

BMS Students Observing Ramadan

By La’Raib and Habib



I am La’Raib and this is Habib and we are two of the countless people around the world that are dedicated to fasting during the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam which is observed by a majority of Muslims around the world. Ramadan is a month of commitment and dedication, which enables you to reflect on how poverty stricken countries feel with minimal amount of food supplies.

Muslims believe that the best charity given is given during the month of Ramadan. The month of Ramadan is about putting yourself in a less fortunate position and this Holy month also gives us an insight of suffering families all over the world.

Fasting is a ritual which requires you to not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. Muslims who are pregnant, elderly, or have any medical conditions, as well as children are exempt from fasting. As Muslims, during the month of Ramadan we feel grateful for what Allah has provided us with. During this month we feel both rejuvenated and of course a little tired!

We will now finish with a quote that was said from Prophet Muhammed PBUH

“Whenever anyone eats next to a fasting person, the angels perform prayer for the fasting person until the other finishes eating”

Finally *Happy Ramadan to you all!*

ADVANCE NOTICE: ROADWORKS IN COLDHARBOUR LANE - FRIDAY 24 JUNE

Please be aware that re-surfacing works will be taking place from 0930 – 1500 between the junctions of Chiltern Ave and King George Avenue on Coldharbour Lane, on Friday 24th and possibly Monday 27th June. During this time there will be no traffic access along this stretch of road. Mullany's buses will not be affected by this work and will be running as normal, and there will be pedestrian access. We recommend at this time taking the opportunity to try our less congested Harcourt Road entrance to collect your child..



Dates for the Diary

21 June

Y8 Girls HPV vaccinations

22 June

Y7-10 District Athletics

Y8-11 Boccia Match

Governors Meeting

24 June

KS3 Music Trip – Royal
Philharmonic Orchestra

Y13 Prom

27 June

Y11 Leavers Assembly

Y11 Prom

28 June

Y6 Tea Party

29 June

Y5 Little Reddings Visit
Rewards Evening

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



Cormac – 9Ash

This week's KS3 student of the week is Cormac - 9Ash. Cormac has achieved a staggering 236 achievement points and no behaviour points. He also has 100% attendance and ATL scores of 6s and 7s in all subjects. Cormac approaches his education with enthusiasm and focus, and is an example to all of our students at Bushey Meads. Keep up the excellent work and attitude to ensure you reach your potential. Well done!

KEY STAGE 4



Devan – 10Sycamore

This week's student of the week has been nominated by the Senior Pastoral Manager, Miss Dhanecha. Devan has been given this accolade in recognition of his long standing work with the school radio. In addition, Devan has more recently taken an active role with the Film Club and as a talented magician, has always put on a great show at various school events. Devan is always polite, well-mannered and a pleasure to have at Bushey Meads School. Thank you for your excellent and invaluable contribution to the Bushey Meads School community Devan!

KEY STAGE 5



Eleanor - 13E & James - 13O

Key Stage 5 students of the week are Eleanor and James, who have been chosen for their commitment to the school community.

Word of the Week (WOW) at Bushey Meads

Danielle Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole school Literacy

This week at Bushey Meads, we have been considering the word complacent; not least, the consequences of complacency!



Word of the Week

13.6.16

mid 17th century (in the sense 'pleasant'): from Latin *complacent-* 'pleasing', from the verb *complacere*

Pronounce it: *com-play-sent*

Adjective

Definition

-showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements –
-Pleased, especially with oneself or one's merits, advantages, situation, etc, often without awareness of some potential danger or defect;

The literal meaning of this word's Latin root is "very pleased," but even though *complacent* people may seem pleased with themselves, we are rarely pleased with them. They are unconcerned by things that should concern them, and they may even be neglecting their responsibilities. A complacent person might be heard saying, "Don't worry about it!" — when there really is something to worry about. If you do something complacently, you act in a self-satisfied, unconcerned manner. *Complacently* is the adverb form of *complacent*. It's not a good idea to potter about *complacently* when everyone else is stressed and busy!

