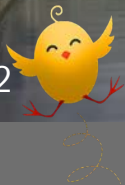


# SBE School PARENT NEWSLETTER

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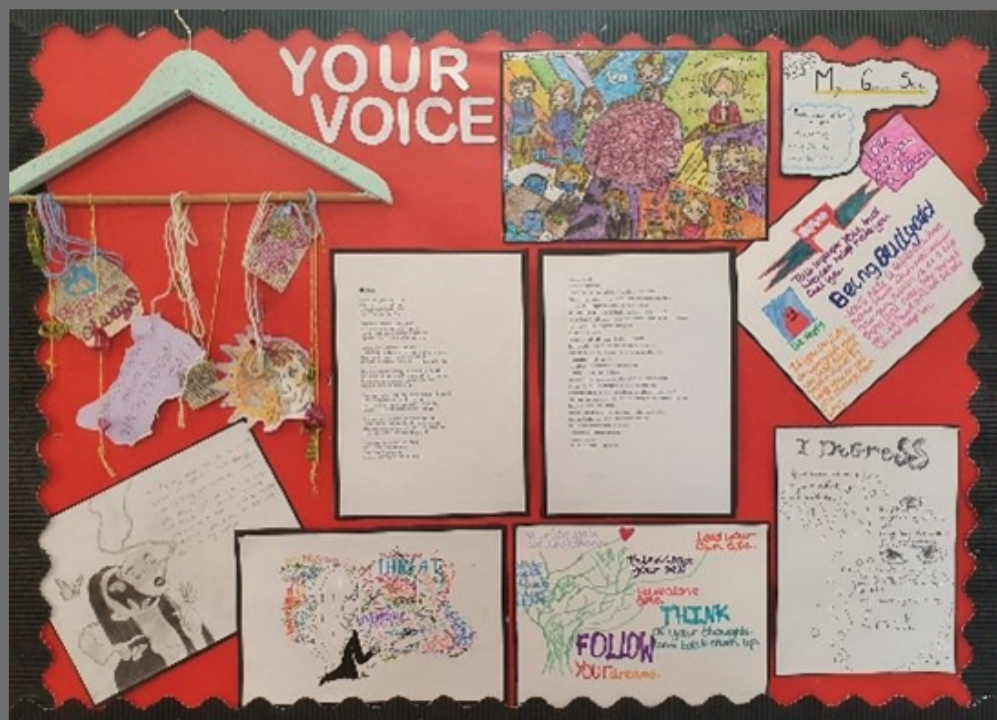
## WELCOME

As we come to the end of another busy term it is great to reflect and share some of the inspiring things happening across the school community.

The current emphasis upon 'learning to live with Covid' has not been without its challenges, but as you can clearly see from the wide range of events, trips and activities we have truly seized the opportunity to get back to normal.

Best wishes for a happy Easter break,

*Mr Holmwood  
Headteacher*



## Love is in the Air

We had some fantastic entries for our Children's Mental Health Week Competition which made the judging extremely difficult. There was one winner from Key Stages 3 and 4 and two winners from Sixth Form. Many runners up prizes were awarded too as there were too many pieces of excellent work to choose from.

Some of the amazing work created by our students can be seen here to the left.



### MK Festival of the Arts 2022

Congratulations to SBE Senior Strings & Jazz Band who came joint 3rd, and SBE Orchestra who came joint 2nd at MK Festival of the Arts on Saturday 12 March. 1st place was MK Music Centre Big Band and Music Centre bands draw the best students from across MK. Some of our students were also in the music centre ensembles and it was fantastic to be back performing in front of a live audience! We were the only school represented and our students were a credit to the school.



### Assemblies week

Many of our ensembles will be performing in our week of music assemblies during the final week of term. It will be fantastic to share live music with year groups and hopefully recruit some new musicians to our ranks.

### Spring Concert

On Wednesday 6 April we had our Spring Concert – a really poignant event because this was the last live event that was due to happen on 23 March 2020 at the start of lockdown 1. All our ensembles, including student led groups, performed an eclectic mix of music from films and musicals.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sbeschool/spring-music-concert/2022-04-06/19:00/t-xplaay>







*"For never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo"*

## Young Shakespeare Company Put on a Performance for Year 11

On 10 March, the whole of year 11 took their seats to see 'Romeo and Juliet' performed by the Young Shakespeare Company. Their experience was not unlike that of Shakespeare's original audience; the performance was delivered in daylight with minimal props. Unlike the groundlings of Shakespeare's day, our students were at least allowed to sit down on chairs! Students were treated to an abridged performance of the play, with some modern twists (Romeo wallowing in self-pity while playing Radiohead's 'Creep' on acoustic guitar!) followed by a Q&A with the actors. Students left the 'theatre' with an enriched knowledge of the play – knowledge they will be able to take with them when they sit their GCSE English Literature exams this summer!



