



Beths Grammar School

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Week Ending Friday 13 December 2019

Message from the Headteacher

What a successful and enjoyable term we have had! Some of the highlights have been our musicians performing at the London Jazz Festival, our Open Events, Christmas Concert and our inaugural Christmas Fair!

We have lots more things coming up in the next few months with the School Production of the Wizard of Oz, sports day at Erith Athletics Stadium and hopefully, a Beths Summer Festival!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr R J Blyghton



Christmas Fair - Saturday 7 December 2019

What a successful event!

Thank you everyone who visited us on Saturday and a huge thank you to all our wonderful stallholders. Everyone was in the festive spirit and Santa Claus was in attendance and was amazing! The children loved him and his new Grotto.

We are planning on doing another fair in the summer and again, at Christmas 2020! Below are just a few of the comments we received regarding the event:

'Just want to thank you for putting together a wonderful Christmas Fair. We had such a successful day.'

'Was lovely meeting some of the staff of the school too, especially your art teacher. I was the first face he had ever painted, and wow! Loved the holly he did on my face. Very talented man. Please thank him again for me.'

'Met a lot of very nice people, some who took my business cards and have since ordered through my Facebook page. Once again, thank you. Can't wait for the summer fair now.'





'It was lovely meeting you earlier. Just wanted to say thank you for having us at your Christmas fair today, we had a great time and there was a great turnout, hopefully the first of many. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

The Prom Committee also had their own stalls one of which was where a member of their committee was in the stocks and customers paid to throw wet sponges at them! Thank you to Mr Smith in DT for making these brilliant stocks for them.



Bexley Foodbank

Over the past few weeks, our Year 7 and 8 students have been collecting donations to contribute to a class hamper for Bexley Foodbank, who work to combat poverty and hunger.



Each hamper was decorated by each Form and entered into a House Competition, with the most festive decoration receiving House Points. The Headteacher and Bexley Foodbank awarded these points on Wednesday, with the winning hampers being:

8C – 1st Place
8W – 2nd Place

7C – 1st Place
7H – 2nd Place



Congratulations to the winning form groups and thank you! You can see the creativity and generosity of the students and their hampers.





We received this letter of thanks from Bexley Foodbank yesterday, which was lovely!

Beths Election

Over this week we have been having our own 'election'. A student stood to represent each political party and spoke to students about the national policies that each party have been promising to put in place, should they have been successfully voted in... Well, our results are also in but are somewhat different to the national results.... See below for details:

Beths Results

Labour 32.1%
Brexit 20.1%
Conservatives 16.4%
Green 15.9%
Liberal Deomocrat 8.1%
Spoilt 7.4%

National Results (as at 7.30am 13.12.2019)

Conservative 43.6%
Labour 32.3%
Liberal Democrat 11.5%
Brexit 2.0%





Christmas Carol Service

Today, we will be going to Christchurch in Bexleyheath for our Christmas Carol Service. Please look out on our social media for photos from the event.

Community Afternoon Tea

On Monday 2 December, Beths hosted its half-termly Community Afternoon Tea and this time the theme was Christmas.

Guests enjoyed a seasonal soup, open sandwiches, vol-au-vents and lovely desserts, along with lots of hot cups of tea and coffee. Whilst they did so, the Music Department and students entertained them with solo performances, an acapella choir and piano demonstrations. They were also treated to a Christmas carol sing-along.

To finish off the event, we had a raffle with prizes donated by Sainsbury's and The Jasmine in Bexleyheath, Alberello and Meluccis in Bexley. A great time was had by all - from our guests to students to teachers.

Thank you to everyone who came. We love to entertain you and can't wait to see you at our next event. Thank you also to the staff and students involved, we couldn't do it without you. Finally, a huge thank you to the local companies who donated such lovely prizes to our raffle!



Beths wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! – Miss Price





Beths Bake Off

Monday saw Beths' annual MFL Bake Off. We had over 30 entries that were all amazing quality and delicious. Students were invited to bring in Technical Bakes (Spanish, French, German, Italian or Chinese cakes/pastries) and/or Showstopper Bakes. We were all very impressive!

Teachers, Senior Leaders and the Headteacher himself took part in the judging and it was so hard to choose – we had to keep eating and eating to come to a sound decision!

In the end, after lots of discussion and debate, the winners are:

Best Showstopper: Louis F (Year 11)

Best Technical Bakes: Deji B (Year 12), Ewan M (Year 7), Francis G (Year 8) and Richard M (Year 11)

Special Mention: Malakai KN (Year 8)

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part. We are giving everyone who took part five commendations and the winners get five more! Don't forget that baking is also an MFL Super Curriculum activity, so you can claim two more from your MFL teacher.

Have a fantastic Christmas, and keep baking!

MFL ☺

Wellbeing at Beths

At Beths, we are committed to achieving and maintaining high levels of wellbeing in our whole school community and this is evidenced by us working towards a Wellbeing Award for Schools. Please click on the following link for more details of what we are doing for staff, students and parents and carers and also find several links that you might find helpful:

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Wellbeing&pid=217>





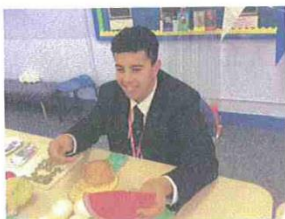
Mayplace Primary School,
Woodside Road,
Bexleyheath,
DA7 6EQ
28.10.19

Dear Emma Price,

Many thanks for once again organising for your students to help with our French market. Our pupils really enjoyed themselves and loved having the opportunity to practise their French with older children. Your students were all really good role models for the children and were really helpful, encouraging and polite. As well as running stalls in the market, they also spent some time in KS1 helping with French activities. Some of the students even had the opportunity to teach the children French, which the teachers were really impressed with. We wish them all the best for their future studies in French.

