

Summer
2018

Beech House News

Year 11 Prom

As we go to press:

For the fourth time in five years Mr Sartain has been invited to London to attend the Education Business Awards.

Year 8 girls are making the final preparations for the North West Big Bang Finals, which is being held at the Exhibition Centre, Liverpool.

The School Concert takes place on one of the hottest days of the year.

The Sports Section and House Activities are on a separate newsletter.

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Sports Section

Beech House awaits its Sportsmark rating



Year 11 threw a fantastic prom at the Bellavista. Our students went out with a bang and looked absolutely stunning in their dresses and suits (staff didn't look too bad, either!). Prom King was awarded to the kind-hearted Gareth Tattersall, but it was the lovely Ellie Roebuck who stole the show as Prom Queen. Good luck for the future, Class of 2018! We'll miss you.

Maths Challenge

The mathematics department and students were very excited to have a Maths Challenge on the last day of the Spring term. Students from different years participated and had to work as part of a team to complete five rounds. Staff enjoyed themselves as judges for the different Houses.



Mercury won the Senior event with a team consisting Maisie Greenwood, Ella Raw, Mahed Farooq and Joe Bingham.



The participants in the Upper Prep challenge. The winning team was Sami Hasan and Zidan Illahi representing Jupiter.

School Appointments

I am delighted to announce the following appointments from September:-

School

Head Boy – Nicholas Dodd

Head Girl – Hiba Javed

Upper Prep

Head Boy – Aiden Peters-Ali

Lower Prep

Head Girl – Laya Karunanandarajah

Senior Prefects – Hira Iqbal & Milly Cooper

Prefects – Jessica Bennett, Rebecca Burnett, Maisie Greenwood, Elana El-Hage, Mia Greenwood, Maya Servio, and Fiza Sharif

The **House Captains** have already taken up their post at Sports Day. They are:

Jupiter – Madeleine Jackson

Mercury – Luke Ashworth

Neptune – Adam Millington

Saturn – Ellie Jenkinson

I am sure you will join me in congratulating them all and wishing them every success in their posts.

The **Form Tutors** for the next academic year will be:-

Lower Prep

Nursery Miss Dwyer

Reception Mrs Ahmed

Year 1 Miss Riley & Mrs Steel

Year 2 Ms Harrison

Upper Prep

Year 3 Miss Parkinson

Year 4 Mrs Grange

Year 5 Dr Taylor

Year 6 Mrs Waterworth

Seniors

Year 7A Mrs Abbas

Year 8C Miss Carlile

Year 8D Mr Dowland & Mr Boardman

Year 9M Mr Monks

Year 9P Miss Patel

Year 10A Mrs Ali

Year 10H Dr Hudson

Year 11C Mrs Chadderton

Year 11S Ms Savazzi

Conisbrough Castle



Years 3 and 4 set off to Conisbrough Castle on an English and history trip. Year 3 have been learning about castles in English and Year 4 have been learning about Normans in history.

We were looking forward to playing, looking round the gift shop, and exploring the different parts of the castle. We already knew that the castle was built by a man called William and that the castle was ruinous, but we were looking forward to finding out more. When we arrived at Conisbrough Castle we were greeted by an English Heritage lady called Becky, who showed us where everything was. We started off by looking around the museum which was part of the visitor centre. We saw many artefacts that had been excavated from the castle – this was really interesting for us because we have been learning about archaeology in history! Next, we explored the bailey of Conisbrough Castle which was great because we were the only people there! We saw where the stables, kitchens, and armoury would have been. After we had done lots of exploring we had a picnic lunch and Miss Abley showed us how to use the camera so we could all have a go at taking some photos.

The last part of our trip to Conisbrough Castle was our visit to the keep. We climbed up a lot of stairs and listened to medieval characters telling us about how life would have been in the castle. We heard how the servants prepared for a visit from King John! When we got to the top of the keep we saw some amazing scenery but it was so windy that everyone's hats blew off!

On our way back to the bus we paid a visit to the gift shop where we were able to use our money skills from mathematics lessons. We had a lovely day out and learned a lot. Thank you very much to Mrs Grange and Miss Abley for taking us!