## World Book Day Winners

On Thursday 3 March we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day by bringing books to life throughout the school. In what has now become something of an SBE tradition, members of staff came to school dressed as characters from well-known literature. If you had visited the school that day the chances are you would have come across Cruella De Vil, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and even an Ent (a talking tree from the world of Tolkien)! Students were challenged to go on a Character Quest, to find as many different book characters around the school as they could. Students from across the year groups 7-11 entered the competition, with one winner from each year group receiving a Bundle of Books for their questing efforts.

### Congratulations to the prize winners

**Year 7 - Neya Choksi and Isla Cole (joint entry)**

**Year 8 - Sam Hasham**

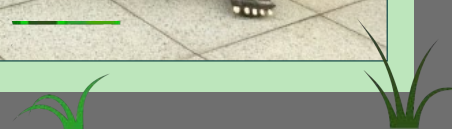
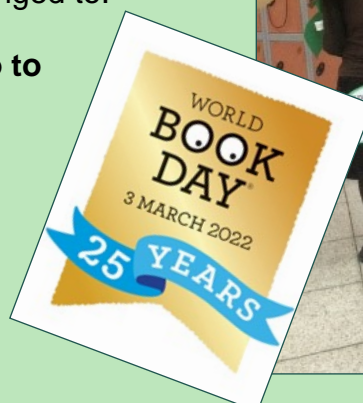
**Year 9 - Amiena Hijazie**

**Year 10 - Lucy Myers**

**Year 11 - Carys Berkshire**

We also ran a House competition during Form Time on World Book Day. Members of staff sent in 'Shelfies' (photographs of their bookshelves) and students were asked to identify which member of staff each shelf belonged to.

**Congratulations go to 8BBE getting the highest score and winning big house points for Birch House!**







## Day 1

The SBE students arrived in Betws-y-Coed for their fieldwork Monday lunch time in good spirits. On Monday Afternoon the students completed their fieldwork around the picturesque tourist town of Betws-Y-Coed. Surveying the general public, taking photos, completing environmental quality surveys and even conducting an urban smellscape survey. After a hearty dinner, the students were fantastic in the classroom writing up their results collected earlier in the day.



## Day 2

The students made the 50 minute trip to the seaside town of Criccieth where our students had a great day of fieldwork reviewing coastal management strategies, measuring the beach profile, collecting sediment size and shape samples, and visiting some local beach caves. In the evening the students have continued to excel in completing statistical tests on the data that they can use. The students were brilliant and engaged themselves in all aspects of fieldwork on the trip.



## Day 3

After a lovely full English breakfast, students spent the morning on the grounds of the field work centre. They used the time to investigate the infiltration rates of various points around the site and began to consider factors that may have influenced this including light and vegetation. We arrived home safely. All staff and students had a thoroughly enjoyable time and students will use their new knowledge to begin planning their own investigation as part of their A Level Geography Coursework.





## 6 Form Enrichment Trip (Y12) - March 2022

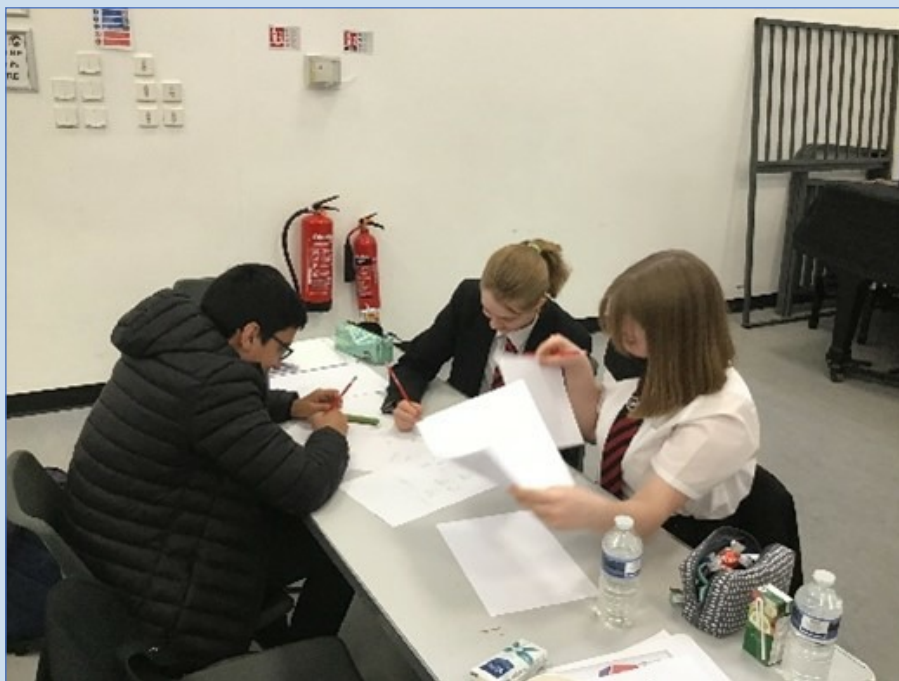


A group of enrichment students had the opportunity to go to London to visit the British Museum. As part of the mental wellbeing project students had the opportunity to explore the history of some of the most amazing cultural treasures, both ancient and modern, all under one roof. They then had lunch at the famous Chinatown and spent some time doing some retail therapy at Oxford Street before returning by coach.



