



THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

MOON HALL SCHOOL, REIGATE

1ST MARCH 2019

Dear Parents and families of Moon Hall School Reigate

Welcome back to Moon Hall! We had the most glorious weather to start off the week, however as I am now sitting looking out of the boardroom window it is fair to say that the weather has slightly changed! Having the lovely weather at the start of the week is a wonderful pick-me-up for us all; the thought that spring is just around the corner is a lovely feeling and coming out of those shorter winter days is uplifting. When we relocated to England from Scotland 8 years ago, my husband promised me that there would definitely be better weather. Coming from Paisley on the West Coast of Scotland, that wouldn't really be difficult! Dreich days are common, where you may find it more difficult to venture out and have those lovely family walks that I have now become very accustomed to. Apparently living in the South of England compared to the West Coast of Scotland affords us an extra 400 hours of sunshine so I can't really complain that today is slightly grey.

I have been carrying out lots of Learning Observations around the school these past weeks and recently I observed a Year 9 Geography lesson, where they were learning about population density. There were lots of interesting questions asked by the class: "what is the most populated country?", "where on Earth would you have the most space around you?"

I love the enquiring and inquisitive minds of our pupils. The questions that they ask and ponder are often not the ones that you would expect, however it is this "outside the box" thinking that allows our pupils to be creative and find passion for a subject.

Lastly, Happy St David's Day to any of our Welsh families around the school.

Kind wishes for a lovely weekend

Michelle Catterson

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"Dyslexic individuals thrive on change and step up to the challenge - the ability to work across boundaries and think differently is a natural trait"

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE,
Space Scientist and Communicator





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Year 7 Micro:Bit Projects

Year 7 have been using the BBC Micro:Bits to explore practical applications of coding. The students have worked so well on the unit that we gave them the opportunity to complete some independent projects and, whilst some of these are still in development, we thought you might like to see some pictures of their progress.

The projects have included a step counter (a homemade Fitbit!), several attempts a flick football games with Micro:Bit scoreboards, a radio chat system and a potato piano! Well done Year 7 on some fantastic work so far this term.

- Mrs Wexler & Mr Besim



Sports Results

Wednesday: MHSR Senior Netball 3 – 17 Box Hill Sixth Form Team

Player of the match – Purdey M

Mrs Edwards reports that our team played a very strong, determined and active game, and demonstrated their skills throughout – well done, everyone!

Mufti Day

On Thursday (7th March) to mark World Book Day, our Senior pupils will be having a mufti day. All money raised will go towards the MUGA.



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Junior Updates from Mrs Clark

World Book Day

It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March next week. Please can we ask all Junior pupils to come to school on the day dressed as their favourite book character, and if they have a copy of the book we'd love them to bring that in too so that they



can tell us about it! Mrs Brady will be doing a special assembly on World Book Day and our Junior pupils will do a costume parade as well as a poem recital in preparation for their LAMDA exams on Friday.

Junior Talent Show

On Tuesday 26th March in the afternoon, the Juniors are putting on a talent show! We would love Junior parents, family and friends to join us. You can expect a LAMDA poem performance, dancing and a wide variety of talents!

LAMDA

A reminder that pupils will be taking their LAMDA exams on Friday 8th March next week at Burgess Hill. The exams will take place in the morning, and they will be back in time for afternoon lessons. Good luck everyone!

Locker Keys

Your child may have mentioned to you that the changing room lockers have been adapted. This will mean that every child will now have their own key to their locker. We are giving Year 6 a trial run next week and I have suggested that they keep their key in the zipped pocket inside their blazer, but if you have any better solutions please let me know! The pupils seem very keen to have their own key and if this trial run is a success we will try it with our younger pupils too.