Many thanks.

Ros Cooper





PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We want to extend our gratitude towards all parents, carers, teaching staff, students and friends of Beths Parent's Association for your loyal and continued support. October saw a new PA Committee



elected and due to the dedicated parents and teaching staff who supported us, the PA was present and busy fundraising at the Year 7 parents evening, the Christmas Concert and the Christmas Fair. The Quiz Night in November, was also a great success, and we had very positive feedback. We want to extend a sincere thank you in particular to Trudie Nichols, the previous chair, who has been a valuable asset, to the new committee.

Our Communications sub-group had been busy promoting our increasing social media presence, where we feature posts/photo/video's before and during events to keep our followers up to date, with our event information. Look out and be the first to know about our upcoming events by clicking the follow or like button on Facebook (Beths Grammar Parents Association - News and Updates) and Instagram (@bethsgrammapa). We are planning to have another Quiz Night in the Spring and will be on duty at most of the upcoming parents evenings at school, selling refreshments.

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The PA was also able to sponsor the Rugby tops for Beths 1ST XV Rugby team, and we have several projects lined up, as requested by the Music and Art department to focus on for new year. We have just launched a new Sponsorship sub-committee, who will be working with our Communications sub-group to gain sponsorship for future events to reduce our expenses. For any sponsorship towards future events or gift matchings schemes please contact the team at beths.parents.association@gmail.com.

We have relaunched the popular PA Monthly Draw event, which is a lotto that the PA run during the year and up to 20 numbers per person can be bought via Parent Pay at £6/entry/year. The deadline for obtaining those winning numbers is January 2020. Once a number is obtained, we request the parent to complete an information slip and email it to beths.parents.association@gmail.com to accompany the payment made, so that we can send out your dedicated numbers for your information.



We also kindly request that parents, carers and friends set up Beths PA as the charity of choice when they shop at Amazon or any of the companies that are affiliated with easyfundraising.org.uk. These companies donate a small percentage towards our charity every time you shop via AmazonSmile and Easyfundraising. Ideal for over the Christmas and Boxing Day period.



Lastly, we want to wish everyone celebrating, a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year! We hope you have a well-deserved rest.





Emailing the School

Should you need to email the school with items/concerns of a more 'sensitive' nature, please email headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk rather than the generic admin email address.

Results

FOOTBALL				
10.12.2019	N Kent Schools	U13 v Cleeve Park	Away	Won 5-0
11.12.2019	KSFA U19 White Cup (Round 3)	1 st XI v Dover Grammar School	Away	Lost 3-2
	KSFA U19 2 nd XI Cup (Round 2)	2 nd XI v Hayes School	Away	Won 4-3
12.12.2019	KSFA Portex Trophy (Round 4)	U15 v Thomas Tallis	Home	Won 1-1 (AET) 1-2 3-2 (Pens)
RUGBY				
07.12.2019	Friendly	U14 v Simon Langton	Away	Won 26-5
	Friendly	U12A v Simon Langton	Home	Lost 35-30
	Friendly	U12B v Simon Langton	Home	Lost 40-15
BASKETBALL				
05.12.2019	Jnr NBA Tournament	U12 v Northfleet	Away	Won 43-32
	Jnr NBA	U12 v WGSB	Away	Won 47-10
09.12.2019	Kent BB	U17 v Northfleet	Away	Postponed
	Basketball England	U14 v Bohunt School	Home	Lost 52-53
10.12.2019	Kent BE	U16 v Canterbury	Home	Postponed
12.12.2019	Kent BE	U16 v Bexley	Home	Postponed



Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
08.01.2020	N Kent League	1 st XI v Ravensbourne	Home
	N Kent 2 nd League	2 nd XI v Charles Darwin	Home
09.01.2020	N Kent	U13B v Hurstmere	Home
RUGBY			
08.01.2020	Friendly	1 ST XV v Ravenswood	Away
BASKETBALL			
06.01.2020	Basketball England	U14 v Canterbury Academy	Home
09.01.2020	Kent Basketball	U14 v Northfleet	Away
	Kent Basketball	U15 v St Columbas	Home
10.01.2020	Basketball England	U16 v Northfleet	Away
VOLLEYBALL			

Up and Coming Events

Monday 6 January 2020	Start of Spring Term for Staff and Students
Thursday 9 January	16.00-20.00 Year 10 Parents Evening in the Hall
Tuesday 14 January	Year 9 Student Council Meeting in Conference Room
	PA Meeting in Conference Room
Thursdsy 16 January	Year 12 Parents Evening in the Hall

Thinking of our neighbours and our local community

Please can we remind parents, students and staff to continue to be respectful of our neighbours and not to 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 are aware that some parents drop students in the morning on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road – close to Dartfordians. This is extremely dangerous - not just for other road users - but also for the students themselves. We would urge you to find a safe place to drop them off for school.





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Finally, we continue to remind students to take care when queuing for buses after the school day and would ask if you could also remind your son or daughter, that would be very helpful.



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