

Year 7 Literacy Trip to Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio



On Tuesday 14th June 67 year 7 pupils, along with Mr. Fisher, Ms. Bowe, Ms. Smart, Ms. Razavi and myself went on a marvellous trip to the Harry Potter film studios in Leavesden.

In September last year all year 7 pupils were timetabled for a Literacy/reading lesson once a week in the LRC. Throughout the year the year 7s have been completing weekly book reviews and compiling a book review folder of their work. Each week, after marking and feedback, one student was awarded a place on the special trip for their exemplary work and positive attitude. Students showed fantastic enthusiasm and the quality of Book Reviews has remained very high.

Many year 7s wanted to present their reviews during class lessons and this greatly developed their presentation skills and confidence.

It was so difficult choosing weekly winners as the entire cohort were working to a very high standard, but eventually last Tuesday the final choice of 67 was complete. We left school at 10.30am on the "Hogwarts's Express" coach and the excitement on the students and staff's faces was incredible to see.



Dylan enjoying a "Butter Beer"

The pupils behaviour was exemplary throughout the day and it was a delight for me when Ms. Cooper of the PE Faculty came to see me on Wednesday morning to say that one of her friends, who works at the studios, had mentioned Bushey Meads School visiting the Harry Potter tour and how polite and well behaved our pupils were and how very smart they all looked in their uniforms.

My sincere thanks once again to all the staff who supported me on the trip, but I also wish to say a huge thank-you to the amazing finance staff - Ms. Coombs, the school Finance Manager and Ms. Doona, the School Trip Assistant, for all their hard work and support behind the scenes.



Dates for the Diary

27 June

Y11 Prom

Y6 Tea Party 3.30-5.00

29 June

Y5 Little Reddings Visit 9-1.00

Rewards Evening 7-9.30

1 July

Y10 Textiles Trip

Y12 Ecology Day



Niteesh and Karan having fun and another "Butter Beer"!

Keep reading BMS.

Same trip, same time next year!

**Mr. G. Back,
LRC Manager, Literacy Teacher**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



This week we have two Students of the Week. Both Rebecca (7E) and Adam (7A) stepped up to the challenge of being a BMS Buddy for the evening at extremely short notice. Rebecca and Adam both did an excellent job of being a host for our Year 6 interviews. Both were professional, friendly and welcoming. They helped to provide our visitors with a very positive experience of Bushey Meads School. Thank you Rebecca and Adam for being a real asset to the Bushey Meads Community.

KEY STAGE 4



This week's student of the week is Kajal who has consistently worked extremely hard throughout her time at Bushey Meads School. Kajal is a well mannered, polite young lady who has fully committed herself to securing her success. We all wish Kajal all the very best for her future and congratulate her on the completion of her GCSE exams.

KEY STAGE 5



Megan 13Elm

Our KS5 student of the week is Megan. Megan has served the school community as Head of Charities this year and has always supported the school at evening events and performances. She has been a real ambassador for the school. Megan is studying drama, English literature and media studies.

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 ‘jubilant’ as there has been much to celebrate: year 11 leaver’s assembly, the culmination of exam season and final preparations for the rewards evening on Wednesday 29th. Let’s also hope, who ever we support, there’s something to celebrate with the football!

 Word of the Week 20.6.16 mid 17th century (originally in the sense 'making a joyful noise'): from Latin *jubilant-* 'calling, hallooing', from the verb *jubilare*

Pronounce it: *joo-bi-lant* Adjective

Definition
-full of high-spirited delight;
-joyful and proud, especially because of a victory or success.

If the football team you were supporting won the European championships in impressive style, you would be jubilant: filled with joy.
When you feel jubilant, you're full of extreme happiness. Usually people are jubilant after great victories, whether in sports, politics, or life. When you're jubilant, it's a moment of extreme happiness, like passing exams or watching your child get married. There can also be jubilant songs, jubilant performances, even jubilant periods in history, times when people are especially proud and filled with triumph. The end of World War II was just one such jubilant moment.

Examples in sentences:
'The year 13 class were in a jubilant mood following their confident exam performance!'
'There were jubilant celebrations in the Mercedes garage after Lewis Hamilton stormed to a 5th Canadian Grand Prix win!'

Jubilant

Use it instead of:
Rejoicing, elated, joyful, triumphant, prideful.

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

THEME OF THE WEEK

Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher

The theme of the week this week was Family with assemblies and form tutor times focused on the House system as a “School Family”. For this week all tutor groups across the school were collapsed and vertical tutor groups were created. This meant a mix of year groups were placed together from the same House.