Parents Evening

Our first Junior Parents Evening will be taking place next week on Tuesday 5th March, with the second Evening the following week on Thursday 14th March. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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GCSE English Theatre Trip

'The Sign of the Four': A Sherlock Holmes Adventure
(adapted for the stage by Nick Lane)

“When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth”

On 29th January the Year 10 and 11 GCSE English Literature groups headed off to the Capitol Theatre in Horsham to see a production of 'The Sign of the Four' which is one of our set texts. We were rather nervous as we set off as the weather forecast was for heavy snow starting late afternoon but, fortunately, we made it to Horsham and back before it started! I don't know whether the weather had an effect on the number of people in the audience but the theatre was only a quarter full and we were the only school group (lowering the average age of the audience quite considerably!). This was really unexpected as I had anticipated the theatre would be full of other GCSE students studying the novel. The Moon Hall pupils behaved impeccably and I was especially pleased when several members of the public approached me in the foyer to comment on what wonderful young people our students are!



- Mrs Brady

Please enjoy Amber's review of the play:

I liked the fact that, as a play, it kept certain things such as Dr Watson narrating some very visual parts and breaking the fourth wall of the play such as in the boat chase scene which also used different levels to still stay looking interesting. They used lots of quotes from the book and I enjoyed the first scene where Watson is unhappy at Holmes' addiction. I like this



kind of scene which kept the audience involved and made them feel more attached.

However, there were things that they put in that are not in the book, for example, 'the spotted dog'. I thought this was good because it was not too big a change but it was still intriguing and added some comedy in an otherwise not too funny play. I also liked the small cast which kept things simple in this confusing murder mystery.



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Ode to Volunteer Scribes and Readers

(apologies to any proper poets out there!)

It is almost time for those summer exams,
When hard work is showcased by 11's and 10's.
Many will be allowed extra support
In the form of a reader or scribe of sorts.

We would love to have helpers on the list
Whose job it is our pupils to assist.
If you have some spare time in the day
Perhaps you could give some thought whether you may
Help out and support our teens
As they scratch their heads and probe their brains
To answer those questions best they can
Anyone is welcome, even Nan!

We will train and help you learn the ropes,
Better than watching daytime soaps!
You will see how exams are run today,
How you can support your child in the way
Of answering the questions the examiners ask
And being ready and up for the task.

If you are interested in taking part
Please send an email quick and fast
To Mrs Windwood who would love to hear
From you lovely people out there
(sorry, ran out of rhyming words!)

Thank you from Mrs Windwood
(windwoodh@moonhallcollege.co.uk)



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Book Fair Vouchers

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd of March with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. This is always a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to buy new books that will get them excited about reading. There are over 200 titles to choose from with prices starting from just £2.99. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get free books for our school library too.



You can get ready early by buying and printing your Book Fair Gift Vouchers online [here](#). If you buy them online you are able to get an extra 20% free, and of course you can buy vouchers right up until the 21st of March. This is an easy way to make sure your child can buy books and other items on the day without having to send them in with money, as the vouchers can be printed at home. Full details can be found [here](#).

Dates for the Diary 4th – 8th March 2019

Tuesday 5th March

Junior Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day
Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 8th March

LAMDA exam at Burgess Hill (morning)



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Spring Term Menu - Week 2

Everyday

Daily selection of mixed leaves, tomatoes, cucumber, grated carrot, sweetcorn
tuna, eggs and grated cheese

Selection of breads and rolls

Accompaniments include; pickles, sauces, dressings, croutons, seeds & olives

Monday

Breaded bean burgers in a seeded bun

Quinoa & falafel burgers on tomato slices & rocket

Jacket potato with baked beans

Sweet potato & potato wedges

Apple crumble & custard, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Tuesday

Pork sausage 'Toad in the Hole' with onion gravy

Roasted red onion & rosemary sausage 'Toad in the Hole'

Jacket potato with baked beans

Steamed potatoes, cabbage, carrots, onion gravy

Beetroot brownie & crème fraiche, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Wednesday

Minced beef chilli

Sweet potato & vegetable chilli

Jacket potato with baked beans

Grated cheese, nachos, sour cream, steamed broccoli

Pancakes, berries & cream, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Thursday

Chicken pasta bake

Roasted vegetable quiche

Jacket potato with baked beans

Green beans, roasted celeriac, garlic bread

Cheesecake, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Friday

Breaded haddock, spicy chicken strips

Lentil & butterbean stuffed mushrooms

Jacket potato with baked beans

Croquette potatoes, grilled tomato, pepper & onion

Chocolate chip tray bake, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt