



THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

MOON HALL SCHOOL, REIGATE

15th FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Parents and families of Moon Hall School Reigate

Many thanks to all of the parents and family members who attended our Celebration Assembly on Friday 15th February. We had almost 60 visitors in total! It was fabulous to celebrate the pupil's achievements together as a community. Below is an extract that I read out during our assembly. We

had lots of year 6 and 7 work on display in the gym, showcasing the hard work of our pupils. Special thanks to Lucy T and Isaac S for their fantastic performances on the day too. Lucy, the song was made for you (you made me cry.. again!) and Isaac I love to watch you groove along to playing the drums - both of them were superstars!

"Celebrations are always fun, think of birthdays, Christmas, Weddings or Christenings you have been to. In the video we just watched from the London Olympics, we watched lots of people celebrating their wins. For these athletes, they didn't just get up the day before and decide to run a race or pedal their bike fast, they had to work at it for years in advance, missing celebrations, missing family parties to name but a few things. They sacrificed things that they enjoyed; favourite foods, time in bed, and all in order to pursue their goals of being successful.

We have lots of things to celebrate at Moon Hall, celebration assembly is just one way of recognising those times where as a pupil you have gone above and beyond what your teacher may expect of you. Anything is possible with hard work. If you have a dream or a goal and you want to achieve this then if you put your mind to it, work hard, push your boundaries then I am confident you will achieve this. So whether your goal is to be the top goal scorer this season, or to get a grade 8 in your next assessment or even more simpler than that, that perhaps you made it here into school today, it is important for us all to have goals and to keep setting these goals. Think of what you would like to achieve and then how you can go about doing this.



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Parents and governors have been invited into school today to celebrate the achievements of some of our pupils. Not everyone can be recognised today and if you feel you have been trying hard, share that goal you have with your teacher and we will do what we always do to help support you on that journey, to help you achieve that goal and to then celebrate with you when you achieve it.

Subject leaders have been asked to nominate and give reason for their commendations they wish to award in this assembly. On the last Friday of each half term we will have a celebration assembly, the same set up as this so we look forward to

celebrating these achievements at the end of next half term too. In the meantime, keep working hard, keep pursuing your goals and keep daring to be brilliant!"

I have had some lovely feedback from parents and staff who really enjoyed the assembly. Every last day of the half term we will have a celebration assembly so please pencil these dates into your diaries and we look forward to welcoming you. The focus of next Celebration assembly is TBC and we will advertise this once more to parents on return from half term.

I hope you all have a well-earned rest over half term. I'm travelling to Norfolk with my boys, it's our first time there so looking forward to some muddy walks, toastie fires and time to relax!



Kind wishes
Michelle Catterson



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Art Trip to Pallent House Gallery and Chichester Cathedral

Thursday 7th February 2019

On our recent trip to Chichester the Year 11 artists visited Pallant House Art Gallery and Chichester Cathedral. The aim of this trip was to provide a positive starting point for their current exam unit. The students were expected to look through the range of art work on display and find links to their chosen exam topic, making notes, sketches and taking photographs of the various artefacts, sculptures, paintings and etchings. The exhibits included the work of; Norman Ackroyd (landscape etchings), Cathie Pilkington (sculptural installations), Julian Trevelyan (fine art paintings), Urban Landscapes with exhibits from John Piper, Graham Sutherland, Frank Auerbach, Doris Seidler and Walter Sickert, along with various smaller displays.

Once their tasks were complete at the gallery, Year 11 walked to Chichester Cathedral, photographing the cathedral grounds and then finally, after a brief visit to the Cathedral Café, we photographed



the exterior and interior of the building. Luck was definitely on our side, the weather was warm and sunny, with no sign of rain, providing the ideal conditions for great photography which we hope to exhibit later in the academic year.

Year 11 are now busy, downloading their photography, mounting and presenting sketches and developing ideas for their final piece. This work will form an important part of the GCSE Art and Design Exam Unit.