Examples in sentences:

'He had become complacent after years of success.'

'She swanned around the office in a complacent manner, making her colleagues tremendously annoyed.'



Complacent

Use it instead of:

self-satisfied, content, self-complacent, smug, self-congratulatory.

Challenge: use this word in a conversation, or piece of writing this week.

VACANCIES

We are currently advertising for the following positions at the school:

Teaching Assistants (for Physically Impaired students)

English Teacher

PE Teacher with a second subject - please speak to HR Office about this position

Further information can be found on the school website under 'Vacancies'. Alternatively, please contact the HR Office on 020 8955 8833 / 8800.

Answers and winners to Last week's Challenges:

$$\text{Level 1} = 6x(3x+2y)$$

Winners: Chris (10W), Menusha (7A), 10Ash

$$\text{Level 2} = (2x-3)(2x+3)$$

$$\text{Level 3} = (2x+3)(x+4)(x-5)$$

Maths Challenge Level 1

Gill is now 28 years old and is a teacher of Mathematics at a school which has 600 pupils. There are 30 more girls than boys at the school.

How many girls are at Gill's school?



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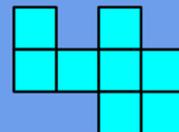
Maths Challenge Level 2

A rectangle with an area of 125cm^2 has sides in the ratio 4:5. What is the perimeter of the rectangle?

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Maths Challenge Level 3

The diagram shows 8 squares. Six of these squares are to be shaded so that the shaded squares form the net of a cube. In how many ways can this be done?



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When you have completed any of the challenges, email the addresses below or to Mr Akram (akrama@bushey.meads.org.uk) with your answers, First correct answer wins a PRIZE. Thank you and good luck.

Friendship group

Mrs Mateides – Intervention Manager

Members of the Thursday Friendship group made cakes at home and sold them in school.

Congratulations!

For raising £30.00, which will be donated to Kai's Wheelchair Fund.



WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEACHING STAFF

By Mrs Armitage, PA to Executive Principal

This half term we welcome two new members of staff. I thought I would give them a week or so to settle in before I made my approach to find out all about them.....

HOLLY LEVITAN – Teacher of English



Miss Levitan joins us from Friern Barnet School where she trained to become a fully qualified English teacher and continued to teach until moving to join us here at Bushey Meads to progress her career. As well as teaching English she is also taking on the responsibility of KS3 Co-ordinator in English.

Miss Levitan is finding everyone really friendly and has already observed how hard-working and respectful the students are here at Bushey Meads. Hobbies and interests include music (Miss Levitan plays the clarinet, piano and saxophone – another potential recruit to assist in the next school production perhaps?), fitness (a regular member of her local gym) and reading (a typical hobby of all English teachers as she pointed out!). Travel is also high on Miss Levitan's agenda – European city breaks are popular with her, but she has also enjoyed some long haul trips such as Thailand and NYC.

The interview concluded with Miss Levitan commenting that she is really looking forward to September when she will also be taking on a form tutor group. Please join me in wishing her every success with her career here at BMS.

ADYN TOCKNELL – Teacher of Geography

Mr Tocknell has joined us to cover for Ms Bartholomew who is currently on maternity leave. From Australia, Mr Tocknell is really looking forward to spending time in the UK and has family in both the local area and dotted around the UK. Prior to half term he was busy touring Europe – 14 countries in 26 days he proudly told me – he has probably already visited more of Europe than many of us!

Before arriving in Europe, Mr Tocknell taught in what are known in Australia as 'school camps' – these are Australian government-funded camps. He worked as an outdoor instructor on exciting activities such as abseiling, rock-climbing, white-water rafting and bush walking.



When I asked him what he thought of Bushey Meads so far, he said how much he is enjoying the school already and commented how interested the students are about where he is from! In terms of his hobbies and interests it goes without saying really that travel and sport are the key ones – and he is looking forward to being able to follow the Euro 2016 football over the next few weeks. I am sure you also wish Mr Tocknell every success during his time with us.

