

Saturday Bulletin

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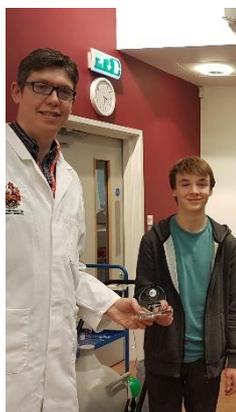
Bedales musicians entertain at the Polish Club, London



By Minna Hall, Block 5

Tuesday night was not a usual school night, but an excursion up to London to play at an early Christmas supper attended by parents. A group of eight of us went into the heart of London to a special venue called the [Ognisko Polskie](#) (aka the Polish Club) in South Kensington. Background music was to be heard as parents filled the chandeliered room; they enjoyed listening to us play between their starters and main courses. We really had a lot of fun playing to the parents and it was nice to see their engagement with our performance. It was our first time as a small band to play in a professional atmosphere with the helpful guidance of Neil Hornsby. Thank you to Magnus and Camilla for booking us as a band, and for a wonderful evening appreciated by all. As Camilla so happily said: "It really showcased the musical talent at Bedales and everyone was talking about how brilliant and impressive the musicians were. A triumph!"

Bedales win chemistry Innovation Award



By Bryn Bidwell-Richards, Block 5

Last week, four students from Blocks 3, 4 and 5 and our Chemistry teacher Olly Houlton took the train to Portsmouth Grammar School to go to a Chemistry competition run by the [Royal Society of Chemistry](#). We were competing with many other schools from the surrounding area in a series of challenges throughout the day. This involved experiments in which we had to focus on the communication in our team, as well as trying to work efficiently in a short amount of time. This was difficult to do, especially as we had to work with dry ice and other dangerous substances in the experiments. One of the other tasks we had to do was to give a five minute presentation to the other schools, explaining how a small steam boat worked. Our group won the glass trophy for, 'Innovation' for best describing how the boat continued moving. After all the experiments, we went to a lecture given by Professor David Read from Southampton University, which involved liquid nitrogen, burning very flammable fuels and even more dry ice. Overall, it was a fun and interesting day that our group greatly enjoyed.

Spanish students visit Bilbao



By Lily McGregor, 6.1

Last weekend we went on a Spanish study trip to Bilbao as in 6.2 we will study *El Otro Árbol de Guernica*, which is primarily based in Bilbao. We walked through lots of the streets and plazas that appear in the book. We all took lots of photos as Melanie Jimenez, Head of Spanish, summarised the relevant parts of the book. It was extremely helpful to have this deeper background information and I now can't wait to read the book! We went to the Museum of Peace which offered lots of facts and stories about the Spanish Civil War, which is when the book is set. There, we sat in a room whilst an audio played of a woman telling a heart-breaking story about the struggle of war. This was prominent as the two protagonists in the book – Santi and his sister Begoña – were evacuated and probably went through a similar experience. That same day we also went to visit the tree after which the book is named. We learnt that it was around that very tree that all the important decisions were made and that the officials made their vows to the villages and laws of Euskadi. There was a beautiful building where the decisions took place and it also displayed a stunning stained-glass ceiling. [Read more...](#)



New Views playwriting enrichment

By Oscar Clark, 6.1

During our Monday morning New Views enrichment session, we had the pleasure of working with playwright and poet Deborah Gearing. Deborah led us in three main writing exercises. Firstly, we each described our journey from our bed to the session, each with a different focus on a particular sense; mine, for example, was smell. This really opened our eyes to the different sensory perspectives you can use to give a new scope on events, beyond the standard focus on sight. The second exercise was very much a continuation of this one, with the addition of a new context, all of us writing a statement given to officials by a victim of the wild fires happening in California. This more concrete foundation for the writing proved challenging, it being difficult to get into the mind-set of the kind of character who has gone through this kind of event. With direction from Deborah, we formed some believable statements, each with a very interesting and different narrative perspective. [Read more...](#)

Froxfield Primary pupils visit Bedales



By Liz Stacy, Chemistry teacher

As part of the outreach work we do in Science with local primary schools, 26 pupils from Froxfield Primary School visited us for a Physics lesson on light this week. One of our Physics teachers, Allen Shone, led the show with a presentation on colour and light and illusions. They made pinhole cameras, which helped them understand that because light travels in a straight line the image they saw on their cameras was inverted. The cameras were a huge hit as well as the mystery of why the black and blue dress looks white and gold – which can, of course, be explained by Physics! Pictured is Mabel, daughter of Garath Tulett, who works for the Bedales Estates team. Garath had to briefly change his normal carpentry role; having just popped into see his daughter, he was given the job of helping with the upside down vision glasses.

Rush-seated chairs – invitation to parents

By Jane Kirby, Bedales Librarian & Archivist

Although I've always known that the Library furniture is special, I never anticipated that I would attend a conference devoted entirely to rush-seated chairs. Old Bedalian Hugo Burge was so inspired by the Library chairs during his schooldays here that he began to collect them and in September hosted a meeting at his magnificent house in the Scottish Borders of over 50 people interested in the subject. Since 1921 the Library chairs have been made by just three men: Library architect Ernest Gimson's pupil, Edward Gardiner; his apprentice, Neville Neal; and now Neville's son, Lawrence. Hugo has been instrumental in establishing a scheme to support two apprentices currently studying with Lawrence, and has also made a film, *The Chairmaker*, about Lawrence. Hugo and Lawrence will visit Bedales next on 27 November for a talk and screening of the film – book tickets [here](#).

Now on sale: 2019 Bedales Schools Charitable Calendar



By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

The 2019 Bedales Schools Charitable Calendar is now on sale for £5 with all money raised going towards [Surfers Against Sewage](#), who we've been working closely with towards the [Plastic Free Schools](#) initiative. From over 50 submissions, 12 superb photos were selected by a team of students with photographs from the broad Bedales community including students, staff and parents. The theme of the calendar is 'human impacts' and the photographs are accompanied by statistics to expose the environmental impact of humanity. An exhibition of the photos featured in the calendar will run until the end of the term in the Bedales Reception. Calendars can be purchased from the Bedales and Dunhurst Receptions.

Bedales blog – Sleep, learning and wellbeing

By Al McConville, Director of Learning and Innovation

The crucial role of sleep in learning and wellbeing has been much in the press recently. As scientists gradually understand more fully the underlying processes of memory and cognition, it is increasingly clear how central a good night's sleep is to optimal functioning. At a recent Friends of Bedales meeting, a group of staff and students presented the latest research on sleep and adolescence, and how it relates to our practice, now, and potentially in the future. What, for example, would the impact of a later start to the school day be...? I produced a handout sharing some key messages harvested from several books: Matthew Walker's *Why We Sleep*; Till Roenneberg's *Internal Time*; Sarah-Jane Blakemore's *Inventing Ourselves: The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain*; and Dan Pink's *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing*. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Great results for girls' hockey

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Girls' U14 Hockey v Kings' School, Winchester* – Having produced a number of really good performances in recent weeks the Bedales side was growing in confidence but this was going to be a stern test for them away from home. The game was even for the first ten minutes or so, but soon after that the home side

began to exert a lot of pressure and deservedly went 1-0 up. Huge credit to Bedales goalkeeper, Daisy Taylor and the defensive unit of Leela Walton, Maya Cressman and Olivia Cooper who defended with bravery and tenacity, limiting the Kings' side to a number of half chances, despite having the bulk of the attacking play. A score of 1-0 at half-time meant the Bedales side still had a chance; a tweak of formation moved the influential Lally Arengo-Jones in to centre half which increased the range of distribution and allowed the Bedales side to be more of a threat on the counter-attack. The team eventually one 2-1. [Read more...](#)



By Mariela Presnell, PE Teacher – Girls' U15 Hockey in the U16 Hampshire Trophy Tournament – Last week the U15 girls journeyed to Southampton Sports Centre to participate in the U16 Hampshire Trophy tournament. After a good warm up we faced Island Free School in our first game. They proved to be a strong opposition and despite some excellent attacking play from Alisia Leach feeding the ball into Nell Freeborough and Fleur Donovan, we couldn't get the goal and the final score ended as a 1-0 loss for us. Our next game was against Churchers and we anticipated a tough match. Churchers were strong but their attack was no match for the strong defensive team of Emma Nelson and Shanklin MacKillop Hall and we managed to hold them to a 0-0 draw. [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Saturday 24 November – leave Petersfield 13.54, arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (please note the change to the usual times due to [RMT strike action](#) on South Western Railway)

Sunday 25 November – leave Waterloo **18.42** (please note earlier train departure), arriving Petersfield 20.23

Coming up

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

For parents / students

30 Nov, [Save the Children Concert](#) at Churcher's College

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

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

24 Nov, Whole School Show Technical All-In

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

27 Nov, EAL trip to Winchester Christmas Market

29 Nov, 6.2 trip to Buddhist Monastery, Chithurst

29 Nov, Bedales Fashion Show in the Lupton Hall, 7.30pm

1-2 Dec, Whole School Show All-in Weekend

3 Dec, 6.1 Politics trip to Westminster

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 27 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v Frensham Heights	H
Tue 27 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v Frensham Heights	H
Wed 28 Nov	2.15pm	Boys' U18B Football v Box Hill	H

Wed 28 Nov	2.15pm	Boys' 1st XI Football v Box Hill	H
Wed 28 Nov	2.15pm	Boys' U14 Football v Box Hill	A
Wed 28 Nov	2.15pm	Boys' U15 Football v Box Hill	A
Wed 28 Nov	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v St John's College	H
Wed 28 Nov	3.45pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Bohunt	A
Wed 28 Nov	4.30pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v PGS	A

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.

Dunannie Christmas Fair: Dunannie are hosting their annual Christmas Fair on Monday 3 December, 3.00-6.30pm. Staff, students and parents from across the three schools are all welcome.

Parent volunteer opportunity: Message from Dunhurst parent, Jules Thistleton-Smith (Julia@waughthistleton.com):

“[The Rural Refugee Network](#) (RRN) is a local charity founded in 2015 to help refugees from Syria and other war-torn countries across the world. Since starting out we've helped bring over 50 refugees to safety in the UK and support the families to integrate into our communities, providing homes, volunteer support and financial aid. Our charity is run by volunteers and we are actively seeking new recruits to join the team. We need people who can donate time to help with marketing & PR and fundraising (our two biggest fundraisers are the 33 Art Sale and Serve Food For Syria month) as well as additional help for the Housing team and admin support. Many of our volunteers have found helping out incredibly rewarding and several have used it as a stepping stone back in to paid work. No previous experience is needed – if you're interested please contact me (email address above). Despite an apparent ceasefire the situation in Syria remains extremely volatile and our help is still desperately needed. Thank you very much.”

Read news from Bedales Prep School, Dunhurst: [The Friday Report](#).

Read news from Bedales Pre-prep School, Dunannie: [The Friday Newsletter](#).

Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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