Both Mrs Squire and I were hugely impressed with the positive attitude and excellent behaviour displayed by our students at all times. They were an absolute delight to take out!

- Mrs Bocking





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Interview Skills Morning

This week, we welcomed Siân Lumsden as a visitor to the school. Siân is a partner of Eighty20Focus, a management training and consultancy business. She showed our students how to present themselves in an interview and how to engage with new people as they get ready to move on to other institutions and businesses.



The students started with a role-play communication exercise. They also critiqued a mock interview where Mrs Martin played a candidate who needed help improving her technique.

It was a fun-filled morning with a serious purpose: to become aware that the interpersonal skills you need can be learned. Practising these skills will give you confidence and help you realise your goals. Thank you so much to Siân.

- Mrs Jones





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Girls' Games Report

This term has seen its usual mixture of weather which has meant that a couple of matches have had to be cancelled. We have however continued to work on our hockey skills and tactics with great enthusiasm.

In the Junior School we have focussed on passing and dribbling and we are now able to play small games effectively.

Years 7 and 8 have had the opportunity to play some mixed hockey which has reflected our enthusiasm and strength in this sport. Throughout this half term we have been preparing as a girls team for fixtures next half term.

Our senior girls have been playing a fast and furious game of hockey recently. They are a very fit agile group. Skills are improving and scoring goals has become a regular habit for one of our outstanding players, Millie R, who has been an strength in attack.

Alongside our hockey games we have also played a netball match against Box Hill. This proved to be a match to be proud of. The team played with great determination to win confidently. We now await our next match against Box Hills 6th Form next half term.

The Girls Hockey Club this term is proving to be very enjoyable and rewarding. It is providing a worthwhile opportunity for skill advancement. This has become very evident in the girls who have been attending. Well done!



- Mrs Edwards

Sports Results

Wednesday: MHSR Seniors 6 – 0 More House School
Player of the match – Angus L

Friday: MHSR Middle School 5 – 4 Box Hill
Player of the match – Jack O



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Hockey Season Explodes Into Life!

On Wednesday, 9th January, the Moon Hall hockey season started. Taking into account the intensity with which the pupils and students play this game, it is true to say that the season burst into life from the very word go.

The Years 9-11 played against the Duke of Kent School and lost 2-0. The score line belies the fact that Toby P's men matched the opposition for skill but, despite having several chances to score, could not deliver the killer blows needed. The star of the show wasn't even a Year 9, 10 or 11 boy; it was Harry W (a mere Year 8!) who, as left striker, performed with amazing skill and courage against boys twice his height.

The following week, two six a side teams journeyed to Boxhill School to play the hosts' first ever match on their surprisingly small astro-turf pitch. The A team played their first half followed by the Bs for their first half which, in turn, was followed by the teams' respective second halves. Each match lasted half an hour.

The A team game proved a high octane affair where sheer determination and the competitive spirit became as intense as the laws would allow! Toby P scored a couple of goals, his second flying like an exocet missile into the right corner of the goal. The game was played at an incredible pace. At half-time, 1-0 up was a great start. The second half witnessed a plethora of goals from both sides. The team, minus the invaluable James D, fought like tigers. Toby P scored another goal as did Jasper M. Jo B and Dom B defended as if their lives depended on it. Loic W, the sole striker, was also excellent. Harry B's skills as a goal-keeper have improved phenomenally. With reactions like lightning, if put in front of a firing squad, he would catch the bullets! He has shown not only great courage and anticipation but also great resilience. 3-2 up with three minutes to go! In those three minutes, Boxhill scored two goals to pull off a fine come back. Sport can be so cruel. Like Joe Root's men in the West Indies, having a good reputation in sport doesn't always guarantee success. We do have a high reputation in hockey but Toby P's troops are just a hair's breadth away from success. One goal and the floodgates will open. His team are simply too good not to win imminently – unlike England's pathetic cricketers.

The B team, however, hammered Boxhill 6-0. The star of the show was Angus L who scored two goals and assisted in three more! Loic W, who played in all four quarters for both the A and B teams, scored two excellent goals and didn't really stop running for a whole hour – a herculean effort! Every single member of this B team displayed frightening commitment to the cause!



