindly and the cloud disappeared by the end of the game as the Year 11 boys, in their own words, "bullied" their way to victory with an outstanding dominant first half display. The tone was set early, with a series of crunching tackles from Liam, Mason, Ilkan and Dexter, balls played into the channels by Oli, Mal and Riley, which allowed Obi and Jonny to cause chaos in the Bexleyheath Academy backline. Chances came and went before some lovely interplay down the right, including some great movement by Mal, giving Obi space to spin and fire BGS into the lead. A second from Jonny soon followed, Riley hit the bar, and more chances were created, before Riley added a 3rd and Jonny a 4th to put BGS in a commanding position with 35 minutes on the clock. Subs were sent to warm up as BGS were cruising, but a lapse in concentration allowed Bexleyheath Academy to get back into the game, 4-1 at half time.

The boys were frustrated by conceding so late in the half, but determined to not allow BA back into the game in the 2nd half. They were positive and proud of their display, having dominated a talented Bexleyheath midfield, credit to the excellent Ilkan, Mal and Dexter, in particular. The forwards had caused



caused problems through strong and powerful running and putting lots of pressure on the BA backline. Defensively, BGS had been composed at the back with Oli, Dillon, Mason, Liam and Riley repelling any threat with ease and composure, with Leo and Dayo stepping in to maintain the solidity when they came on later in the game. The 2nd half was more cagey, with a few chances for both sides. BA hit the post with 20 minutes to go and Aidan pulled off an excellent stop in the top corner, before substitute Arinze bundled in to make it 5-1. Eman had a great chance, but fired at the keeper, before some good interchange down the left saw Dexter 6 yards out with his back to goal. A sumptuous turn and the ball was hammered into the net, 6-1 and comfortably seeing out the rest of the game. A brilliant effort; strong, poised and determined and a well-deserved triumph and I hope they have even more success with the BGS Sixth Form team next year!

It has been a delight to have worked with this brilliant group of young people for the past 5 years, they are a great team and totally committed to the sport, still turning up to training before school every Monday in great numbers. Congrats to them all!

Mr Martin, Football Manager





500 Word Short Story Winners

Year 7s have absolutely stunned the Year 12 English prefect judges with their spectacular short story writing skills! The ones which stood out in particular covered a plethora of topics ranging from a police man's logbook to a vivid tale about a troll. We saw an impressive range of vocabulary, complex structures and unique in-depth storylines within the 500 word limit.

Well done to all the class winners, as nominated by your English teachers:

7STA - Thomas Jaggs

7MAM - Amy Spillet

7JMP - Tianming Xie

The overall winners are as follows:

In third place, we have the story titled: 'The Log of James Martin', by **Arjun Manivannan** in **7MPM**. He covered the topic of a police chief dealing with a rather peculiar case of an unknown entity and takes the reader on a journey log by log with details regarding his case.

In second place, **Zuza Mainka Pearson** from **7FTM** took the reader into the depths of the 'Spider Web Forest' where we experienced the journey of an unnamed heroine traveling through its horrors.

In first place, an immersive experience of an Ocean Child is documented by **Emily Chan** in **7JOO**. She used interesting paragraphing as well as an impressive syntax throughout the story and created pathos.

In conclusion, it has been a great showcase of skills from the younger years and this has been a pleasure to judge. Promising futures ahead and well done to all that have participated!

Keep your eyes peeled for the winning stories over the next few weeks.

***Alex Ionita and Malo Fowle,
English Prefect Team***





Geography News

How to start your first garden!



With the half term holidays quickly approaching, some of you may be wondering what to do with all the time you will have. If so, I would recommend gardening. Gardening is fun, can help release creative energy, can make your back garden beautiful and in the end, all of your efforts will help the planet because of the oxygen plants produce. If this sounds interesting, then read on for my 5 steps to start your first garden!

Step 1: Choose what to grow and think about the best design for your space

A garden can be simple or complex. Before starting, design a garden to fit the space you have available. This can be anything you want, so feel free to use your imagination to its fullest. After this, use your personal preferences to choose what plants you would like to grow. Do you want a flower garden, a herb garden, a fruit and vegetable garden or a combination? Ask yourself what kind of fruits and vegetables you like to eat or the colour of the flowers you want in your design and plant those. Also, take into consideration your home's gardening space. If you only have room for a small garden, it's best to avoid large plants.

