



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 14th November 2019

Message from the Headmaster

This week we have been holding Remembrance Assemblies regarding the enormous sacrifices made by service men and women in two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. Mr Tobin explained the immediate background to the First World War, the enormous losses sustained and the way in which Britain came to decide on acts of remembrance and the development of a 'national consciousness' related to loss and our debt of gratitude. It would be wonderful if you could follow up at home with conversations with your son his thoughts and how it developed his understanding of this very important time for so many nations.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Mendip Studio School Open Evening

Some pupils in Year 9 may be considering their options for Year 10/11 and pupils in Year 11 will be considering their options for post 16 education.

One option, which some pupils may be interested in, is the Mendip Studio School. This is a small school, which specialises in Mathematics, Science, Technology, Engineering and Computing.

An open evening for Mendip Studio School is taking place on 19th November. For more information please use the link below:

<https://www.mendipstudioschool.org.uk/>

Mr T D Markall
Deputy Headteacher

Calendar

Saturday 16th November

Oxbridge Mock Interview morning

Tuesday 19th November

Super Curricular Lecture 15.00–16.30 Main Hall

Wednesday 20th November

Presentation Evening 19.30-21.30

Friday 22nd November

PTA Curry and Quiz Night SOLD OUT

Saturday 23rd November

Italian Exchange Students in Bath until 30th November

Monday 25th November

Lower Sixth Physics Enrichment @Birmingham University

Tuesday 26th November

Super Curricular Lecture 15.00–16.30 Main Hall

Year 11 Trial Examinations

These examinations are taking place next week (18th-22nd November) for all Year 11 pupils. The arrangements for the examinations have been shared with pupils through assemblies and through letters to parents. Pupils have been given individual timetables and the master timetable is on the School Website.

During the week pupils must wear school uniform as normal and register with their tutor at the start and end of each day. When not taking an examination pupils must attend their usual timetabled lessons, in which they will be able to prepare for other examinations.

Mr T D Markall
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding Update

Every week there will be a section in the Wednesday letter which will look at a current issue in online safety, mental health or safeguarding. The first one today looks at the issues surrounding screen time. If, after reading this, you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us at school.

Over half of parents of children aged feel pressured to allow screen time particularly access to mobile phones so that their child doesn't feel as though they are missing out as they become more independent and start organising their own social lives. But how can you help your child develop good online habits?

Tip 1 - Set boundaries to help them build good online habits

Children seek out rules to follow so it's best these come from you and not their peers. **Set up a family agreement** that you all sign up to, to manage expectations of what they should and shouldn't be doing online. These boundaries should help them prioritise sleep, face to face interactions and family time to strike a healthy balance.

Tip 2 - Stay engaged in what they do online

Take an interest in their digital world to better guide them as they become more socially active online and start to draw from friends and online sources to build their identity.

Give them the space to be more independent and build their resilience online to ensure they make smart choices about how they use tech.

The more you understand how your child interacts online and check-in with them about their interest and challenges online, the easier it will be for them to come to you if they are concerned or worried about something.

Tip 3 - Equip them with know-how to manage risks online

As children become more active online, have regular conversations with them about ways to deal with a range of risks that they may be exposed to such as seeing inappropriate content or being cyberbullied.

Make sure they know when and where to seek help if they need it and what tools they can use to deal with it.

Tip 4 - Give them the space to become digitally resilient

As they get older and more confident in their digital world, it's important to encourage them to be more responsible and aware of how their screen use can impact them and others.

Giving them the space to thrive online, while also keeping the channels of communications open and being on the lookout for any differences in behaviour that might suggest something isn't quite right is key.

It's a tricky time for young people anyway so it's important to equip them with the tools to make smart decisions and ensure they are able to seek support when they need it most.

Tip 5 - Encourage them to review when and how they use their screen time with tools

Encourage young people to make use of the screen-time tools that come with their phone. Most children at this age will say that being more aware of how much time they spend is helpful. They will still need some encouragement to make changes to what they are doing and the amount of time they are spending but it's better that they start to discover and monitor this for themselves where possible.

