



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 20th June 2018

### Message from the Headmaster

We anticipate that the Ofsted report, following on from the unannounced inspection in May, will be available in the next few weeks. Following publication I will write to you and invite you to a briefing. The Sports Hall is going to be out of action due to a new floor being laid and therefore we will have to use the Main Hall.

However to give you advance warning, Parents of Years 7 & 8 will be invited to a briefing at 6.00 pm on Monday 9th July. Parents of Year 9 & 10 pupils will be invited at 7.30 pm on the same evening. Parents of those in Year 11 and anticipating Sixth Form entry will be invited at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th July in the Refectory. We will ask you to register your intention to attend these private briefings in advance.

Obviously I look forward to being able to give you more detail at the time of publication but in the meantime please follow the school Twitter for up to date announcements (@BeechenCliff).

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week,  
commencing **Monday 25th June** is:

**Monday:** Serbia. Pork Paprikash, France. Beef Bourguignon, Tunisia. Chickpea and vegetable Tagine

**Tuesday:** Egypt. Kofta Kebab with pitta bread and minted Yogurt, Saudi Arabia. Al Kabsa (Chicken with rice), Vegi Kebab

**Wednesday:** Croatia. Chicken Goulash, Colombia. Breaded Pork Steak, Quiche Lorraine

**Thursday:** Nigeria. Jolluf Rice, Belgium. Ham & Endive roll with a creamy mustard and cheese sauce, Mushroom and spinach Risotto

**Friday:** Germany. Bratwurst hot dog with Sauerkraut, Brazil. Frango Churrasco (Lemon and Garlic Chicken), Vegi Hot Dog

Please be advised that any of the above can be subject to change .

Mr D Keal  
Head Chef

### Calendar

#### Wednesday 20 June

Future Horizons Talk – Dan Fallon – 15.30 Main Hall  
Art & Photography Exhibition 18.30– 20.30 Recital Room

#### Thursday 21 June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition  
Year 7 Cricket Tour  
Yr 10 Art Group – Bath

#### Friday 22 June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition  
Year 7 Cricket Tour  
University of Bath Open Day (heavy traffic in town)  
PTA Curry & Quiz Night 19.00 –22.30 Refectory

#### Monday 25th June

6th Form Prom – Bath Hilton Hotel

#### Tuesday 26 June

Normandy Trip departs

### Attendance

**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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

#### Sixth Form Students

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

Please include the name, Tutor group, year and reason for any absence of the pupil in any message left.

## Theme of the Week



This week's theme of the week is commemorating 100 years since the Representation of the People Act, which gave women over the age of thirty (who also owned property) the vote for the first time. The Representation of People Act became law in February 1918, and was seen as a major success for women's suffrage. The success, albeit limited, of women's suffrage in 1918 can be

attributed to a number of factors: The Suffrage Movement highlighting political injustice that women bore, War work carried out by women during the war years usually done by men and general democratic reform.

Full adult suffrage was not achieved until Stanley Baldwin's Conservative government passed the Equal Franchise Bill in 1928. From that date, all adults regardless of gender were entitled to the vote once they reached 21 years of age. Later the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1937 that women were given the same rights to divorce their husbands as the rights men had to divorce their wives. Women in the UK had to wait until 1970 for the government to introduce the Equal Pay Act, making it illegal for employers to treat men and women doing an equivalent role differently in terms of pay. Despite this, pay discrimination is still a widespread concern; institutions such as the BBC have in recent months had to publish the salaries of their highest paid actors and presenters, which highlighted inconsistencies but the gender pay gap reporting has highlighted inequalities that still exist. It is also interesting to consider whether the passing of the Representation of the People Act really meant equality between men and women or whether there is still a way to go until the sexes are treated equally. The information and slides being shown in Tutor time this week will hopefully lead to an active discussion on this Theme of the Week.

Miss P Netto

PSHE Co-ordinator

## The Cricket Festival Raffle

Congratulations to all those prize winners who collected their prizes yesterday. There were more than 20 prizes in total. There are still prizes to collect - please see the school message board - and please collect by the end of the week! We will put out a list of prize winners next week. A big thank you to all those parents who kindly donated prizes. We raised **£562** for Cancer Research.



The Sports Department

## Literacy

**Reader of the Week** goes to **Mateo (7ML6)** who has recently read one of the Carnegie shortlisted books '*Where the World Ends*' by **Geraldine McCaughrean**. Mateo has also read two more books from the same author '*The Middle of Nowhere*' and '*The Death-Defying Pepper Roux*' in a very short space of time and achieved 100% on his Accelerated Reader quizzes! Mateo is never far from the library and is therefore a very worthy winner of the title this week!

**Where the World Ends** by **Geraldine McCaughrean**

*Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home.*

*Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned - cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive?*

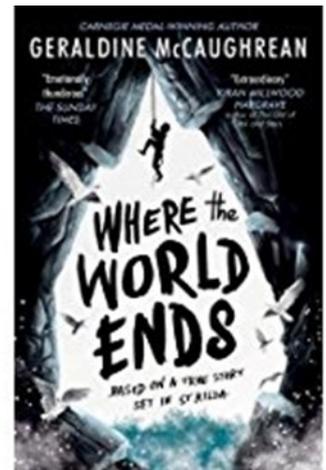
**Millionaires**

This week **Atanas (8CH4)** has become a reading millionaire and **James (7ML2)** who is already one of our millionaires, has now

read a total of over two million words. Great reading boys!

Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator



## Outdoor Theatre

Some pupils and their families might be interested in an outdoor theatre production that is running on 19<sup>th</sup> July in Bath. This summer, Cornwall's award winning Miracle Theatre unpacks Chekhov's bittersweet comedy about a once-wealthy family, whose idleness and extravagance have brought them to the brink of bankruptcy.

More than a century after it was written, *The Cherry Orchard* is still frequently revived all over the world. Alive with brilliantly observed characters, struggling to adapt to an uncertain and rapidly changing world, the story resonates with today's concerns about disappearing ways of life.



Chekhov like it's never been seen before - come and find out for yourself at Wellow Recreation Ground BA2 8QA at 7.30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. There's musical entertainment in the hour beforehand while you picnic. This is a family friendly open air programme suitable for all ages (7+ recommended) but everyone's welcome.

For tickets call Bath Box Office on 01225 463362 or book online at <https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whatson/the-cherry-orchard-2/>

## Word of the Week

### **Unequivocal**

An adjective to describe  
= leaving no doubt; unambiguous  
= total; expressed in a clear and certain way

#### Use it:

The Prime Minister had the party's **unequivocal** support.

The decision was **unequivocal**.

"My answer is an **unequivocal** 'Yes'."

He stated **unequivocally** that he intended to keep his promise.

#### Spell it:

Un – equi – vocal

It would seem likely that unequivocal means NOT ('un') of 'equal' 'voice'. In fact, over time it has come to be used to mean *the opposite* – **certain, in agreement, definite**.

## Be Tick aware

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. These insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with tweezers and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely de-habilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available by following the links from the Outdoor Education section of the school website or directly from



:<http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/>

Mr D Brewer  
Head of Humanities



## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



**IF YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORM IN GOOD CONDITION THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, PLEASE BRING THIS BAGGED AND HAND IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

### **Latest 50:50 Club Winners**

Congratulations to the latest Beechen Cliff PTA 50:50 Club winners for March, April and May! The winning numbers were drawn at the PTA meetings on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The winners, prizes and numbers are listed below:

#### MARCH 2018

£104.00	Ticket number	203
£69.33	Ticket number	10
£34.67	Ticket number	68

#### APRIL 2018

£106.00	Ticket number	543
£70.67	Ticket number	437
£35.33	Ticket number	36

#### MAY 2018

£106.00	Ticket number	552
£70.67	Ticket number	152
£35.33	Ticket number	118

The 50:50 club operates like a lottery, with members signing up to a small standing order each month (most people donate between £1 and £5) which buys numbers in the draw. We use a random number generator to select the numbers at our PTA meetings. The prize fund is 50% of the donations and is divided into first, second and third prizes. The other 50% goes to the PTA to help fund activities, equipment and opportunities for the students. As you can see, the first prize is now over £100! If you would like to join in, new 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](mailto:sarah@mitchard.net)

Tel: 07909962272

## **Summer School – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Following the success of last year's programme, Summer School will take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018. There will be a structured programme with particular emphasis on developing skills and knowledge in Literacy, Numeracy and Grammar. Whilst some pupils will be asked to attend Summer School on a compulsory basis, it is open to all of our pupils. This should prove to be a fruitful time to "top up" curriculum knowledge gained throughout the academic year and address areas that were perhaps more challenging.

If you would like your son to attend Summer School on a voluntary basis, please email me on

[timothy.markall@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:timothy.markall@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mr T D Markall

## **Lost Property**

There is a large amount of Lost Property that has yet to be claimed. 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.



**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	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish / Return
Monday 25th June		U13a cricket v Taunton Prep (@ Kings Taunton School—A)	12.00	MB	18.30
Thursday 28th June		Shooting at Ladys Wood (A)	12.15	MB	17.00

**Sporting Results for week commencing 11th June 2018**

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
11 <sup>th</sup> June	U14a cricket vs Bristol Grammar School	County Cup (semi-final)	Lost	By 60 runs
11 <sup>th</sup> June	U12a tennis vs Prior Park School	Friendly	Won	2-0
12 <sup>th</sup> June	U13a cricket vs Sexey's School	Millfield T20 Tournament	Won	By 66 runs
12 <sup>th</sup> June	U13a cricket vs Millfield Prep School	Millfield T20 Tournament	Won	By 4 runs
12 <sup>th</sup> June	U12a cricket vs Ralph Allen School	Friendly	Lost	By 20 runs
13 <sup>th</sup> June	U12 a cricket vs Dauntsey's School	Friendly	Lost	By 8 wickets
13 <sup>th</sup> June	U13b cricket vs Dauntsey's School	Friendly	Won	By 50 runs
13 <sup>th</sup> June	U12b cricket vs Writhlington School	Friendly	Won	By 18 runs
14 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI cricket vs Maggsy XI	Friendly	Won	
14 <sup>th</sup> June	U14b cricket vs Writhlington School	Friendly	Won	
14 <sup>th</sup> June	U15 shooting @ Lady's Wood	Friendly	Won	

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport