



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 14th March 2019

### Message from the Headmaster

I must pass on thanks to all of those involved in organising and supporting the Auction of Promises on Friday night. The £14,500 raised was well above the target set and this will mean that it is now possible to renovate a space which will hopefully benefit many pupils and parents in the year to come – whether watching cricket on a sunny, warm day or enduring the weather at a Beechen Rugby fixture. Thank you all for your support!

Congratulations to our Year 10 Maths team, victorious after participating in a recent contest against teams from Kind Edward's, St Gregory's, Writhlington and the Royal High School. They acquitted themselves very well and we are, of course, very proud of them.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Sunday 17th March

L6th Spanish Study Trip to Malaga (17th –23rd March)

#### Monday 18th March

Faculty Meetings

#### Tuesday 19th March

Sixth Form Interviews for Year 11 pupils

#### Wednesday 20th March

Concert at St Luke's Church

#### Thursday 21st March

L6th Geography Trip to Three Cliffs Bay

French Exchange (21st - 29th March)

Concert at St Luke's Church (19:00-21:00)

#### Wednesday 27th March

L6th Business 'Flying Start' Conference

U6th Business & Economics 'Grade Booster' Conference

#### Thursday 28th March

Year 7 Football Tour (28th–29th March)

#### Friday 29th March

DoE Bronze Training (29th–30th March)

#### Saturday 30th March

Ten Tors Training on Dartmoor (30th–31st March)

#### Sunday 1st March

Italian/Football Tour (1st–5th April)

### Attendance and Reporting Pupil Absences

All absence must be reported to school daily.  Tell us about illness, appointments or late arrivals. A message can be left if you ring when school is closed.

For years 7–11 please call **01225 485222** or e-mail [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

and for the Sixth Form please call **01225 485221**

### Lost Property

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 ensure that all items are clearly named.



## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on BBC's Crossing Divides season which examines the challenges we face in our fragmented world. Please go through the information below and follow links to two really interesting articles, videos and a quick quiz.

Throughout 2019, the BBC examines the possibilities arising from bringing together people of different ethnicities, class, faiths, politics and generations.

We know that "birds of a feather flock together". **People tend to make friends with those who are similar to them** - in terms of values, preferences, and personality traits.

Breaking with these habits helps us challenge the heuristic-based thinking that shapes our automatic thoughts.

When people are exposed to a more diverse group of people, their brains are forced to process complex and unexpected information.

The more people do this, the better they become at producing complex and unexpected information themselves.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-47403809>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-47369648>

Thank you,  
 Mrs A Wlimot  
 PSHE Co-ordinator

## Beechen Cliff Annual Music Concert 2019

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 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.

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. Please 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

## Literacy

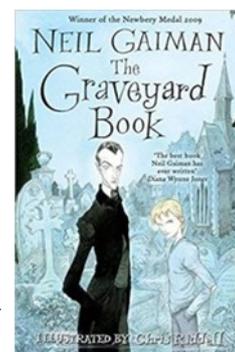
### Reader of the Week

Congratulations Oliver (7ML2) you are our reader of the week! Oliver is so close to becoming a reading millionaire, with nearly 900,000 words under his belt! Most recently, Oliver has taken an Accelerated Reader Quiz on Neil Gaiman's 'The Graveyard Book' passing with 90% and gaining 9 points for his house - Milton. We look forward to having you on the millionaire's board very soon!

Well done too to another Oliver (7CH3) who was our Reader of the Week last week. Oliver did exceptionally well in his recent Star Test and has been really engaged within the library which has been really nice to see. Good job!

### Book Recommendation

When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him - after all, he is the last remaining member of the family. A stunningly original novel deftly constructed over eight chapters, featuring every second year of Bod's life, from babyhood to adolescence. Will Bod survive to be a man?



### World Book Day 2019

The Library was a hive of activity last Thursday to celebrate World Book Day! Teachers and students dressed up as characters from Alice in Wonderland and a Big Book Breakfast tasting event was held in the library. Breakfast and literary treats were served with plenty of engaged readers! Reading lists and book recommendations were provided with a large selection of good reads broken down by year group.

Throughout the day, there was ample opportunity for the boys to visit the library and take part in a range of literary quizzes including an 'I spy' Book Title Quest and a Mini Saga Competition. The winners of the competition are.....

Thomas H (CH5) and James V(KP4) - both win a £10.00 Book token to be collected from the English Office! Well done!

