



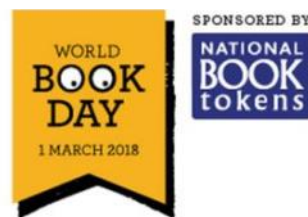
World Book Day is coming!

Once again the English department and the Library will be celebrating World Book Day 2018 with a series of events running up to the day on Thursday 1st March. Students should look out for further notices but below are a few things to be thinking about over half-term:

We would like to invite any pupil to bring in/wear an accessory that is a clue to their favourite book - this will replace full costume dressing-up. Obviously accessories deemed dangerous/inappropriate for a school environment will be confiscated so do please be creative with your accessory choice. The student should also bring in the copy of their favourite book to share with others.

ALL students and staff will Drop Everything And Read at some point on World Book Day so students will need to have a book with them to read on that day.

There are so many more exciting events planned!



#WORLDBOOKDAY 2018

THURSDAY 1 MARCH

Celebrate stories. Love reading.



Setsubun - Japanese Beans Festival

On Friday 2nd February, the Year 8 Japanese class had a lesson that informed us about the traditions of “Setsubun”. It actually occurs on 3rd February in Japan. Setsubun literally means “division of seasons”. There used to be four “Setsubun” throughout a year. However, “Setsubun” has now come to mean the day before the first day of spring only. On this day, in a custom called mame-maki, people throw and scatter roasted soya beans and eat as many beans as their age.

To start the lesson we learnt some Japanese phrases that would be used on that day such as ‘go out demon, come in happiness’. Traditionally, the dad would dress up as the demon and put on a mask; he would then enter the house and the rest of the family would throw soya beans at him. The soya beans were really nice! Then, instead of making a mess with the beans that were very small, we threw balls of newspaper at the demons, Nathan and Tiffany who had masks on. It was a very enjoyable lesson!



Maisy Spencer, Year 8

Powell-Cotton Museum Kent

On ECM day we went on a really great trip to a museum in Kent. I’d done a bit of research about it, but was blown away by it when we got there. First we went on a museum safari – it was called a safari as the main part of the museum was all the artefacts and animals that had been bought over from Africa in the late 1800 by an explorer named Percy Cotton-Powell. I’ve never seen so many stuffed animals! All in the name of science! The museum was so nicely laid out in galleries that were easy to navigate. We were told about all of the old taxidermy practices. We were allowed to touch an actual lions paw (See photo) It was amazing.

We learnt how an African potter named Mbitim made coil pots back in 1933, and then we all went into the workshop and had a pottery session and made our clay coil pots which we were allowed to take home.

After lunch and some free time walking around the museum, we all went home and all really enjoyed a great day out.

Year 7 Student



PE News

Well done to our fantastic Year 7 Rugby Team for finishing their season with a great 40-40 draw away at Beths GS. On a very cold Monday, the boys played really well. They should be very proud of their first season of rugby. Special mention for Arinze - who managed to score 5 tries in the game.

**Mr Lines,
Head of PE**



Team Players

- Moyosola Adebayo
- Joseph Atigogo
- Tommy Brimble
- Arinze Chukwujekwu
- Spencer Cox
- Ceejay Daley-Sibanda
- Deba Ediae
- Joe Geary
- Dennis Montano
- Ollie Raine
- Dayo Sijuade
- Wafeeq Zaman

Hot Teenage Topics

From time to time, the Pastoral team at BGS come across websites or articles we think might be useful for parents to see. We deal with a wide variety of issues outside of academics and know that these can sometimes be tough to manage, not just in school but at home, too. We have no affiliation with the producers of such materials and they do not necessarily reflect our opinions. Our aim is to provide some helpful guidance on hot topics affecting our teenagers.

Here is this week’s link:

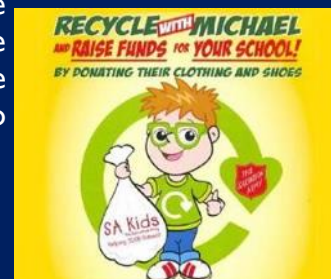
[Is my child spending too much time playing video games?](#)

Recycle with Michael

Will you be clearing out of your clothes ready for summer during the half term? In the run up to Easter, Reception is running a competition for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to help raise funds for the school. We have an on-site Salvation Army Recycle Clothing Bin and students should have each received a bag in which to place any unwanted items of clothing or shoes. Each class will have the weight of bags recorded and the week before Easter the highest weight will win a tin of chocolates to share. The Salvation Army does a lot of great work with the homeless, elderly and others in need. The money raised from the sale of the clothing we recycle helps with this and we also get a share for the school. If students from the upper school would like participate they can collect a bag from Reception. Bags should be returned to Reception.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Beasley & Mrs Denyer



News Items You May Have Missed

Bikeability Express— Levels 1, 2 & 3 Cyclist Training



Bikeability EXPRESS



FREE Holiday training course for Bexley Grammar Students

Missed the chance to complete Bikeability at your old school?

SIGN UP FOR BIKEABILITY EXPRESS

Date: Thursday 15 February (9.30-15.00)
Venue: Bexley Grammar School

Bikeability Express is a new cyclist training programme for secondary aged students. The course combines all three Bikeability Levels and is taught over one (whole) day.

As an advanced course it is only suitable for students who are already confident and competent cyclists.

The course is designed to prepare you to cycle longer/more complex journeys (including routes to school). Training takes place on quiet and then busier main roads.

You must have your own roadworthy bicycle and an approved cyclist safety helmet (not full faced).



Contact the Road Safety Team to book your place

Road Safety Team
Civic Offices
2 Watling Street
Bexkeyheath
Kent DA6 7AT

TEL: 020 0345 5357
EMAIL: roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 2nd March
Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 start
Tickets £5 per person.
Max. 8 per team
Bring your own food and drink

To register your team click on the link below

[Quiz Night Booking Form](#)



LGBTQ+ History Month

To celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month we have lots of new fiction books on the theme of Gender and Identity, including *The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertelli, *History is all you left me* by Adam Silvera, *This is not a love story* by Keren David and *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* by Emily M Danforth. We also have memoirs by Abby Wambach, Jazz Jennings, Gareth Thomas, Maggie Thrash and Katie Rain Hill.

For a full list of the books we have please pop up and see the display in the Library or view the Gender and Identity reading lists on the school website

<http://www.bexleygs.co.uk/48/library>.

Mrs Carey, Librarian



Geography is tweeting

Interested in the world?
Want to know what's going on and why?

Then join the conversation by following the Geography department's twitter feed

@JuIceOnTheLoose
Up-to-date and current articles straight to your mobile device, daily juicy facts & much more.



Mrs Belton-Owen
Head of Geography

Forthcoming Events

February

Monday 12th to Friday 16th ~ Half Term

Monday 19th ~ First School day after Half Term

March

Friday 2nd ~ PA Quiz Night (See Notice)

Tuesday 6th ~ Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 20th ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 29th ~ Last School day before Easter Break

Next week is half term
Students return to school on Monday 19th February 2018