This was created to strengthen the House system in the school and allow students from different year groups but in the same house to get to know each other. Not only were students gaining vital social skills in meeting new people but the older students were able to give advice and guidance to the younger students.



We hope to utilise the expertise of the older students within the Vertical Tutor Groups in the future at key times of the academic year.

VACANCIES

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

Teaching Assistants (for Physically Impaired students)

Hertfordshire Headteacher Visits Bushey Meads School

Jeremy Turner – Executive Principal

We then went on a tour of the school and enjoyed seeing the new developments across the school site in terms of major investment in resources (such as the new iLab in Music), building expansion projects and exciting plans for further refurbishments. He also met a number of key staff including our superb Pastoral Team headed up by Senior Pastoral Manager Ms Dhanecha.



It was a privilege to welcome Mr de la Croix, the experienced Headteacher of Sheredes School in Hoddesdon Hertfordshire, to Bushey Meads School on Tuesday of this week. Our day started with us sitting in a brilliant House Assembly led by Mr Cox which really reinforced the key values of family and fully supported our exciting week of vertical tutoring which all students are experiencing.



Perhaps the highlight of his tour was visiting our inspirational Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and meeting Mr Back, our outstanding LRC Manager. A superb Year 7 reading lesson was taking place with all students fully engrossed in their next book or completing an in-depth book review.

His quote in the visitors' book at the end of his visit said it all.....

"Fantastic to see all the hard work taking place at BMS. Keep up the amazing work!"

The Holy Month of Ramadan

Mr Malik – Assistant Pastoral Manager

This year Ramadhan, the 9th Islamic month, began on 7th June 2016 and Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadhan is likely to be celebrated on 7th July 2016. These dates can vary subject to sighting of the new moon and local announcements.

There are many positive aspects of this month for Muslims – both children and adults. Far from being a difficult time of hardship, Ramadhan is anticipated with enormous excitement and the experience enjoyed by young and old. The month provides encouragement to uphold good character, to refrain from anti-social behaviour, (including being unkind to other people by telling lies, swearing etc.) and to strengthen spiritual development and one's relationship with God (Allah). Family and community togetherness is strengthened and supported through a unifying experience with Muslims all around the world. It is also a time for increased social responsibility, for empathy with, and giving to the poor and needy. In summary, Ramadhan is a time for striving for the best in all aspects of life.

Muslims are required to fast during the hours of daylight, though there are some permitted exceptions. This involves abstaining certain things including food, drink (including water) and drinking. Many of the students will be fasting, so please be mindful of this. Students who are fasting are able to go to G3 during lunch time for some quiet time with Mr Akram.

Fasting is an act of worship. It is a special opportunity for Muslims to reinvigorate their faith by making extra efforts towards piety and Taqwa (God-consciousness) – “to recharge their spiritual batteries”.

Ramadan Mubarak to all Muslim students and staff.

British Schools Karting Championship

Mr Chalkey – Head of D&T Faculty

Over the past 10 years, Bushey Meads School has entered drivers for the British Schools Karting Championships. It started from humble beginnings at a small track in South London with just a few schools attending, to now, with hundreds of schools from across Britain taking part and racing on some of the best tracks in the country.

The competition tests the students driving ability and is a pure arrive and drive racing experience. All the karts are the same, so it is down to the individual's skill and courage to get them round the track in the fastest time possible.

Over the years, Bushey Meads has had over 100 students enter the competition with some really talented drivers that have taken themselves and their team of 3 drivers through **local races**, to **regional finals**, to **national finals**. The school is always on the lookout for new talent, so if you are dreaming of being a *Lewis Hamilton* of the future, then make yourself known to Mr Chalkley.

Vertical Tutoring Week at BMS

Building on the success of our House system at Bushey Meads School, this week we held our first ever vertical tutoring week. Each tutor group was made up of a mixture of ages from each year group from the same House in the school and the Heads of House provided a variety of tutor time activities for the new groups to take part in.



We hope that this special vertical tutoring week has again helped to continue to strengthen the strong family atmosphere in our school, develop further the House system, encourage even better relationships between the year groups within each House and also facilitate and encourage the modelling of excellent behaviour through older students demonstrating this and advising the younger students on all aspects of school life.



These activities centred around the Theme of the Week 'Family' with an emphasis on getting to know you. Special House Assemblies took place to reinforce the strong sense of family that we inculcate; they reminded us of the need to think about how we can learn from each other to ensure that our school remains such a safe and welcoming learning community where all students *Aspire to Achieve*.



