



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parent/Carer

The School has seen some significant successes over the last week, following the publication of the results of the National Cipher Challenge. The School team achieved a 3rd place, (in a field of over one hundred) ahead of schools such as KEVICS Grammar School, Magdalen College School, Westminster School, Harrow, Wycliffe, Lancaster Royal Grammar and Nonsuch High School.

The team members should be rightly proud of such achievements and I know that that Mr Gill will be giving us more detail in a later newsletter.

I must take the opportunity to wish the Year 10 (U15) rugby team every success next Wednesday as they play their National Cup Quarter Final match.

Parents Drop Off/Parking

I would be grateful if you could read the text from an email delivered to me today

"I live in Shakespeare Ave and am a resident who would praise the boys and girls of the school.

However parents dropping off at school is a different matter. I leave at 8am most days to drop my son at school on my way to work. This means I experience excessive speed and dangerous 'drop off' most days; illegal parking, stopping in the middle of the road and a general disregard for children's safety and basic rules of the road."

Obviously I would be much happier not to receive correspondence such as this and would ask parents to consider if these comments might relate to them.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Reports

Year 8 and Year 10 Progress Reports, and Lower Sixth Target Setting reports are now available for parents to view on ePortal.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Thursday 18th January

Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 20th January

Ten Tors Training on Mendips

Monday 22nd January

Lower Sixth Classics trip to London

Tuesday 23rd January

Lower Sixth Oxford University Trip

SCLS - 'Understanding Epilepsy: From Gods and Spirits to Brain Tissue in a Dish' - Main Hall 3.25pm

Wednesday 24th January

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 25th/Friday 26th January

Year 11 Geography Trip to Bristol Harbour

Friday 26th January

PTA - Year 7 Parents Cheese and Wine Event

Thursday 1st February

Year 10 and Year 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge

Lower Sixth Parents Evening - 4.30pm - 8.30pm

Friday 2nd February

Beechen Cliff Bands Night 7.15pm - 9.45pm

Parking in Alexandra Park

With a number of Parents Evenings scheduled over the coming weeks we want to remind parents that the gates to Alexandra Park are locked each evening by the Local Authority and Beechen Cliff School no longer holds a key. Parents may wish to consider parking elsewhere.

We are grateful for the consideration our visitors show to the local residents when parking near the school and thank you for your continued support with this.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Evenings.

Mr T Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Prep Update

As of Monday 15th January we changed the format of Prep. In Short, if a pupil misses a homework, they will be issued with a H2 and expected to complete the homework after School on that day.

Please note that voluntary prep will still be available every day. Please see below for details

- If a pupil misses a homework, a 24 hour window will be given by the teacher (if deemed appropriate) to produce the homework. If the homework is not handed in, a H2 will be recorded on CPOMS and the teacher will tell the pupil that he will attend Prep on that day to complete the homework for up to an hour.
- If the pupil has a C2 on that day too, the C2 will take precedence and the H2 will follow the C2 20mins.
- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - Prep also available for Year 11 revision in Room C2

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster Pastoral

PTA

We have been busy putting together a Year Rep scheme, aiming to provide a point of contact between the PTA and all parents.

We now have two Reps per year who are on hand to remind you about all PTA events and who you contact with any queries, fundraising ideas and feedback moving forward.

Please find names and emails below. We will also put this up on the PTA section of the school website.

| Year | Reps | Email Contacts |
|---------|---|--|
| Year 7 | Caroline Roofe Jacqueline Lewis Vicki Mowat | Yr7bcspta@gmail.com Jacqueline.lewis@icloud.com vicmowat@gmail.com |
| Year 8 | Kate Abbey Jane Griffiths | kateabbey@hotmail.com ejanegriffiths@gmail.com |
| Year 9 | Clare Cutting Caroline Healy | clare_cutting@hotmail.com carolinehealy100@gmail.com |
| Year 10 | Tom Therrien Tracey Kehoe | tom@tt-tennis.co.uk traceyskehoe@gmail.com |
| Year 11 | Steph Massie Lisa Govier | bathmassies@gmail.com lgovier@yahoo.co.uk |
| Year 12 | Philippa Spruit Sarah Evans | philippa.spruit@sky.com sarah.evans@beechencliff.org.uk |
| Year 13 | Lisa Govier Mandy Adams | lgovier@yahoo.co.uk mandy.adams40@gamil.com |

A quick reminder of upcoming events

Thursday 25th January - Year 8 Riverford Cookery Evening. (This event is SOLD OUT but please contact kateabbey@hotmail.com to go on a waiting list)

Friday 26th January - Year 7 Wine, Beer and Cheese social. More information is available via ParentPay

Friday 18th May - Quiz Night - SAVE THE DATE!

