



Deputy Head Appointment

Earlier this term I announced Mr. Bardsley's intention to retire at the end of this academic year. I am delighted to announce that after an exhaustive selection process, Mr. Dan Gross, at present Head of Mathematics here at Beachborough, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Bardsley as Deputy Head (Curriculum) with effect from September 1st 2012. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating Mr. Gross on his appointment and wish him well as he seeks to follow Mr. Bardsley, who has helped to raise the academic standards of the school during his tenure. Of course, Messrs. Bardsley and Gross will work closely over the next two terms to ensure a smooth transition.

Music Exam Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who recently took their Associated Board Music Exams at Bloxham School. We are delighted to announce that they all passed with Isabel Ward gaining a stunning 96 in her Grade 2 Recorder exam!

Imogen Plummer-Clarke	Merit	Grade 1	James Allen	Distinction	Grade 1
Isabel Ward	Distinction	Grade 4	Ally Jordan	Merit	Grade 4
Emma Davies	Pass	Grade 5	Freya Wilson	Merit	Grade 5
Ellie Whybrow	Distinction	Grade 6	Isabel Ward	Distinction	Grade 2
Clara Tearle	Merit	Grade 1			

VI Form science trip to Stowe School

On Wednesday 23rd November form VI went to Stowe school with Mr. Bardsley, Mr. Bevan and Mrs. Jones. We were met by Mr. James Tearle, who is also a Beachborough parent. We started the day where we left off last year by Mr. Tearle blowing a balloon full of oxygen and burning the oxygen, creating a reaction and explosion bursting the balloon. He then did this with a balloon filled with hydrogen which gave a better reaction but not as big a bang. When he combined the two and made a balloon with both hydrogen and oxygen it gave a big reaction and the clock fell off the wall! We then did the theory behind the reaction. We had Ghab and then returned to work doing an experiment with hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide. We logged the results to different

computers and emailed them back to Beachborough. We came back and did some final demonstrations. These included Mr. Tearle's hydrogen bomb and the "Thermite reaction". Thermite is a reaction between iron oxide and aluminium that produces molten iron at a temperature of over 1500°C! The final experiment included Mr. Tearle using a mixture as the fuse as in "Mission Impossible" to explode another balloon containing hydrogen and oxygen. This was huge and knocked the safety screen over! As this was the last demonstration, you might say we went out with a bang. All of FVI thought the day was brilliant and send their thanks to Mr Tearle. *Olly Plummer-Clarke & Annabel Gulliver*



Beachborough Bazaar



A HUGE thank you to everyone that was involved in the Bazaar. Many people worked very hard for months, to help create the 11th Biennial Beachborough Bazaar. There was also a small army of people who baked cakes, helped set up stalls and manned different jobs on the day. Without you, the Bazaar would not have been as successful and it was a great show of team work....thank you!

A list of raffle prizes, and winners, has been emailed out to all parents. So you never know, it could be you! Please call into the office to collect your prize.



Beachborough Association

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

Preston Bissett Nurseries 1st & 6th December 10am-12noon

Jacky Richardson at Preston Bissett Nurseries has kindly agreed to host 2 workshop mornings for us to ensure that Beachborough parents have the best-dressed doors in the village! Don't worry if you haven't tried it before; it's a very satisfying morning's work, if a little hard on the fingers... All materials and full instruction provided. Please contact Kathryn Buchanan (01280) 848105 with any queries.
Martha Stewart (marthajstewart@btinternet.com)

Please reserve place(s) at the Christmas Wreath- making workshop on either

Thursday 1st December or Tuesday 6 December (delete as applicable). I enclose a cheque payable to the BA/£5 cash per person as a deposit, which will be deducted from the final cost of the wreath.

Name(s)..... email.....

Please drop your slip and deposit in the envelope marked Christmas Wreath on the BA table.

PORTRAIT TEA TOWELS

In case you haven't seen them (on the notice board in the Front Hall), there are two newly-commissioned tea towels featuring the self portrait of every child at Beachborough still available to buy at £3.50 each, or £3 for two or more. These make a welcome and inexpensive gift for grandparents, godparents, and anyone else who is fond of your children! There will be another chance to pick up a supply in the Gym before and after the Pre-Prep Nativity Play on Friday 9th December.

