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## FAREWELL 2016 ..... & WELCOME 2017 !

*As both the first week of our Spring Term and the last week of the Autumn Term have been short weeks this newsletter does reflect that in size - but not in terms of interest and content of course!*

*Do enjoy a last reflection on some of the activities leading up to the end of a very busy Autumn Term over the next few pages. Next week will be packed, as always, with news of our first full week back to school.*

*Please note, we will also be introducing an additional regular entry on page 2. In addition to the 'Dates for the Diary' that we post on this front page to your right, there will also be a message box on the following page from the pastoral team detailing any updates or information which needs highlighting to parents and carers for upcoming events/activities. Do please make sure you check this each week to keep on top of the latest news and information that you need to know back at home to support your child.*

*In the meantime, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and successful 2017!*

*Mrs Armitage, Editor of BMS Weekly Newsletter*



### Dates for the Diary

**Tues 10 Jan**  
Y10 Vaccinations

**Thurs 12 January**  
Y11 PPE Results – P5

**Fri 13 January**  
Y13 PPE Results – P5

**Tues 17 January**  
Y11 PPE Surgery  
(1830 – 2030)

**Wed 18 January**  
House Art &  
Photography  
(1530 – 1700)

**Thurs 19 January**  
Stoke Mandeville  
Celebration Evening  
(1830 – 2000)

**Mad Hatters Tea Party**  
Show at Royal Opera  
House  
(1930 – 2230)



Some of our Sixth Formers, joining in the fund-raising Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

# Word of the Week (WOW)

Ms Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole School Literacy

As we enjoyed our great Christmas entertainment and celebrations, our last word of the week of 2016 was effervescent:



**Word of the Week** 19.12.16

Pronounce it: *eff-er-ve-sent*

Adjective

Late 17th century: from Latin *effervescent*- 'boiling up', from the verb *effervesce*



## Effervescent

### Definition

-(of a liquid) giving off bubbles; fizzy;  
-vivacious and enthusiastic.

Something *effervescent* has bubbles or froth, like a bubble bath or Champagne. If you have a happy, light, cheerful, bubbly personality, you could be described as being *effervescent*.

Coming from the Latin *effervescere*, the *ferv* part, which means "hot", makes the original meaning more 'boiling' than 'bubbly'. The word literally refers to bubbles giving off gas, and any drinks that are nose-ticklingly *effervescent* are full of bubbles that pop and release into the air.

Remember though, someone with an effervescent personality is not full of gas, they're just very bubbly!

### Sentence examples:

-She was naturally an effervescent kind of person, but the end of term certainly brought out the best in her!

-The effervescent bubbles in the Champagne made him sneeze suddenly.

### Use it instead of:

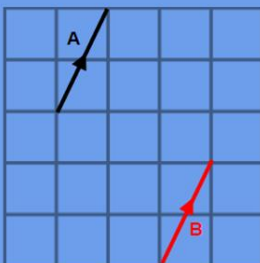
vivacious, merry, lively, sparkling, animated, bright, enthusiastic.

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

# Maths Challenge of the Week

Mr Akram - Lead Practitioner for Mathematics

## Maths Challenge Level 1

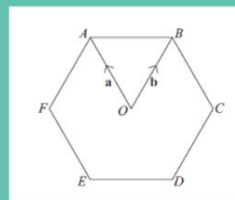


Describe the translation of line A to line B. Give your answer as a vector.



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## Maths Challenge Level 2



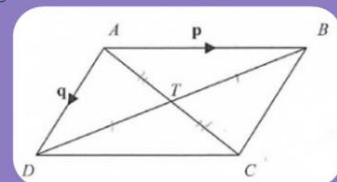
ABCDEF is a regular hexagon, with centre O

- 1) Write the vector AB in terms of a and b.
- 2) The line AB is extended to the point K so that AB : BK = 1 : 2
  - a) Write the vector CK in terms of a and b. Give your answer in its simplest form.

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## MATHS CHALLENGE XI

### Maths Challenge Level 3



AB and BC are diagonals of a parallelogram ABCD.

AC and BD intersect at T.

Express  $\vec{AT}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .



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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.

# Year 7 Christmas Party 2016

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



The Year 7 Christmas Party was a fabulous success thanks to all the energetic Heads of House, Year 7 Form Tutors and other staff who helped out after school on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.





