



Welcome

I am writing this article whilst dressed as an old fashioned Headmaster wearing a Shenley coloured bow tie and wielding a cane! This is all in support of our world book day celebrations which this year is on a Roald Dahl theme. I have come to school as the Headmaster from Dahl's autobiography, 'Boy.' I have also just heard a message from Willy Wonka over the school tannoy reminding students they need to find their golden tickets. The staff have made a great effort to dress up and decorate the building. I have bumped into some witches, some revolting rhyme characters, Fantastic Mr Fox, Willy Wonka and even Roald Dahl himself! Students are involved all around the school in quizzes and challenges, spotting characters and finding pheasants, as in 'Danny, Champion of the World.' It may all sound a little mad, but it is great to see us being a vibrant and creative place.

It is therefore a highly appropriate day on which to share some excellent news. The school has been awarded the Artsmark Gold award by the Arts Council of England. This is a great achievement, and in their words it reflects the way the school 'inspires young people to create, experience and

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
9 March	GIV Project Team Building at Howe Park Wood
9 March	Y11 WRL Apprenticeships Fair at Stadium:MK
11 March	A Level Sociology Student Revision Conference
12 March	Y12 & Y13 Mock Results Day
12 March	Y7 Science Week Carton Wallets session
12 March	Y8 - Y9 Kickboxing Clever Demonstration Evening
13 March	Y11 English Romeo and Juliet Performance
13 March	Y9 Science Big Bang Fair
14 - 18 March	Y12 Government and Politics Trip to Washington
16 March	Y7 - Y13 Equalities Workshop With Hazeley
17 March	Y12 & Y13 Business Bank of England Lecture
18 March	Y12 Prospective Parents Information Evening
18 March	Y7 History Trip to MK Museum
19 March	Y9 Drama Trip to Woman in Black

participate in extraordinary art and culture.' Thank you to everyone across the school community that makes this possible through their dedication and support. I look forward to sharing more about the award and our next steps in the arts in the coming months. One such opportunity is the 'Digital Light' exhibition at Bletchley Park that our Y12 artists have created which is open to the public this Saturday, 7 March at 6 pm. A flier for this is attached in the newsletter.

And as for the world book day madness? As Roald Dahl said, 'A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men!'

C Holmwood
Headteacher



Public Speaking Competition

Having won the local heat last November, on Monday 3 February Year 10 students Alex Shirley, Charlotte Lines and Ella Taylor represented Shenley Brook End School at the branch final of the English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition, hosted by Bedford School. Ella joined the Chair and Questioner from Bedford Free school and spoke passionately about how “We pay too much attention to fashion”, while Alex chaired the speech of the speaker from the Bedford Free School and Charlotte took



on the role of questioner for the topic “Can you hear me? Is Greta Thunberg actually having an impact?” Students who participate in the competition develop key skills for the future, researching topics, considering ideas analytically and asking relevant, searching questions. Most of all they learn how to deliver their ideas confidently and persuasively in front of people they have never met before! Ella, Alex and Charlotte did a fantastic job on the night against some stiff competition. The overall winners of the event were the first team from Bedford Free School – congratulations to them.

Exciting Writing Winners

Every few weeks, Year 7 students are given the opportunity to get creative; throughout the year they will produce writing in a range of genres and forms, for a range of different audiences. All for the love of writing! Most recently, they have been creating their own worlds, inspired by their current ‘Introduction to Film Studies’ topic. The latest winners of the SBE Exciting Writing pen are Kasper Lubas and Aedesh John – congratulations!

Mrs Hazell, Director of English

Walking through a World

I just woke up, the blazing sun scorched my retinas. I could faintly remember being on a pirate ship. I could smell a scent as if I was on a beach or in the middle of the sea. However the land around me definitely did not resemble sand or water. It was very smooth and flat, wherever I looked it was simply pale white land. Eventually out of nowhere I heard a CLUNK! Something was near. Then when I looked below me...there was a rock. Just a rock. All I did was kick it elsewhere. Suddenly, claws protruded from the rock. Then the feet. And from the rock emerged a crab.

Abruptly, there were crab-like clicks and lots of shouting. Confused, I looked around to find the source of the commotion. Then I saw it. A ship, somehow moving on land, and on the deck of the ship I saw not one, not two, but an entire crew of Jack Sparrows. The captain's coat flew in the wind majestically. I was confuzzled by how the ship was moving until I looked below. The source of the clicking, and the ship moving, were crabs. One step at a time they moved. Their facial expressions gave no emotion at all. Just a plain smile. The pirate ship above had a dark flag, with a bright image of a skull and crossbones, symbolising ruthlessness.