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The Year 9 - 11 A team re-visited the Duke of Kent again a week later and again lost a very tight game 1-0. The goal scoring chances came and went but credit must go to the opposition goal keeper who made several outstanding saves.

The Year 7 - 8 boys too have been experiencing a frustrating season. Led by the indomitable Harry W, the team travelled to the Duke of Kent and played superbly ...but conceded a goal just with three minutes to go. Apart from Harry W whose skills were demonstrated by some terrific crosses from the right, three other boys in particular shone out. Luke M is proving to be a wonderful, fearless goal keeper...and what a star Isaac S (Year Six!) is proving to be. He was taken off most reluctantly to give a chance of match experience to other important members of the squad –but what a talent!! Jack O, using his dazzling skills honed in his ice hockey jousts, showed both exceptional skill and speed but just couldn't get the goal that he richly deserved.

There has also been a great mixed match. This was on Friday, 25th January and involved a squad of Year 7 - 8 students who demolished Aberdour 6-0. Harry W shone out as usual but Jack O was the star with an amazing hat trick. Always in the right position as left mid field, he cracked two crosses from Harry W into the goal! But his third goal was reminiscent of Gareth Edwards' dream try for the Barbarians in 1973 (surely, the greatest try ever scored!) or Ryan Giggs' ridiculous goal in the FA Cup twenty – six years later when he twisted, fainted, dodged and ran around and through half a dozen hapless Arsenal players (sorry to bring that up, Mr Duke!!). Jack O just had the defenders utterly bemused –a wonderful solo effort! William F enjoyed a fantastic debut and Ollie F is proving to be a priceless player in ANY position! Charlotte L-R proved so tough as a defender and passed numerous times to Jack O while Evie E – when she's not taking the plaudits as an actress – was just as comfortable and committed on the hockey stage as she is on Mrs Martin's. Niamh W showed typical Aussie grit, while Ela A and Paige B also contributed massively to a crushing win.

We have plenty of matches to come in the second half of term but the next one against More House is at home on Wednesday, 13th February just after this article went to press. One Year 7 student, Finley G, whose brother Connor promises to be a truly exceptional player in his own right, may be surprised to see his name in this report; he has never played a hockey match here yet. But he came up to me the other day and said to me, "Sir, I'm dying to be in the hockey team!" That attitude typifies the hockey ambitions of this place. With the talent latent at Moon Hall, these games should be exciting, fun and –hopefully- triumphant!

PS – since writing this report our senior hockey team has gone on to defeat More House this week with an outstanding result of 6-0! Well done!

- Mr Cattanach



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Dates for the Diary 26th February – 1st March 2019

Thursday 28th February

Year 9 Parents Evening

Spring Term Menu - Week 1

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

Macaroni cheese
GF penne with roasted vegetables & basil oil
Jacket potato with baked beans
Pesto garlic bread, mini corn cobs, green beans
Waffles, berries & cream, fresh cut fruit, jelly, yoghurt

Tuesday

Chicken Rogan Josh with mango chutney
Chickpea & sweet potato korma with onion bhaji
Jacket potato with baked beans
Buttered spinach & peas
Apple sponge cake & custard, fresh cut fruit, jelly, yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast gammon with a honey gravy
Lentil & roasted vegetable muffin bakes
Jacket potato with baked beans
Savoy cabbage & swede, roast potatoes
Plum crumble & custard, fresh cut fruit, jelly, yoghurt

Thursday

Spaghetti bolognese
Quorn & bean bolognese
Jacket potato with baked beans
Garlic croutes, carrots & green beans
Cream cheese frosted ginger sponge, fresh cut fruit, jelly, yoghurt

Friday

Crispy breaded haddock with lemon wedge
Beetroot & feta frittata
Jacket potato with baked beans
French fries, mushy peas, garden peas & tartare sauce
Fruit cookie, fresh cut fruit, jelly, yoghurt