The 'dance off' held towards the end of the evening showcased some amazing talent amongst the male dancers in the year group. The last competition of the evening was for the best Christmas outfit – the final judging taking place in the photo here on the left.



# Christmas Dinner at BMS

Mr Turner, Executive Principal

Christmas was very much in the air at the end of last term and on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, we held our very successful annual whole school Christmas Dinner. With over 500 piping hot Christmas Dinners served with all the trimmings, it was a really successful day in the life of the school and one that was enjoyed by so many students and staff.



Students sat with their tutors and the rest of their friends in their tutor group; each year group had its own private sitting. Party hats, all the old favourite songs played on the sound system and plenty of Christmas crackers added that certain sparkle to the very festive occasion.



LRC Manager Mr Back and Finance Manager Miss Coombs were in charge of christmas cracker distribution!



All the students had a great time and the Year 7 students (after eating their Christmas dinner) enjoyed watching a Christmas movie on the cinema screen in the Main Hall.



A massive thank you goes to our amazing catering team, headed up by talented Chef Nathan – thank you so much for all your hard work.

**You did us proud!**

# BMS Students Perform at Little Reddings Primary School

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December a talented group of musicians and singers performed a number of extracts from the recent BMS Christmas Concert to the Key Stage 2 students at Little Reddings.

The younger students were really impressed with the talent on show and really appreciated all the pieces our students performed.



A big thank you to Miss Brown and Miss Craven for arranging the performance at such a busy time of year – it was really appreciated.

# Come Dine with Me at Bushey Meads School

Mr Turner, Executive Principal

As part of our nationally recognised best practice in the whole area of Year 6 – 7 Transition, it was fantastic to welcome over 40 parents and carers to our second 'Come Dine with Me' event at BMS just before the recent Christmas holidays.

This initiative, which started last year, involves inviting all Year 7 parents and carers into school for a tour of Year 7 lessons so that they can see their children in their usual learning environment. After the tour the parents and carers gather in the school restaurant where their children come out of lessons for an early lunch.



This enables the parents and carers to see where their children eat every day and also gives them a chance to sample the delicious food on offer from our superb catering staff under the direction of talented Chef Nathan.

The rest of the school come down for lunch as usual and, for some parents, this was the first time they had eaten a school dinner in 20 years – some were even posting a picture of their meal on Facebook!

Some of the students then took their parents on another short tour of the school to see their lunchtime clubs before the goodbyes were said and the parents left – all of them really delighted to be able to come into school for this quite unique experience.

Many of them asked if we could repeat the initiative later in the year so watch this space!

# PE and Health Faculty News

## BOYS FOOTBALL

### Year 10 Boys Football v St Michaels (District League)

**Date** : Thursday 15th December

**Result** : Won 3-1

**Scorers** : Finlay Horastead, Jack Leech, Anas Djahnit

**Squad** : James Dodwell, Josh Williams, Ben Faulkner, Aidan Angold, Anas Djahnit, Conner Atkinson, Ethan Fiordelisi, Conner Cameron, Joe Manning, Fin Horastead, Joel Smith

**Commended performances** : Whole team

**Comment** : The boys produced another excellent performance to finish off a really promising season of football. The boys have held their own in the District Premier League and a second win of the season confirmed another season in the top flight. Special mention to jack and anas for two superb strikes.

## Boys Inter House Football

In the last couple of weeks before Christmas students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in the annual Inter House Football competitions. Participation levels were excellent with over 50 boys taking part every evening. The matches were really keenly contested, and it was great to see the competitions played in great spirit. The results of each competition can be seen below with SYCAMORE and ASH Houses coming out as the overall Inter House Football Champions for 2016. Well done to all those that took part.

Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1 <sup>st</sup> - 70 pts	Sycamore	Beech	Ash	Sycamore
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 60 pts	Ash	Sycamore	Maple	Oak
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 50 pts	Elm	Maple	Oak	Ash
4 <sup>th</sup> - 40 pts	Willow	Willow	Willow	Maple
5 <sup>th</sup> - 30 pts	Beech	Ash	Beech	Beech Elm Willow
6 <sup>th</sup> - 20 pts	Maple	Elm	Elm	
7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 pts	Oak		Sycamore	

## OVERALL SCORES

Position	HOUSE	Points Total
1=	SYCAMORE	210
1=	ASH	210
3	MAPLE	170
4	BEECH	150
5	WILLOW	140
6	OAK	120
7	ELM	110

## GIRLS NETBALL

### Year 7 - SJC

**Date:** 13/12/16

**Opposition:** Westfield (friendly)

**Result:** Won 4-2

**Team:** E Andrews, M Aravindan, I Henry, R.Hall, E Homes , G De-Venny, E Walsh, J Dave, S.Zambarloukos

**Comment:.** In a scrappy match Bushey Meads demonstrated their superior playing skills to secure what was an easier victory than the scoreline shows. Some good passing and great defending ensured the year 7 squad ended their season in winning ways.

