SUPERB START TO THE TENNIS SEASON

On Wednesday this week, our Form VI under 11 tennis team took part in the Rugby School Tennis Tournament.

During the morning the children were involved in cardio tennis and coaching, followed by a tournament in the afternoon. The tournament was divided into four sections - Wimbledon, Australian Open, US Open and French Open. Beachborough teams won both the Australian Open and the US Open.

During the presentations, there was also an award for the most supporting player of the day, which was awarded to Beachborough’s Annie J. Well done to all involved, for representing your school and coach to a very high standard.

Looking forward to the rest of this session.  
Report by Paul Valentine - Head of Tennis

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CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have a small row boat we could borrow for a film shoot?  
If you can help please email jb@beachborough.com  

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Welcome back! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children back in action over the last few days. The school was really very tired by the end of last term and I’ve noticed a considerable spring in the children’s steps by comparison to then. This is truly a very busy term and we work hard to ensure that we maintain our inclusive and broad experience with participation at every level. Naturally, for many, the academic demands have moved up a gear after an Easter holiday of revision but with the fantastic teaching we’ve come to expect, success will follow. It is important to manage this time and, of course, whilst we inspire a Growth Mindset, we need to manage expectation, reward effort and recognise that success is individualised.

If you have not read my letter from the beginning of term, please do as it contains some important information about security and includes an introduction to our new School Nurse, Mrs. Cate Wills. Mrs. Wills is a registered nurse who most recently worked as a school Nurse at Stowe School. The new team are bonding well and the children have enjoyed meeting Mrs. Wills.

Further to my letter, there are also some items that I held back for today’s blog. Firstly, there are some lucky children at Beachborough as we noticed that over the course of last term, a number were bringing in very expensive things that are legitimate items to have at school, but were definitely ‘top end’ items. These items must be covered by your insurance and I would like to note that I don’t think very expensive things have a place at school. The children are certainly under no pressure to have the very best and we do not support a culture of parading such items which, I’m afraid, has occurred. Secondly, as each term passes we receive more alerts from the police, parents and the local authority about social media. Rather than raising the alarm (but we will if we have to) I will pass these alerts onto you in this blog. Reports are circulating in the media of vulnerable people being encouraged to take their own lives by following a series of online challenges. In Russia, the deaths of some teenagers have been linked to the ‘Blue Whale’ challenge (which is an App) - though these reports have not been confirmed. The idea is that individuals are invited to complete a number of tasks within a 50-day period. The tasks become increasingly harmful and end with the individual being challenged to take their own life. This App is causing concern to CEOP and so I share this information with you in good faith. Do you know which Apps your child has on their device?

I would also like to be honest with you about an unexpected outcome of Beachborough’s growing reputation – a reputation that we do not take for granted and we know how hard we need to work to keep it. Beachborough staff are increasingly being invited to participate in events at a high level within IAPS and I want to assure you that we do not accept invites if it will, in anyway, negatively impact on your child’s learning. As it happens I will be away next Tuesday and Wednesday at the annual BSA (Boarding School Association) conference, leaving Mr. Smith and Mrs. Banks in charge for those two days. Whilst away I will be talking about Beachborough’s model for boarding and the exciting plans Mr and Mrs. Blithe have for Kites, the rebranded name for our boarding department from September.

I hope you have a good, long, weekend. We have Emily’s Confirmation on Sunday so it will be busy, busy, busy!

Jeremy Banks

A warm welcome to our new School Nurse, Mrs. Cate Wills
Mind over Marathon

Today saw the launch of Beachborough’s well-being campaign along with reminding the pupils of our chosen charity for this term ‘Young Minds’, who were part of the Heads Together team for the 2017 London Marathon Charity.

Over the summer term parents and pupils will be hearing more about Beachborough vision for its well-being programme that will start in September. The aim of this programme will be to equip our pupils to be happy, confident and resilient, to enjoy good relationships with others and to develop the ability to manage their emotions, experience empathy and be caring towards others.

The children all enjoyed a fantastically energetic warm up led by Mrs Gross before heading off in their teams to complete the course. The course consisted of seven stations and the children completed the appropriate well-being ‘task’ as a team in between each station.

1) **Exercise** - run to the next station (remember you have to stay as a team!)
2) **Water** - collect your water bottle and sip as you go around.
3) **Healthy Eating** - collect and nibble a carrot or a cucumber stick
4) **Laughter** - tell your team mates a joke / pull a funny face make someone laugh before the next station.
5) **Sleep** - take a ‘nap’!
6) **Time to Talk** - Chat about how much you are enjoying this, hopes for the next term, your holidays doesn’t matter as long as you keep talking!
7) **Brain** - recite your timetables / your favourite poem - get those brains working!

The children spent 26.2 minutes (not miles!) completing the course looking very smart in their headbands (if it’s good enough for royalty!). A thoroughly enjoyable event about a serious subject that is always at the heart of everything Beachborough does.

