



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 1 March 2019

Today is St David's Day

St David – or *Dewi Sant* in Welsh – was born on the south-west coast of Wales, near to where the city of St David's is today.

One of the famous stories about St David is from when he was speaking to a large crowd and someone shouted "We won't be able to see or hear him." Then, the ground David stood on is said to have risen up so that he was standing on a hill, making it easier for everyone to see him.

It is said that he lived for more than 100 years and died on Tuesday 1 March 589.



Traditional festivities include wearing daffodils and leeks, both recognised symbols of Wales and Saint David respectively, eating traditional Welsh food including cawl and Welsh rarebit, and women wearing traditional Welsh dress.

43rd Exhibition of Young Art in Bexley

Seventeen students entered artwork to the 43 Young Art in Bexley exhibition which is held at Hall Place, Bexley, every year. We are delighted to announce that we had thirteen students who achieved an award!

Calum P, Ife N, and Nikola W were all awarded the top prize in their category.

Matthew S, William A, Roderic B, George P, Louie S, Sudershan R and Sam P were all awarded the Highly Commended Certificate of Merit.

Finally, Bolu H, Oyin A and Ayomide O all received the Certificate of Merit.

We were also advised that Beths have been awarded the Maureen Ridley Trophy for this year!

We would like to congratulate you all on this amazing achievement!

LONDON BOROUGH OF **BEXLEY**
HALL PLACE & GARDENS

The Stables Gallery

Bexley Civic Society
YOUNG ART IN BEXLEY
11th February to 10th March 2019

Visitor Centre
Stables Gallery
Hall Place & Gardens
Bourne Road
Bexley
DA5 1PQ

Open 10am – 5pm
Free Parking and Entry
Information line: 01322 526574
www.hallplace.org.uk



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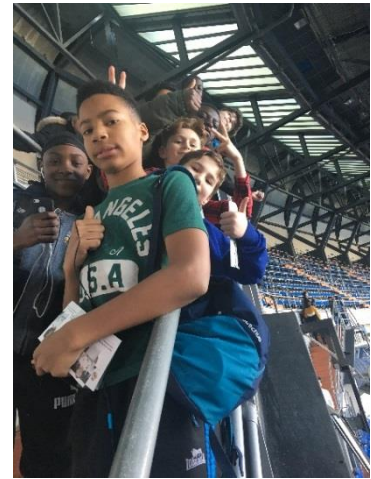
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Salamanca Trip

At the beginning of Half Term week, some Year 10 students and their teachers travelled Salamanca, Spain for a few days. Whilst in Salamanca, we visited the local football ground and tried some Spanish dancing and cooking!



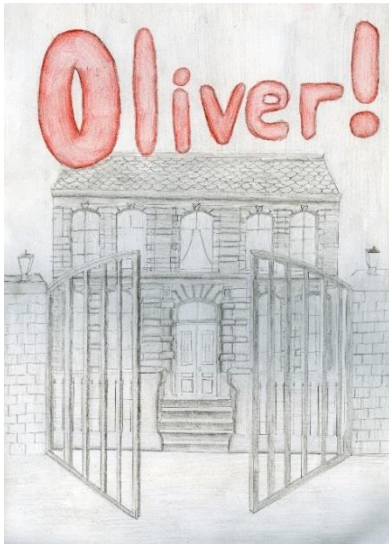
Here are a few snippets from the trip, but please check out our Social Media pages for the rest of them!



Oliver! Production

We recently held a school competition to design the poster for our highly anticipated production of Oliver!

This poster was the runner up...



... and this is the winning poster:



Our Art Department have now been able to use this image to create a fantastic poster with different coloured backgrounds, including information about the production itself. Have you seen the posters around school?

Check out our Social Media pages for the final poster!

Oliver! will take place on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 March, with the performances starting at 7pm.

Ticket prices are:

Adults: £4.00

Concessions: £2.50

Family (2 adults, 2 children): £10.00

If you would like to come and see the performance, please email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk with 'Oliver! Production Tickets' in the subject box. Alternatively, your son or daughter can purchase tickets at break or lunchtime.

We hope to see lots of you there!

St Patricks Day Themed Afternoon Tea



Our MFL Department will be hosting their third event for retired and semi-retired members of the community and this time the theme is St Patrick's Day! It will be held on the Monday 18 March 2019 between 14:00pm – 15.15pm.

If you would like to book a seat/table, please email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk or call us on 01322 556538.

Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL				
N Kent (quarter Final)	25.02.19	U19 v King Henry	Home	Lost 3-0
	25.02.19	U12 v King Henry	Away	Won 2-4
	28.02.19	U16 v St Pauls	Away	Won 5-0
BASKETBALL				
National	26.02.19	Year 7 v NTC And Year 7 v Canterbury	Away	Won 36-30 Won 38-32
	27.02.19	Year 9 v Cheney School	Home	Won 82-42
Kent Semi Final	28.02.19	Year 8 v NTC	Home	Moved to 12.03

RESULTS

Rugby			
Sevens	06.03.19	U18 7s at Gravesend	Away
	07.03.19	U15 7s at Gravesend	Away

Coming up

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

Egg: Creation

Flour: The staff of life

Salt: Wholesomeness

Milk: Purity

(Information from <https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Pancake-Day/>)

What will you be topping your pancakes with?

Students on Site – one arriving at 6.40am earlier this term!

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.

As the title suggests, one student arrived at 6.40am earlier this term – just ten minutes after the first member of the site team – as we hope you understand, this is really not acceptable.

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.



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.