By Kasper Lubas, 7BCE



I'm sick. I'm distraught. No one to save me. I'm stuck on this futile lifeboat filled with biscuits and only beer to relieve my thirsty throat. My family. My parents. My annoying brother. I looked at Raj's vicious eyes. Then I looked up towards the star. An illusion. The submerged lined with sparkling stars. Our zoo. All our animals. My homeland. I had cherished surplus memories. In the quaint town I remember. When I changed to religion cautiously. My mom's exquisite food, like my dad will always say. The monkey drowned and died yesterday. I was fortunate I didn't lose the renowned tiger.

In the distance, I saw land. It was a mirage. It was a mirage. It was a mirage. It said I had to go. I raced towards it. A wave overwhelmed me. I fainted...

By Aadesh John, 7ENA

Life Skills

On Thursday 16th January, we had guest speakers PC Lisa and her colleague Detective Sergeant Patrick Navin deliver a session to Yr. 8 students on the consequences of Drugs misuse and the wider implications for later in life, which ended with a question and answer session.

On Thursday 22 students in Key Stage 4 viewed, a theatre performance called Skin Deep, which was followed up with a workshop. Below are comments from our student population on their learning outcomes

‘The different signs of grooming and bad relationships between people. To not get involved with gangs in any way...never carry a blade or any weapon’

‘If you carry a knife you will probably be the one who gets stabbed’

‘During the production I learnt how to stay safe and to be aware of the signs of grooming and gang violence’

‘I learned what grooming is and how it happens. I also learned the negative impacts of knife crime, gangs and toxic relationships.’

‘I really enjoyed the performance because it showed a lot of key issues in a very effective way.’

On Thursday 6th February saw all students engaging in Mental Health awareness day with the focus on talking. We hope that students continue to engage in the art of conversation!

Duke of Edinburgh

Gold DofE First Aid

On Wednesday 26 February 21 Gold DofE Students undertook an Emergency First Aid at Work qualification in the LTC. Over the course of the day the students undertook theory workshops in how to deal with a variety of minor and major injuries were able to confidently demonstrate their skills in a practical setting, learning about the Recovery Position, CPR and bandaging an injury in a variety of ways.

All the students passed their Assessment with 3 gaining 100% scores in the written test. Course leader Matt commented on how well the students engaged in the activities and was impressed by their level of First Aid knowledge carried over from the Bronze and Silver level of the Award.

Well done!

Mr Malpass

DofE Lead Teacher



PE News



Sports Presentation Awards

Has your child competed at county, regional or national level in a sporting activity that the school does not participate in?

Please send details to Mr Doyle (sdoyle@sbeschool.org.uk) for the consideration of the PE team.

Careers Spotlight!

Sports Coach

We are delighted to place the role of Sports Coach in the Careers Spotlight!

The role of Sports Coach will require you to obtain coaching qualifications in specific sports and can include working for professional sporting organisations such as Football and Rugby clubs or working in the community or education sector.

To be a successful Sports Coach you will need to have excellent communication skills and the ability to inspire and motivate people. You will also need to be physically fit and have strong organisational skills.

This pathway is available at college and University where students can study Sports Science, Sports Studies and PE related courses and work towards professional coaching qualifications. It may also be useful for students to begin volunteering with a local club to start to build experience.

There are currently 493 jobs in the Milton Keynes area which relate to Sports Coaching with an average annual salary of £24,832.

For further information and to explore other pathways please visit Unifrog at www.unifrog.org

DIGITAL LIGHT

Code Makers at Bletchley Park

Bletchley Park in collaboration with MKIAC
is opening late to showcase a digital light
projection on the iconic Mansion.

6 – 8pm, Saturday 7th March 2020

Bletchley Park is to showcase a digital light projection
on the iconic Mansion and installation in our
atmospheric grounds. The event is a collaboration
between Bletchley Park, MKIAC (Milton Keynes Islamic
Arts & Culture), digital and calligraphy artists, and a
whole host of local community groups and schools.
This project celebrates the codes, patterns and
symbols in mathematics and Islamic art.

Free Event
#MKDigitalLight



BLETCHLEY PARK