



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 7th February 2018

Free School Meals and 16-19 Bursary

We are aware that in these difficult economic times a family's financial circumstances can change suddenly. You can apply for free school meals at any time, if you meet the eligibility criteria as set out by the Government.

For further details about free school meals please contact Mrs S Davies, in the Main School Office. Alternatively, you can find information on free school meals and how to apply on the Bath and North East Somerset website:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/school-meals-and-catering/free-school-meals>

If you are eligible, we urge you to apply. Not only will your child benefit from a healthy and nutritious meal every school day, but also eligibility may open up other areas of financial support for your child at school.

Also available to Sixth Form students is the 16-19 Bursary. This fund is available for payments to help with educational equipment, subject required trips, uniform and travel, where there is evidence of financial need. For further information, including how to apply, please contact Mrs C Jones, Assistant to the Head of Sixth Form.

All information for free school meals and the Bursary Fund are kept in confidential files.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Safer Internet Use

Safer Internet Day, 6th February is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. In an era where cyber bullying is rife in society it is really important to focus on the role of the internet in young peoples lives in terms of their relationships and digital and mental wellbeing. Please use the Parents and Carers Information Pack published with this newsletter to discuss the issues with your children and please do use the additional links for assistance and information.

As a starter, how about banning the use of mobiles in your home a couple of evenings a week, away from the table at mealtimes and out of sight during family time...? A sure way to start a conversation...? Give it a go!

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Thursday 8th February

Year 11 Art trip to Cardiff
Youth Parliament Day Trip
Imperial War Museum Trip

Friday 9th February

INSET DAY 4

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Half Term Holiday

Monday 19th February

Term 4 begins
USA Ski Trip meeting – Main Hall at 5.30pm

Tuesday 20th February – Tuesday 27th February

Italian Exchange Students in School

Wednesday 21st February

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Saturday 24th February

DofE Silver and Gold Training

Saturday 24th February – Sunday 25th February

Ten Tors Training in Dartmoor

Tuesday 27th February

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Friday 2nd March

Quiz and Curry Night in the Refectory – supporting the Sixth Form project work in Transylvania with the charity People Against Poverty.

Lost Property

Following the feedback that you have provided for us from recent Parents' Evenings, please note that lost property is handed in and stored with the School Nurse

If your son has lost an item of uniform or sports kit, please encourage him to visit the school nurse during a break or lunch time to see if the item is there.

Please also remember that if your son has any issues related to his well-being at school initially he should talk to his tutor or Head of House who will work with him to ensure that the appropriate support is offered.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Apprenticeships and Jobs Fair

Bath College will be holding an Apprenticeships and Jobs Fair on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at the Assembly Rooms. It will be open from 12noon until 6pm and pupils/students, parents and the public are welcome to attend.



For further information please contact Bath College on 01225 328687.

I shall be inviting a small number of Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to attend the event, during the school day, and those pupils shall be notified in the near future.

Mr J Forrest
Careers and Work Related Manager

Theme of the Week-LGBT History Month

Theme of the week this week is about LGBT History Month, a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.



LGBT History Month originated in the United States, and was first celebrated in 1994. LGBT History Month was initiated in the UK by [Sue Sanders](#), [Elly Barnes](#) and Schools OUT UK, and first took place in February 2005. The event came in the wake of the abolition of [Section 28](#) in 2003 and is intended to raise awareness of and combat prejudice against, an otherwise substantially invisible minority (Section 28 stated that a [local authority](#) "shall not intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality" or "promote the teaching in any [maintained school](#) of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship". It was repealed in England in 2003).

Throughout February this year our theme is **Geography: Mapping the World**. It will be commemorating two events; the 30th anniversary of the passing of Section 28; and the fortieth anniversary of the murder by shooting of Harvey Milk, the USA's first out-gay elected councillor. The rainbow flag was launched in 1978, and its creator Gilbert Baker passed away last year.

'Geography: Mapping the World', has partly been chosen as the theme for this year's LGBT History Month now that Australia and up to 16 more central and South American nations have legalised same sex weddings.