Paralympic Gold Medallist at Bushey Meads School!

Ms Rowden, Dance teacher

On Friday 10th June we were extremely excited to welcome Tim Prendergast, Paralympic gold medallist, to Bushey Meads School, as part of the Sky Sports for Living Programme.

Tim began the morning with an inspirational Year 10 assembly, sharing his journey and motivating the students to reach for the stars.



He then spent the day delivering a workshop with twenty chosen Year 7 and 8 students based on skills learnt through sport to develop life-long learning and the **six keys to success**:

1. Mental toughness
2. Hunger to achieve
3. People skills
4. Sports and life knowledge
5. Breaking barriers
6. Planning for success

The six keys to success are designed to help young people develop valuable life skills that will help them inside and outside of school, now and into the future. The day was filled with team building exercises and tasks that really pushed the students to think outside of the box.



We were also extremely lucky to welcome our local Member of Parliament for Hertsmere Oliver Dowden, alongside two Sky Sports representatives, Laura Pettey and Adam Kinsley. The students were keen to express all they had learnt throughout the day and discussed how Tim had inspired them to follow their dreams and never give up.



MP Oliver Dowden interacted with students and staff and clearly heard how powerful Tim's visit had been – encouraging all students to reach for the stars and overcome any obstacles in their path. He also engaged in a lively political debate about the current EU referendum with our Year 8 and 9 students which demonstrated how aware they all were of the topical issues currently in the news.



A number of our student leaders also explained their roles in the school – from BMS Buddies to Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Eco Monitors. On a tour of the school he visited classrooms, talked to students about the breadth of offer that our curriculum facilitates and saw and heard about our exciting building plans for the next 12 months – all part of the journey of Bushey Meads moving to the next level.

It was a fun filled, inspirational day and the students even got to try on the gold medal! Both Tim Prendergast and Oliver Dowden also commented on how all students involved represented the school in such an exemplary manner.



PE Faculty news

COUNTY LEAGUE ATHLETICS

Match 5 of the summer 2016 athletics season took place at the Jarman's Park track on Tuesday 7th June. It proved to be another very tough competition with competing schools Watford Boys and Girls, Roundwood Park, Hemel Hempstead and Tring. We had 2 individual event winners with Kaitlyn Williams recording her fifth win in a row and Chris Osei his third success in the 100m. Well done to all the students that took part and we look forward to the final match and the District Championships which will take place on Wednesday 22nd June.

<p>SENIOR BOYS Overall match position : 2nd - 42 points C Osei - 1st 100m and 2nd LONG JUMP C Meale - 3rd 400m E Enright - 3rd 1500m C Bedwell - 3rd TRIPLE JUMP J Smith - 2nd HIGH JUMP M Lawman - 3rd DISCUS J Leyshon - 2nd JAVELIN C King - 3rd SHOT Relay - 2nd</p>	<p>JUNIOR BOYS Overall match position : 4th - 31 points K Campbell - 3rd 100m P Sanghasinha - 3rd TRIPLE JUMP R Marsh - 3rd JAVELIN J Peskin - 3rd HIGH JUMP B Garvey - 3rd POLE VAULT J Alexander - 3rd DISCUS</p>
<p>SENIOR GIRLS Overall match position : 5th - 20 points M Sjollema - 3rd LONG JUMP L Campbell - 3rd 300m B Parker - 3rd JAVELIN</p>	<p>JUNIOR GIRLS Overall match position : 5th - 25 points T Samson - 3rd 200m V Fordham - 3rd LONG JUMP J Benveniste - 2nd 1500m L Barchieri - 3rd HIGH JUMP K Williams - 1st DISCUS</p>

2016 County Athletics Championships



The 2016 County Athletics Championships took place at Jarman's Park athletics track in Hemel Hempstead on Saturday 11th June.

The event is for the top school age athletes in the county who have achieved the qualifying standards to compete at this level. We were represented by 5 students who all produced really pleasing performances on the day and can be proud of their efforts.