**Player of the match:** Mayura Aravindan demonstrating excellent skills in a range of positions.

### Year 10 - SJC

**Date:** 13/12/16

**Opposition:** Westfield (friendly)

**Result:** Won 19-10

**Team:** F.Kelly, J.Phillips, M.Shah, A.Trivedi, M.Bonyadi, A.Rashid, A.Parker, E.Houghton-Brown

**Comment:** A friendly fixture this was anything but... In a feisty contest Bushey Meads demonstrated their superior skill and more controlled play to secure a convincing victory and **finish the year in winning ways.**

**Player of the match:** Francesca Kelly for keeping her cool and maintaining composure when it could quite easily have been lost!

## GIRLS INTER-HOUSE NETBALL

### Year 7 and 8 Inter-house Netball - DMC/SW

**Date:** 14/12/16

**Teams represented:** Ash, Beech, Elm, Maple, Sycamore, Willow, Oak

**Comment:** An excellent turnout for this tournament which was very competently run by Vicky and Vicky as part of their level 2 sports leaders qualification. Over 60 girls came out and played netball for their house in 7 fast paced, very competitive games!

SYCAMORE were the overall winners with both school team shooters in their house!

### Year 10 Inter-house Netball - SJC

**Date:** 19/12/16

**Teams represented:** Ash, Beech, Oak, Maple, Sycamore, Willow

**Comment:** This was a really positive end to the netball season. With teams of mixed gender entered the participants, although not high in numbers, produced some excellent netball played with skill and most importantly laughter. The students were a credit. The overall winners were 10 SYCAMORE, but special mention to 10 Maple for the biggest form representation.

1st: Sycamore

2nd: Maple

3rd= : Beech and Oak

5th= : Ash and Willow

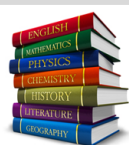
Winning members of Sycamore: Ashvina Trivedi,

Melanie Bonyadi, Ragavi Aravindan, Anas Djanit



## More able at BMS

### Why don't you take up the mooc challenge?



Following our successful more able evening last term, a significant amount of students have expressed interest in joining the BMS super-curricular club and during the last few weeks of term we saw several new faces attending.

Why not kick off the new year by taking up the BMS mooc challenge! It will be a great way to broaden your horizons. The challenge will begin on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Premise behind the challenge is that you begin and complete a mooc in a topic that you have never studied before. There is a wide range of topics to choose from so there will definitely be something to interest everyone.



If you would like more details about the challenge then come to speak to me in L8 at lunchtime on 12<sup>th</sup> January or attend Super-curricular club that afternoon.



# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Last opportunity to get your entries in – closing date is **MONDAY 9 JANUARY**. Find some time this weekend to take that 'special shot' that 'makes the difference' – and then submit it on Monday morning!



**Photography Competition**  
**DEADLINE Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Theme**  
**'Messages'**

Categories	
KS3	KS4
KS5	Arts Students
Staff	Parents

A winner in each category and an overall winner will be announced at the exhibition on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

All entries to Mrs Waring.  
Send Photographs via email in jpeg format.

Entries must have: Full Name, House, Year/Category.

**Remember:** All entries for the Photography competition will receive Achievement points and your entry could go on to be a successful winner.

PARENTS and STAFF are welcome to enter as well (but no achievement points awarded to them of course!).

**Deadline for entries:**

**Monday 9 January 2017**



**ASDA**  
Community Life



As a Trust we are delighted to announce that Little Reddings Primary School will be appearing for the ASDA Watford (dome roundabout) green token scheme as from this week and will remain till the end of March.

If, as a parent of a student in the Bushey St James Trust, you shop in ASDA please ensure you collect your green token and deposit it under 'Little Reddings'!



Do also tell you friends and families as all tokens will help towards raising funds for our primary school within the Trust.

Many thanks in advance

Jeremy Turner, Executive Principal  
Carly Simmonds Headteacher, Little Reddings

