



# Beths Grammar School

Excellence - Community - Respect - Nurture

## Week Ending Friday 17 April 2020

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) – updates from the Headteacher**

As we move into another week of isolation and into, what would have been the first week of the summer term, we hope that you are all continuing to cope with what is a huge change to our normal way of living.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 does not worry whether you're rich or poor, living in the world of show-business or in Bexleyheath and we are now probably at a stage where many of us have lost a family member or friend, an old work colleague or acquaintance. The hope is that, with the order to stay at home, the numbers of those becoming infected and those dying, will soon start to reduce and our lives will, gradually begin to be less restrictive.

However, for now we have to remain at home and try to continue to maintain a sense of perspective through these very strange times. We are still at a point that we don't know when schools will return and whether that will be during this summer term, or September or even beyond.

As we return to 'school' on Monday, it is helpful to get back into a structured day and staff have been asked to continue to set, check and assess work to enable students to be able to do this.

Some staff are using TEAMS, ZOOM or YOUTUBE, for example, during their lessons, but please understand that not all the staff feel comfortable in using these platforms and I would ask that students do not pressure them into using them.

Between 8.00am and 10.00am this Tuesday 21 April, the school's internet is being upgraded to allow for a speedier service. It is possible that, during these times, your son or daughter may be unable to access the school system.

If we do return to school this side of the summer holidays it is our intention that the focus will be on teaching for the entire time that we would be in school for. Any calendared events that would normally take place will now not happen – they will either be cancelled or postponed to a later date.

On a positive note, we were delighted to hear that John L in 8C has just been awarded a Jack Petchey Award of £250 for his scout troop. Young people and leaders from Bromley Scouts are able to nominate other young people to win a Jack Petchey Achievement Award. The award allows these young people and leaders to recognise the effort, endeavour and achievement of young people in a practical and positive way.

John was selected to receive the award and was nominated for always trying everything with a positive attitude and because he can be counted upon to compete and take part in any activity that is organised. John shows a maturity that some would class as 'an old head on young shoulders', but he does it with humility and enthusiasm, something that is reflected in his position as Patrol Leader. John will shortly receive a certificate and a £250 grant to spend on a project, equipment or activity of his choice that benefits him and his fellow members of his Scout Group.



## Mr Blyghton's 'Dice Magic' – a humorous look at what the Premiere League could have looked like

### The Results from Week 33

Newcastle	5	3	West Ham
Man Utd	2	2	Bournemouth
Norwich	0	4	Brighton
Burnley	3	4	Sheffield Utd
Southampton	1	4	Man City
Leicester City	4	2	Crystal Palace
Tottenham	3	4	Everton
Chelsea	1	3	Watford
Liverpool	0	3	Aston Villa
Wolves	5	1	Arsenal

### Football Round-up

Newcastle pulled out all the stops to impress their would-be buyers – Poundland – looks like Mike Ashley got a good deal there. Joelene re-entered the scoring charts having been anonymous for most of the season and the Longstaff boys hit the target as well. West Ham duly turned up without their barn-door at the back and as a result conceded more than they had bargained for. Mark Noble was less so getting his marching orders from the referee after 70 minutes. A late rally from the Hammers pulled the deficit back with goals from Cresswell, Antonio and a recently resurrected Wilshere.

Bournemouth nicked a point at Old Trafford with a brace from the Wilson boys which kept their Premier league dreams alive at the said Theatre although the United performance bordered upon farcical before comedic and then tragic having been ahead through Martial and Fred, conceded via a poor back-pass and then de Gea dropped the ball over the line thus confirming this to be one of his better seasons at the club.

Norwich came out of the blocks as hot as mustard but failed to record a strike, sorry wrong sport, goal. Brighton with Glenn Murray back in the starting line-up marshalled the forwards scoring one and setting up the other three. Brighton made light work of the task. Norwich are in need of inspiration.

Burnley, with Joe Hart deputising in goal, were sorely in need of defensive protection on the near post as four goals rattled in quickly during the first quarter, sorry half and Chris Wilder's team would be grateful to VAR as the ball appeared pixelated every time it struck a United hand before heading goal-bound. Something that didn't happen earlier in the season.

Bad weather on the south coast contributed to another home defeat for Southampton who opened the scoring with Romeu. Unfortunately it later rained goals at the other end with Sterling, Silva, Rodri and Aguero thundering in their attempts on target ensuring a sunny end to the game for City.

At the Walker Stadium, Leicester strolled this one with Jamie Vardy, far from pedestrian running this game against Palace. He and James Maddison both scored a pair each with Palace replying with van Aanholt and Ayew. It should be noted that Christian Benteke touched the ball once and Wilfred Zaha was fouled 43 times.





Spurs again suffering a lack of forwards according to the manager, Jose Mourinho, buried three goals into the Everton net before allowing Calvert-Lewin, Richarlison, Digne and Baines to test Hugo Lloris in the Tottenham goal. At least this time he didn't drop the ball in any of their four goals - just merely shepherded each safely into the bottom corners of the net.

Fortress Stamford Bridge has again been overrun with the drawbridge failing to be raised. A Deeney hat-trick of headers in which he bullied the Chelsea defence, put the home team on their uppers and a consolation goal from Giroud, off his chin was the only bright moment in an otherwise dull afternoon.

On a sunny afternoon in Merseyside, Liverpool were steam-rolled by Villa – actually by Jack Grealish in his new vehicle and even John Terry, perennial bench warmer, got on the pitch to score a vital third ensuring that Sky Sports pundit Jamie Carragher was lost for words – for 25 seconds anyway.

Wolves finally ventured outside of their half on five separate occasions with Jimenez, Moutinho, Traore, Costa and Neves. To complicate the issue further, Arsenal were bamboozled by the grammar contributed by these players in the build-up play. They couldn't get over the accents, cedillas and circum-flexes introduced in Wolves' play. Obviously something lost in the translation.

### As it stands under Mr Blyghton's 'Dice Magic' after week 33:

Position	Club	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	GD	Points
1	Liverpool	33	28	2	3	43	86
2	Man City	33	20	4	9	42	64
3	Leicester	33	17	7	9	31	58
4	Man Utd	33	14	11	8	20	53
5	Chelsea	33	15	7	11	11	52
6	Sheffield Utd	33	13	11	9	-1	50
7	Wolves	33	11	14	8	5	47
8	Everton	33	13	8	12	-2	47
9	Crystal Palace	33	12	10	11	-2	46
10	Arsenal	33	10	15	8	-3	45
11	Burnley	33	13	6	14	-7	45
12	Tottenham	33	11	10	12	5	43
13	Newcastle	33	11	9	13	-11	42
14	Southampton	33	12	4	17	-18	40
15	Brighton	33	8	12	13	-6	36
16	Watford	33	8	10	15	-12	34
17	Bournemouth	33	9	7	17	-15	34
18	Aston Villa	33	9	6	18	-23	33
19	West Ham	33	7	9	17	-17	30
20	Norwich	33	5	6	22	-38	21

Fixture 34 results coming up next week

