



BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day 2022



What a great day for BGS!

Thank you for helping to make our first post-pandemic Summer Fayre a great success!

NEWS LETTER



15th June 2022

www.bexleygs.co.uk



BGS Parents' Association

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all BGS families and staff for helping make the Summer Fayre & Sports Day a great success! Special thanks to Deann Peetom and all the amazing PA volunteers for their hard work! We'd also like to express our appreciation to the following local businesses for their recent donations:

Robinson Jackson Estate Agents, Welling

Caseys School Wear, Blackfen

WJ King, Welling

BPCB Construction, Welling

City View Restaurant, Shooters Hill

Clean Choice Dry Cleaners, Welling

Café Deluxe, Welling

Gulen's, Welling

Elite Fish Bar, Welling

Macron Sports Equipment, Welling

Greek Souvlaki, Bexleyheath

Giggling Sausage, Bexleyheath

Cake Box, Bexleyheath

Angelica's Tea & Cake, Bexleyheath

Spices Indian Takeaway, Bexleyheath

Tenpin Bowling, Bexleyheath

The Entertainer, Bexleyheath

Nando's, Bexleyheath

Emma's Beauty, Bexleyheath

Flutterbyes, Bexleyheath

Flowers by Nicola, Bexleyheath

Flowers From, Bexleyheath

Muffin Break, Bexleyheath

Asda, Bexleyheath

Boat House, Danson Park

Nicky M Hair & Beauty, Plumstead

Stanhill Farm, Wilmington

London Bridge Experience & Tombs

Royal Engineers, Chatham

Greenwich Football Academy

Hang Loose Adventure, Bluewater

Windsor Castle





PE News

Cricket

It has been a brilliant half term of cricket for the Year 8 squad. It came to an end with a narrow defeat against Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School. We scored a respectable 93 with Theo Jeffrey retiring with a fantastic 50! The score was not quite enough to take the win as some strong opposition batters were able to reach our total with overs to spare. We were a player short so the team should be really proud of their efforts. Congratulations on a wonderful match and season so far. We get straight back to it with a game against Hurstmere and then Beths on the horizon. Keep up the good work!

Mr Mackle, PE Department

The Year 9 cricket team produced a mixed performance on Thursday 27th May against Chis & Sid. Our top order batters struggled with some very uneven bounce on a very variable pitch. The middle order did well to steady the ship, but didn't score heavily, as we scratched to an underwhelming total of 58. When it was our turn in the field skipper Matt Smith bowled with his typical intensity and picked up a tremendous caught and bowled to claim an early wicket. Our bowling was tight, but the CSGS batsmen led charmed lives and survived the onslaught. Ben Lappin put the batters under pressure and claimed a couple of wickets, and Joseph Hall bowled very well and was rewarded with a fine wicket himself. In the end, we lost by 5 wickets, but the spirit shown was impressive. Well done boys!

The Year 9s are out of the Kent cup after a pretty heavy defeat to Hayes on Thursday 9th June. The boys put in a good performance, and worked hard throughout, but came up against opponents who were too good.

Mr Lines, Head of PE

Tennis

The tennis fixtures have been keeping all our age groups busy! There are Year 7/8 squads and Year 9/10 squads. Some of the matches to date against other schools have been fantastic to watch and all have been played with such great positive attitudes. In the week before half term we welcomed Colfe's and Dartford Grammar School to BGS for fixtures, then headed to Ashford for another one later that week. I am not sure when the players get a chance to sleep. The squads are developing really well and I hope to see them at Wimbledon one day.

Mr Mackle





Girls' Football

Last football fixture of this academic year... It wasn't to be for the U14 girls' football who were knocked out of the quarter finals of the Sisters in Sport national competition in an evenly matched game, losing 1-0. On a positive note, they had a jazzy new kit! Well done girls, maybe next season will be your time to win that trophy.

Thanks again to the Sixth Formers, Ben, Tom and Albert for their help in officiating these games. Much appreciated from both myself and Mrs Howard.

Mrs Kemp, PE Department



Orienteering

The Kent Junior Orienteering Festival which is the flagship orienteering event within South East London and Kent is coming up in July. The event is solely for school children and is a fun way to take part in some competitive orienteering, following the work some PE classes did in school last term.

This year our friends at Dartford Orienteering Klubb are hosting the event at Darenth Country Park near Dartford on Saturday 9th July. There are courses aimed at Years 7/8, 9/10 and 11 upwards with medals to be won for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, both Boys and Girls, on each course. Entry is in advance no later than Thursday 7th July and further details are available here.

