



# Beths Grammar School

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## Week Ending Friday 24 January

### Wednesday 22 January – Road and Parking Concerns

As you know, each week in the blog we ask that parents be considerate of our neighbours when dropping or picking up their sons and daughters at the school.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday at 8.15am, our fire alarm went off and as with school procedure, we had to evacuate those in school to our 'muster point'. As is also procedure, students and cars were not allowed to enter the school site until we were advised the site was clear. Due to cars blocking Hartford Road, the Fire Brigade were unable to access the school site. Fortunately, this was a false alarm, however if it hadn't been, the fact that the Fire Brigade were not able to get to the school could have resulted in such dire consequences, as the loss of life.

The incident on Wednesday, also highlighted that students are arriving on site before 8am, the earliest permitted time of arrival. If there were to be an incident/emergency before the start of the school day, we would have no record of the students on site or their location, and no first aiders to deal with any accident that may occur. Please ensure that your son or daughter arrives at school **no earlier** than 8am.

We have also been made aware, on several occasions, of cars blocking neighbours drive ways, and on some occasions, being quite abusive to the residents. Please can we remind you that we are constantly trying to work with our neighbours to ensure we have a good relationship; inappropriate and inconsiderate parking only reflects poorly on the school's reputation.

There is also the issue of when students are dismissed at the end of the day, their vision is obstructed by the number of cars parked along Hartford Road and we have, unfortunately had a number of incidents where students have been injured by cars as they have tried to cross the road.

If parents were to refrain from dropping and picking up their sons or daughters by car, it would greatly eliminate the issue experienced by both the school and our neighbours.

### Robert Burns Night – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

For all our Scottish families and friends celebrating tomorrow, below is one of Robert Burns' shorter poems to get you all in the mood.

*1) O my Luvie is like a red, red rose  
That's newly sprung in June;  
O my Luvie is like the melody  
That's sweetly played in tune.*

*3) Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;  
I will love thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run.*

*2) So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,  
So deep in luvie am I;  
And I will luvie thee still, my dear,  
Till a' the seas gang dry.*

*4) And fare thee weel, my only luvie!  
And fare thee weel awhile!  
And I will come again, my luvie,  
Though it were ten thousand mile.*



## Chinese New Year – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Our students were able to enjoy a wonderful Chinese New Year meal yesterday, made by our lovely Kitchen staff.



*Main Sweet & sour pork noodles or Beef in Black bean sauce and Steamed rice*

*Served with Garlic Broccoli, Baby corn and Prawn Crackers*

*Vegetarian Vegetable fill Filo Pastry Spring Roll with steamed rice, Garlic Broccoli, Baby corn and Prawn Crackers*

*Dessert Mandarin Topped Cheesecake*

1948
1960
1972
1984
1996
2008
2020

This year, the Chinese celebrate the year of the Rat. Do you fall into this lucky year? Celebrations begin tomorrow and last until Tuesday 4 February.

*Optimistic and energetic, people born in the Rat year are likable by all. They are sensitive to other's emotions but are stubborn with your opinion. Their personality is kind, but due to weak communication skills, their words may seem impolite and rude.*

*On the financial side, they like saving and can be stingy. However, their love for hoarding will sometimes cause them to waste money on unnecessary things.*

### Lucky things for Rats

**Colours:** blue, gold, green

**Numbers:** 2, 3

**Flowers:** lily, African violet, valley lily

**Directions of auspiciousness:** southeast, northeast

**Directions of wealth:** southeast, east

**Directions of love:** west

### Unlucky things

**Colours:** yellow, brown

**Numbers:** 5, 9



### Bexley Young Musician of the Year

We are thrilled to announce that four of our students have been selected to compete in the Bexley Musician of the Year. There are ten finalists, including Yip H (Year 12), Mya K (Year 13), Dillon J (Year 10) and Eric E (Year 11). They will be performing in the final in March. Further details will be announced.

Congratulations!





## **Bexley Train Station**

A huge thank you to Bexley Train Station for allowing us to have the left over Metro paper newspapers for our Art Department.

## **Reminder: Wizard of Oz School Production**

Our annual school production takes place in March and many of our Departments are hard at work prepping for the shows! If you managed to see Oliver! last year, you will know what a treat you are in for.

The dates for the performances are Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20 and, a new option, Saturday 21 March 2020. Keep an eye out for details as to when the tickets will be going on sale and we may even be releasing a teaser trailer or two to tempt you!

## **Community Afternoon Tea**

Each term, we arrange an afternoon tea event for members of the community. We have received below a wonderful email about our events – no wonder they are a sell out!

*I am writing with regards to the testimonial for the Community Afternoon Teas.*

*My father, aged 85 has attended three of the teas. He has Alzheimers, Heart and Kidney Failure. This means that his world has closed down as he finds many social situations awkward as he may act inappropriately e.g. shouting, crying etc. Additionally, on some days he struggles with having the energy to engage in activities.*

*On each occasion that he has been along to the teas he has loved it. He responds to the music and the fact that he is in contact with children. The children are superb and make an effort to engage the members of the Community who attend in a way that embodies inclusion as opposed to exclusion. Loneliness is a hugely increasing social issue and not only does this provide a forum for interaction with children but also a place to combat the sense of isolation.*

*My father enjoyed the creative aspect to the afternoons, the poetry readings, the interactive nature in which he was asked to write a poem. Additionally, the music provided a joy and stimulus that enhanced the quality of the afternoon teas.*

*The concept of afternoon tea is culturally and socially familiar to my father and those of his generation. Not only is the afternoon enjoyable and inclusive, it provides a forum for the elderly to connect with the school children of today through a process of music and creativity that resonates within the familiar setting of afternoon tea.*

*I wholeheartedly endorse the application for the Community Afternoon Teas award and would support this being rolled out more into other schools in the borough.*


Best regards





# PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Beths Parents Association kindly invite young and old to take part in their next Quiz Night. So save the date and book your table as soon as possible to spare you disappointment!