Mr C Hall
Safeguarding

Menu for week 18th November

Monday: Pork steak with a Peppercorn and Mushroom Sauce, Chicken Goulash (D), Mushroom Stroganoff (D)

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken wrapped in Bacon (G), Beef and Vegetable Stew, Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Pasta Bake (G)

Wednesday: Roast Beef, Turkey Steak with a Pesto Cream Sauce (D), Cheddar and Leek Wellington (G,D)

Thursday: Curried Spiced Pork with Peppers, Pasta Arrabiata (G)

Friday: Fish of the Day, Chicken Leek and Potato Pie, Homity Pie (G,D)

(G) = Contains Gluten
(D) = Contains Dairy

Mr D Keal
Chef

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Anti Bullying week. The Anti Bullying theme aims are **Small change. Big difference.**

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

This year the goal is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited for this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=18&v=itaVFpSLB8&feature=emb_logo

The survey of over 1,000 11 to 16-year-olds, published by the Anti-Bullying Alliance ahead of Anti-Bullying Week, shows the scale of bullying that children are experiencing on a day-to-day basis, with nearly a quarter (24%) saying they have been bullied once a week or more during the last six months. Nearly one child in every classroom (3%) said they are bullied every day.

One in ten children (11%) said they have missed school due to bullying. Even greater numbers have changed their route to school (14%) and nearly one in five (19%) have steered clear of spending time with friends to avoid being bullied. A similar amount (19%) have avoided social media and online gaming because of bullying, underlining how being bullied as a child can have serious repercussions, often lasting well into adulthood.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

What do your tutor group think we could do as a school to help bullying? Is there any types of bullying in particular that we need to address?

The E team meet every Wednesday in B3 and provide a safe space for anyone who might be struggling with bullying.

Mrs A Wilmott
Head of PSHE



Library News

Reading Millionaires



We are excited to announce that we have our first AR word millionaires of this academic year! Congratulations goes to both James **7KP2** (who has now read 15 books, totalling **1,006,410** words) and Alex **7BY5** (having read a total of **1,001,814** words, quizzing on 15 books) Fantastic reading chaps – keep up the good work.

Who will be first to 2 million words?! Watch this space....

Readers of the Week

Congratulations also goes to.....

Arbel (7KP2) who has been a dedicated reader over the last month, taking 3 AR book quizzes in total and gaining a 100% pass on them all! Well done!

Seb (7KP7) has also been a committed reader, taking 12 quizzes in total and passing the majority of them with flying colours!

Library Book Recommendation

Eragon Book One (The Inheritance cycle 1)

by Christopher Paolini

AR Book Level 7 •



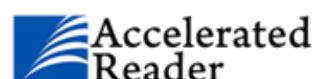
When poor farm boy Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it's a lucky discovery. Perhaps, he will be able to buy his family food for the winter.

But, when a baby dragon hatches out of the stone, Eragon realises he's stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.

His simple life is shattered, and he's thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic and power. To navigate this dark terrain, and survive his cruel king's evil ways, he must take up the mantle of the legendary Dragon Riders.

Will he succeed? The fate of the Empire rests in his hands.

Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator



Youth Parliament (MYP) Training Day and Election



RE: Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) Training Day and Election

While the Bath and North East Somerset Youth Forum is our local 'voice' for young people, UK Youth Parliament is the national 'voice'. It is made up of democratically elected Members of Youth Parliament who represent their boroughs and cities. They are involved in a rolling programme of activities throughout the year which includes an Annual Sitting, Regional Meetings, and discussions with national decision makers.

What is a MYP?

Someone aged 11-18 voted in by young people to represent them as a young MP.

The MYP will be supported to run campaigns for young people, attend local, regional and national meetings and represent BANES at the House of Commons.

The current MYP's term is coming to an end so it is time to start preparing for the recruitment for the new Member of Youth Parliament. The position of MYP is a much coveted and well-respected role, providing young people with excellent opportunities to grow in confidence, enhance CV's or personal statements whilst representing youth voice.

The Manifesto Day is the first step on the journey to running for MYP. It is essential that all those who would like to run as MYP attend this training day.

The BaNES MYP and Youth Forum would like to invite young people to learn more about how to run a positive election campaign to improve opportunities for young people and campaign for positive change

Details of the training day:

What: Training Day for any young person aged 11-18 who wants to be the BANES MYP

When: Saturday the 23rd of November

Where: St John's Foundation, The Bubble, 4-5 Chapel Court, Bath BA1 1SQ

Time: 10:30-3:30

Food: Lunch will be provided

I have enclosed posters for the event with this letter. I would be grateful if you could promote this within your school to all pupils.

During the Manifesto Day young people will take part in a series of workshops including, debating, campaign planning and creating a manifesto.

Following on from the Manifesto Day there will be a series of mini workshops for those who would like to work on their manifesto. Voting will be held during the start of the new year with results of the elected MYP being announced at a ceremony on February the 12th at The Guildhall, Bath.

If you have any more questions you can contact me via email or call the Off The Record office on 01225 312481

To attend young people must register by contacting CharlotteFarnham@offtherecord-banes.co.uk .

Kind regards,

Charlotte Farnham.

Participation development worker.

Manifesto day!