Written by Years 3 & 4.

School Meals

With very few options being returned, with regard to the menu, it will revert back to its original format for the next academic year. A copy of the menu for the first half term is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Progress Awards

The Progress Awards are presented each term to children in the Prep Department who have excelled in attitude, behaviour and performance. This term the honours went to:-

Nursery	- Muzaynah Raja
Reception	- Essa Tahir
Year 1	- Tyler Mhizha
Year 2	- Jibreel Muwahhid
Year 3	- Maria Hussain
Year 4	- Maxwell White
Year 5	- Aidan Peters-Ali
Year 6	- Tierney Dutton

Careers

As part of their careers education, Year 10 and Year 11 attended the Skills North West event at Event City in Manchester, where they had the opportunity to speak to different employers, training providers, colleges, universities and professional bodies. Students specifically enjoyed speaking with employers at GCHQ, an intelligence agency working to protect the country from terror plots, cyber-attacks and criminal threats; we now have a group of Year 10 students all wanting to become spies! Both year groups hopefully left with raised aspirations for the future.

Year 10 have also attended sessions at Rochdale Sixth Form College. The highlight – for the staff – was the amount of food provided!

Bikeability

Sami Hasan, Aaron Waddington, Alexander Zebedee-Howard, Anais Aston, Rayan Hussain, Harry Hurst-Grover and Charlotte Mills participated at the Bikeability session at Cardinal Langley with the National Cycling Academy. They all demonstrated excellent road awareness skills, as well as great control when cycling.

Staffing

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mr Osborne-James, who returns to work abroad. We also say goodbye to Miss Abley, but welcome her back as Mrs Chadderton. Mrs Steel also rejoins the school after her maternity leave. I would like to remind parents that the first point of contact for any issues regarding your child is the Form Tutor. The next port of call will be Mrs Collier for Early Years and Key Stage 1. At Key Stage 2 and 3 it will be Miss McGarvey and Mrs Street. Ms Savazzi will be the member of staff responsible for Key Stage 4.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

From the 25th to the 27th of June those completing their D of E silver awards went on the practice expedition in the Peak District. The expedition proved challenging but we formed the consensus that it was certainly worth it. The expedition challenged our orienteering skills as well as map navigation and our physical durability. There were two groups, one of five and one of four. The larger group consisted of Ellie, Maya, Jess, Rebecca and Hiba. The smaller group was made up of Matt, Adam, Ross and Nick.

Day 1 - we travelled to Matlock, Barn Farm. We confronted temperatures as high as 28°C, that lasted throughout the journey. The walk lasted six hours with the sun remaining present, however we took the time to appreciate the views the walk provided us with as we journeyed through the countryside! We arrived at camp tired but relieved, as we set up our tents and prepared for the following day. We finally relaxed and enjoyed the break we were provided. We socialised through games such as "Never Have I Ever" and talking but most importantly, ate. We used Trangias to cook our meals, which would last us the rest of the day and a part of the next. Some of us had already started to develop blisters from the walking, which remained troublesome. Throughout the night the peacocks on site would prove more than irritating as they were screeching for no good reason and roaming the campsite. We assumed they would sleep; however, we were proven wrong, they remained awake, just to keep us company!

Day 2 - we travelled to Cottage Farm campsite in Taddington. We woke up in the early hours of the morning to escape the sun before it reached the high temperatures, as seen from the day before, and were ready to start the walk at 7am. We walked for a total of seven hours, with the sun catching us at roughly 10:30am. The four person group of which I was a part of was caught in a valley which provided unique scenery at the cost of an extra hour and plenty of water. Stuck in the valley with no water, we remained level headed, so much so that we had begun to write our wills. After lunch and a moment to refill our water, we continued with the five person group roughly half an hour ahead. The five person group reached the campsite at 2pm, with us appearing at 3pm after taking a break and a view of the expanse of the fields. When we approached the campsite, the other group had already set up their tents. We continued to do the same, socialising and eating plenty, as the day before.

Day 3- was an interesting day lasting six hours and provided views from high points of the surrounding area and a laboratory which we walked past along a derailed train track. As we approached the car park we reflected on the expedition and the sights and experience it provided us. At 12 midday we were ready to go home because of our exhaustion catalysed by the heat.