**Beths Parents Association** 

## QUIZ NIGHT

**When?**  
16th May 2020

**Time**  
7:30pm

**Where?**  
Beths Grammar School  
Main Hall

Remember to bring your friends to form a team to combat against other teachers and parents in a series of fun questions, while also raising money for the school!

**Tickets**  
Tickets are £5.00 an adult and children (U16) go for £2.50 each. Book now and pay on the evening. Maximum 8 people a team.

Bring some snacks and drinks along, to share with those clever friends and family. The PA team will be selling refreshments, as well as raffle tickets on the night, so bring some cash!

If you have a team of 4 and would like to join someone else let us know and we will help you team up with another group.

To book a table email:  
[beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com)

Facebook:  
Beths Grammar Parents Association

## SPORTS SECTION

We are pleased to announce that our U13 football team beat Welling on Monday in the North Kent Quarter Final.

On another note, our U15B team lost to St Pauls in the ESFA U15 Schools B Cup. The team played a great game with the score 2-2 at extra time but, unfortunately they lost 5-4 to penalties. Commiserations to the team but it was great to see you getting to the 4<sup>th</sup> round!





Our Basketball teams have had a great week with our U16 playing Canterbury Academy and winning a fantastic 89-64 and our U14 team had to play two matches in two days! They won against Bohunt 63-31 and against Canterbury Academy they unfortunately lost.

Our Saturday rugby fixture for our U12 and U13 teams against Bullerswood were a cold one! U12's unfortunately lost 55-50 but our U13's won a fantastic 45-5!

## Results

FOOTBALL				
20.01.2020	N Kent Quarter Final	U13 v Welling	Home	Won 5-2
21.01.2020	ESFA School U15B Cup Round 4	U15B v St Pauls Academy	Home	2-2 (AET) Lost 5-4 (Pens)
22.01.2020	N Kent League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Farringtons	Away	Won 3-0
23.01.2020	Friendly	U12A v St Columbas	Home	Won 3-0
	Friendly	U12B v St Columbas	Home	Won 4-2
RUGBY				
18.01.2020	Friendly	U12A v Bullerswood	Home	Lost 55-50
		U13 v Bullerswood	Home	Won 45-5
21.01.2020	Friendly	U14 v WGSB	Home	Postponed to 28.01.2020
BASKETBALL				
14.01.2020	Jnr NBA	U12 v Leight UTC	Home	Won 24-5
		U12 v King Henry	Home	Won 20-13
20.01.2020	Basketball England	U14 v Bohunt School	Away	Won 63-31
21.01.2020	Basketball England	U16 v Canterbury	Home	Won 89-64
	Basketball England	U14 v Canterbury	Away	Lost 81-64
22.01.2020	Kent Basketball	U15 v Langley School	Away	Won 78-47
23.01.2020	Kent Basketball	U16 v Bexley GS	Home	Won 46-22



## Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
27.01.2020	KS5 Knockout	U15 v Welling	Away
29.01.2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hayes	Away
	N Kent	U12 v Hurstmere	Away
RUGBY			
24.01.2020	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v CSGS	@ Well Hall
28.01.2020	Friendly	U14 v WGSB	Home
01.02.2020	Friendly	U12A v Rochester MATH	Home
		U12B v Rochester MATH	Home
BASKETBALL			
28.01.2020	Kent BB	U15 v Hayes	Away
30.01.2020	Kent BB	U17 v Canterbury	Home
VOLLEYBALL			

## Adverse Weather Conditions

As mentioned earlier in the Blog by the Headteacher, this term is the grimest weather-wise and with the possibility of poor weather being predicted over the coming weeks, we thought a reminder to all, as to our procedures, would be helpful.

In the unlikely event that the school is closed due to adverse conditions we will make every effort to make information available to staff, students and parents by 6.30am. However, it may not always be possible to make the decision by this time, so we would ask you all to be understanding about this.

This information will be available on the following websites:

The school's website [www.beths.bexley.sch.uk](http://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk) - a 'yellow sticky' will appear on the front page of our site clarifying whether we are open or shut.

The link <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck/default.aspx?la=303> to Bexley's School OpenCheck website. Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's Dfe number, 3035403, to get the same information.





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### **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](mailto:headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk) rather than the generic admin email address.

### **Up and Coming Events**

Saturday 25 January	Chinese New Year begins
Tuesday 28 January	Year 11 Student Council Meeting
Wednesday 29 January	Safe Drive, Stay Alive performance for Year 12 Students Year 7 Parents Evening Bookings go live at 10am
Thursday 30 January	Year 9 DTP Immunisations
Friday 31 January	Closing date for 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Applications (See website for link)