Are you passionate about politics?
Want to make a difference?
Looking for an exciting extra-curricular?

Register your interest to attend the Member of Youth Parliament manifesto day - CharlotteFarnham@offtherecord-banes.co.uk

23RD NOVEMBER
ST JOHNS - BATH

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

Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on **01225 485221** or you can email

sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk.

School Choir – Bath Abbey Thursday 19th December 2019

The school choir will be rehearsing on Mondays and Tuesdays after school (3.20-4.15) for the Annual Carol service in Bath Abbey on Thursday 19th December.

This provides a wonderful opportunity to sing in a stunning setting. If any pupil or sixth form student still wishes to participate in this wonderful event, we would ask that they attend the next rehearsal on Monday 18th November. I would also be grateful if parents could e-mail me to let me know their son/daughter would like to be involved

music@beechencliff.org.uk

P E Calvert.

Head of Music



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK

Tractor – a vehicle built for pulling

Subtract – to take away

Retract – to withdraw something (e.g. a statement)

Abstract – drawing something away from reality or 'true' reality

Contract – to pull tightly or make small

Attract – to pull towards

tract

(to pull/draw)
LATIN

Extract – to pull out by force

Distract – to pull someone's attention away



Bath & North East Somerset Council



Sparkling Strings

Dear School

Christmas is fast approaching and we are writing to let you know about our December workshop along with exciting news about our events in 2020. We have attached a poster in pdf and jpeg formats and we would be pleased if you could once again publicise the event in your school newsletter and hand out flyers to your string players.

Sunday 1st December – Sparkling Strings

Christmas Workshop

Come and play some festive favourites at our celebration Christmas party! This workshop is open to orchestral string players of all ages and levels from complete beginners (playing on open strings) to intermediate and advanced. Children are encouraged to bring their parents along to play in this family workshop.

Times: 10.00am - 4.15pm

Venue: Widcombe Junior School

Fees: £38 for full day, sibling discounts and bursaries available

Parent ticket: £5

Looking ahead – Dates for the Diary 2020

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February - Half-Term Music Course

Sunday 17th May – BBC Ten Pieces Orchestral Workshop, playing with members of the BBC Symphony and BBC Concert Orchestra, alongside World DJ Champion, Mr Switch. This event will be held in partnership with Bath Festivals and will feature Gabriel Prokofiev's Concerto for Turntables and Orchestra.

Bookings for Sparkling Strings are now open and details of events for 2020 will be published on our website shortly:

www.bathstringsacademy.org <<http://www.bathstringsacademy.org>>

Michelle Falcon and Ruth O'Shea
Co-Directors



Markos takes Gold in the British Judo London Area Schools Championships



Markos (ML8 Year 9) recently represented Beechen Cliff School in the British Judo London Area Schools Championships. He fought competitive fighters, one of whom won gold in the British Schools Championships in March 2019. Markos managed to secure a gold medal in his weight category, this backs up his recent win in the Western Area Schools Championships. He will now go on to represent Beechen Cliff in the 2020 British Schools Championships in Sheffield in March. In addition to these recent successes, Markos has been selected to train with the Regional England Development Squad with aspirations to be selected for the England Squad.



Well Done Markos!

Mr D Jaggon
Head of Milton

Sporting Fixtures for Week Commencing Monday 18th November 2019

Day	Kick-off/ Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Monday	14.00	1st XI Girls Hockey vs Monkton Combe (a)	13.00	MB	16.00
Tuesday	19.00	BSSA Swimming Competition @ Bath Leisure Centre	18.15	N/A	21.00
Wednesday	14.00	1st XV Rugby vs Exeter College (h)	12.00	N/A	17.00
	14.30	3rd XV Rugby vs Hardenhuish (h)	13.00	N/A	17.00
	15.15	1st XI Girls Hockey vs Wellsways (a)	14.00	MB	17.30
Thursday	14.30	U14a/U14b/U12a Rugby vs Downside (a)	12.45	Coach 13.00	17.30
	14.30	U15b Rugby vs Downside (h)	13.30	N/A	16.30
	14.00	U15a Rugby vs Sherbourne (a)	11.30	Coach 11.45	18.00
	09.00	U16a Hockey tournament @ UWE	7.30	MB	15.00
	14.45	1st XI Girls Hockey vs Prior (a)	14.00	MB	16.30
Saturday	10.30	2 nd XV/U16a/U13a/U12a/U12b rugby vs QEH (a)	8.15	Coach @ 8.30	14.00
	10.30	U15a/U14a Rugby vs QEH (h)	9.45	N/A	12.00

Sports Results

Please see online at Beechen Cliff Sport Website for details

Mr M Walker-Jones
Fixtures Co-ordinator