On 21st February Stuart Milk will be visiting us to speak with Year 9, Year 10 and our Equalities Team about LGBT inclusion. He will also meet with Sixth Formers and staff to

discuss how we as a school can become more inclusive. Stuart Milk is the nephew of Harvey Milk, the iconic civil rights leader. **Stuart Milk** is an international human rights activist, LGBT rights speaker, government relations consultant, and youth advocate. He is the co-founder and

Board President of the all-volunteer Harvey Milk Foundation. Mr Milk successfully led campaigns for the establishment of the now annual Harvey Milk Day holiday in California and Milks' induction into the California Hall of Fame and he accepted on behalf of his uncle the highest civilian honour in the US, the Medal of Freedom, from President Barack Obama. Mr Milk has worked with and alongside local and national LGBT organizations on six continents in both official matters with legislative and governmental entities as well as in capacity building events and demonstrations. He has been an official delegate abroad on Human Rights issues and often serves as a representative and liaison for formal and informal dialogue with foreign policy leaders. He frequently gives major keynote addresses at political conferences and conventions, international congresses, LGBT pride events, public demonstrations and parades, film and educational festivals and equality summits. Mr Milk has led collaborative international congresses on minority inclusion, diversity education, and workplace acceptance. Having over two decades of leadership experience in both public and private workforce programs, he often consults with business and community organizations finding the intersection of economic growth and social progress.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Milk to Beechen Cliff as part of our recognition of LGBT History Month.

What's on for LGBT History month 2018 in B&NES?

21st February – **Stuart Milk** *Global LGBT+ Rights and the Power of Your Story*. An evening with internationally renowned LGBT rights campaigner and nephew of civil rights activist Harvey Milk. Brunswick Room, Guildhall, Bath, BA1 5AW 7.00 - 8.30pm. All welcome. Please email Louise_murphy@bathnes.gov.uk if you would like to attend.

6th February, 12 noon: *Celebrating Best Practice: Towards an LGBTQ+ Inclusive Curriculum* - Dr Gale (Birmingham University) shares top tips on creating a teaching environment which all students - regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation - can thrive. Please email Ceri Jenkins (c.jenkins2@bathspa.ac.uk) for further information.

15th February, 2:30pm: *How Can I Help? The 101 Guide to Being an LGBTQ+ Ally* - Dominic Arnall (Stonewall Head of Projects and Programmes) gives non-LGBTQ+ individuals the opportunity to explore what it means to be an ally. Please email Ceri Jenkins (c.jenkins2@bathspa.ac.uk) for further information

Sunday 25th February, 2.00pm: *Bath Gay History Walk* by Robert Howes. Meet at 2pm by the War Memorial outside Victoria Park. For information contact Colin 07758810134

And look out for our LGBT related display at **Bath Central Library** throughout February

Miss P Netto
PSHE Co-ordinator

Literacy



This week, the library team have put their redundant Christmas tree to good use and have turned it into a 'Millionaires Tree'! Pupils in Years 7 and 8 that have read a million words or more, will have their names adorning the tree to celebrate their reading achievement.

Otto Goldsmith has become a Millionaire member this week, reading a total of **1,063,405** words and therefore becoming our 15th member of the millionaires club!

Reader of the Week:

Congratulations to **Freddie Hiscott** (BY6) who is our reader of the week. Freddie has now taken 16 quizzes in total (12 with a 100% pass rate) and has been incredibly focused on his reading whilst in the library.

Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Word of the Week: Scenario

A noun - *a / the scenario*

- = a written outline of a film, novel, or stage work giving details of the plot and individual scenes
- = a setting, in particular for a work of art or literature
- = a description of possible events or actions in the future

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

Use it:

There are several possible scenarios.

Nobody wanted to contemplate the nightmare scenario should the talks between the two countries break down.

Spell it:

Remember the silent c: Scenario

Now you can also spell: scene, scenic, scenery...

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Quiz and Curry Night - Friday 2nd March

Tickets are now on sale for the Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 2nd March in the Refectory. Available on ParentPay and from the Main Office, tickets cost £8.00 which includes a selection of curries and quiz entry. Come along with family and friends in teams of 4-6. There will be a bar and a raffle with some great prizes.