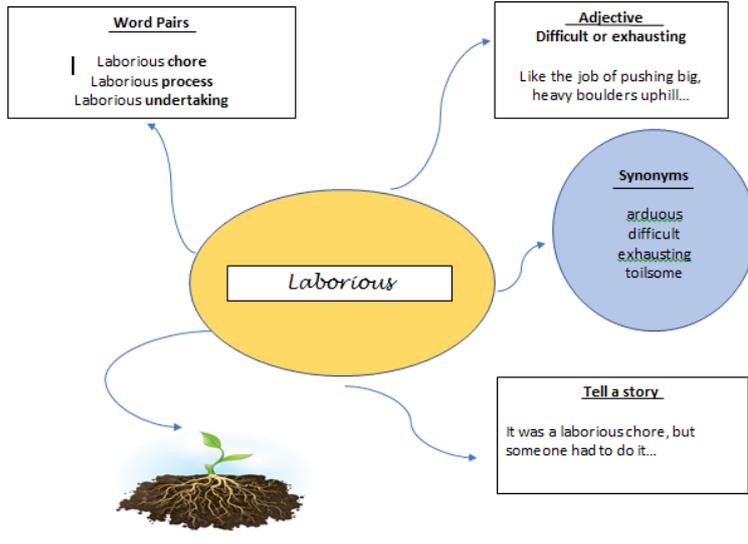


Mrs Dunn  
 Accelerated Reader Coordinator

## Word of the Fortnight

# Laborious

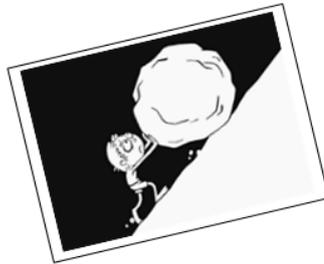
(Spell it: la.bo.ri.ous.)



### Etymology

Laborious comes from the Latin word labour, which means 'work' or 'toil'

Used in  
4.7% of stories



## Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week,

Commencing 18th March 2019 is:

**Monday:** Pork Steak with a cider cream sauce, Spicy Chicken with Peaches, Red Onion and Brie Tart(G)

**Tuesday:** Sausage and Tomato Pasta (G), Game Pie (G), Baked Aubergine Stuffed with Spiced Beans,

**Wednesday:** Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing (G), Beef and Vegetable Stew, Cheesy Scotch Egg (G)

**Thursday:** Lamb and Sweet Potato Biryani, Soy and Ginger Pork Belly, Falafel Wrap with Minted Mayo (G)

**Friday:** Fish of the Day, Braised Beef with a Smoked Bacon and Mushroom Gravy, Smoked Cheddar and Leek Quiche (G)

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

Mr D Keal  
Head Chef

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



### Auction of Promises Update

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in the run up to our event and on the night: the amazing Auction of Promises core team of Lisa, Tracey, Lesley, Katina and Morag - Sarah, Steph and Clare from the school admin team, the army of parent and sixth form helpers, Sharron Davies MBE and Kant Mann for kicking the evening off, Dan for feeding us so well, Phil O'Hare our very entertaining and disarming auctioneer and Mateus from the care taking team for his patience and help at the end of the night! Special thanks to everyone who so kindly donated a huge array of wonderful Promises and to all who bid for them so generously and helped to create such a great atmosphere on the night.

We are thrilled to announce that we have raised £15,000 – an incredible amount and one that will allow us to move forward with the new Beechen Cliff Club House and outdoor facilities. Please watch this space for more information.

Our next PTA meeting will be on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in the Staff Room. All are very welcome.

Many thanks  
Kate and Annie  
PTA Co-Chairs

## LOWER SCHOOL – YEARS 7 -11

Off the Record is an independent charity working with children and young people across Bath and North East Somerset.



Each week we have two trained Counsellors and one trained Listening Support worker at the school. Students can make a confidential appointment and talk about anything that is on their mind. For example:

- Friendship issues
- Bullying
- Self-esteem
- Anger
- Bereavement
- Family relationships

Off the Record is here to listen and provide support and impartial information. Sometimes they will suggest or link students with more specific support if appropriate. Students can have up to six hourly weekly sessions with a Counsellor or six 20-minute weekly sessions with the Listening Support Worker. These sessions take place in the Pastoral Meeting Room during school hours.

Should your son require this service please encourage him to see his Head of House or book an appointment with Mrs Rogers, Pastoral Administrator.

## Birch Tree Folk Choir

Birch Tree Folk Choir combines nervous system realignment with folk music - working to reduce stress and anxiety and support mental health and wellbeing, while reconnecting to your landscape, heritage, and community. A new venue in Bath this April, meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm – head over to [www.birchtreechoir.com](http://www.birchtreechoir.com) for more information and to book your place! Please see flyer attached.

## Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Tickets Available Now on Parent Pay. . .

The school is organising another Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Refectory – it will include a selection of curries, a quiz 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 T Markall



What do you want to make today?

## Easter Holiday Adventures

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Adventures out exploring the countryside

Crafty cooky makey garden play days

For 4-14 yr olds

Details & online booking at:

[www.swainwickexplorers.co.uk](http://www.swainwickexplorers.co.uk)



## Easter Holiday

Whole Day Adventures for 4\*-14 year olds

Swainwick Explorers, Bath BA1 8BU

A mix of adventurous days out exploring wild places in small groups and crafty makey 'At Home' days. £40 for the day, food provided. Details and booking online at: [www.swainwickexplorers.co.uk](http://www.swainwickexplorers.co.uk) or 07758 515092. If your young person is 14+ they can apply for work experience.

For play and activity ideas see our instagram @swainwickstyle

4\* If your child is 4 and still too young to be at school please contact us before you book to discuss whether they are developmentally mature enough to enjoy the day.

## Duke of Edinburgh



Wet and Windy in Wiltshire over the Weekend.

As part of the DofE programme 19 boys came on the Silver expedition held on the Wiltshire Downs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It was at times a wet and windy weekend with strong gusts of wind on Sunday blowing the walkers up to the Hill Fort and making many hold onto fencing on the way up. The groups passed two of the Wiltshire White Horses during the walk although neither were in fact white! Despite the rain and wind spirits remained high and training was completed. Well done everyone and lets talk about the experiences and skills learnt on Wednesday. Looking forward to the assessed expedition in June.



Mr Carroll,  
DofE Manager  
Beechen Cliff School

## Beechen Cliff Pupils help produce Bath Festival Event

We are proud to announce that four Year 9 pupils, who are taking part in the Young Producers Project will have their event showcased on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at The Egg Theatre as part of the Bath Festival. The musical event named Generation Zero and can be found in the brochure and tickets are now available from the Festival Box Office.

**SPORTS Sporting Fixtures – The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS**

Day	Kick off /start	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish / Return
Monday 18th March	12:00	Primary Schools Tag Rugby Festival	11:45	MB	16:15
	16:00	U14 Basketball vs Monkton (a)	15:20	MB	17:15
Tuesday 19th March	16:00	U13a/U15a Football vs Somervale (h)	15:20	n/a	17:15
Wednesday 20th March	14:15	U13a/U13b/U12a/U12b Hockey vs Dean Close (a)	12:15	MB	18:00
	10:00	U18's 7's Rugby @ Stourport	08:00	MB	18:00
	14:30	U14a/U14c Football vs Millfield (a)	13:30	Coach	16:30
	09:30	Primary Schools Sports Festival @ BCS	09:00	n/a	11:00
Thursday 20th March	14:30	U18b/c/d Netball vs KES	13:30	MB	16:15
	15:45	U12a/U12b/U14a Football vs Somer- vale (a)	14:30	Coach (leaves at 14:45) 1x49 seats	17:30
	15:00	1st/2nd XI Football vs Chelthenham College (h)	14:15	n/a	16:30
Friday 21st March	13:00	U15 Indoor Cricket Final @ Somerset CCC	10:45	MB	18:00

## Sporting Results for week commencing 5th March 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
5 <sup>th</sup> March	U15a Football vs Writhlington	Friendly	Lost	1-0
5 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a Football vs Writhlington	Friendly	Won	4-1
5 <sup>th</sup> March	U16a Hockey regionals	National Qualifier	Won	See match report
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U16a Football vs Writhlington	Friendly	Won	2-1
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U14a Football vs Writhlington	Friendly	Won	2-1
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U13b Football vs Ralph Allen	Friendly	Draw	1-1
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U13b Hockey vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Lost	7-0
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a Hockey vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Lost	5-0
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U13a Hockey vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Draw	2-2
6 <sup>th</sup> March	U18 Rugby 7's @ Middlesex	Tournament	Lost	See match report
7 <sup>th</sup> March	U13a Football vs Writhlington	Friendly	Won	4-3
7 <sup>th</sup> March	U12b Football vs Ralph Allen	Friendly	Draw	1-1
7 <sup>th</sup> March	U18a Netball vs Prior Park	Friendly	Lost	33-24
7 <sup>th</sup> March	U18b Netball vs Prior Park	Friendly	Lost	20-5
8 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a Hockey @ Bristol Grammar Tournament	Tournament	Lost	See match report
9 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	6-1
9 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	4-1
9 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	3-2

Mr M Walker  
Fixtures Co-ordinator