

Saturday Bulletin

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Christmas Pudding Bake... and festive produce now on sale



By Nicoletta Draper, 6.2

Last Friday night, keen 6.2 students gathered in Outdoor Work excited for the festive evening ahead, the Christmas Pudding Bake. We huddled in the Black Barn, watching a classic film and warming up with Christmas treats. There were mulled apple juice and freshly baked cookies which were quickly eaten along with the enjoyment of being able to roast marshmallows on the fire. Groups of us went in to do the jobs, baking cookies, making the pudding batter, placing it in bowls and wrapping them up. The making of the Christmas pudding took many people to complete which required team skills and enthusiasm. [Read more...](#)

By Feline Charpentier, ODW Teacher

The Outdoor Work elves have been busy this term, filling our farm shop shelves with lots of Christmas produce. Chutneys, jams, jellies, pickles, herbal teas, granola, flour, and our own apple cider vinegar, plus handmade natural cosmetics like lavender bath salts all make lovely Christmas gifts. We also have our beautiful Jacob wool blankets, scarves and fleeces for sale. Our annual 6.2 Christmas pudding bake made almost 100 delicious puddings, in small (for 2-4 people, £8), medium (for 6-8, £10) and some very large (for 10-12, £14). We will also be baking our unique apple cider mince pies almost every day now, sold in boxes of six. [Read more...](#)

Bill Pullen exhibition and artist's talk



By Millie Page, 6.2

Painting with eggs may seem unorthodox at first, but it is actually a sacred art practised by icon painters for centuries in Europe, Asia and Africa. This Wednesday Bedales' Art Department was fortunate enough to host William Pullen who demonstrated this extremely niche and traditional medium to a small group. Firstly, he took us through the act of how to pick up a new material. When a different medium is used the mind-set changes, which Pullen explains, is important, because as artists we must "accept and embrace change of all aspects". The artist himself often feels the need to 'swap between' different methods to avoid the artist equivalent of writer's block...

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Band Night in the Quad



By Imogen Mayhook-Walker, 6.2

Last Thursday, it was Band Night in the Quad. After a week and a half of intense preparation, all the students involved – including myself – performed to a full house. The highlights were undoubtedly Safi Kazim's opening and closing numbers, and *Natural Woman*, performed by Millie Bolton. Raffy Henry not only delivered a haunting performance of *Like Gold* but he also was there for every rehearsal to ensure everyone sounded perfect in the studio. There were also some outstanding new performers; Lara Rippinger's performance of *Unstoppable* was one of the stand outs of the night and Miranda Woods-Ballard delivered a great performance of *Figure It Out* by Royal Blood. Band Night is always one of the highlights in the Bedales calendar and this year did not disappoint. Musicians including Kai Macrae, Monty Bland, Minna Hall and many more gave up so much of their time and performed with so many different people. [Read more...](#)

Ella & Co. dance workshop review



By Darcy Bartlett, 6.2 and Dance Don

Last Wednesday afternoon, Ella from Ella & Co. visited the students involved in touring the Sixth Form Show to Dubai to deliver a workshop on social media, in order to explore in more depth the themes in which we were considering for the play. Ella had performed a quartet in Bedales Theatre last year called #nofilter as part of GradLab. Ella encouraged us to think about how creating a persona on social media is in effect a form of performance and this provoked in us a creative outlook. We played with ideas such as online advertising and body image to create material that will be incorporated into our play. It is an exciting project to be involved in as despite having already performed it, it is a piece of work which is continuously developing as in Dubai we will need to be able to adapt it to a variety of performance spaces and audiences.