Student Feedback.....

"We started the week a bit nervous but our confidence had grown because we got to talk to students from different year groups."

"I'm looking forward to going back to my old tutor group but would like to try this again – perhaps twice or three times a year."

"I don't want to go back to my old form class!"

"I liked it."



Student Feedback.....

"Can we do it again next week?"

"I've made friends with different people in the school."

"It was different and I enjoyed speaking to some different students in the school."

"It was good to be with different aged students from our House – all working together."

I would like to thank our inspirational Heads of House and all the hard working tutors for making our first ever vertical tutoring experience such a success.

Mrs Ash
Assistant Headteacher



INTER-HOUSE DEBATING COMPETITION 2016: WEEK 4 JULY 2016

By Mrs Pinkus

Following last year's exciting Inter-House debating competition, we are delighted to announce a return of this fabulous event. Over the next week or so, there will be notices, announcements and information to prepare students for the topics. Students will be shown the powerpoint presentation with the titles of the separate topics.

What do you have to do?



- There are three topics. Check out the titles and see which one you would like to be involved in.
- Teams are pairs of two - three students per team.
 - First student makes their point.
 - Second student makes a separate point.
 - Third student sums up and closes.
 - Questions from the audience and from opposing team.
- Topics are:
 - Celebrities make positive role models for the young - round 1.
 - Advances in technology are to be feared - round 2 – semi-final.
 - This house would limit free speech on the internet - final.

For further information contact:

- Miss Bevan-Davies
- Ms Gregory
- Mrs Pinkus

Arrangements for Collecting Exam Results

Years 11-13 will all be excited and anticipating the moment where they can open their results following their hard work this year. Students can arrive at school at the times given below which will be followed by the distribution of the results.

Thursday 18th August: Sixth Form Study Centre

YEAR 13: Arrivals from 8:30
YEAR 12: Arrivals from 9:30

Results distributed: 8:50
Results distributed: 9:45

Thursday 25th August: Main Hall

YEAR 11: Arrivals from 9:00 in the School Restaurant
Results distributed: 9:30 from the Main Hall

Year 11 Leavers Assembly 2016

Wednesday 22nd June saw the Year 11 students attend their last assembly. Ms Dhanecha, Mr Malik and the Year 11 Form Tutors gathered with the students in the main hall to look at pictures, award achievement certificates and win some Oscars!

All the students who submitted a completed PROM PASSPORT (for attendance at revision lessons, completing extra past papers, etc) were also entered into a prize draw. Ten lucky students were drawn from all the entries winning a fabulous £50 Intu Watford voucher. Oscar winners were as follows:



Category	Winner
Most caring	Somer-Lily Blakey
Lovable rogue	Emily Leeves
Most likely to become Prime Minister	Vamsi Dyjecinski
Most likely to become a millionaire	Orran Syms
Most likely to win a real Oscar	Eleanor Wellock
Most Likely to win a Nobel Prize	Hashim Minhas
Most likely to need ID when they're 30	Shannon Richardson
Sports personality of the year	Lyes Titouah
Most competitive	Jessie Boseley
(Singing) Voice of the Year	Kerrie Geelan
Biggest Drama Queen	Josh Crowther

Students then spent an enjoyable 30 minutes signing shirts in the quad before heading home.

Answers and winners to Last week's Challenges:

Level 1 = 315

Winners: Sajeethan and Michael (10W), Chris (10W), Jessica (7M), Tannor (7M), Karthiga (7M), Durvit (7M), Sinthujan (7M), Rushil (7M), Isobel (7M), Mepusa (7M), Shyum (7M)

Maths Challenge Level 1

1 British Pound is equal to 1.457 Euros. If I go on holiday to France and bring back 99 Euros, how much is this in pounds?



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12baldryc@busheymeads.org.uk
12woolmerv@busheymeads.org.uk

Level 2 = 45cm

Maths Challenge Level 2

You have £4000, by the end of the period of time you want to have the most amount of money in your bank account. Which option would you pick? Make sure to show your working.

Option 1:
Simple interest of 5%
for 8 years

OR



12thirucumarany@busheymeads.org.uk
12mavjik@busheymeads.org.uk

MATHS CHALLENGE XII

Level 3 = 6

Maths Challenge Level 3

£4000 is invested into a bank. After 10 years there is £11357.68 in the bank. What percentage of compound interest per year is made?