Christmas Carol Concert in Magdalen College School Chapel

NORPIP CAROL CONCERT - TUESDAY DECEMBER 6PM BRACKLEY- TICKETS SELLING OUT FAST- PLEASE USE PAYPAL LINK, OR GET IN TOUCH WITH VICTORIA PRENTIS SOON TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE. It must be a combination of Mr Ridley's new compositions, the Beachborough elite choir and Mrs Banks and Mrs Thomas doing a funny sketch, but tickets are selling fast!



Singing at Bicester Village

On Friday 9th December Forms I & II will be travelling to Bicester Village to sing Christmas carols. The children will be singing at approximately 11.00am and will be accompanied by members of Beachborough staff. Whilst entertaining shoppers we will also be collecting for our School charity, Horizon Sports. Please ensure that your child comes equipped with, gloves, scarf, fleece and if they have one, raincoat. They also need to bring their festive hat! All parents are welcome to come along to support us and of course, do some Christmas shopping at this fabulous retail park.



Julius Caesar

How do you make a four hundred year old drama about civil war work for children today? The tragic scenes in Libya which we all saw on our screens this year- together with images of the riots in London- made me think, sadly, about the dangerous world our children are growing up into; and this led to the decision to present the Form VI production of *Julius Caesar* in modern dress- with costumes, sound effects and weaponry based on news footage. It paid off- the

children's appearance in their ordinary home clothes, but armed and embroiled in a terrible conflict, was uncomfortable and unnerving to watch; but grimly relevant, alas, to political reality in many nations today. The use of the hymn tune *I vow to thee my country*, which we sing in assembly, helped to create an intense emotional atmosphere which the children could understand. There were many excellent individual performances- too many to mention in a brief

notice like this- but I must just say that the final appearance of Alex Emary as the wounded, despairing Brutus was extraordinarily moving. Here was living proof that Beachborough children can make Shakespearean tragedy come alive: that deeply serious, heartfelt dramatic communication is not beyond them. I congratulate the whole sixth form on a truly magnificent effort.
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Forthcoming Matches

Beachborough Run Tuesday 6th December: Pupils in Forms V & VI who are not part of the team will be working as marshalls on the course. They will therefore need to have a selection of warm/waterproof clothing to wear out on the course as sensible protection.

Wednesday 7th December

Boys Football:	Colts A + B VIIs v Linslade U10 A + B	(A)
	Colts Cavaliers + Hammers VIIs v Linslade U10 C + D	(H)
Girls Hockey:	U13/12 A + B VIIs v Spratton U13/12 A + B	(A) (astro)
	U11/10 A + B VIIs v Spratton U11/10 A + B	(H) (astro)
	U11/10 Cavaliers + Hammers VIIs v St Hugh's U11/10 C/D Squad	(A) (astro)
	U9 A + B VIIs v Swanbourne U9 A + B	(A) (astro)
Boys Hockey:	1 st + 2 nd VIIs v Stowe U14 B/C Squad	(A) (astro)

Results This week's results – Wednesday 30 November

Boys' Hockey:

1st VII v Sir William Borlase Grammar U12 A	Won	7 - 0
2 nd VII v Sir William Borlase Grammar U12 C	Drew	0 - 0

Boys' Football:

Colts A VII v MKPS U11/10 A VII	Lost	7 - 0
Colts B VII v MKPS U11/10 B VII	Lost	9 - 1
U9 A VII v Broughton Manor Prep U9/8	Won	3 - 1
U9 B VII v Broughton Manor Prep U9/8	Lost	4 - 0

Girls' Netball:

U13/12 A VII v St Hugh's U13 A	Lost	29 - 8
U13/12 B VII v St Hugh's U12 A	Lost	16 - 4
U13/12 Cavaliers VII v St Hugh's U13/12 C	Lost	7 - 6
U11/10 A VII v St Hugh's U11 A	Won	8 - 5
U11/10 B VII v St Hugh's U11 B	Lost	9 - 4

Girls' Hockey:

U9 Squad at St Hugh's – mixed coaching games	No result – good fun
U8 v Swanbourne – skills and mini games	No result – good fun