Overall, the expedition was tough and certainly challenging but remains a unique experience which is difficult to get anywhere else. The D of E expedition is certainly a good opportunity for anyone who enjoys the outdoors or simply wants to experience something new. With our practice expedition completed we now have the qualifying expedition remaining!

Nicholas Dodd

Spaceport

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Spaceport, near Liverpool. We began by getting on a very special rocket which launched us into a world of space learning! We were then treated to a cinema experience, a rocket demonstration and even a ride on a simulator, where we hurtled through the galaxy. All the children had a fantastic time and were a credit to Beech House School. As well as all of this, lunchtime was a bit more scenic than usual – we enjoyed a view of the Liverpool waterfront as we sped around the Mersey on our very own cruise liner! Out of this world...



Biology Challenge

Congratulations go to the following pupils for obtaining great results in this year's Biology Challenge. This year saw a boom in Bronze level certificates.

Silver Award : Isabella Zebedee-Howard & Hiba Javed

Bronze Award : Saad Awan, Mia Greenwood, Ross Shelley, Nicole Healey, Syeda-Mehmoona Naqvi, Maisie Greenwood
Sara Karim, Matthew Timmins & Adam Millington

Highly Commended : Ruby Peters-Ali, Harris Husnain, Elana El-Hage, Huzaifa Waheed, Madeleine Jackson & Nicholas Dodd

Commended : Emilia Cooper, Fiza Sharif, Tasmin Ali, Gareth Tattersall, Jasmine Slater, Maya Servio, Jessica Bennett, Ellie Roebuck, Jessica Nuttall, Mahdia Shah & Hira Iqbal.

Published Authors

Congratulations go to fifteen pupils from the Lower Prep who have had their poems published in 'Little Riddlers of Lancashire'. They are: Anas Farid, Fatima AfzalEesa, Ghalib, Arabella Hey, Laya Karunanandarajah, Ady Mohammed, Falisha Malik, Tyler Mhizha, Jibreel Muwahhid, Yusuf Rizwan, Avalee Sullivan Manders, Yahya Tahir, Evie Wallett and Luchia Wild.

School Concert



School Awards

Lower Prep

Red Rainbow Awards for 50 House Points

Sami Hassain

Orange Rainbow Awards for 100 House Points:

Eesa Ghalib, Amelia Gorton-Rigg, Arabella Hey, Tyler Mhizha

Yellow Rainbow award for 150 House Points.

Laya Karunanadarajah, Ady Mohammed, Avalee Sullivan-Manders, Yahya Tahir and Evie Wallett

Reading Stars for this term are:

Reception - Sami Hussain

Year 1 - Eesa Ghalib

Year 2 - Yahya Tahir

Upper Prep

Ruby Awards for 50 House Points:

Hafsa Ahmed, Maria Hussein, Aayan Malik, Antonio Nangle, Charlotte Mills, Jasmine Salman and Alexander Zebedee-Howard

Emerald Awards for 100 House Points:

Imaan Afzal, Pieter Ayal-Mullock, Tierney Dutton, Zak Gorton-Rigg, Sami Hasan, Emily Higginson, Zidan Illahi, Emaan Malek, Aaron Waddington and Camilla Zebedee-Howard

Sapphire Award for 150 House Points

Lauren El-Hage

Senior Department

Bronze Award for 20 Merits

Che Sullivan-Manders

Silver Award for 40 Merits

Anique Aliand Amelia Hussain

LAMDA

Speaking

Pass Grade 5 – Alfie Mayer

Merit

Stage 1 – Sinan Sayani Grade 1 - Imaan Afzal Grade 2 - Aayan

Malik Grade 3 – Omer Afzal Grade 4 – Humna Munir

Distinction

Introductory Stage 2 - Arabella Hey, Laya Karunanandarajah, Falisha

Malik, Tyler Mhizha Grade 1 - Antonio Nangle Grade 2 - Anais

Aston Grade 3 - Sami Hasan

Acting

Merit

Entry Level – Hanaya Ahmed & Humna Munir

Chemquiz

This term, four students from Years 8, 9 and 10 attended Manchester Metropolitan University to take part in the annual Chemquiz event.