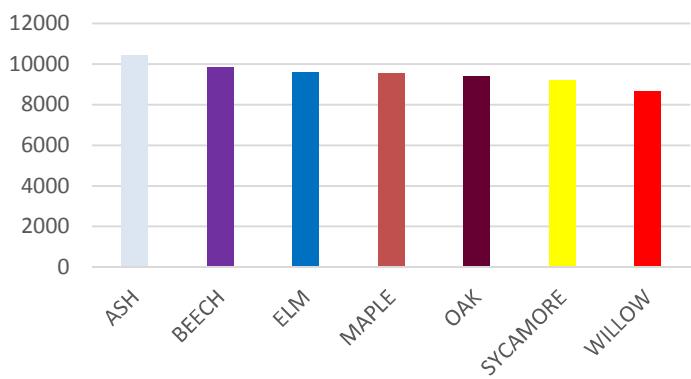


12sindhis@busheymeads.org.uk
12campbell1@busheymeads.org.uk

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

HOUSE POINTS

House Points 2015-2016



ASH	10413
BEECH	9836
ELM	9590
MAPLE	9520
OAK	9365
SYCAMORE	9175
WILLOW	8645

Ash House are back in the lead! 4 weeks to go and counting...

PE Faculty news

Mr Cartledge – Head of PE faculty

ULTIMATE FRISBEE VISIT

Last Thursday we were approached by the Canadian and Colombian Ultimate Frisbee teams to use the school as a training base for 2 days in preparation for the World Championships that are taking place this week in St Albans.



After a closed training session on Thursday the Canadian team very kindly delivered a 1 hour training session to nearly 100 Year 9 students on Friday morning.



It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all the students and great to be coached by the best players in the world in a fast, action packed sport.

At breaktime, the Canadian and Colombian ladies teams played against each other in an exhibition match watched by many of our students. The skill level was exceptional and it was great to see top level sport so close at hand.



COUNTY LEAGUE ATHLETICS

The County League Athletics season came to a close with the final match held at the Woodside stadium on Thursday 16th June. As ever there was full turnout from the Bushey Meads students who enjoyed the spectacle of the England v Wales fixture before setting off for the track. It proved to be a very tough match with a very strong St Clement Danes team and teams from Kings Langley, Longdean and Sir John Lawes as the opposition. Kaitlyn Williams in Year 8 completed a clean sweep of 6 wins in a row in the Junior Girls Discus, a fantastic achievement. There were also wins for Chris Osei, who capped off a fine season with his 4th win in the 100m, Sam Wright with an excellent vault of 2.60 in the Pole vault, Jack Leyshon with another 40metre plus throw in the javelin and Curtis Meale who ran a personal best in winning the 400m. The Senior Boys recorded an excellent 2nd place overall on the night. The students who have taken part this summer have been a real credit to the school with their commitment, attitude and behaviour and can all be proud of their efforts.

SENIOR BOYS Overall match position : 2nd - 47 points C Osei - 1st 100m and 2nd LONG JUMP C Meale - 1st 400m J Leyshon - 1st JAVELIN S Wright - 1st Pole vault T Williamson - 3rd 800m S Basnett - 3rd 200m C Bedwell - 3rd TRIPLE JUMP M Lawman - 3rd DISCUS C King - 2nd SHOT and 3rd HURDLES	JUNIOR BOYS Overall match position : 4th - 29 points P Sanghasinha - 3rd TRIPLE JUMP and 3rd HURDLES A Dent - 3rd 300m Relay - 3rd B Garvey - 2nd POLE VAULT
SENIOR GIRLS Overall match position : 4th - 29 points V Pratt - 3rd HURDLES S Ashby - 3rd 1500m Relay - 3rd M Sjollema - 3rd LONG JUMP L Campbell - 3rd SHOT	JUNIOR GIRLS Overall match position : 4th - 23 points K Williams - 1st DISCUS J Benveniste - 2nd 1500m

ART EXHIBITION

Mr Heywood – Head of Art



Bushey Meads are very pleased to have been asked again this year to display, in conjunction with Falconer School, a selection of their GCSE and A-level artwork at Church House, Bushey High Street (next to St James' Church and the pond) during the first weekend of the Bushey Festival Fortnight – Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July. The exhibition is free entry and runs from 10am – 4pm on each of these days. The work will include Fine Art, paintings, prints, 3-D sculptures, graphic design and photography. If you have a spare half hour on either day please do come along and enjoy our students work. Here's a taste of what's on display.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help steward the exhibition. If anyone could offer an hour or two of their time could they please contact Mr Heywood, Head of Art, via Reception.

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