Step 2: Test your soil

Before starting a garden, get a soil test from a local shop. This will show your soil's pH level and whether your soil has any nutrient deficiencies. You'll also receive instructions to correct any problems. Certain plants and flowers like certain soil types so it's good to know the type of soil in your garden. If possible, find a test that covers toxic substances. If dangerous toxins are found, do not plant vegetables or fruit trees in the soil. Instead, grow food in wooden planters with a barrier on the bottom that prevents the roots from getting into the ground below.

Step 3: Choose the ideal location

Most flowers and vegetables require several hours of sunlight a day, so do some research and look for an area in your garden that receives enough sun for what you're growing. Some plants thrive in shady areas so it's good to study the areas with the most shade in your garden too. Growing plants will also be easier on a flat piece of land that's near a structure that provides some wind cover so the plants are protected.

Step 4: Decide whether you want to plant seeds or young plants

Seed planting might save money, but it's a long process with many seeds taking a long time to develop into healthy plants. As an alternative option, you can also go to the markets to buy young plants grown in a greenhouse. Just remember you don't necessarily want the biggest plants in the batch as these may not fit in your beds.

Step 5: Making the bed and planting

The first step to creating a garden bed is clearing away any existing weeds. Just make sure you get the roots of these weeds so they don't regrow. Once you've removed the excess weeds, spread a thick layer of compost onto the growing area after digging up any grass left there. If you don't want to dig up the grass, or you have artificial grass or concrete paving, you can buy a wooden planter instead and fill it with compost, which will also protect the roots of what you grow. After this, you can start planting. When planting seeds, make sure to plant them at the proper depth shown on the seed packet and when planting pre grown plants, make sure that all the roots are fully sewn into the soil.

When you have completed all of these steps, your garden will be ready to grow and flourish! Remember to water regularly (daily if it doesn't rain) and do some research on what your plants need seasonally, so they can stay healthy. It is also great fun to research companion planting which teaches you which flowers, herbs and vegetables grow well together and benefit each other with regard to pest control, pollination and providing habitat for beneficial insects.

Daniel Nugent, Year 8



Year 7 students are currently studying **weather and climate** in Geography, a topic which includes finding out about the equipment that is used to measure the weather. Students in 7JOO and 7MAM completed homework to make a model of one instrument that is used to collect weather data. The students have brought in an amazing set of models and I have been hugely impressed by their efforts and designs.



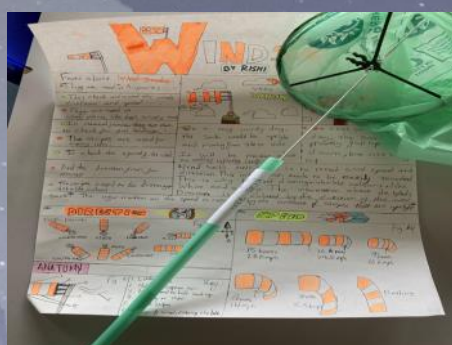
This Mary Poppins inspired weather vane was made by **Miley Gough** in 7JOO. I love the creative spin on the traditional design and am also impressed with the fact that it spins so would actually work if outside in the wind! Well done Miley.



This second example was made by **Kayden Mooney**, 7MAM, this shows a more traditional design and again moves so would work outside. I love that this is small so it could fit on a garden table. An impressive effort Kayden.



Ikenna Azodoh and **Rishi Dahya** both in 7JOO made windsocks. These are used to measure wind speed and direction are common by the side of motorways or airfields. I love the bold colours that Ikenna as a part of his design. While the additional explanation from Rishi provided the details about how this works. Well done boys, an outstanding piece of homework.



Lots of the students made anemometers. These measure the speed of the wind. Many had used plastic cups to act as the scoop that would catch the wind.

Jamie Hawney in 7JOO made this using a strong wooden frame that comes apart! Well done Jamie and brilliant homework.



Another popular piece was to make a rain gauge. A simple instrument that collects precipitation (rainfall). I really like this one made by **Alex Ly** 7MAM as he has used shredded paper to represent the water that has been collected.



A number of other students in both classes decided that they would keep a detailed written record of the weather for the week. **Caitlin Gorman in 7MAM** completed a detailed and accurate account of the weather for the week. She was able to include data about the temperature over this time.