Kaitlyn Williams in Year 8 was competing in the Under 15 Junior Girls (Year 8 and 9) Discus and produced an excellent series of throws to finish an excellent 3rd overall. This was followed by fantastic 3rd place finishes for Jess Benveniste in the Pre-Junior girls (Year 7) 1500m and Chris Osei in the Intermediate

Boys (Year 10 and 11) 100m. Jack Leyshon produced a fine series of consistent throws to finish 5th in the Intermediate Boys (Year 10 and 11) Javelin and Joel Smith achieved a very creditable 8th in the Junior Boys High jump with a jump of 1.49. The standard of the athletics throughout the day was extremely high and it was great to see our top athletes acquitting themselves so well in this company.



Staff Role Model

On Sunday Mr Chalkley, the Head of Technology, competed in the St Albans Half Marathon running a personal best time of 1 hour 45 minutes and 58 seconds - a fantastic effort, well done Mr Chalkley - and great to see such a positive role model for our students.

Girls PE Results

Wednesday 25/6/2016

Rounders Results

Year 8 - SW

Date: 16/6/2016

Opposition: FCA

Result: Lost 24 - 14

Team: A. Andrews, K. Lavelle, C. Lightfoot, K. Gunasegaran, A. Finley, N. Redmond, A. Wells-Harbin, Y. Webb, V. Mishra

Comment: A tough game for year 8 with the other team being particularly at batting. The girls never gave up and with some committed fielders, managed to get 4 players out during each innings. Lots of half rounders scored too!

Hopefully the rain will stay off now and they will finally be able to practice regularly and play their rearranged games that have been cancelled the last couple of weeks.

Player of the Match - A. Wells-Harbin for that excellent catch and the rounders you scored!

Sports Clubs provided by external coaches

Girls Yoga - Thursday's after school, all welcome

Athletics with Watford Harriers Athletics Club Tuesday's
Bring kit and meet in the sports hall / astro at 3.05

Sessions will continue throughout the Summer term on Tuesday evenings.

Massive Thanks to both Arsenal Ladies Football club and High Springers trampoline club for the coaching they have provided in the last 2 terms. These sessions have finished now but we look forward to welcoming both clubs back in the new academic year.



Our inspirational quote:

Keep your head up in failure and your head down in success.

Belief
Motivation
Success

Ash House Achievements

Over the past academic year, Ash House students have excelled in a range of areas, both inside and outside of school! For this reason, Ash House students continue to keep Ash House consistently at the top of the leader board!

How have Ash House students achieved this?

Helping at evening events

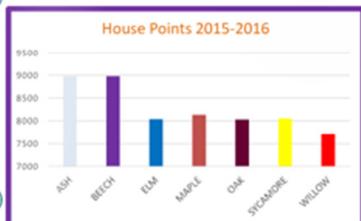
Being pro-active in lessons

Taking part in extra-curricular activities

Trying new things, out of their comfort zone!

Creating excellent pieces of homework

HOUSE POINTS



BEECH	8978
ASH	8975
MAPLE	8130
SYCAMORE	8046
ELM	8033
OAK	8026
WILLOW	7708

With only 3 points separating Ash and Beech Houses it really is too close to call! Six weeks remain before the House Cup is awarded with ample time for more points to be added and further competitions to take place.

Showing a consistently excellent attitude to learning

Being helpful and offering assistance to peers

Taking part and achieving in sports activities

Working collaboratively with teachers

Charity fundraising events

Outstanding presentation of work



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7 Ash Achievements!

"I went to a Shetland Grand National Race. My Shetland Pony Jasmine and I, had to race against 7 other jockeys. We raced around a huge circuit which included multiple jumps, and then up the middle to the finish line. In my first race, I came 3rd, which meant I got into the final. In the final, I came 1st! I won, despite losing both my stirrups. I really enjoy Shetland racing and hope one day, to become a professional".



Eleanor entered the Shetland Grand National and placed 1st!

