



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 30 November 2018

St Andrews Day – 30 November 2018

Happy St Andrews Day to anyone celebrating today!



Year 7 Whole Class Violin Lessons

As part of our vision to expose all students to high level ambitious learning experiences, we are continuing to provide whole class violin teaching to Year 7. Learning the basics of this complex instrument and understanding a little about this crucial orchestral instrument is a significant musical opportunity for our students. Learning to make music together in a large ensemble is also important. Hopefully some will also be inspired to master the instrument, as there is a clear connection between cognitive development and musical mastery.



The school orchestra meets every Friday in the school hall. Please contact Ms Marriott, via the main school reception, if you think your child should be attending.

Squid Fobs

All students currently have a £5.00 daily limit on their Squid Fobs for purchasing food and drink from either the Canteen, Snack Shack or Pod. Should you wish to increase or, indeed, decrease this amount, you should contact Independent Catering by either phone (01732 746123) or by email (info@independentcatering.co.uk) directly to arrange.



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Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
N Kent	06.12.2018	U16 v King Henry	Home
League	05.12.2018	1 st XI v Gravesend	Home
	05.12.2018	2 nd XI v Farringtons	Home
ESFA	04.12.2018	U14 v Brampton Manor	Home
	06.12.2018	U14B v St Pauls	Home
RUGBY			
Friendly	08.12.2018	U12A v Simon Langton	Away
		U12B v Simon Langton	Away
		U15 v Simon Langton	Away
		U14 v Simon Langton	Home
		U13 v Simon Langton	Home

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
N Kent	26.11.2018	U13 v Bexleyheath	Away	Lost 6-0
	26.11.2018	U15 v Hurstmere	Home	Lost 1-5
League	28.11.2018	1 st XI v Christ the King	Home	Won 3-0
	28.11.2018	2 nd XI v Christ the King	Home	Won 4-3
ESFA	26.11.2018	U14 v Dover	Home	Won 3-0
	29.11.2018	U14 v Brampton Manor	Home	Result on Friday
Kent	29.11.2018	U16 v Hurstmere	Away	Result on Friday

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	29.11.2018	U12 v Ravens Wood	Away	Result on Friday
	24.11.2018	U16 v TWGS	Home	Lost 1-2
RUGBY				
Friendly	28.11.2018	1 st XV v Oakwood Park	Home	
	01.12.2018	U14 v Tonbridge School	Home	Cancelled
	01.12.2018	U15 v Tonbridge School	Home	Cancelled
BASKETBALL				
National	22.11.2018	U16 v Canterbury	Home	Lost 50-57
	27.11.2018	U16 v Hayes	Home	Lost 52-69
Bexley Schools	22.11.2018	U14 v Trinity	Away	Lost 15-35
Kent	29.11.2018	U13 v Canterbury	Home	Result on Friday

Coming up

Well-Being Week

We will be holding a Well-Being Week next week. The purpose of which is to highlight the importance of strong mental health, resilience and overall happiness. In order to support excellent academic progress we have chosen what is traditionally one of the most stressful and difficult weeks in the school year in which to conduct this. The focus of Well-Being will be teaching students about the 'Five Ways to Well-Being' and embedding them within our community here at Beths. The 'Five Ways to Well-Being' have been developed by the New Economics Foundation and are based on the latest research into strong mental health. As a school with exceptionally high academic expectations we believe that it is particularly important to build resilience in this way.

The Five Ways to Well-Being are: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.

In order to address these as a whole school, we will be doing the following as a community:

- Turn it off Tuesday – no phones for 24 hours – all parents are invited to join in
- Photography competition with the theme – 'Beauty of Nature'
- Fundraising all week for Water Aid highlighting communities less fortunate than our own
- Additional inclusive sports sessions running every lunchtime and after school
- 'Family or Connect Day' on Friday 7 December.

To support the 'Five Ways to Well-Being' we will be closing the school on Friday 7 December and asking students to use this extra time to connect with their parents, family or carers. In the event that parents are at work, we will be asking students to complete learning at home which is fun and self-directed from the new Beths Super Curriculum which will be launched on the school website prior to the week. We will also encourage students to think about connecting more with nature or trying

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something new. All students will be given a Well-Being Journal to complete and record their well-being development.

In addition to developing our understanding of the 'Five Ways to Well-Being' we also believe that, by closing the school for a day at this time of our most busy term, it will give an invaluable opportunity for students and staff alike to recharge their batteries for the final weeks of the term. Our belief is that this will add to our overall productivity in what is the most intense part of the learning year.

Hanukkah – Sunday 2 – Monday 10 December 2018

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah begins on Sunday for eight days and nights.

Christmas Concert

This will be held on Tuesday 4 December 2018. Tickets are available to purchase on the door. This promises to be a great evening, where students of all ages showcase their musical talents and help to get everyone into the festive spirit! Please do come along and support all those taking part. The PA will be in charge of refreshments during the interval so please ensure you sample a mince pie, or two and support their fundraising for the school.

'Beths Has Got Talent' Show

On Friday 14 December, the Sixth Form Prom Committee will be hosting an event showcasing the talents of students at Beths. Auditions will be held on the 3 December and we hope lots of talented students turn up! Tickets will be only £2.00 each and there will be refreshments to purchase on the evening as well. We can't wait to see what secret talents some of our students have, whether it be singing, dancing or a little magic!

Christmas Afternoon Tea

On Monday 17 December we will be holding a special afternoon tea within the school for retired and semi-retired members of the community. They will receive festive food, hot drinks and plenty of entertainment. This will cost just £2.00 per head and will be held between 2pm and 3.15pm. If you would like to reserve a place, please let us know by emailing admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk or call us on 01322 556 538 by Monday 10 December. We look forward to seeing lots of you here!

Students on Site

A reminder that there are still an increasing number of students arriving particularly early in the morning and staying late into the evening. The school actually opens for students at 8.00am in the morning and we would encourage all students (unless they are remaining for pre-arranged activities) to have left the site by 5.00pm.

The school is unable to ensure there is a qualified first aider on site before 8.00am in the morning and after 4.30pm in the evening. This request is being made as we are unable to supervise students outside of these times and we can therefore take no responsibility for them, should they be involved in any form of accident.

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Safety and Courtesy

On a more serious note, we would like to remind parents, students and staff to continue to be respectful of our neighbours and not park across their driveways. The safety of our students continues to be our utmost priority and so we also ask that, if you are dropping off or collecting your son or daughter, you abide by the road markings and refrain from parking on zig-zags or double yellow lines.

We have also received a couple of calls from members of the public about parents dropping students in the morning actually on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road – close to Dartfordians. This is obviously extremely dangerous not just for other road users, but also for the students themselves. We would urge that parents please find a safe place to drop-off their child/children for school.

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