As always my Year 7s have shown effort and dedication in completing their homework. Well done to all of the students in **7MAM and 7JOO you are all becoming excellent geographers.**

Mrs Belton Owen, Geography Department



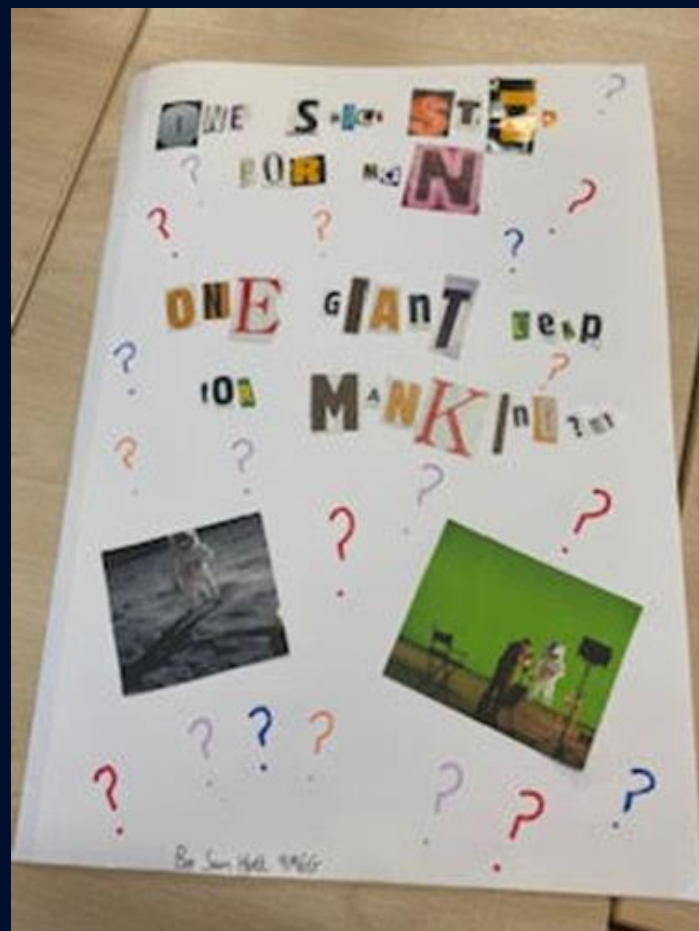
Celebrating year 9 ILP achievements

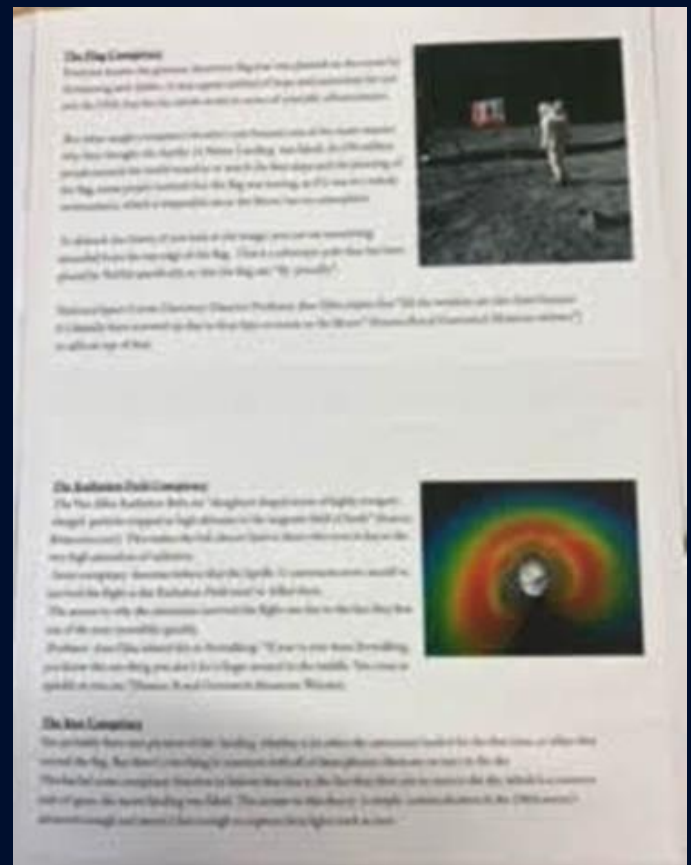
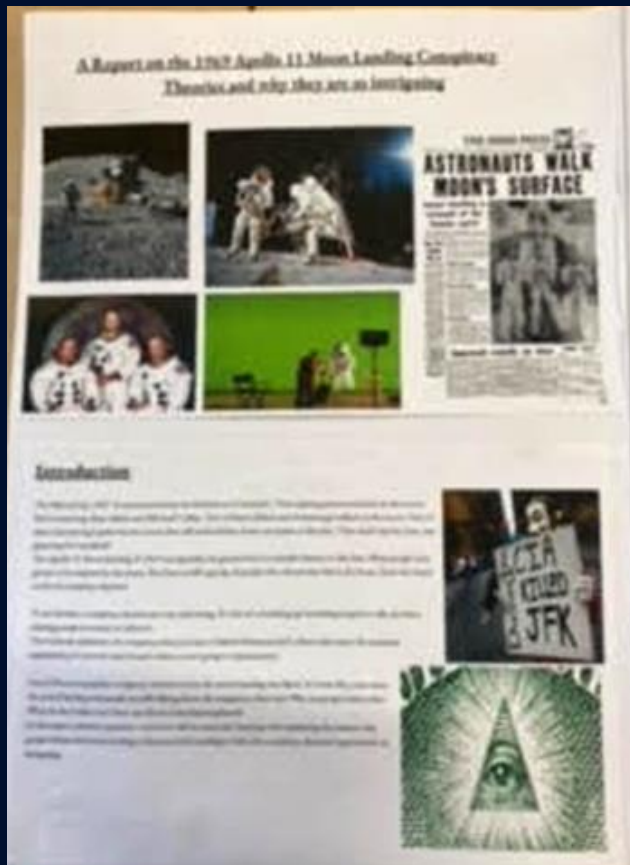
Our final batch of year 9 ILP examples from around the form groups. The variety of topics and quality of work has been amazing.

