



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 7th March 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Carers

Sir Roger Bannister

We were very sorry to hear this week that Sir Roger Bannister has passed away, aged eighty eight. Obviously to many generations of young men at Beechen Cliff School (City of Bath Grammar School as it had been until the 1960's) Sir Roger was an inspirational figure. His achievement on the track in 1954 was, of course, legendary. It was less well known that he was an eminent neurologist and that he took greater pride in his medical work than any other facet of his exceptional career.

His achievement will stand for many generations to come and the school sends its condolences to Lady Bannister and the family.

Under 15 Rugby

The Under 15 Rugby squad can take huge pride in its achievements over the last few months. Last weekend the team succeeded in overcoming the London Oratory School 24-12 in a Semi Final at Allianz Park. Next week the aim is to try and go one step further. Regardless of the outcome, the school is very proud of the achievements of this team and, most importantly, the positive spirit with which it plays the game. We all wish them every success next week.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

A Reminder for the Return of your Data Collection Sheet (DCS) for Years 9, 10 and 11.

Thank you for those DCS returned. However, there are a large number still to be returned from a second reminder issue. Please may I ask you to remind your son to return the DCS in the addressed envelope provided as soon as possible.

It is imperative we have up-to-date contact details to meet with government legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Mrs S Davies
Admissions Administrator
Sue.Davies@beechencliff.org.uk

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7th March and Thursday 8th March
Annual Music Concert at St Luke's Church 7pm

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th March
Lower Sixth Geography trip to Devon

Thursday 15th March
Year 11 Spanish Exchange students in Bath

Thursday 15th - Friday 16th March
Year 7 Football tour

Friday 16th March
Year 10 French Exchange Students in Bath

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th March
Ten Tors training weekend in Dartmoor

Sunday 18th March
Sixth Form Malaga Trip

Thursday 22 March
Psychology students to Zimbardo conference
Lower Sixth Geography trip to Three Cliffs Bay

Friday 23rd March
End of Term Assembly - *School finishes approx. 1pm*

Monday 26th March - Friday 6th April
EASTER HOLIDAYS

~~**Saturday 24th March**~~
Year 7 House shooting - **Date change to 21st April**

Tuesday 27th March
French Student Hosting - Main Hall 11.15 - 12.15pm

Monday 9th April
Start of Term 5 - Spring Term

Year 11 Examination Arrangements 2018

A letter has been posted to all Year 11 parents this week, which outlines the arrangements and procedures for the GCSE examinations this summer.

If there are any queries about examination timetables please contact the Examinations Officer, Mrs Davison, at school.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Austria Ski Trip 2019 (12th–18th Jan 2019)

Letters are now available from Mr Watts and Mr Mann for pupils in the current Year 9 and pupils in Year 11 who will stay on in the Sixth Form.

Mr K Mann
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Word of the Week: Ephemeral

An adjective to describe
= short-lived; momentary

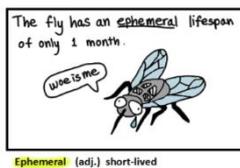
Use it:

Thankfully, the hairstyle trend was only **ephemeral**.

The autumnal blaze of colors is always to be treasured, all the more so because it is so **ephemeral**.

As she watched the child play she sighed wistfully at the **ephemeral** joys of childhood.

New words are always being coined; some are **ephemeral** but some make it into more common use.



Spell it:

Remember the word '*phase*' with its **ph** 'f' sound and link it to **ephemeral** – a short phase.

Literacy

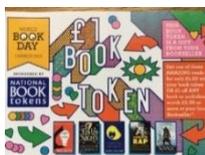
Reader of the Week:



Henry Godfrey (ML7) is our reader of the week. Henry has worked extremely hard towards reaching the targets he has been set within his library lessons. Great work!

We have not had any new additions to the 'millionaires' tree so far this week however, **Noah Lavelle** and **Benjamin Pearcey** (who have both been in the millionaires club for quite some time!) have now both read in-excess of two million words each since September! Keep up the good work boys!

The library still has plenty of World Book Day vouchers to hand out and so please do come and collect one! The offer is open until the **25th March** and so there is plenty of time to grab a voucher, buy a book and get reading!



Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Theme of the Week – World Book Day

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by **UNESCO** as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. This is the 21st year there's been a World Book Day, and on 1st March 2018, children of all ages came together to appreciate reading. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books.

37% of employers are dissatisfied with young people's literacy skills and use of English. Reading is a crucial way of improving literacy skills, whether you enjoy reading fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, comics, newspapers or blogs. The more you read the better your writing will be too!

Attached to this newsletter is a presentation which includes a quiz to test your knowledge of books, a video and questions which the tutors may use this week to generate a discussion about books. There is also a link to videos of experts giving advice on writing and illustrating stories.

Miss P Netto
PHSE Co-ordinator

Guys and Dolls Production

Not to be confused with your typical school production, the hugely talented students of Beechen Cliff School are working with Bath Theatre School to bring a professionally staged version of *Guys & Dolls* to Bath audiences.



This spectacular show is packed full of the charm, comedy and romance and is one of the world's best loved movies and features the wonderful songs *Fugue for Tinhorns*, *Luck Be a Lady*, *Guys & Dolls* and *Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat*.

All the best gamblers are in town, and they are all counting on Nathan Detroit to set up this week's incarnation of 'The Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York'; the only problem is, he needs \$1000 to get the place. Throw in Sarah Brown, who is short on sinners at the mission she runs; Sky Masterson, who accepts Nathan's \$1000 bet that he can not get Sarah Brown to go with him on a date to Havana; Miss Adelaide, who wants Nathan to marry her; Police Lieutenant Brannigan, who always seems to appear at the wrong time. This is a fun and energetic musical is packed full of toe tapping classics.

The show is being performed from Wednesday 11th Friday 13th April, 7pm - 9.30pm, at Kingswood Theatre. You can buy tickets now from the link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/FGDJHI> or the Box Office: 01225 640046."

Duke of Edinburgh - Introductions



I am Mr Bell, the **Duke of Edinburgh Manager** and would like to introduce myself to you. I have been involved in the Award as a participant at Bronze and Silver Levels. I have been delivering the Award to young people at all levels for over fifteen years. During that time I have led and managed a huge number of teams and groups, leading expeditions to most parts of the UK as well as facilitating the completion of the other three sections and the Gold Residential.

In my spare time I am a volunteer for the Air Cadets and look after the Adventurous Training for Dorset and Wiltshire Wing. I also deliver the Award through Marlborough Open Award Centre.

I am a very keen outdoors person and am a qualified Mountain Leader, Indoor and Outdoor Climbing Instructor, Mountain Biking Instructor, Archery Leader, First Aid Instructor, but I don't do water!

Over the next few weeks, I will be visiting tutors and discussing with you future dates and events for Duke of Edinburgh up until the Summer Holidays and the opportunities open to you as part of this. There will be a Bronze information evening for Year 9 and a meeting for the upcoming Silver Expedition with Beechen Cliff School.

Important dates for Silver.

15th March Navigation practice - Victoria Park, time TBC

23rd-25th March - Qualifying Expedition, Exmoor. More details to follow.

The Duke of Edinburgh Office is located upstairs in the Sixth Form House on the Brougham Hayes site.

My email address for any Duke of Edinburgh enquiries is d.bell@hayesfield.com

Hello!

I am Mrs Lesslie, **Duke of Edinburgh Awards Administrator**. I have been involved with both the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for many years, and I look forward to working with students at Beechen Cliff to achieve their Awards.



I have achieved my Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and have been supporting young people to achieve their Awards at all levels, across all sections, for 10 years.

I also volunteer with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. I have been involved with the cadet forces for 14 years and I have a wide variety of cadet experience and qualifications, ranging from adventurous training and leadership to Fieldcraft and basic military skills. In my voluntary role I currently look after the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award, cadet and adult training, and BTEC Qualifications for the cadets and staff of Bristol and Gloucestershire Wing.

I particularly enjoy adventurous activities and hold qualifications in hill walking, paddlesports, and first aid.

When at BCS, I will be located in the Humanities Office.

My email address for any Duke of Edinburgh enquiries is c.lesslie@hayesfield.com



PTA News

Join us on Twitter

We have a new Beechen PTA twitter account - please follow us to ensure you do not miss out on any news, events and updates. Follow this link...<https://twitter.com/BeechenPTA>

Year 9 and Year 13 Riverford Cookery Evenings - Book your space now...

Places are available now to book on ParentPay

- Year 9: Thursday, 15th March 7 - 9pm
- Year 13: Thursday, 22nd March 7 - 9pm

Just £10 for a cookery class, full supper and glass of wine/soft drink! Please contact kateabbey@hotmail.com if spaces go and you would like to be put on the waiting list.

Kate Abbey and Annie Meharg
PTA Co-Chairs

Easter Raffle in Aid of - R.I.C.E

An Easter Raffle is being held in aid of the Research Institute for the Care of Older People (RICE) Centre, Royal United Hospital, Bath, in the hope that one day there will be a cure for Dementia.



Many of us will know or have known loved who have suffered or are suffering from this cruel disease.

Please help support this worthwhile cause.

Tickets are £1.00 (for a strip of 5 tickets) and can be purchased either from Mrs A Stapleford in the SEN Department, from the Main School office or through ParentPay.

The prize is a delicious **1kg Lindt Chocolate Easter Bunny**



Draw for the raffle will be held on Friday 23rd March.

Anne Stapleford