Annie Meharg and Kate Abbey
PTA Chairs

Latest 50:50 Club Winners

Congratulations to the latest Beechen Cliff PTA 50:50 Club winners! The winning numbers were drawn at the PTA meeting on 8th January and the names, prizes and numbers are listed below:

November 2017 winners

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| £95.25 | Elaine Olphert | 538 |
| £63.50 | Angela Marchant | 155 |
| £31.75 | Karen Heath | 442 |

December 2017 winners

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|--------|--------------------|-----|
| £97.25 | Fran Burstall | 374 |
| £64.83 | Isabella Spotswood | 552 |
| £32.42 | Anthony Akbar | 460 |

Due to a recent increase in members, the January prize fund is set to reach £200, meaning the first prize will be over £100! And it is not too late to join - members are welcome anytime and it is very simple to set up. Please just contact me letting me know how many numbers you would like each month (£1 each) and I will give you details of how to set up the standing order.

Sarah Mitchard (parent and 50:50 co-ordinator)
sarah@mitchard.net
Tel: 07909962272

Word of the Week - Kudos

Mass noun

= admiration or recognition that someone or something gets as a result of a particular action or achievement

= acclaim, glory or prestige

= compliments or congratulations (Americanism)

- ✓ Do you **know** it?
- ✓ Can you **spell** it?
- ✓ Can you **use** it correctly in your work this week?

Use it:

She was looking for **kudos** rather than profit.

The orchestra revelled in the **kudos** of playing at the Royal Albert Hall.

The new hotel chain has won **kudos** for the way it treats its guests.

Pronounced 'cue - doss'

Kudos is often wrongly thought to be the plural of 'kudo' whereas, in fact, there is no such word.

It comes from the Greek word *κῦδος* meaning praise or renown.

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Theme of the Week – Holocaust Memorial Day

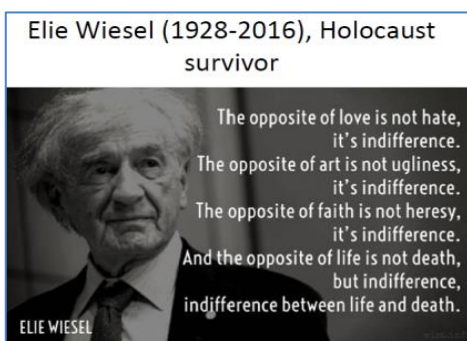
Theme of the week for the next two weeks is about Holocaust Memorial Day, which officially takes place on 27th January every year. HMD has taken place in the UK since 2001.

Holocaust Memorial Day is a day each year when we are encouraged to remember the six million Jewish people who were systematically persecuted and murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust (which took place during the 1930s and 1940s in Europe). We also remember the other groups of people who were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis: Roma and Sinti people (gypsies), disabled people, gay people, Jehovah's Witnesses, political opponents and many others. Furthermore, it is an opportunity to remember the millions of men, women and children, who have been murdered in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp in Poland.

Each year, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust chooses a theme for the memorial – this year it is the **power of words**. This theme asks us all think about how words have been used for good, and for evil. Words can be used to discriminate, dehumanise and destroy people. Words have been used to help people resist, protest, document their experiences and survive. Words are used to respond to the worst events in human history. What power do our words have? What responsibility do we have to use the power of our words for good today?

The presentation attached to this Newsletter has a selection of poems and quotes to help you reflect on the power of words for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day.

Miss Polly Netto
PHSE Co-ordinator



Reporting Pupil Absences

Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments:

Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the Attendance Office direct on 01225 485222, or you can email attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Sixth Form Students For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on 01225 485221.

If the attendance lines are busy, do please leave a message on the answer machine.