Mrs Spencer
Senior Academic Mentor, Year 9

Samuel Holt 9MGG

Report on the 1969 Moon Landing conspiracy theories.





Mia Millin 9NSS
The 5 Stages of a Triangular Patrol Harbour.





well done!





Sponsored Read

Our wonderful BGS students took part in a sponsored read and raised £184.87 for the Read for Good charity, which provides children in hospital with books and readers. A fabulous cause, well done to everyone who took part!

Mrs Carey, School Librarian



BGS Charity Non-Uniform Day Wednesday 25th May 2022

£1 donation supporting three great charities



Special Educational Needs Department

Teen Life

Teen Life is a six-session programme for parents/ carers of young people aged 10 to 16 years on the autism spectrum. We are delighted to be supporting this enhanced programme in Bexley by facilitating follow up parent/carer support groups.

Mrs Haslam, SEND & Inclusion Manager





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Translate into English **any** poem from **any** language – ranging from Arabic to Urdu, from Japanese to Russian - 9 cash prizes available **up to £150!**

Join the Google
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- Translate any poem out of any language into English
- Write a commentary (up to 300 words)
- Three categories: 14-and-under, 16- and-under, 18-and-under
- Free to enter (individually, in pairs or in groups)
- **Deadline: Monday 11th July**

Romanian Spotlight

The 'Romanian Spotlight' is a special strand of the Stephen Spender Prize.

- **3 cash prizes** available (£100 each).
- The three winners will have their translation published online and in the 2022 prize booklet.
- Up to three highly commended runners-up per category will have their names printed in the prize booklet and their poems published on the official website.

P.S. no need to be perfectly fluent native speakers :)



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ver into a black snail, changed forever into a pony
tail that dropped mid-flight. The microphone on the air
cmen changed forever into a neglected football, changed
forever into the wet slippery rock agape to this day. The panic
changed forever into silence from the freshwater crayfish and
the sleeping princesses. The grief forever changed into vines
overflowing with roses. The grief changed into a decade of
sleep while the roses climbed the asphalt, spread along the
concrete, floor by floor, forever growing in the
broken windows.

ENDRE RUSET, NORWEGIAN POET
IN MEMORY OF THE 2011 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NORWAY

Translated by Harry Man
Winner 2021 - Open category (age 19+)

Parents can also
submit an entry :)
more info on the
official website!