## Maths Feast

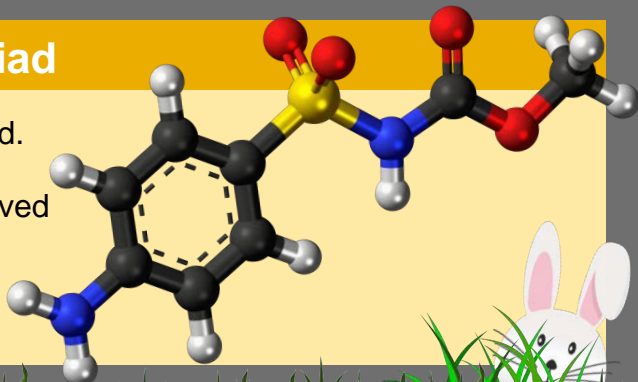
On Monday 14th February, a maths competition named the 'maths feast' took place in the theatre during period 4 and 5. In which teams from schools across the county competed. Shenley Brook End School - as well as many others - put forward 2 teams made up of year 10 pupils which showed interest in higher maths and potentially A level Maths. They competed in 4 rounds of mathematic problems whilst trying to beat the clock. The problems spanned from deciphering to algebra this allowed all students to be challenged when the question papers were given. Over all the students enjoyed their time competing amongst other schools, although communication was limited from covid restrictions. They were able to come away with 2 awards as a product of the afternoon one from each team. - *Amber Frost Year 12*



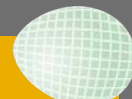
## Chemistry Olympiad

Year 12 Chemistry students participated in Chemistry Olympiad.

Congratulations to Alex Shirley and Jacob Gow who has achieved Bronze certificate.



## National Swimming Success



Hawkan Hall is the latest in a series of SBE Students to achieve national success in Swimming. He recently attended the English Schools Swimming Associations Inter-divisional championships in Coventry. Hawkan's entries and results were:

200m Butterfly individual – 3rd place

100m Butterfly individual – Winner (National Champion)

Freestyle Relay (team) - 2nd place

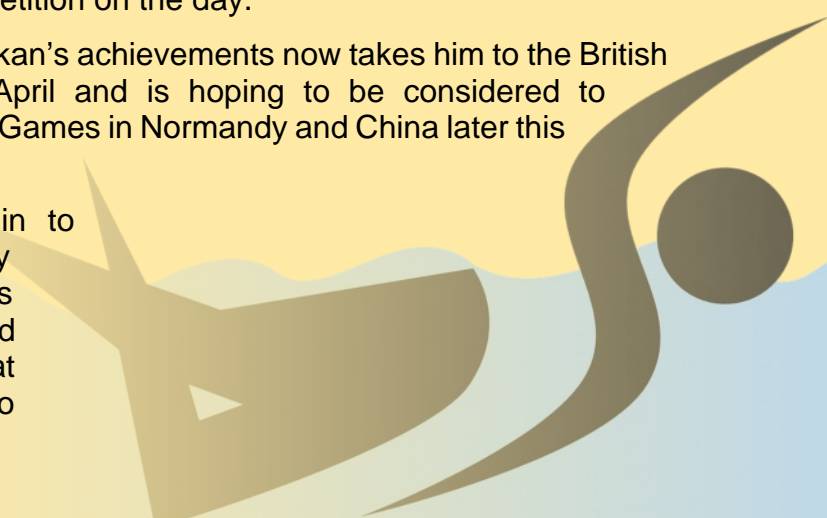
Medley Relay (team) - Winners (National Champions)

As well as his individual success, these results contributed to Hawkan's South East region representative team winning the overall competition on the day.

Success invariably leads to success and Hawkan's achievements now takes him to the British Swimming Championships in Sheffield in April and is hoping to be considered to represent England at the ISF School Summer Games in Normandy and China later this year.

An awful lot of unseen dedication goes in to sporting success of this nature, with early morning training sessions, recovery periods and a considered diet needed to train and compete at this level. Hawkan deserves great credit and we are very proud to be able to celebrate his success.

Well done Hawkan!