<https://www.dfok.co.uk/events/darenth-country-park-sat-9-jul-2022>

Other events not too far away as well including:

- Shorne Woods Country Park on Saturday 18th June
- Beacon Wood Country Park on 2nd July

Either of these would be good tasters ahead of the competition. More details can be found here

<https://www.dfok.co.uk/events>

Mr Lines





KS3 Showcase - What a Performance!

On the last Wednesday before half term, we had over 40 students perform in a spectacular concert showcasing the very best of KS3.

We started the concert with a warming rendition of 'Here Comes the Sun' on what was quite a gloomy day! This was performed by Junior Choir who also signed along using Makaton. We then moved onto hearing solos from 10 musicians and singers. All of them did an outstanding job but some particular highlights were Omolade Paul-Taiwo's premier of his original piano composition *Floating on Air*, as well as crowd favourite *Beggin* performed by sensational singer Aggeliki Mirza!



We also had performances from two year 8 bands. Dynamic duo, Jude Chance and Aashraya Karki treated us to the 80s classic *Take on Me*. Our second group performed *I Want You Back* by the Jackson 5 complete with choreography which would have made The Supreme's jealous!

For our finale we finished on a medley of Disney songs from both KS3 Orchestra and Junior Choir with a brief cameo from Simba the lion...! The audience were blown away by the special talents shown in 'Friend Like Me' and I'm pretty sure Mrs Eacott had a tear in her eye during 'Beauty and the Beast'. A fantastic end to a fantastic show!

Thank you again to all who came out to support and a huge well done to all of our performers.

Miss Todd, Music Department





Design & Technology News

Real recycling at BGS

Following on from our Easter magazine article, we wanted to share an update on our 'real recycling' project in Design & Technology. Inspired by the new trend for real recycling on a small scale and to link with our Year 9 curriculum theme of sustainability, we have continued with the project to teach our students how to recycle unwanted plastic, using equipment found in most households. Over the past few terms, students and staff have been busy collecting bottle tops made from HDPE (High Density Polyethylene), a plastic that is easy to heat and reshape. The first step in the process was to collect enough bottle tops for students to form into thin sheets of new plastic. To do this we ran a house competition to see which house could collect the most with Kirkman winning first prize! Using a variety of different coloured bottle tops gave us some stunning multi-coloured sheets. The students then used workshop tools to cut and shape them into various small items such as keyrings and pendants.

We are really excited to develop this project further and would encourage you to collect up (and clean) your unwanted bottle tops so that we can run this project again next year and develop an even wider range of products.

If you would like to give this a go at home, look up www.brothersmake.com or on YouTube, for some truly inspirational (and easy) videos to follow!

If you would like to collect bottle tops we ask that you check the underside of the lid to make sure it is made from HDPE. The easiest way to do this is to look out for this symbol:



Collection boxes will be available in reception from June 20th!



well done!



Design Ventura

Last term, Year 9 students took part in the Design Ventura Competition. This is an annual, international enterprising competition where students answer a live brief set by The Design Museum, in association with Deutsche Bank. The brief was to design a product that could be sold in the Design Museum shop and appeal to one of the following user groups: Adult design enthusiasts, young people and students or families.

Other considerations were to design a product that was sustainable, could improve everyday life in some way and could be made for no more than £7 and sold for up to £15.

The students started by researching their user groups needs and wants so that they could develop a product with real value. They then had to look at the type of products that sell in the Design Museum shop, which gave them a real insight into the types of products they would need to design to fit in with what is already available. Once they had sketched out some initial ideas they had to share these within their groups and work together to decide on which ideas best suited the needs of the user group. They also used lots of primary research techniques to gather feedback from real people that fitted into their chosen user group.

The final parts of the project saw the students spend time developing a final prototype as well as create ideas for marketing their product and budgeting for materials and planning how it could be made commercially.

The project was challenging as it was a completely open brief which meant that the students, whilst working in their groups had to take full ownership of every part. In comparison to other projects where students are given an intended outcome to work towards, this was a completely new experience for them. However, they worked very hard and gained valuable insight into the world of design and business.

The winning team's idea was to create a set of beeswax wraps for families to use when packaging food. A sustainable alternative to cling film and sandwich bags, this product not only looked good but was very sustainable, making use of natural textiles and beeswax. Thousands of students from across the globe take part in this project every year so just to have their work submitted is a real achievement which they should be very proud of, as are we in the Design & Technology Department!

Mrs Millbank, DT Department

eco amigos



BORN TO BE
The Deutsche Bank youth
engagement programme





500 Word Short Story Winners ~ 1st Place

Emily Chan, Year 7

Farewell, Dear Child of Mine

Blindly tearing downhill, she breaks at the lapping edge, and roars on all fours at the force of the tides, a wounded wolf wailing its injustices to the moon. It wrenches my soul out a billion times, to see tears streaming down a sallow face framed in wild strands of scraggly black curls whipping about in the moaning wind. Eyes of shattered crystal snarling in defiance.