Tovosi - Hertfordshire Warriors Basketball Team

"In Basketball, I played in 3 leagues and won two. So we qualified twice and won 1 of tournament so far. This July we are going to play a tournament in Leeds to see which team is the best in England for Under 12's. This season lasted from October to July and next year we will be playing in the Under 13's and only taking 7 players to a game instead of 10"



Andrea won silver in 100m individual medal in swimming!





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More Ash House Student Achievements..

10 ASH ACHIEVEMENTS:

- * **Harry Clarke** - Successful work experience in school, worked with Reception, Maths and Base
- * **Oliver Littlechild** - Karate outside of school and is a 'green belt'
- * **Pranav Lakhani** - Student Learning Consultant and House Representative.
- * **Kyran Feasey** - Represents County (Hertfordshire) in Rugby
- * **Olivia McManus** - attends Harrow Gymnastics Club and represents the school in gymnastics
- * **Connor Freeman** - Member of Belstone FC Sunday League Football
- * **Euan Enright** - Plays football for Oxhey United FC and has just won 'Manager's Player' for this season
- * **Mia Brass** - Is being a caring/supporting friend to another student (Bushey Meads community)
- * **Militsa Stefanov** - has received the high achiever's award for Maths this week.
- * **Rikhil Mehta** - was a member of the Ash House Debating Team which came 2nd.
- * **Jack Levshon** - represents County (Hertfordshire) in Javelin



Aaron - I attend and volunteer at my local drama group, helping with the younger classes. Also I volunteer as a young leader at my local Scout Group, and have done this for two years. I have been a member of Scouting for ten years and am now a member of the explorer movement. This allowed me to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree last summer with other Scouts from Hertfordshire.



Year 8

Arunesh - Won Maths Higher Achiever's Award for year 8 at Easter!



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Ash House students, we need your help!

YOUR HOUSE NEEDS YOU!

Competitions still to come...



Inter-house Debating Competition! July 2016!

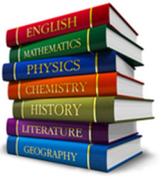
Sports Day! July 2016!



More Able at BMS

Miss Booth

More able at BMS



Mooc challenge update!

Before half term I encouraged all students to take up the mooc challenge. So far this is going well. Several students have contacted me to inform me about details of a mooc they have begun. I am very sure that we will soon see some of these moocs completed. Remember if you complete independent study such as a mooc, there are many benefits that include:

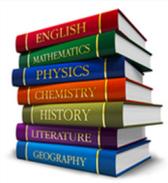
- You are able to study a subject in depth that you are really interested about.
- You will become much more knowledgeable about the subject you choose to study.
- It will help you to develop your skills as an independent learner- something that is extremely important for anyone who wants to be successful.

Remember school wants to support all students who choose to complete an independent project so that they will improve their chances of success.

So please, consider whether a mooc is for you and get in touch if it is.



More able at BMS



Earlier in the year I wrote about a project that has been undertaken by a group of our more able historians at BMS: *So Last Era*, Bushey Meads School's dedicated history magazine. The magazine was set up by Mr Lyley and the team includes students from years 7 to 10. They meet every Tuesday lunchtime to work on the latest edition of the magazine.

This week I am going to give you an update on the magazine and talk about a special edition that the team have been working on. Usually the magazine group focus on a different letter of the alphabet and include articles about historical events relating to this letter. However to aid year 11 history students in their history revision, the team have made a special edition of *So Last Era* all about the American West: one of the components of the GCSE History exams.

It is fantastic to see the magazine team using their magazine to help students in this way and the American West edition is truly an excellent read packed with important knowledge and facts that GCSE students need to know. It has also been well written and presented so that it is an interesting and engaging read: I certainly enjoyed it!

Producing the American west edition will also be beneficial to any of the magazine team that are currently studying GCSE History themselves, as writing the articles will have helped enhance their own subject knowledge.

If you want to check out *So Last Era*, it is available in the LRC.