## Cross country Club

Congratulations to our dedicated cross-country runners who have spent the term keeping fit every Tuesday evening come rain or shine.

They have managed to cover an astonishing distance this term. Collectively they have run 125 miles around the school field, the equivalent of running from Shenley to Portland Bill on the south coast. Congratulations to them all!

If you would like to run, jump, or throw after Easter it's athletics season!

*Mrs Coombes and Mrs Manning*

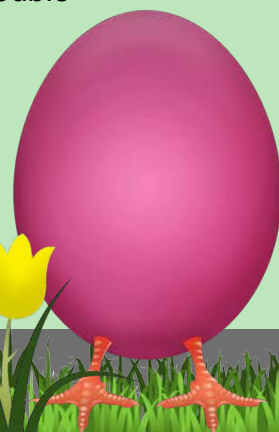
## Netball Academy

The U18 Netball Academy played their last league match of the season, a double header worth 6 points and won 50-23. A great game where the whole squad worked tirelessly on our training focus and executed brilliantly.

Well done to Coach's players -Ella -fantastic movement through court and Rachel - excellent defense against a strong shooter.

Massive thanks to our bench officials -Chloe, Nell, Emilee, Sasha and Sophie.

Only sad note was to lose Kayleigh to an injury in last 1/4 -we wish you a speedy recovery.







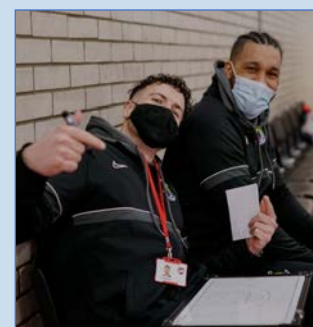
## Academy Award Winners

Some of the academy players have been named to the end of season award winners lists for the Academy Basketball League. Eben Effah picked up 1st team all-conference honours, while William Issekya and Robertas earned themselves 2nd team all-conference. An all-conference team is the five most deserving players across the conference as voted for by the coaches which makes this a much-deserved recognition of the boys' efforts this year.



## National Team Call Ups

These two cheeky chaps have been lucky enough to be called up to coach the England National Teams this year. Coach Beddow will be head coach of the U15 boys programme as well as leading the U16 England boys through their preparation tournament. Coach Lewis will be working as lead assistant for the England U15 girls. This honour will see us coach in Manchester, Spain. Dundee and Serbia! Quite the mix! This is obviously a huge privilege for us but also puts the Trust basketball programme in the spotlight and is huge recognition of the quality of coaching we are providing here.



## MK Champions

The academy boys cruised to a Milton Keynes U18 Championship last week as well. Pictured to the left are Eric Arriaga, Ethan Marmo, Dior Ikbar, Eben Effah, Robertas Barkauskas, William Issekya and Farouq Olatunji.

## Academy in the Community

We will be putting together our own academy newsletter soon to explain some of the brilliant work by the Academy and Junior academy in the schools and wider community. The Academy boys have been volunteering their time at primary school festivals, Jr NBA Fixtures, Milton Keynes Secondary School Finals Nights and much more. The SBE Girls Junior Academy will also be venturing to a WBBL and BBL game at the Copperbox Arena this weekend where they will get the chance to watch two of the best professional teams in the country play AND meet some of the players.

## Final League Tables

Due to being the only school in Milton Keynes who were under enhanced COVID restrictions for the first two months of the year, our usually exemplary fixture completion rate has been heavily affected as we relied on other schools to rearrange games with us. Despite this, we have achieved some great successes this year!



## STEM Update

We are currently preparing for the Connective Learning Project week in June.

Mr O'Reilly is working on the Ditch the Dirt project which was very successful over the past few years in science with many of our students achieving CREST discovery awards as a result of completing the project. This is being expanded upon this year as we have received a grant to help us run and improve this project. We are hoping to have a guest speaker(s) and we will be collaborating with other teams to increase the scope of the project.

Space Club on a Friday with Dr Brooker and Mr Bartlett are currently working towards entering the LEGO robotics challenge again in May. The group have been working through the design of the bot and adapting the structure to ensure it can function well with all the challenges it will be put through and also looking at the coding challenges. An offshoot of the space group have been looking at an alternative angle to the living sustainably on another planet. I have been working with them to make bioplastics. Having made and tested a Starch based bioplastic we are moving forward to looking at using waste vegetable and fruit peelings in the manufacture of bioplastics.

The space clubs work is also similar to what is being planned for the Plastics CLP. In a previous year we had year 9 triple chemistry students looking at the chemistry of plastics and making a bioplastic. We are expanding on that this year to not just look at the making of plastics but the degradation of plastics and bioplastic alternatives. This will include speakers and (hopefully) a visit to the recycling centre.



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# Have a great break!