Like a mother would to a lost child come home, I sweep her up in my cold embrace, holding the fragile being in bitter silence whilst her cries stifle into choking sobs. Then the floodgates released a torrent of love and spite.

Her firecracker ears rang with the jabber of a thousand foreign voices, the flash of cameras blurring her sight as the aftermath of lightning strikes once did. Armed forces pushed back the sea of flailing bodies as more in black sealed her broken chains. As doors slid closed behind her, the mute purring rose to a roar and she lurched forward...

I wake, rub my sore eyes and stare at the stark confines of my prison. I don't remember losing consciousness. I tense like a coiled up snake, eyes drifting over to the 2 metre-square window occupying the ceiling far above. A frigid gust billows in through the crack in the reinforced glass, one that is slowly growing. It has been years since the laborics had come to sample me. At the thought of those monsters I growled from the bottom of my throat, pupils dilated into slits. They mimicked the neat rows of scarring along my limbs and back. Bringing two skeletal fists to my cheeks, I breathe in deeper than the vastness of the Ocean, lucid eyelids sagging closed...

We were a long way from home. No longer did seabirds serenade the trees around our home, as home no longer was. The only resemblance was the Ocean.

Silent like the shadows permeating every inch of the compound, I slipped from beneath the slacking guards' eye. They wouldn't miss just another sickly girl: I was always back in time for the head count.

No electric fence could hinder me.

Finally free, I shot down the hill faster than the bullets tearing through my soul, ferociously churning up grey mud underfoot. The Ocean welcomed me into its fluid grasp, letting me pour my heart...

I can still recall the instance they found an Ocean's child. It was the beginning of the end, and I'll never forget it.

Stop. I try to process what I have found. This can't be true. But deep down I know it is.

I taste her rooted fear. I can smell the sulphur and breathe in the smoky air. I feel as if my heart would be brimming with sorrow. Her helplessness shames me. The losing war with insanity consuming her. Sensing the bottomless pain, the decision is made:

*May you
know that I will
always cherish
you tenderly, and
may you float at
peace, on the
seafoam.*

Congratulations!



BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S
PRODUCTION OF:

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN, SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH

BOOK AND LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

5TH-8TH JULY 2022

7:00PM START

TICKETS:

REGULAR : £9.00

CONCESSION : £7.00

AVAILABLE FROM 15 JUNE 2022 - SEE EVENTBRITE
LINK IN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

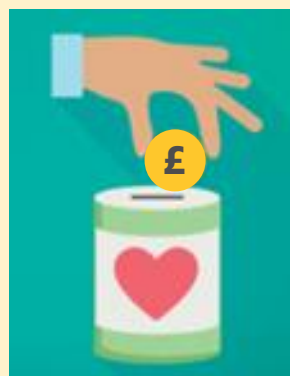
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR) ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE,
NEW YORK CITY BY THE WPA THEATRE, DAVID GEFFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH AND THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION

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MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI - WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK



BGS Charities update June 2022

- ♥ **Spring non uniform day** - raising money for the Ukraine Appeal, Barnardos and Bexley Winter Shelter. Raised over £1200.
 - ♥ **Summer non uniform day** - raising money for the Ukraine Appeal, Crisis and Bexley Food Bank. Raised over £900.
 - ♥ **10ML** raised £59 for Bexley Winter Shelter with a sweet Jar Raffle.
 - ♥ **10LC** raised £209 for Crisis by holding a Marvel Movie Month.
 - ♥ **Keira Lincoln and Katie Neicho** in Year 12, raised over £262 by creating luxury hampers to raffle; using donations from our generous students, parents and staff.
- Well done to everyone involved in these fundraising events, both planning or donating!**





*Can you solve
the clues?*

*School play
December 2022*



third clue;

*Adele detects Vietminh
Dentist themed vehicle
Eldest Invited machete*



PLANT POSITIVITY

Date: Monday 20th June

Time: 15:15

*Location: By the canopies on the field
near Art*

What are we doing: Planting positivity

What can I bring: Plant seeds

Who: 40 people, first come first served

Special Educational Needs Department

Some resources have been produced as part of **Thrive Online** and are designed to empower young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to build happy and healthy online relationships. Check out the link below

<https://www.childnet.com/what-we-do/our-projects/thrive-online/>

Mrs Haslam



FREE

BEXLEY

ECO FESTIVAL 2022

WELL-BEING • ENVIRONMENT

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022

11AM-4PM

**THE NEST, CYGNET SQUARE, SE2 9FA,
THE MUGA SPORTS AREA, SE2 9TN & THE ATRIUM COMMUNITY CENTRE
& GARDENS IN THAMESMEAD, DA18 4DG**

Visit www.bexleyecofest.co.uk for full programme of events.