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



Staff Required

Please see attached to this week's newsletter details of two current vacancies; an Assistant Chef and a Teaching Assistant

Mrs C Thompson
Headmaster's PA/Administration Manager

Beechen Cliff Annual Music Concert 2018

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March 2018 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD). Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, String Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Year 7 Orchestra, presenting a wide range of repertoire from Handel through to Stevie Wonder!

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Tickets are priced at just £1 and can be acquired via ParentPay. To Note: this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

PTA News

Year 8 parents were treated to a wonderful cookery evening last week. Vicki (Year 7 parents) from Riverford and 10 parents prepared, cooked and ate three fabulous vegetarian meals using produce from their veg-boxes. All profits from the evening were very kindly donated to the PTA.

Feedback included: "you have revolutionised my cooking with those knife skills!" We hope to run more of these events for other year groups throughout 2018 so watch out for dates...

The following night we saw nearly 70 parents at the Year 7 cheese, wine and beer welcome night. Huge thanks to Ben (Year 7 parent) from Pong Cheese who very generously donated all the cheese and biscuits for the evening, to Great Western Wine and the Electric Bear Brewing Co for sponsoring the event, and to donors of the raffle prizes. Many thanks also to Year 7 class reps Caroline, Vicki and Jacqueline and the team of helpers and to the wonderful Beechen Cliff musicians who serenaded us! The event raised over £500 for PTA funds

Second Hand Uniform

The School has asked for any donations of school trousers please. Hand in to the main school office if you have any unwanted items.

Upcoming Dates:

5th March at 7pm - Next PTA meeting
18th May - PTA Quiz night

PTA Chairs

Mentoring Plus

Mentoring Plus is a local charity supporting vulnerable young people aged 7-21 by training adult volunteers from our community and matching them one to one with our young people. We also provide an all year round weekly varied activities programme aimed at building confidence and connecting our young people with their community. Three of their staff team, Jamie, Katy and Jim are running the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday, 4th March. Their goal is to raise £1,600 towards young people's activities. If you would like to support them, here's the online link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jimjamiekaty>



Stephanie Massie Community Development (*usual days of work are Mon, Weds and Thurs*)

Mentoring Plus Ltd

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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 8 th Feb	14.15	Netball U18A, U18B v Colston's School (A)	13.15	MB	16.15
	14.30	Football 1 st XI, 2 nd XI v KES, Bath (H)	13.45	n/a	16.00
	14.30	Football U15A v Clifton High School (A)	12.45	Coach 13.00	16.45
	14.30	Hockey 1 st XI v Dauntsey's School (A)	13.00	MB	16.45
Fri 9 th Feb	INSET DAY				
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	SCHOOL HOLIDAY				
Mon 19 th Feb	10.00	Rugby Sevens U14A v Prior Park 7s (A)	9.00	MB	16.00
Tues 20 th Feb	15.00	Cricket Sixes U15A v Area Tournament @ Oldfield (A)	14.15	MB	18.30
	15.15	Football U13A, U12A v Oldfield (A)	14.45	MB	16.30
	15.45	Football U15B, U13B V Somervale School (H)	15.15	n/a	17.00
Weds 21 st Feb	14.15	Football U13B, U12A, U12 Atletico v QEJ (A)	12.45	Coach 13.00	17.15
	15.30	Football U14A v St Mark's CofE (H)	15.15	n/a	16.30

Sports Results for Week Commencing 29th January 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 29 th Jan	U15a Hockey v Colstons	Friendly	Won	4-1
Tues 30 th Jan	U14a Football v BGS	Friendly	Won	1-0
	U14b Football v BGS	Friendly	Won	7-0
	U18 Basketball v Bristol Met	Friendly	Won	81-51
Weds 31 st Jan	Shooting v Dauntseys	Friendly	Lost	See scorecard
	U13a Hockey v All Hallows	Friendly	Won	6-0
	U13b Hockey v All Hallows	Friendly	Won	3-1
	U13c Hockey v All Hallows	Friendly	Drew	2-2
Thurs 1 st Feb	1st XI Hockey v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	0-5
	2nd XI Hockey v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	2-4
	1st VII Netball v Monkton	Friendly	Won	31-10
	2nd VII Netball v Monkton	Friendly	Won	22-7
	U15a Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	7-0
	U15b Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	2-0
	U15c Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	7-0
	U16a Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Drew	3-3

Mr P MacDonald
Director of Sport