



Summer Edition. 2023

Farewell Year 11s .. For now..

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HEADLINES

By Ben Godber - Head of School

After nearly 8 years of writing about '**firsts**', it feels decidedly unnatural writing my **last** 'Headlines'.

I'd like to use this opportunity to thank the whole community for their kind and generous support during an amazing 7 ½ years. To the many staff and governors who have played such a committed part in our amazing story to date and to all the superb students I have had the pleasure to see develop into such wonderful young people and for the considerable part they have played in shaping their school, it has truly been a tremendous and unique partnership, that I have hugely enjoyed.

Saying farewell earlier than I had envisaged is very sad both personally and professionally, but we know that life does throw us curveballs. Nevertheless I leave with a catalogue of fantastic memories. Each year has been packed with adventures and new challenges and even though this is my third experience of Headship, the scope of this role has been utterly unique. I have been asked many times in the last few months what I will do in the future and at this moment it remains a blank canvas, so I will see when the time is right.

It is hugely disappointing that the sixth form hasn't got over the line yet, but I dearly hope that will be imminent, as it's crucial for the school and our community. In the last week the Trust has agreed to increase its contribution to the project even further, in an effort to make meaningful headway. Whether that reopens the door for enabling some starters this September waits to be seen, but that still hinges on there being some form of temporary accommodation available if the new building is not ready for 2024 and that is council dependent.

In my final few weeks, it has been wonderful to say goodbye to a third amazing cohort, participate in our most ambitious game-changer week to date, congratulate Nightingale house on claiming a third House Cup and with 'We Will Rock You' we have our first ever full school show (with band !!).

HEADLINES

In addition I am delighted to say that we are in a better staffing position than for several years and after the post-pandemic staffing turbulence, we have much greater stability for next year. The Government decision on pay may now retain more teachers in the profession as well as attract more in and hopefully, if that turns out to be a fully funded rise it will signal the end of strikes. We are still seeking another geography teacher but this doesn't affect the curriculum for September and going forwards the school will be able to appoint a Deputy Head, which is a much needed role for a school our size.

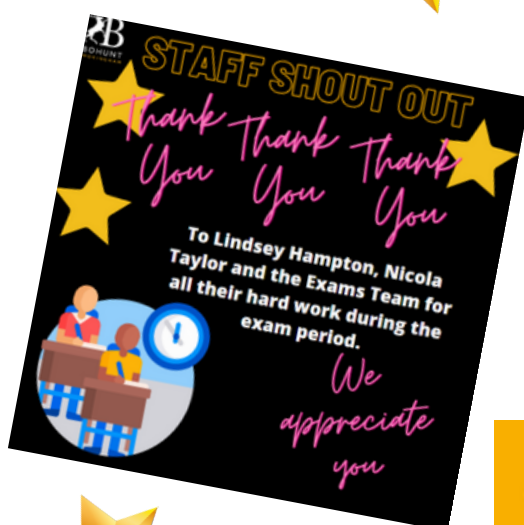
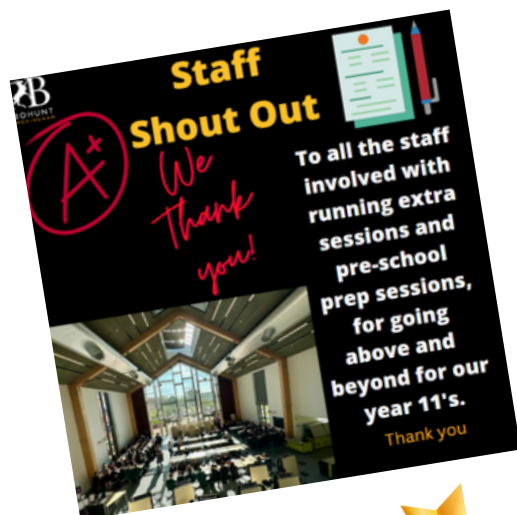
Over the years I have been able to welcome students to the school and forewarn them that their time at the school will have ups and downs. As much as we aspire to be 'perfect', the reality is we are all human and gets things wrong but rarely is this intentional. The same is true of the school as a whole. Certainly there are times we haven't been at our very best; we do still live in the aftermath of the pandemic, the effects of which I feel have been underestimated, but that doesn't mean we settle for ordinary.

I wish everyone connected with the school the very best of success in the future and I urge the whole community to work together with the school, and new Head Teacher because together we will achieve the most amazing things. **Enjoy, Respect, Achieve.**

Wishing you a wonderful summer and much success in your futures.

Ben Godber





HOUSE NEWS



With the end of the school year comes the conclusion and results of the House Competitions and the champion House of 2022-23 being crowned. This term the big hitting House calendared events took place including Masterchef and the Festival of Sport alongside, of course, the ERA House points that each child contributes through their effort and achievement in lessons.



1st Nightingale
2nd Turing
3rd Madiba
4th Bolt
5th Einstein



Nightingale came out on top in the cross years Masterchef competition: A silver House event.

Nightingale topped the table at the end of each half term for ERA House points - a gold event for each half term. A whopping total of 95,094 House points were awarded to students by staff during the summer term.

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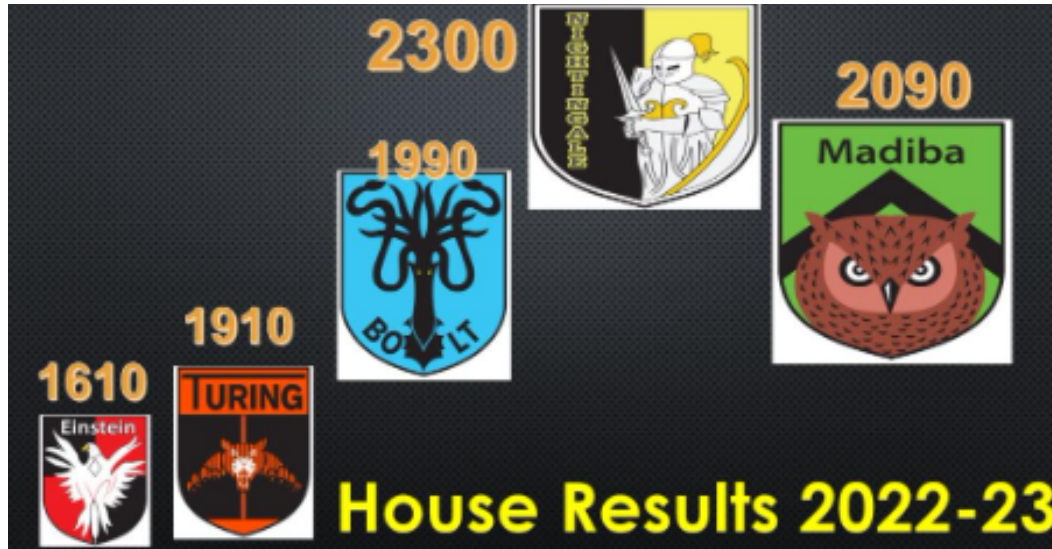
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Year 8 Festival of Sport	5 th 10	3 rd 30	2 nd 40	1 st 50	4 th 20	
Year 9 Festival of Sport	2 nd 40	5 th 10	3 rd 30	1 st 50	4 th 20	
Year 10 Festival of Sport	2 nd 40	5 th 10	3 rd 30	4 th 20	1 st 50	
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Totals						



The Festival of Sport saw students battling it out during their inter house handball, rounders, tennis and athletics events.

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And so the results!

Nightingale finished as 2022-23 House Champions finishing with an impressive 2300 points. Madiba came in second place with 2090 and Bolt taking the bronze medal with 1990.

Nightingale will be added to the House Winner's Shield, proudly displayed in the main hall, forever in Bohunt history. Nightingale students and staff also enjoyed their House Winner's Party on Tuesday of this week.



SPORTS REPORT

By our PE Department

It's been a very busy year for sports at Bohunt Wokingham. There has been a variety of sports on offer that the students have been able to take part in. Here are some of the highlights from the PE department:



Athletics

U14 Girls had a fantastic season, placing well overall but some specific performances need to be mentioned. Firstly Grace Ward for placing 1st in 75m and Leila Sanders for placing 1st in High Jump. We had quite a few year U12 girls in this category placing second overall in their events including Heidi Corbett, and Lilly DeBurton. It also needs to be mentioned that Lilly DeBurton was selected for the U13 Berkshire Schools Championships and placed very well. Congratulations girls for a great season.

U14 Boys were tenacious this season and came 9th out of 26 in the RSAA Championships. Some particularly fantastic performances from Silva McHunga, Ben Lucas, Alex Dixon, William Doel and Harry Wyatt all placing first in their respected events. Furthermore, Nicolas Coia-Evans and Archie Roberts represented Bohunt in the U13 Berkshire Schools Championships and placed highly. Well done all.



U16 Girls were determined this year with some magnificent results in the RSAA Championships. This includes the following winners in their category: Bupe Kibona, Eva Kania, Phebe Salter and Chloe Hughes. A huge congratulations is needed for Phebe Salter going to England Schools for Shot Putt after winning Districts. We are so proud of you all

U16 Boys had one of their best seasons with superb results. Connor Kinrade, Josh Dance, Alex Jones and Ayaan Abbasi notably need to be mentioned for winning their respective categories in the RSAA Championships. A further congratulations is needed for Josh Dance for going to England Schools to represent Wokingham for Javelin after winning District Athletics. Congratulations to all.

SPORTS REPORT

By our PE Department



Cricket

The U15A girls had an up and down season, however, they had notable games against Heathfield, the Holt and Charters, winning all of them by 10 wickets. The team was lead superbly by Phebe Salter and players that need to be mentioned include Cherry Preisner, Millie Rodhouse and Ella Rowntree. Well done all.

The U13A Boys cricket team had a mixed season trying to find their stride. However, throughout the season the students developed their teamwork and had a fantastic end to the season, particularly against Waingels (winning by 10 wickets) and against Maiden Erlegh (winning by 22 runs). Additionally, some outstanding performances by Deen Dosanjh and Pradyum Malavath; we are excited about how this team will develop next year.

Finally, the U12A boys have had a fantastic first season of Cricket at Bohunt. They had a strong start against Forest winning by 4 wickets and only losing by one run against Waingels towards the end of the season. Some outstanding performances from Jack Allibone and Ariyan Nagar helped lead the team to their successful season. Well done all!

Tennis

The U13A boys tennis team had a great season. They worked hard together as a team being lead by Daniel Bezuidenhout to be victorious against Thorngrove school and Maiden Erlegh School Wokingham. We are so impressed with how much this team has developed over the year and looking forward to next season.



The U15 Boys have had a varieties of results this season. The most notable game was winning against Maiden Erlegh School Wokingham 12-0. Throughout the season both Gabriel Riminton and Josh Date have improved and lead the team with positivity which has lead to great results.. We are proud of you all for persevering against some tricky fixtures.



There have been other highlights with some friendlies taking part in Basketball, Table Tennis and Gymnastics. Well done to all participating students and we look forward to another successful term after the break. Enjoy your time off students and get ready to go again!

This year maths we have been using Sparx as the new homework platform. It creates bespoke tasks for students based upon their ability and the topics being covered in class. On a whole, students have found it more enjoyable to compete as they are able to get 100%. There are videos for every question so if students get stuck they can watch the video for help. As a department we have been able to track homework more effectively and set different tasks for each class based upon where we are at with the curriculum.



Below in the table are the top three students in the whole school for their Sparx use.

First Name	Surname	Year group	Reg. group	Total XP
Sharlene	Siu	Year 7	7T2	40,995
Bhargav	Venkatesh	Year 9	9M1	30,603
Matthew	Sparkes	Year 10	10N2	34,103

To the left is a list of all the students that have completed all Sparx homeworks on time for the whole year.



Below are the top two students for the level of Sparx showing a very high maths capability.

First Name	Surname	Year group
Aamir	Naqvi	Year 10
Joshua	McKellar	Year 7
Petya	Dimova	Year 9
Danika	Osman	Year 9
Eleanor	Corby	Year 8
Rajit	Rajasekar	Year 8
Charlotte	Phipp	Year 7
Fraser	Poet	Year 10
Aaron	Butler	Year 7
Lily	Burton	Year 7
Daniel	Taylor	Year 9
Diyan	Sangha	Year 8
Isla	Coles	Year 7
Peter	Ellis	Year 7
Sepp	Davies	Year 7

First Name	Surname	Year group	Reg. group	Sparx Level
Amy	McCormack	Year 9	9M2	12
Spike	Breckenridge	Year 8	8T1	10

YEAR 10 TRUST MATHS CHALLENGE

On the 13th of December, 8 of Bohunt Wokingham's best Mathematicians in Year 10 went to Bohunt Liphook to compete in the Trust Maths Challenge with TPS and Liphook - each school, with 8 members each, was split into 2 groups. There were various tasks, ranging from team activities testing geometry through origami, to algebra and tasks focusing on time management.

The tasks were challenging and required us to think outside of the box, with key skills being communication, teamwork, and problem solving.

The staff were friendly and helped us enjoy the experience, with snacks provided throughout. Overall, we came 3rd out of 6 groups and really enjoyed the opportunity.



Year 7 Trust Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 06/06, some of our elite year 7s participated in the Trust Maths Challenge to compete with three other Trust schools: The Costello School, The Petersfield School and Bohunt School, Liphook.

There were three tasks to begin with in the morning: Tangram challenge, challenging Kahoot questions, and Treasure Hunt Relay. Although we had the home ground advantage, both our team A and team B only came third and second in the treasure hunt respectively.

However, we showed our resilience and got back on track on the final activity in the afternoon - The University Challenge. It was a really close battle between the schools and especially Liphook and us. In the end, we managed to win this challenge with one point ahead.

In this exciting event, everyone was highly engaged and enjoyed solving the challenging maths questions and they all tried their very best to gain as many points as possible. In one instance, although we were slightly behind the other Trust schools, we showed our determination to win the Y7 Trust Maths Competition 2022/23 and we came first place once again. Well done Y7s!!



YEAR 10 MATHS INSPIRATION TRIP



Maths Inspiration is a national programme of interactive maths lecture shows for teenagers. We want to show 14-17 year olds that there's far more to maths than taking exams. We give them a chance to experience the UK's most inspiring maths speakers presenting mathematics live in the context of exciting, real-world applications



The Y10 this year has a great opportunity to participate in the Maths Inspiration talk where they got to know more about Maths that can be used outside the classroom. The first speaker was a glaciologist. She showed us her work in Antarctica, her study on glacials and climate change.

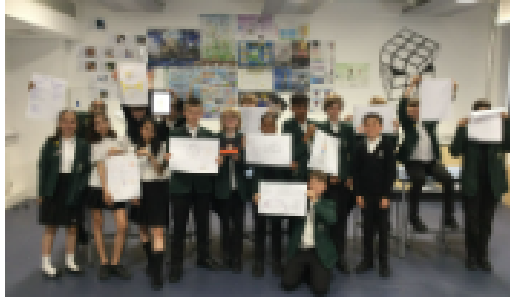
The second speaker showed us his work on centripetal force and how it is applied on boomerangs and satellites. The final speaker was working on probability. Then went through the probability of poker on why and how the poker hands are ranked.

All of the students who went on the trip enjoy the show very much and have inspired them to continue thriving in maths in the future.



Game Changer's Week - Science Activities

Year 7 Visit to the Science Museum in London



In Gamechanger's Week, 64 year 7 students learned about the science of travelling to space. While on-site they made and tested water rockets - one went so high it landed on the roof of the school! The students made videos teaching each other about the latest happenings in Space, and they learnt about the challenges of colonising Mars.

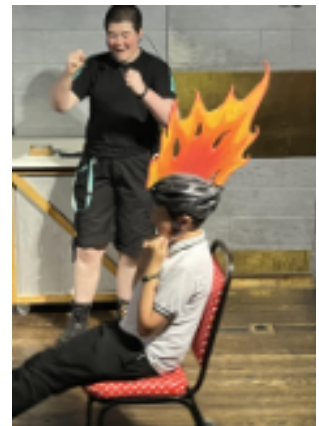
On Thursday we went to the Science Museum. In the "Space" gallery we saw rockets, satellites, probes and landers. Highlights were the replica of the Eagle lander that took Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin onto the Moon, and the actual Soyuz TMA-19M descent module that safely carried astronauts Tim Peake, Yuri Malenchenko and Tim Kopra back from the ISS in 2016.



We also saw how science and technology has changed over the years in the "Making the Modern World" gallery, and learned more about the science of flying in the "Flight" gallery.



We finished our visit with a fantastic show explaining the basics of Rocket Science. There were bangs and flying rockets, and students and teachers got involved in the demonstrations too.



Year 8 Visit Harry Potter World

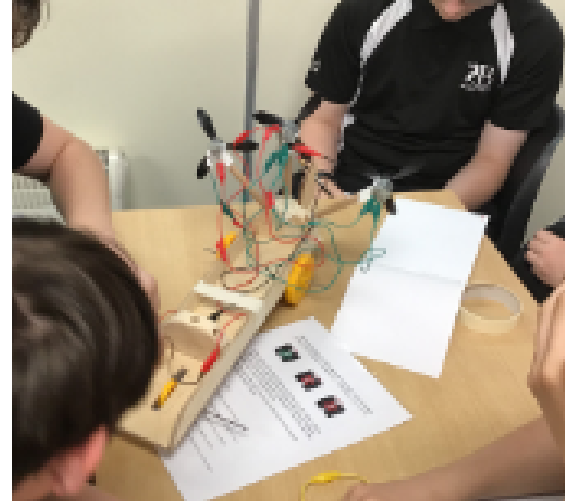
Year 8 students immersed themselves in the world of filmmaking by utilising the Harry Potter universe as inspiration for their own creative films. While at school they filmed multiple scenes including, spell casting, potions making, and quidditch playing where they combined some scientific and technological knowledge to produce captivating special effects that brought their films to life.

Furthermore, the students had the opportunity to visit the original film studio for the Harry Potter films. While here, the students discovered the numerous careers that partake in the making of films from set design and building, to makeup and wardrobe, to cooks for catering, to graphic artists, and much much more.



Year 9 and Year 10 Discovered the “Need for Speed” and Brooklands Museum.

Year 9 and 10 visited Brooklands Museum to discover more about automotive design and aerodynamics. They took part in two workshops learning more about aeronautical and automotive engineering, the forces behind it and some of the groundbreaking things that happened at Brooklands in the past. They then had to construct a car of the future powered by electricity and a propeller.



Once back in school students were able to use some of the knowledge they gained in designing the most aerodynamic car possible. Constructing an aeroplane capable of carrying a mass and building a balloon powered car.

Year 10 Learn about plant conservation on a visit to Kew Gardens

Year 10 enjoyed a visit to the world famous Kew Gardens where they took part in a science session run by Kew scientists focusing on the science of plant reproduction and pollination. Students were also set a themed photography challenge, exploring textures, colours and stories at Kew.



The focus for the second day was art and conservation. Students used their photographs from that day at Kew Gardens as an inspiration to create a piece of art. Below are some of their fantastic pieces.



In the afternoon, students took part in a practical conservation activity in the school grounds to support and enhance local biodiversity.

Earlier in the year, the Year 7 science prefects and Wildlife Club had planted seeds to create a pollinator meadow in the raised beds in Quad 1.

Year 10's conservation activity was to create an aesthetically pleasing hibernation habitat for pollinators to be placed in the raised beds. Students used their focus on textures and colours in nature to create layers of different microhabitats for solitary bees and other insects to overwinter.



Biology Challenge 2023

Year 9 and 10 Triple Scientists also took part in the Biology Challenge. The competition consists of two, twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers to be taken online.

Questions are based on school curriculum, but the competition also rewards those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna.

Students approached the quizzes set with enthusiasm and impressed with their knowledge of science on a broad range of subjects. Across Years 9 and 10, 77 students took part. Three students won Gold awards, three were awarded Silver, 14 students won Bronze and a further 10 students won Highly Commended.



LANGUAGES

French Visit - March 2023



On Friday 24th March, 20 French students from the small town of Istres in the south of France (near Marseille) landed at Heathrow. They had come to stay with 20 of our Bohunt students (yrs 9-11), whose kind and generous families had offered to host one student each for the week.

What a success! From the moment they arrived, the Bohunt students were so warm and welcoming and I felt very proud of them. Nerves had been apparent on both sides but these soon dissipated as the students discovered they had plenty in common despite being from opposite sides of the Channel.

Over the rest of the weekend, families treated the French pupils to experiences ranging from simple, everyday pleasures such as walking the dog in the local park to viewing our capital city from the top of the London Eye, all equally valuable as regards the French students' exposure to spoken English. On school days, the French pupils went off on excursions such as Cambridge and Portsmouth, returning in the evening in time for dinner with their host family.

This is what it was all about; broadening horizons and knocking down barriers. On the Saturday night, the pupils had a chance to come together as one big group at Superbowl in Wokingham which proved to be a great opportunity to introduce their partners to each other.

On the Thursday morning, the French experienced firsthand what it was like to be a pupil or teacher at an English school and were sad not to have been able to spend the whole day with us apparently! Hugs and tears were abundant as we said our goodbyes on the Friday

No one had quite believed how close the friendships would become in such a short space of time so the emotions took many by surprise. This was the first stage in our new relationship with 'le collège Savary' and we can't wait to complete a full exchange next year in 2024. Watch this space!



BET Gamechangers Culture Passport

This year, a Trust-wide initiative was launched across all our Year 7 and Year 8 classes called the BET Gamechangers Culture Passport. The aim of the passport is for our students to find out more about the culture, history, cuisine and celebrities from French- and Spanish-speaking countries. Since the launch, our students have painstakingly put together posters, dishes, booklets and whatnots to get a highly coveted passport sticker as a token of their good work and commitment over the year and school holidays.

We have also had some amazing videos from several students like Greg Smith's slo-mo pancake-flipping one to Eloise Deverill's dancing to Despasito. All in all this cultural activity has been a success!



China Town Trip - July 2023

On Wednesday 12th July, we took 57 year 10 students to London Chinatown. On the coach, everyone got an introduction booklet of Chinatown with history and food recommendations. When we arrived, we firstly took our students walking around the main street. A lot of them recognised the Chinese characters in the shops and restaurants, which is very impressive.

Some of them also had conversations with the staff in the shop in Mandarin. Luckily, we managed to get a place in a restaurant to have our lunch and try out all types of Chinese food, including chicken chowmein, beef noodles, dumplings, duck, and bubble tea. Everyone enjoyed the food. After lunch, we took them to the Chinese souvenir shop.

Some of them tried the ancient Chinese clothes. One of the boys bargained and got 5 pounds off buying a traditional Qing dynasty hat. Everyone had a fantastic time in Chinatown and they all want to come back again to experience more of Chinese culture.



Chinese culture day - July 2023

Following the China town trip, we had Chinese culture day the next day. We prepared blank kites for students to first decorate their own kites. It was amazing to see how creative they're when they start drawing. You can see the dragon, Chinese flag, and cartoon images on the kites, all designed by students.

We then take them to the field to fly the kites. They, all tried very hard and we did have two who succeeded in the end.

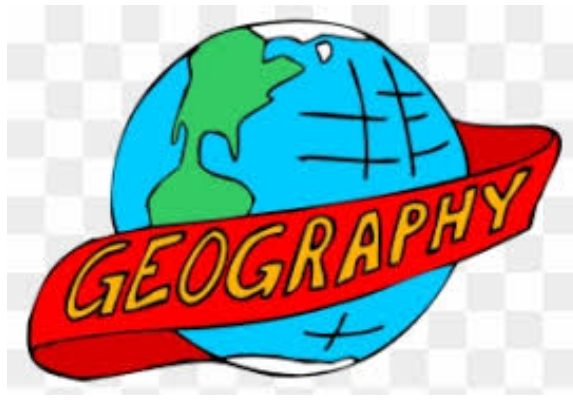


Chinese Dance

For the past few months, 8 of us have been performing Chinese style dances. We have had so much fun dancing and have performed on numerous occasions such as the Chinese New Year Assembly, Bohunt's Got Talent, Year 11 Leavers Assembly, and we are looking forward to dancing at the ERA Assembly this Friday!

We all work together as friends and all have built bonds with people we barely knew. We have become an amazing team! With the help of Mrs Chen and Miss Yan we have all improved in many skills and have performed to a variety of audiences. We are very lucky to have these opportunities and we all are planning to proceed into the foreseeable future.





In the last week of term, Year 10 geographers were invited to talk from Pastoral team member Mr Peck, who detailed his experiences assisting with recovery operations for the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami in Thailand.



Mr Peck formerly served as an officer with Thames Valley Police, specialising in body identification. Mr Peck explained his involvement in multiple incidents including the Marchioness Thames Disco Vessel disaster and the Ufton Nervet railway collision.

Mr Peck gave us a thorough account of the precise methods used to identify bodies, including odontology and gathering clues from unique medical procedures the deceased may have undergone.

“the methods used to identify bodies were very interesting” - Ava Merolla



Mr Peck recounted receiving a telephone call in late December 2004 asking for his assistance with the recovery operations following the devastating Boxing Day tsunami.

He was sent to Thailand where his unit was tasked with working with Swedish operatives and the Thai army to identify the bodies of both people and western tourists. Bohunt's Year 10 geographers were commendably stoic as Mr Peck described the horrific conditions he endured and shared heart-wrenching anecdotes on the aftermath of the tsunami.

It was striking that despite the horror of the work, Mr Peck was at pain and stress the satisfaction his task brought him, and the happiness that in the vast majority of cases his team was able to provide closure to the Victims' families.

"It was very touching presentation"- Christina Roberts



By the end of the session it was clear that the students greatly appreciated Mr Peck's seminar, having received not only useful case-study knowledge on the topic of tectonic hazards as they approach the final year of their Geography GCSE course, but also a poignant first-hand account of disaster, response and the human condition.

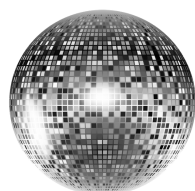


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Students emerged from a wide range of transport; from luxury sports cars to motorbike convoys to tractors. This highly anticipated event took place at the Crown Plaza in Marlow, which went above and beyond to help make our night so special. The photobooth didn't empty all night (even the staff had a go!) and there was a constant long queue for photos by Sean Kelliher, the photographer for our event who really made the students and staff feel special. Students and staff were involved with voting for the awards on the night.

Nominated as Prom King and Queen were Cameron Sherfield and Emma Wells, Best Dressed went deservingly to Anisa Miah and Jack Howell. But the most unexpected but fully deserved award for best dancer went to Mr Stromdale, who showed off his moves in a solo performance and then for the rest of the night. All students were involved in dancing throughout the night and their teachers were also there with them showing them they still have got some moves

There was a real buzz in the air, our Year 11's were united in their celebrations and you could see the happiness across their faces. The evening couldn't have gone more smoothly and all the students made me very proud. It was a lovely way to say the final goodbyes and to celebrate the last five years of being together; our students were able to create memories that will last a lifetime. I look forward to seeing the same big smiles on results day.







Paddleboarding



This term we are really excited to have launched our Paddleboarding club at Horseshoe Lake. Students from years 7-10 and different members of staff have enjoyed afternoons on the water learning new skills and making new friends.

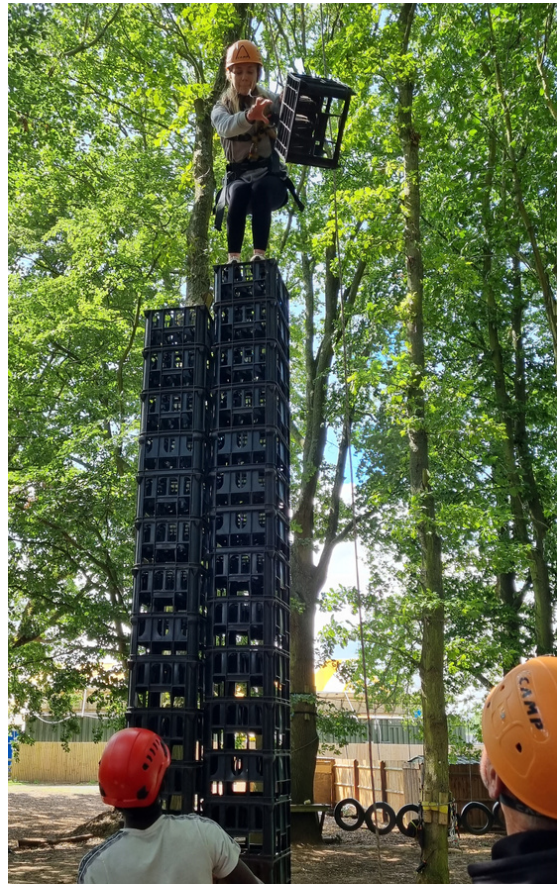
We have had a variety of games, falling in, sunshine, rain and a lot of fun.

We will be continuing these sessions throughout June and the Autumn term, so please keep an eye out for an invitation for your year group.



OPERATION ENCOUNTER

Year 8 spent two days in Little Marlow completing a range of outdoor activities and camped overnight in their first experience of Operation Encounter which unfortunately couldn't happen last year. The students took part in activities such as crate stacking, jacobs ladder, raft building, canoeing, team games and bushcraft. All of the students worked in teams and encouraged one another to try new experiences and overcome fears. It was lovely to see students working so well together and enjoying social time as a group. Despite some sporadic rain, the mood was very much bright and enjoyable for all students and staff involved.



Game Changers,



WE WILL ROCK YOU

Auditions for 'We Will Rock You' took place in January, with many of our students auditioning for the first time. The audition process was a tough one for us, as it usually is, so we decided to double-cast the production to enable more of our students to take part. Rehearsals began soon afterwards, with the students spending lunchtimes, after-school and time at home learning choreography, vocal lines and script. Thank you to all those involved at home for your support with this too!



It has been great to see so many of our younger students getting involved in the production, be that through performing, sorting and making costumes, being part of the AV team or backstage crew. A show cannot be a success without the support of all the cast, whatever their role and we hope that those of you who have been able to come and watch it this week will agree that they have all made a fantastic contribution to the overall show. For some of our students this has been their first experience of performing on stage and I am sure that you will agree that it didn't seem like that. The professionalism of the students shone through, supporting each other fully in their roles. Their energy and enthusiasm was apparent and they gave the best performances that they could.



Whilst it is impossible to name every student, I would like to thank all the cast for their hard work and dedication in rehearsing and producing their characters. This show has been the most substantial one that we have done to date and they have really grown into their characters during the rehearsal process. I look forward to what the future holds for them. We must not forget that any show is only partly about the singing, dancing and acting and it is thanks to Miss Davis, Miss Robinson and Mr Higgs for the set and projections that looked fabulous and really added to the overall performance.



Thanks also goes to Miss Brain and Sophie R for their choreography, Chloe for managing the backstage crew and Esme for organising and collating costumes. Final mention must go to our amazing staff band who have been rehearsing for hours every week, even giving up a weekend, to make sure that our students had the best possible experience. Thanks to Mr Thomas, Miss Ney and Miss Meads on keyboard, Mr Lamb on drums, Mr Stromdale on bass and Mr Wilcox on guitar. Who knew that we had an amazing rock band amongst our staff!



Thank you all for your continued support this year and we look forward to welcoming you to our next CPA event. Have a lovely holiday when it arrives!

Mrs Bedford





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Introduction to Summer Newsletter by Ava Merolla

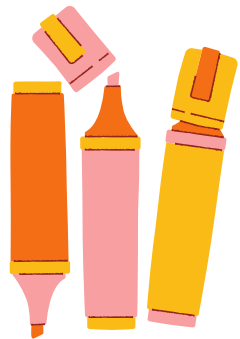
Hello everyone, I hope you are all feeling excited for the summer and proud of the work you have done this year. Being a student leader means leading your fellow students forward and helping make their views heard. We hope this term, despite the change over from the old head team to the new head team, we have made some good changes to the rules that you will receive next term.

We have been holding meetings this term and have been listening to your ideas from the last two terms as some of the old head team have taken new head positions. We are ready to pitch rule changes to the new Head Teacher who will make necessary adjustments and alter the rules.

We hope that from our ERA assemblies and Fundraising events planned for next year you are inspired to join our community of game changers. I hope you have a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Bohunt Wokingham's Student Leaders!





Year 7 Transition Day



Hello everyone, my name is Ava and I am one of your head students. On Wednesday the 28th of June we welcomed the Year 6's, joining our school in September, to a full day of activities. Later in the evening Mr Godber, Miss Comber, Shyan and I led a talk to the Year 6s and their parents, and then they got to know their tutors a bit better with a slide presentation on what entails in their tutor times.

First of all they started the day with an assembly from Miss Shephard, Mr Godber and some of the senior student leadership team. It addressed the activities they were going to complete during the day. After that, everybody was sorted into their tutor group and led to their classroom where they learned more about their tutors and the student leaders who were helping them during the day.

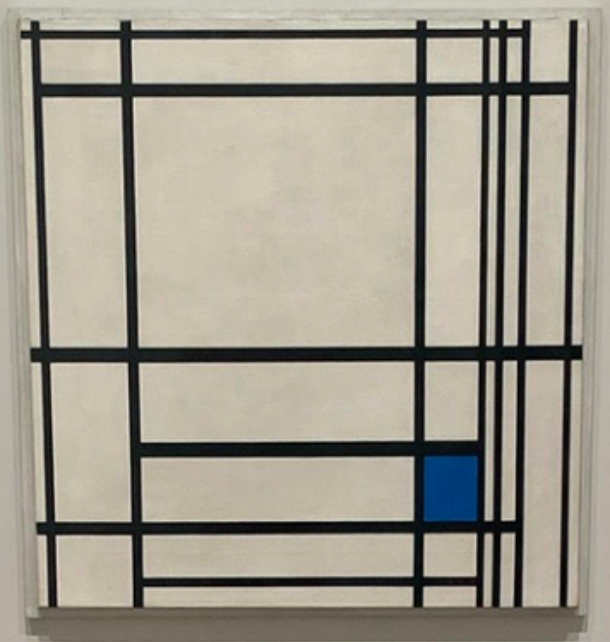
In the first session, all the students were led on an informative tour of the school and were given some useful information on how not to get lost. They then went back to their classrooms where they were given an 'all about me' sheet, to complete which helps their teachers with knowing a bit more about their tutees.

In session 2 we were discussing hopes and fears that the students have about joining the school. They were given two post-it notes to write their thoughts down. Some common hopes were 'The canteen food' and 'learning new subjects'. Some common fears were 'struggling to make friends' and 'getting lost'. The tutors would then read out the fears and talk to them about coping with them when it comes to September.

Finally, after lunch, the students then went to the hall where Miss Shephard led a fun house activity. Within their houses they were split into 10 random groups, challenging their team working skills. With only 8 straws, a few pieces of paper and a roll of tape they had to build the tallest and strongest tower. The student leaders then came round and measured and weighed their structures. The overall winners were Bolt group 1, who received some chocolate and house points.

In the evening, the students came back with their parents and listened to a talk from Miss Comber and the Head Students. We addressed how the school functions and what challenges and opportunities the Year 7s and their parents can expect to find in September. Overall the Year 7s told us they had a thoroughly enjoyable day and are excited to meet the rest of you in September.

BY AVA MEROLLA



The visit to the Tate, gave us the opportunity to experience different cultures and outlooks from artists we wouldn't normally see in class.

Also the walk to the Tate was enjoyable, having the freedom and security of walking within a group of people who share the same things in common. It felt safe having supportive teachers, it was nice to find out a bit more about the teachers and why they enjoy the subject they teach.

TATE MODERN

A GROUP DISCUSSION

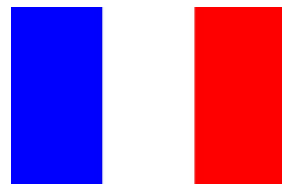
London is brilliant for inspiration, the whole journey was filled with things to look at.

In the gallery we had time to see an exhibition and then to go in smaller groups to explore other shows within the building.

The trip was well organised and although the train was late, I didn't feel stressed as the teachers calmly found solutions.



Languages!

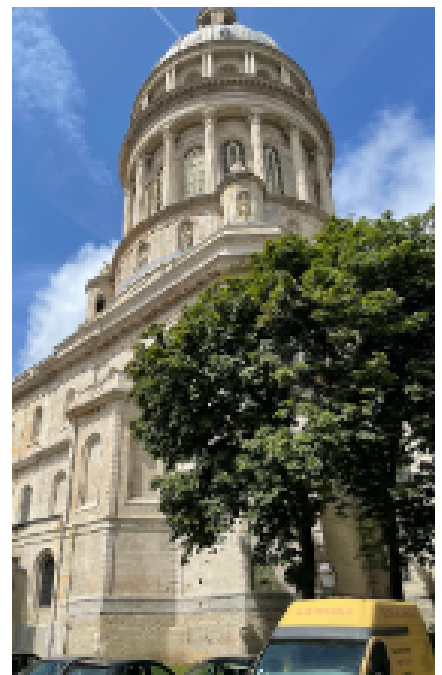


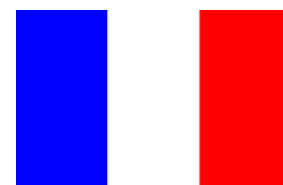
Boulogne-sur-Mer day trip report - July 2023

(by Ethan Toal)

On Wednesday 12th July, 2 days before Bastille Day, around 40 Year 10s went on a day trip to Boulogne-sur-Mer, in Northern France. The day began with a very early start, as we needed to be at school for 4:15 AM, and after a register and passports being collected, we were on the road by 4:45. Our progress towards Dover was short-lived, as we faced a half an hour standstill on the M3 near Staines, although we eventually managed to get on the 8:25 ferry to Calais.

The ferry was delayed leaving, meaning we were unable to go to the chocolaterie before Boulogne, but the journey was smooth and enjoyable, and we were treated to nice views of the French coastline as we approached. We arrived in Boulogne-sur-Mer at 12, where we had our packed lunches by the war memorial. First, we went to the Cathedral de Notre Dame, where we saw the beautiful painted ceiling and enjoyed some quiet. Then we walked towards the centre of Boulogne with the old cobbled streets, where we saw the hôtel de ville, and copious ice creams and souvenirs were bought during our free time to spend in the town.





We walked towards the coast along the harbour and fish market, avoiding the sharp drop down to the rocks, and spent over an hour at the beach. At around 5PM, we had our delicious French baked goods from a local boulangerie, then boarded the coach back to Calais. We arrived back at Bohunt after 11PM, and were allowed to come to school the next day during break time in order to catch up on sleep.

On Thursday we transformed F7 into an authentic Parisian café, with not a word of English heard as Brioches, pain au chocolats, and croissants were ordered in perfect French. We also watched some videos about the French Revolution and Bastille Day, as well as playing a Bastille Day board game to see who could storm the Bastille first. Overall, the trip to Boulogne was as fun as it was tiring, and it was great to see the language we were learning in school as a living language in real life. Thursday was a chilled day after the chaos and excitement of Wednesday, and rounded off the Bastille Day experience nicely.



Spanish Culture Trip - July 2023

(by Lincoln Smith)

In our day trip to Portobello in London, our trip was planned perfectly. Each location we went to had history behind it whether it was from the war or before Covid. On our trip we enjoyed an array of food and treats. This varied from chorizo empanadas to delicious chocolate truffles. On the second day we enjoyed cooking a selection of three dishes; patatas bravas, apricot empanadas and cheese and chorizo pastries. This encouraged teamwork and was enjoyable to eat the food. All round the trip was excellent because we learned about Spanish culture and also the Spanish community in Portobello.



(by Enrique Mayorca)

Our day at Portobello road in London was excellent, filled with fascinating history and delicious food. With a knowledgeable tour guide leading the way, we learned about the stories that shaped this iconic road. We learned that the road's name harks back to the 18th century and the famous victory of Admiral Edward Vernon resulting in the capture of Portobello, Panama. Amidst the colourful rows of shops there was a little place selling empanadas. We devoured these delectable treats containing a mouth-watering filling and with each bite tasting their unique flavours. We also stumbled upon an old family-run deli offering certain Spanish delicacies. We ate Spanish olives, manchego cheese and the delicious Serrano ham.

(by Yasmin Cosgrove & Thea Culshaw)

During Gamechangers' week, we spent 2 days exploring Spanish culture and food. On the first day, we travelled to London, where we met our tour guide Eddy, and for 3 hours he took us through Notting Hill and the famous Portobello Market. Not only did we learn about the history of the Spanish community there, we also got the opportunity to visit many well-loved restaurants, cafés and delis. Our favourites included the delicious homemade empanadas from Da Nadas, the ham, manchego cheese and spicy olives from a family-owned deli and the cinnamon croissant buns from a bakery started by 2 brothers in lockdown. We also finished the tour with chocolate truffles from a shop called Melt. On the second day, we spent the morning cooking Spanish food inspired by our trip: patatas bravas, chorizo and manchego cheese buns, and apricot jam empanadas. We then learned some Spanish dances in the afternoon. It was really fun!



Fun places to visit this Summer

DINTON ACTIVITY CENTRE

DINTON PASTURES IS A LOVELY AREA OF WOODLAND, MEADOWS AND LAKES WITHIN EASY REACH OF READING, WOKINGHAM AND BRACKNELL. HOME TO AN AWARD WINNING PLAY PARK, QUALITY CAFÉ AND EXCITING ACTIVITY CENTRE, DINTON IS A GREAT PLACE TO GO FOR A DAY OUT IN THE SUMMER. WHETHER YOU'D LIKE TO TRY PADDLE BOARDING OR KAYAKING, SCALE THEIR CLIMBING WALL OR SIMPLY HAVE A DOG WALK AND A DRINK, IT'S SOMEWHERE WORTH VISITING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



RAY MILL ISLAND

RAY MILL ISLAND IS A PARK ON AN ISLAND IN THE THAMES. ONLY A 30 MINUTE DRIVE AWAY, IT IS A BEAUTIFUL AREA, FEATURING BOULTERS LOCK, AN AVIARY AND A PLAYGROUND. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT FOR A DAY TRIP IN THE SUMMER, WITH OPTIONS TO BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR VISIT THEIR SEASONAL CAFÉ.

READING MUSEUM

THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO SEE AT THE READING MUSEUM, SOME OF WHICH INCLUDE ROMAN SILCHESTER AND READING ABBEY, THE FAMOUS VICTORIAN COPY OF THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY, READING'S NATURAL HISTORY AND MODERN ART AND SCULPTURE.

YOU CAN GO TO THE MUSEUM WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY AND ENJOY A DAY OUT LOOKING THROUGH THE HISTORY OF READING. THE MUSEUM IS FREE AND INCLUDES A CAFÉ AND MULTIPLE DIFFERENT EXHIBITIONS. THERE ARE ALSO TOURS FOR ANYONE LOOKING FOR A BIT OF HELP. IT IS ROUGHLY 30 MINUTES AWAY SO GO OUT AND ENJOY THE HISTORY!

TWYFORD VILLAGE FETE

ON THE 19TH OF AUGUST, TWYFORD ARE HOLDING A VILLAGE FETE, TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES. PREVIOUSLY IT HAS RAISED OVER £2000, AND THIS YEAR IT PROMISES MANY RIDES, CRAFT AND GAME STALLS, AND PLENTY OF OPTIONS FOR SOME TASTY FOOD! IT WOULD BE A LOVELY VISIT WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY, SO WHY NOT PUT IT IN YOUR CALENDAR? IT'S ONLY A 20 MINUTE DRIVE AWAY!



BEALE WILDLIFE PARK

BEALE PARK IS AN OUTDOOR WILDLIFE PARK WITHIN 40 ACRES SET AGAINST THE RIVER THAMES IN BERKSHIRE. AT BEALE PARK YOU CAN ENJOY THE DAY THERE AND LOOK AT MANY DIFFERENT ANIMALS, FROM LEEMAS TO CAPYBARAS AND EVEN REINDEER, THERE IS AN ANIMAL FOR EVERYONE. UNFORTUNATELY THE BEALE WILDLIFE PARK DOES COST MONEY FOR ENTREE, THE PRICES ARE LISTED BELOW:

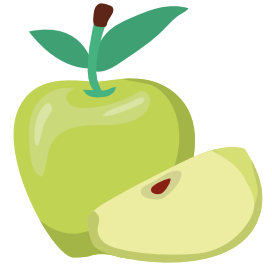
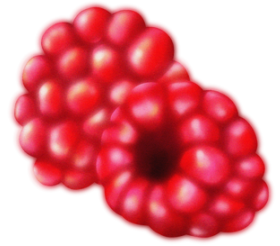
ADULT (AGE 16+) £15.50
CHILD* £12.50
OVER 70S £13.50
UNDER 2S FREE

IT CAN BE AN EXCITING DAY OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND IS ONLY 40 MINUTES AWAY! CONSIDER DOING THIS TO DO IN YOUR SUMMER AND ENJOYS THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS YOU WILL SEE.

3 summer recipes

BY EMMA GOUGH AND CORA WALBANCKE

Raspberry and Apple Smoothie



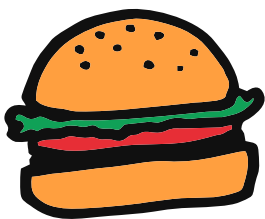
INGREDIENTS:

2 APPLES, CORED
150G FROZEN RASPBERRIES
150ML OF NATURAL YOGHURT
2 TBSP PORRIDGE OATS
½ LEMON, JUICED
100ML MILK

METHOD:

TIP ALL THE INGREDIENTS INTO A BLENDER AND BLEND UNTIL SMOOTH. YOU CAN ADD 50 ML OF WATER IF IT IS TOO THICK.

Easy Cheesy Burgers



INGREDIENTS:

400G MINCED BEEF
1 ONION
1 GARLIC CLOVE
1 FREE RANGE EGG
HERBS, E.G. OREGANO
SALT AND PEPPER
250G MOZZARELLA CHEESE
1 TBSP OLIVE OIL
BURGER BUN

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FOR THE FRIES:

**500G POTATOES
SALT AND PEPPER
BOWL OF ICE WATER**



METHOD:

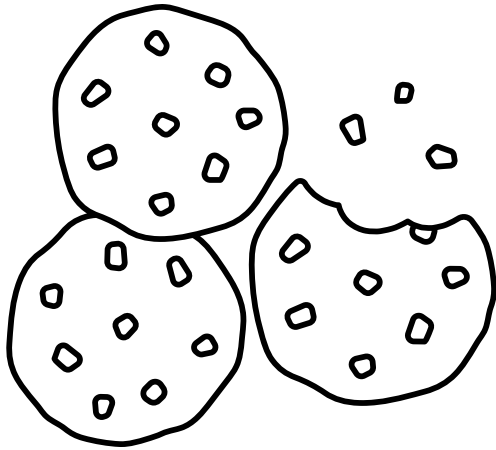
FRIES:

- 1. PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 220C (200 FAN)**
- 2. PEEL AND CUT THE POTATOES INTO LONG STRIPS AND PUT THEM INTO THE ICE BOWL FOR A FEW MINUTE, DRAIN AND SPREAD ON A BAKING TRAY**
- 3. PUT IN THE OVEN FOR 20 MINUTES**

BURGERS:

- 1. PUT THE BEEF MINCE INTO A BOWL WITH THE ONION, GARLIC, HERBS AND PEPPER AND MIX.**
- 2. CRACK THE EGG INTO THE MIXTURE AND COMBINE TO FORM INTO A BALL.**
- 3. SPLIT THE MIXTURE INTO FOURS AND FORM INTO BALLS USING YOUR HANDS.**
- 4. IN EACH BALL, MAKE A HOLE AND PUT SOME MOZZARELLA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BURGER AND SEAL BACK UP**
- 5. FLATTEN THE BURGERS AND FRY IN SOME OIL UNTIL THE MEAT IS THOROUGHLY COOKED. YOU COULD ALSO DO THIS ON THE BARBECUE.**
- 6. ASSEMBLE THE BURGER ADDING ANY DESIRED TOPPINGS (E.G. SAUCES, LETTUCE, TOMATO)**
- 7. SERVE THE BURGER WITH THE FRIES AND A SALAD USING YOUR FAVOURITE VEGETABLES, AND ENJOY**

GOOEY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES



INGREDIENTS:

150G BUTTER, SOFTENED
150G SOFT BROWN SUGAR,
GOLDEN CASTER SUGAR, OR
IDEALLY HALF OF EACH
1 EGG
1 TSP VANILLA EXTRACT
200G PLAIN FLOUR
 $\frac{1}{2}$ TSP BAKING POWDER
200G CHOCOLATE CHIPS
 $\frac{1}{4}$ TSP SALT

METHOD:

1. HEAT THE OVEN TO 180C /160C FAN / GAS 4 AND LINE TWO BAKING SHEETS WITH PARCHMENT
2. MIX THE BUTTER AND SUGAR TOGETHER USING AN ELECTRIC WHISK OR HAND WHISK UNTIL VERY LIGHT AND FLUFFY, THEN BEAT IN THE EGG AND VANILLA.
3. FOLD IN THE FLOUR, BAKING POWDER, CHOCOLATE AND SALT. DON'T OVERWORK THE DOUGH AS IT WILL TOUGHEN THE COOKIES.
4. DIVIDE THE MIXTURE INTO BALLS, THE SIZE DEPENDING ON HOW LARGE YOU WANT YOUR COOKIES. SPACE OUT EVENLY ON THE BAKING SHEETS, LEAVING ENOUGH SPACE BETWEEN EACH TO ALLOW FOR SPREADING.
5. BAKE FOR 8-10 MINUTES OR UNTIL BROWNED AND A LITTLE CRISP AROUND THE EDGES BUT STILL OFT IN THE MIDDLE - THEY WILL HARDEN A LITTLE AS THEY COOL. LEAVE TO COOL ON THE TRAY FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE EATING WARM, OR TRANSFER TO A WIRE RACK TO COOL COMPLETELY. KEEP FOR THREE DAYS IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.

Farewell Mr Godber!

Hi everyone,

This year has been a crazy one. From navigating teacher strikes to slowly recovering from the lingering effects of COVID-19, we find ourselves at the brink of a new era. However, amidst these changes, we must bid a heartfelt farewell to someone who has truly been a game-changer in our school community—our incredible head teacher, Mr. Godber. Since day one, he has been an integral part of our journey, contributing his unwavering dedication to make our school the best it can be. Whether he was working tirelessly behind the scenes or shining brightly in the spotlight, his impact on Bohunt has been undeniable. Mr. Godber has built our school's reputation from the ground up, brick by brick, and we can't thank him enough for his tireless efforts since the start.

Now let's take a lighthearted trip down memory lane and share some funny anecdotes from the early days of our school. Fingers crossed we won't get trouble for sharing these. Sorry Mr Godber!

Let's start with an unforgettable moment featuring Mr Hulland. On the first Christmas the school was open they held their first ERA assembly (ever) and invited the parents of the 100 students to join. In a heartfelt gesture, the parents had collectively prepared hampers for each staff member as a token of gratitude (back when there were only 12 staff members in the entire school!). To make the occasion even more special, Mr. Godber had the honour of playing Santa Claus, distributing the presents to the other 11 staff members in front of 100 students and their parents. "It's the only time in my career I have sat on my BOSS'S lap" said Mr Hulland, making this a memorable occasion indeed.

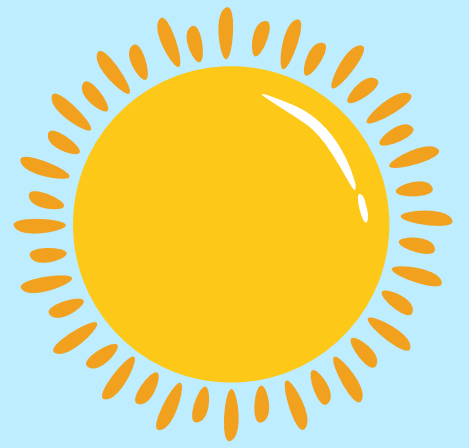
Next, we have Mr Campbell's yoghurt mishap. The humorous accident happened as Mr Campbell was having lunch with Mr Godber in the canteen alongside other members of staff. As Mr Campbell attempted to put the lid back on his yoghurt, disaster struck – the lid failed to cooperate, resulting in most of the yoghurt going all over Mr Godber. It went in his hair and also, unfortunately, on his freshly dry cleaned suit. At this time, Mr Campbell was going for a promotion, and this incident could have put that very promotion in jeopardy. However Mr Godber showed understanding, finding amusement in the situation and even bringing it up good-naturedly during Mr Campbell's interview. This endearing story is not only amusing, but also showed the unity and lighthearted spirit that Mr Godber fostered within the school.

Mr. Godber, as you embark on the next chapter of your remarkable journey, we, the entire Bohunt Wokingham community, wish you boundless success and fulfilment wherever life's path may lead you. Your leadership, guidance, and the moments of laughter you brought to our school will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts. Thank you for being an extraordinary head teacher and an unwavering source of inspiration to us all.

With warmest regards,
The Whole Of Bohunt Wokingham

Written By Shyan And Clarice





HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER,
FROM ALL OF US AT BOHUNT
WOKINGHAM!