For further information, please contact Miss Giglione (giglione_m@bexleygs.co.uk)



BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day

Saturday 11th June 2022

10.30am - 2.30pm



Summer Fayre Donation Request

Books

I will be running a book sale stall at the Summer Fayre and I'm on the hunt for donations of books for any ages! If you have any books you no longer want, I will gladly take them for the stall. They can be brought to the Library or left at Reception.

Thanks,

Mrs Carey, School Librarian

Are you spring cleaning and clearing out in the half term break?

You can donate any unwanted items and Christmas gifts to the Summer Fayre:

Candles, toiletries etc.

Filled bottles of wine, bubble bath etc.

Good condition, clean soft toys.

Please hand them in at the Reception.

Thank you





News items you may have missed

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 11th 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 13th 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





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Saturday 11th June 2022

10.30am - 2.30pm



**ALL students are expected to attend school on Saturday 11th June.
(9.25am-2.30pm)**

Monday 13th June will be a day off in LIEU.

All competitors must wear their BGS PE kit and appropriate footwear for their event.

All non-competitors can attend in non-uniform, but we would like to see their House colour represented in some way.

Students will register in their form rooms with their tutor in the morning at 9.25am and again at 2.30pm when they will be dismissed.

Parents, extended family and friends are all invited to join us at 10.30am for this much awaited event.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mrs Mallin

**Donations welcome
Raffle prizes
Bottles for the Tombola
New/unused toys
Crockery- for smashing**





Charity Raffle For The Ukrainian Crisis

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our hampers- from everything we received we managed to fill 8 of them! As well as this, we have been able to put together lots of mini gifts which can be bought individually.

Monday 16th May- Friday 20th May in the Canteen during P5 Lunch

Our 8 Hampers Include

- ♥ A chocolate hamper with a range of Easter eggs.
- ♥ 2x 'Family Hampers', which have items ranging from toys, stationery and a fruit cake made by Ms Stoddard!
- ♥ A book hamper which comes with notebooks and a variety of highlighters and coloured biros.
- ♥ 4x 'Beauty Hampers', which contain toiletries (moisturisers, bath salts, lip balms), beautiful candles and brands including Cath Kidston.

Prices

- ♥ Raffle Tickets: £1 per strip
- ♥ Sweets: 25p
- ♥ Mini trio toiletry Bag: £1.50
- ♥ Individual Mini Body Wash: 50p
- ♥ Individual Mini Perfume: £1.50



Thank you again for donations, it'll be great to see how much we can raise in support of the Ukrainian Crisis.

Katie Neicho & Kiera Lincoln, Year 12





KS3 SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY

**TICKETS £5 / £3 CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE FROM
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BGS MUSIC DEPT

FUNDRAISING FOR NEW TIMPANI DRUMS

'FUNDS FOR DRUMS!'

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BGS PA

Summer Raffle!



Fantastic prizes to be won!

Grand prize: £200 Bluewater Voucher

- ★ Family Day Out at Windsor Castle
- ★ 4 Tickets for The London Bridge Experience & Tombs
- ★ Fire Pit BBQ
- ★ 4 Adventure Island Tickets
- ★ £50 Amazon Voucher
- ★ His & Her Pamper Hamper
- ★ For the Gin Lover
- ★ Plus many more prizes!

Tickets £1 each

To buy your tickets, visit:
bgspa.co.uk/raffle

Last day
to buy raffle
tickets online
is Fri 3 June.

The draw
will be on
11 June at the
Summer Fayre &
winners notified.



**only
24**

**reduced price
wristband
tickets
left!**

**To purchase, visit:
bgspa.co.uk/adventure**

BGS PA



Forthcoming Events

May

Wednesday 18th ~ PA Meeting

Wednesday 25th ~ BGS Charity Non-Uniform Day (see notice- please bring £1)

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

click [here](#) to read Mr Skinner's/ Miss Anderson's Dates for your Diary Letter

A poster for the BGS Parents' Association. It features a blue header with the text 'BGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION' and a white string of bunting. The main body is green and contains the text 'All BGS parents are welcome to attend our meetings! The next dates are:' followed by a list of dates: '23 FEBRUARY', '16 MARCH', '20 APRIL', and '18 MAY'. The bottom section is blue and contains the text 'PA meetings will be held from 7.30-9.00pm either at school or on Zoom. Please email bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk to confirm the meeting place.'

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