**FREE Bexley Zero-Waste Brunch with Kitche and OLIO at 11am on the Main Stage
at Cygnet Square SE2 9FA with Chef Dan. Formerly a private Chef,
Dan went on to become Head Food Champion at Recipease by Jamie Oliver!**

FREE Children's University passports
will be given to the first 200 children on the day!

NATURE TRAIL LIVE MUSIC FASHION SHOW
FREE FOOD TASTERS TALKS TOY SWAP
SMOOTHIE BIKE CRAFT & COOKERY FOOD SWAP
RECYCLING OF MATERIALS WORKSHOPS PLANTING
GUIDED WALKS CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY
WASTELESS MARKET LOTS OF STALLS

This event is sponsored by



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE

We look forward
to seeing you there!

THAMESMEAD



Peabody



FREE

Some tickets can be booked online in advance for exciting activities including cookery, T-shirt upcycling, drumming workshops and interesting talks.

Buy useful gifts and items at the Wasteless Market stalls or just come along and take in the atmosphere listening to live music.

Tell your children to bring a toy they no longer need and take part in the toy swap!

Bring a picnic or buy delicious food from our street food vendors.

Plus, follow the nature trail from venue to venue.

A great day out for family and friends, with lots of fun activities to keep children occupied.

Limited off road parking will be available.

In the spirit of the festival, it is recommended that you travel to the event sustainably where possible, e.g. by cycle or train.

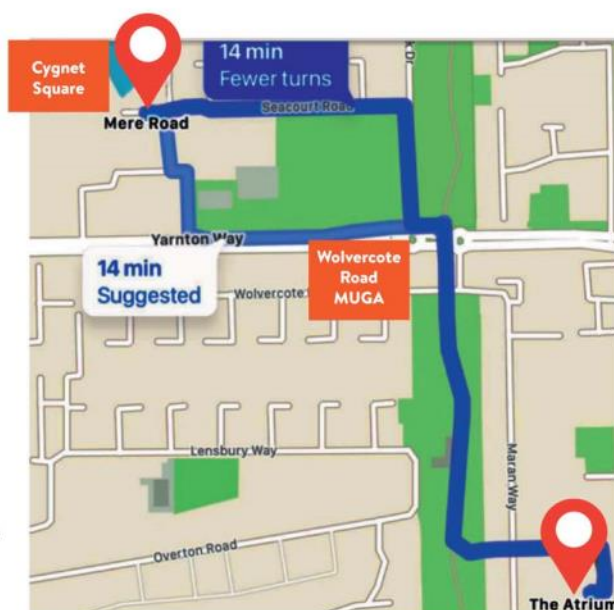
For full directions to the event see <https://www.bexleyecofest.co.uk/>

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ECO FESTIVAL 2022

WELL-BEING • ENVIRONMENT

SCAN TO SEE THE FULL LINE-UP

We look forward
to seeing you there!





**TUESDAY
12TH JULY,
2022 6PM**

**BEXLEY GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

**JAZZ
EVENING**



**ON THE SCHOOL
FIELD,
WEATHER
PERMITTING**

**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED BY THE
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE EVENING WILL BE MOVED INSIDE TO THE SCHOOL HALL

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/JA
ZZ-EVENING-2022-TICKETS-344127353177](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jazz-evening-2022-tickets-344127353177)**

£6/£4

CONCESSION



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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
Classroom
group
akdfthy

- 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 :)

The green tent forever changed into

The green tent forever
changed into some light-blue
impact boots, forever changed
into a Fair Isle sweat er that
sleeps out in the rain.
The mobile o n the
path forever n the chang
ed into the rain soak ed pap
erback, fore ver chan
ged into a butterfly
carring that slips from
a left earlobe. The shatter ed glas
ses forever changed into
strands of hair, forever changed into
the extingui shed campfire holding
its breath. The hair elastic changed fore
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)



Summer Fayre 7JMP Plants Stall

Many thanks to everyone who generously supported us at the Summer Fayre last Saturday - we raised over £500!

Raffle: Winning ticket number: 51 (Sarah M)

Treasure Island: Winning square: B4 (Sarah Rosser)

7JMP

Forthcoming Events

June

Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th ~ Year 7 and 8 Exams

July

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th Little Shop of Horrors (see notice)

Tuesday 12th ~ Jazz Evening (see notice)

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