Chemquiz gives students the chance to test their chemistry skills against other schools, but more importantly gives students a day to try out some of the university facilities in a fun environment. The students took part in three rounds involving a lab exercise, multimedia activity and quiz. They also took the opportunity for a quick photo opportunity with the statue of Manchester scientist, John Dalton!

Rochdale Youth Festival



Anais Aston was awarded the Normanton Trophy at this year's event. The trophy is given for the best u11 speaking at the Festival. Declan Anthony has been awarded the Queens Jubilee Trophy for outstanding performance. He was invited to attend and perform in the Celebration Concert. This year Declan has performed in nine professional shows, including the Royal Northern College of Music.

National Festival of Music

Congratulations also go to Amy Hanson who has been selected to take part in the Music for Youth National Festival. This takes place at the Birmingham Symphony Hall.



Apprentice Challenge

As part of this initiative, in which pupils from 8M used a capital of £5 per person. Holly Gaucas, Charlotte Higginson, Gabriella Joicey and Saveeba Mahmood decided to run a boutique at the start of the evening, followed by a sleepover. Dr Hudson help at the start of the evening, whilst Miss McGarvey Mrs Ali & Mrs Grange 'enjoyed' the sleepover. It was an unusual sight to see tents pitched inside the Sports Hall. In total they raised £150 for Cancer research.



Hidden Figures

Hidden Figures was a screening and women in STEM panel discussion. After watching the film at the Central Library, Manchester, the girls were introduced to three women panelists who work in STEM at Manchester Metropolitan University. They talked about what their job entails, to try to inspire women to go into science and engineering. They talked about their struggle to get into the male dominated world of industry and how role models helped them to cope with the pressure. Nicole in Year 9, asked about their personal discrimination in the work place. The engineer explained that there are and it happens. It is usually by the clients only talking to the male co-workers, but it is more to do with her age. 'You are too young to be a doctor' and then asked for ID. It is still hard for the industry to see women as equals and to help keep them at the top levels in departments. Maddy in Year 10, asked if they think that there will be a point where there is no discrimination. The lady on the panel said at the moment there are between 9 and 11% women in her engineering program and they hope it will improve. The panel then went onto explain how they got into the industry to try to inspire our pupils to think there is more to do than just being a doctor or a lawyer. A good talk was then followed by a relaxed lunch in the sunshine to reflect.

York

The Year 8 pupils visited the city of York to learn about its culture and history in preparation for the English Literature GCSE examination on Macbeth. For this, pupils learned all about the Gun Powder Plot and the infamous witch trials of the 16th and 17th Centuries; as well as learning about many other key historical events.

An actor from York Dungeons began the day by taking the pupils on a historical tour of York, stopping at famous landmarks such as The Shambles and Clifford's Tower.

The pupils then got to participate in an acting and drama lesson lead by a professional performer. This is when the students really came to life and demonstrated some real acting talent; taking on roles of characters from across history.

After a lovely lunch in the park, with some ducks for company, it was time for the York Dungeons. The pupils, who had begun the day confident, were now starting to show fear about what they were to face. As soon as we entered the dark dungeons the pupils began to jump, scream, and even cry. Confidence began to shine through though and they were soon participating in the various roles they were chosen to do by the York Dungeon actors, including court room trials and torture treatments.

The dungeons were a thoroughly enjoyable way for the pupils to learn about many important aspects of history, which they will hopefully find useful in Year 9 and beyond.



Mathematics

In the Mathematical Education on Merseyside Challenge certificates were awarded to Harun Hayat and Tasmin Ali. Masie Greenwood and Adam Millington were selected to spend two days in Manchester attending the UKMT Mathematics Circle. In the Junior Mathematical Challenge, both Jude Clarke and Joshua Scotti achieved the Bronze award. Joshua was awarded Best in School, whilst Dominic Dodd achieved Best in Year

The school web site is

www.beechhouseschool.co.uk

It is a valuable source of information on school activities.

Letters to parents are downloadable.