Learning from the Gecko Theatre Company

By Aidan Hall, 6.1 and Drama Scholar

A member of Gecko Theatre Company came to Bedales last Wednesday to host a workshop around the physical theatre company's process of creating their shows (devising). Throughout the three hours, Sixth Form Theatre students were exposed to a unique and engaging art form, one that transcends the boundaries of standardized and archetypical theatre. We started with a vigorous warm-up of ambitious stretches and sets of movement that forced students to realise the athletic competence needed to be an effective member of Gecko. The core of the workshop contained exercises that concentrated on focus, attention and readiness, along with several devising exercises that, by the end of the workshop, left students creating their own work in pairs and eventually in large mobs; and yet these groups managed to all operate and flow throughout each other, creating this immersive 'hive-mind' experience for both performer and spectator. [Read more...](#)

Enter the Dragons theatre review

By Meg Allin, 6.2 and Drama Don

Enter The Dragons by A&E Comedy and House was a hilariously truthful telling of a journey through menopause. This half mythical show was delightfully interrupted by fourth wall breaks saying things like "no, just do the next scene!" The show's amazingly detailed costume and clever lighting added to the whimsical feel and showed the childishness in everyone - audience and actors. There were so many moments that had everyone clapping their hands over their mouths in laughter. This show was the funniest I've seen for a while! It may seem for a certain demographic but it expanded across all audience members making even the young man next to me laugh in agreement. The show was not compulsory for drama students but I think anyone who didn't see it should (and do) massively regret it. [Read more...](#)

What's your opinion? Refugees and migrants

By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

Last year the school hosted a special screening of Ai Wei Wei's internationally acclaimed documentary *Human Flow* which highlighted the plight of millions of migrants fleeing conflict around the world. Block 5, as part of the Geography BAC, have recently started a topic focused around the question "Should refugees be allowed into Europe?" Students have designed the following survey to canvas opinion from Bedales parents and explore both their views and understanding of the issue. The students would be especially thankful if you might spend two minutes to complete their survey. Please fill in the survey [here](#).

Bedales blog – Commission on Religious Education

By Clare Jarmy, Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

The Commission on Religious Education (CoRE) recently reported its findings after a long period of consultation with stakeholders. CoRE was set up by the RE Council, but was run independently of it. As independent schools, we are unlikely to feel the full force of CoRE's effect, but times are changing for Religious Education, and independent schools will surely find themselves influenced by the findings. These key recommendations are likely to have the biggest effect on independent schools. 1) Religion & World Views: CoRE recommends that 'Religious Education' should be renamed 'Religion & Worldviews'. Do not be fooled: this change of nomenclature is no mere window-dressing. The Commission recognises the huge change that has taken place in religious affiliation in the last 50 years, and argues that the subject must evolve to recognise this. Around 50% of adults in the UK have no religion and 41% identify as Christian. Focussing on 'The Six World Religions' does not reflect the religious (or increasingly non-religious) nature of the UK. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Remarkable football victory v Winchester

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Priorsfield School* – Traditionally a strong opposition across the age groups, the Bedales side knew they would in for a tough game. However, the home side started really well, attacking with pace and getting players high up the pitch. Within five minutes captain Nancy Tier had put Bedales 1-0 up with a rasping shot in to the bottom corner. Soon after this however the momentum of the game completely changed with Priorsfield dominating the attacking possession and causing plenty of trouble for Bedales. Three well

worked short corners and a good individual later, the game had taken on a different perspective and at half time Priorsfield went in deservedly 4-1 to the good. The half time team talk focused on the need to recognise the importance of retaining possession higher up the pitch and allowing ourselves to create goal scoring opportunities.

[Read more...](#)

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – Junior Football v Winchester – Tuesday saw two classic matches both decided in the dying moments. Against Winchester U15s an end to end game saw the score finely balanced at 3-3 when in the final attack of the game Winchester swept down the wing and delivered a pinpoint cross that was slotted away first time for a goal worthy of winning any game. On the pitch next door extraordinary events were taking place. Against the run of play, the Bedales U14s found themselves four goals down with less than ten minutes to play. At this point many teams might well have given up, but typical of their approach all season they continued to battle hard and on this occasion they were rewarded with the most improbable of comebacks to a remarkable 5-4 victory.

The Senior 1st XIs also played a fantastic end-to-end game against Winchester on Thursday afternoon which resulted in a 2-2 draw.

By Chloe Nicklin, PE Teacher – Girls' U14 Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College – The U14s' game play has improved significantly over the last few games and they have really come together as a team. Bedales started with great energy and were able to go 1-0 up early into the game. Unfortunately, it wasn't long before Lord Wandsworth levelled the score. The second half saw Bedales dominating the possession and when the ball was turned over by the opposition, Bedales defence stepped up and cleared the ball away successfully. Although Bedales had many more shots on goal, the score ended 1-1. Well done to Bedales for playing with such energy, making for an exciting game to spectate. MVP Kamaya.

By Mariela Presnell, PE Teacher – Girls' U15 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate – From the outset the Bedales girls demonstrated a high work rate and proved to be tough competition for the HCS side. Within the first ten minutes of the game Nell Freeborough got her name on the score sheet when she sent the ball up into the top left corner of the goal from the right post. The HCS side did get a few attacking breaks but struggled to break through the strong defensive unit of Emma Nelson and Shanklin MacKillop-Hall. Towards the end of the first half Mathilda Douglas narrowly missed the goal with a rocket shot from the edge of the D and this saw us finish the first half with a 1-0 lead, and end up as eventual winners. [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Friday 16 November – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arriving Waterloo 17.14 (17.27)

Sunday 18 November – leave Waterloo **19.03** (please note earlier train departure), arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

Term dates are on the school website [here](#).

For parents / students

16-18 Nov, Long leave weekend

20 Nov, Polish Club supper for parents (sorry – now fully booked)

1 Dec, Friends of Bedales Christmas Tea & Coffee in the Reading Room

7 Dec, Autumn term ends

Bedales Events: Book tickets via the links on the [website](#) (fee free) or call the Box Office on 0333 666 3366 (booking fee applies). To set up the ability to place tickets directly on the school bill, please email our Front of House Lead, Amanda on abrewer@bedales.org.uk

20 Nov, Company Chameleon presents [10](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

21 Nov, [Cecilia Concert](#), Quad, 7.30pm (including pop-up bar and mince pies). Giacomo Pozzuto, Teacher of Music adds: "Bedales musicians are proud to present this term's concert in honour of St Cecilia - making use of the Quad's particularly delightful acoustics. They have prepared a number of works, ranging from David Gorham's high impact, lassoing, *Compton Ridge Overture* to JS Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 6* arranged for Cello Ensemble, plus Haydn's hellish *Insanae et Vanae Curae*. We look forward to offerings from our smaller vocal ensembles, which promise a varied evening's entertainment (there may be an 80s Pop classic somewhere...), reflecting another extraordinary term of music making at Bedales. Do come and show your support for our wonderfully talented musicians. Tickets are free and available in the [usual manner](#)."

22-23 Nov, [BAC Devised Performance](#), Drama Studio, 7.30pm – tickets limited to 50/night

27 Nov, [The Chair Maker](#), Arts & Crafts talk by Lawrence Neal & Hugo Burge, Old Bedalian, Lupton Hall, 7.15pm

28 Nov, [Brilliance](#), Drama Studio, 7.30pm – tickets limited to 50

29 Nov, [Fantastic Evening at the House of MinaLima](#), London, 7pm

3 Dec, [Carol Service](#) at Steep Church

4-6 Dec, [The Trench](#), Whole School Production, Theatre

For students

19 Nov, Company Chameleon dance workshop

23 Nov, Sixth Form Engineering trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

23 Nov, Sixth Form Opera trip to the Mayflower, Southampton

24 Nov, Whole School Show Technical All-In

25 Nov, 6.1 and 6.2 Dance & Drama Careers Day in London

Sport (parents welcome)

Reminder that parents are very welcome to come and support teams: tea and nibbles will be served to parents in the Dining Hall after matches.

Date	Time	Fixture	Home / Away
Tue 20 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v Ditcham Park	H
Tue 20 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v Ditcham Park	H
Wed 21 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14/U15 Football v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 21 Nov	4.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Portsmouth Grammar School	A
Wed 21 Nov	4.30pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Kings, Winchester	A
Wed 21 Nov	4.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v KES Witley	A
Tue 27 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v Frensham Heights	H
Tue 27 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v Frensham Heights	H

Notes

Absence: Please send requests for planned absences for routine matters to house staff, and requests for overnight absence to Louise Wilson, Senior Deputy, (lwilson@bedales.org.uk). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk. Thank you for your assistance.

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Yours,



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Head of Bedales

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