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Parent Newsletter

A comment from...

Mr McDonough



I note from the media that school funding is, at last, starting to garner the attention it deserves.

This is an important issue which all parents should consider carefully and offer a contribution to the DfE consultation. This closes on 22nd March and can be found by clicking [here](#)

As for my own appearance on the TV and radio parents should be assured that we are not intending to put the school up for sale just yet!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 Mar .. Y11 Progress Reports issued

29 Mar .. BRIDGSTOCK (due to popular demand extra performance showing)

30 Mar ... Y9 DTP&ACWY Vaccinations

30 Mar .. BRIDGSTOCK

31 Mar .. Y9 Enterprise Day

31 Mar .. BRIDGSTOCK

31 Mar .. Y12/13 Progress Reports issued

31 Mar ... Last day of term. 2.45 finish. HAPPY EASTER.

CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA (Reported by Year 9 Student Cameron Crawford)

As practically everyone at school knows, The West Bridgford School holds some of the most exciting cultural days there could ever be. This time round it was Australia! It was a true hit. Whether it was the food, games, decorations and displays or simply the atmosphere, it really was a great success.

There was proper Australian food – the menu consisted of ‘The Lot’ burger (and yes, there really was a lot in it!) or a corn and zucchini fritter as a main. For dessert there was ‘Lamington Cake’, this was not so widely known of but was a great way to finish off the meal. At lunch there was a quiz for everyone to try with questions like ‘name three types of Australian Bush Tucker’ and ‘what do the colours yellow, red and black represent on the Aboriginal flag?’ The answers were included in the terrific displays in the canteen. The giant cookie was awarded to those who managed to get all the questions correct.

As a first, I designed Top Trumps cards, with interesting facts about Australian animals, such as the duck-billed platypus and the wombat. These cards were given as prizes for the ever-so-popular games outside the music block. Mr Kemp led ‘BOING BOING BOING!’ Competitors had to take three kangaroo jumps to see how far they could get. It was extremely popular and to make things fair students were judged depending on their year group. Alongside that we had ‘Find the Aussie Town’ which was run by the student team. Participants picked a name of an Australian place from the pot and they had 5 seconds to pin it into the enormous map of Australia. This was very challenging but great fun.

The theme of Australia seeped through to lessons too. I visited some lessons to talk about my experience of living in Australia for almost 10 years. Students asked plenty of questions and did some creative writing about the country.

Overall the day was truly awesome and it would have been impossible to not learn something. Thanks to the student and staff team for making it such a fun celebration.

Here’s what a few of the students had to say about our celebration:

“I really enjoyed Australia day because there was so much to do and to think about. The atmosphere was awesome!”

“The food was amazing and the canteen looked really good”



“What a burger!”

“The brilliant party atmosphere everywhere. It made me feel great”

“Bright colours and different atmosphere”

“I loved the food, music, floating pineapples and decorations”

“Learning about the uniqueness of Australia and how amazing it is”



6th Form Concert



Date- Weds 22nd March

Time- 6.30pm-8.00pm

In the School Hall (not the Theatre)

Price - including refreshments -

In advance - £5.00 (concessions £3)

On the door - £5.50 (concessions £3.50)

Refreshments including snacks, cheese, wine and non-alcoholic drinks are included in the ticket price.

AS and A2 Music Performances (and a sneak preview of Bridgstock 2017) are included in the program.

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

Next Wednesday, 22nd March, the A Level Musicians and other 6th formers will present their annual Musical Evening in the Hall, starting at 6.30pm. This will include performances that will be presented by the students in their A Level practical exams next Friday, 24th March. Items to be performed will include Rock Songs of Led Zeppelin; Songs by Stephen Sondheim, Henry Purcell and Whitney Houston; Baroque and Classical Sonatas and Concertos for Flute and Horn and Trumpet music of Miles Davis.

Refreshments including wine, soft drinks, cheese and other snacks are included in the ticket price of £5.50 (£3.50 concessions), but if you buy or book your tickets before next Wednesday, they will be available for £5 (£3 concessions.) Please feel free to come and support the students, even if your child is not in that year group – it promises to be a varied and exciting evening!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Well done to Year 13 student Joseph Tuffin who, whilst representing England, won a Home Nations Under 18, 800 metres in Cardiff on Sunday 5th March. Joseph beat competition from other countries to win in a time of 1.54.2. An incredible achievement.



Huge congratulations to Year 10 student Toby Percival who, on Saturday March 4th, won the Rushcliffe 5km Park Run for the second time. Toby ran very close to a new personal best clocking 18.16 and in doing so beat 326 other athletes across the entire age and gender spectrum.

This is a remarkable achievement for someone only in Year 10 – maybe our West Bridgford staff, students and parents can give him a run for his money next time!! The races are free to enter and take place every Saturday morning at 9am at Rushcliffe Country Park. Further information can be found online. Well done Toby, keep it up!

YEARS 7 AND 8 GIRLS INDOOR CRICKET

Last week the Year 7 and 8 girls took part in an Indoor County Cricket School tournament at Bar Lane. The girls played incredibly well in their first game which was against Ashfield School and managed to successfully get Ashfield all out for 93 runs with the girls smashing through that score to score 154 runs at the end of the last over.

Year 8 Imogen Green was captain for the tournament, the girls' teamwork throughout the tournament was great, supporting each other when both fielding and batting.



The girls then managed to beat the reigning champions of last year Newark. The match was a great contest with the competition almost neck and neck the whole game, it literally came down to the last over and we came out on top, winning by two runs! Well played girls! The girls will now go into the next round where they will play in the Regional Schools Competition.

YEAR 8 GIRLS CVL NETBALL



Last week we travelled to NUSA for Central Venue League Final.

The girls played so well, playing 3 matches to get to the final play offs.

The girls faced George Spencer in the final match to play for that first position which all Schools desired. It was so close the whole way through the game, however a couple of very important interceptions were made at crucial points. George Spencer have not lost a single game this whole season and we managed to come out triumphant with the final score being 13-11 to West Bridgford. Well done Girls!

BRIDGSTOCK



Tickets on sale from March 6th!
Thursday 30th March & Friday 31st March
£3.50 each

Tickets are now on sale under the canopies at break time and 4A lunch, or from Izzie, Jenny and Helena, who will have tickets on them at all times. This is always a sell out so buy your tickets quickly

Bridgstock will take place in the theatre. Doors open at 6:30PM for a 7:00PM start!