Bands Night 2018 – Friday 2nd February

Back for the third year – the Sixth Form and Beechen Cliff Arts are organising the now famous (infamous?) Bands Night. This previously 'sell out' event is back on Friday 2nd February. This year we are expecting more bands/solo acts than ever before and are expecting standards to be raised yet again.

Bands Night is an opportunity for bands/solo acts to perform from all year groups and we would encourage any budding Ed Sherans or a fledgling Foo Fighters to leave contact details at the Main Office and we will be in touch.

Tickets (£1 in advance) for this event will available from mid-January for pupils, students and parents. Tickets will also be available to buy via ParentPay. On the door, entrance will be £2. Be warned, in previous years this event has been sold out so get your ticket early. For parents there will be a bar.

All proceeds from Bands Night go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty.



Will Hegarty and Tegan Rush (Sixth Form students)

Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 2nd March

A date for your diaries/calendars. The School are organising another Quiz and Curry Night on Friday, 2nd March in the Refectory – it will include a selection of curries, live music and a raffle. Details to follow. Come along with family/friends in teams of 4-6.

All proceeds from the event will go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty.



Mr P Watts
Deputy Headmaster

Beechen Cliff Tennis Programme - January – March 2018

TENNIS 'SQUAD' - Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm Years 7 – 10

17th January – 14th March £40 (8 sessions)

The Squad is split into a beginner class and intermediate class. Groups are sorted by ability and age. The course covers:

- Basis technique – correct grips and swings, footwork patterns and ball characteristics
- Basis singles and doubles tactics
- Rules and matchplay

To register please visit www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beechencliff
For more information please email info@tt-tennis.co.uk

Mr T Markall
Tennis

SPORTS

Sporting Fixtures

The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

| Day | Kick-off/start Time | Fixture | Meeting Time | Transport | Finish/Return |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Thurs 18 th Jan | 14.00 | Football U13A v Bucklers Mead Academy (H) | 13.15 | n/a | 15.30 |
| | 14.30 | Football 1 st XI, 2 nd XI v Dauntsey's School (A) | 12.45 | Coach @ 13.00 | 17.00 |
| | 16.00 | Hockey U15A, U14A v Clifton College (A) | 14.15 | MB | 17.45 |
| Mon 22 nd Jan | 15.45 | Football U13A, U13B v BGS (A) | 14.15 | Coach 14.30 | 17.30 |
| | 10.00 | Hockey U16 County Tournament @ Clifton (A) | 08.00 | MB | 15.00 |
| Tues 23 rd Jan | 14.00 | Football U13 v TBC (A) | TBC | MB | TBC |
| | 14.00 | Rugby U15A v Uffculme School (H/A -TBC) | 12.15 | TBC | 16.00 |
| | 15.30 | Cricket Sixes U13A v Area competition @ St Bernadettes (A) | 14.00 | MB | 18.30 |
| | 15.45 | Hockey U15A v Warminster School (A) | 14.00 | MB | 17.30 |
| Weds 24 th Jan | 14.15 | Football 1st XV v Chew Valley (A) | 12.45 | MB | 16.30 |
| | 14.30 | Football U15A, U15B v BGS (A) | 12.45 | Coach 13.00 | 17.00 |
| | 15.45 | Hockey Sevens U13A, U13B v Warminster School (A) | 12.45 | MB | 17.45 |

Sports Results for Week Commencing 8th January 2018

| Date | Fixture | Type | Result | Score |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| Tues 9 th Jan | U15 Rugby v Backwell | National Vase (last 16) | Won | 48-0 |
| Weds 10 th Jan | U15 Football v Wellsway | Somerset Cup | Won | 6-0 |
| Thurs 11 th Jan | U13 Football v St Peters (Bournemouth) | National Cup (last 32) | Won | 8-0 |
| | U12b Football v BGS | Friendly | Lost | 1-3 |
| | U12c Football v BGS | Friendly | Lost | 3-4 |

Mr P MacDonald
Director of Sport



Super Curricular Lecture Series

" Understanding Epilepsy:
From Gods and Spirits
to Brain Tissue in a Dish"



Beechen Cliff's Super Curricular Lecture series presents

A Talk by Professor Roland Jones
University of Bath
Dept of Pharmacy & Pharmacology

TUESDAY 23rd January 2018
3.25 – 4.15 p.m. in the Main Hall

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
All Parents, Sixth Form and
Years 10 & 11 and Staff welcome