*Report by Susi Blithe*
Over the last three years a number of exciting projects using ‘Space’ as a context for learning have inspired and motivated children to engage in a number of subjects throughout the school.

Academic activities in the classroom, Co-Curricular activities, Discovery Lectures and Francis Drake Lectures have provided evidence for a review of our provision in this area. In particular, Pre-Prep 2 last term were inspired as their cross curricular Topic on ‘Space’ looked at everything from planets to aliens. They were totally immersed in experimentation and exploration of rock samples during a visit from Simon Sheridan from the Tim Peake Project. In Forms V the children looked in more detail at our solar system, day and night, seasons and our ‘addresses’ in space terms.

They made plasticine Earths to show the impact of the Earths tilts on the seasons. In Form VII, having completed their curriculum, they went on to do some ‘Enriching Activities’ and completed the Tim Peake ‘Magic of Light project’ making spectrosopes to further develop their understanding of primary, secondary and tertiary colours. This hard work has all led to recognition by STEM, the National STEM Learning Network (dedicated to raising young people’s engagement and achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the Silver Award for our ‘Space Education’ at Beachborough.

If you are interested in ‘Space’ and have some knowledge that you would like to share with the children either to a year group or through our lecture programme, please do get in touch with Mrs Sanders.

We are planning for next year’s learning opportunities and would like to increase parental involvement, linking with other schools and sharing best practice which could hopefully, lead to a Gold next year.

Report by Verity Sanders
This week two Beachborough teams, competed in the Prep Schools’ Design Technology and Engineering (DTE) competition at Kimbolton School against seven other schools.

Their five-hour challenge was to design, make and test a Batmobile vehicle that could safely transport Batman to the other side of the canyon, whizzing the caped crusader (an egg with ears!) to safety up a ramp and across crocodile-infested water.

Using materials including cardboard, wood and elastic bands, all of the teams worked like superheroes with saws, scissors and glue guns in order to meet the deadline. Both our teams performed brilliantly, they were a credit to the School. One of our teams were the only team to fully complete the challenge and won the competition convincingly, retaining the title from last year’s Form V.

The judges’ decision was based on the detailed and comprehensive design the pupils had produced, their teamwork during the day, the distance travelled by the vehicle, and their success in saving Batman from destruction during the final test.

*Report by Andy Southwick*
Congratulations to James G, Ben E, Callum A, Oliver H and Guy W who have all received news that they have gained places in their respective county and district cricket teams.

In James’ case, he has been selected for Northants U13 cricket squad. The selection process was a tough one after the county decided to pick a small squad of 13 after 35 boys were picked at the start of the trials. James will also be captaining the school’s 1st XI this term and will be keen to make his mark in the way that he leads the side and also with his performances with both bat and ball.

Ben has been chosen to represent the Buckinghamshire U12 cricket squad which is recognition of his talent as a top order batsman and promising bowler. He was the leading run scorer in the school’s Colts A team last year and will look to push on this season and cement a place in the 1st XI. He will also be attending a trial at St Edward’s School on Friday 5th May to see if he can break into the Prep Schools’ U12 team.

Callum, Oliver and Guy have been rewarded for the hard work and dedication that they have put into their cricket over the past few years with selection for the South Northamptonshire district squad. The three boys have attended numerous coaching sessions on Saturday afternoons over the course of last term and clearly impressed the coaches watching them.

This is really positive news at the start of a busy cricket season for the boys, both in and outside school, and I wish them well for the summer ahead.

Report by Mark Usher
Boarders enjoyed their first summer term BBQ and celebrated Archie’s birthday

**FANCY FRIDAY NIGHT BOARDING?**

Don’t forget to sign up for the upcoming Friday night boarding on 5th May, for outdoor fun and games, including hide and seek, followed by a BBQ.

To book a place please email Michael Sanders on: mjps@beachborough.com.
Equestrian News

11th April at Bury Farm Equestrian Center proved to be a wonderful day for Beachborough’s equestrian team.

We had a fantastic team in the 40 cm Grass Roots competition; Thomas H, Bridget H, William H and Grace B, came second in the team section and Penny H was placed 1st in the individual. We are very proud to have such a wonderful team of little ones.

Luli A and Milly B entered the 60 cm as individuals. Milly rode her brother’s pony as hers was off colour and she should be very proud of herself to complete the course in such style. Luli rode a lovely round on a new pony who is more adapt to Mounted Games, and was placed 5th individually. Luli qualified for the Championships in November.

We had another great team in the 70 cm class, Milly B, Luli A, Amelia M and Megan C who were placed 4th overall in a highly competitive field. Luli was placed 5th individually and has again qualified for the Championships in November in the 70cm too.

Meg and Amelia were also out competing together over the Easter holidays and were delighted to win the ‘best school pair’ at Bignell and jumped fantastic clears at Foxhill, in the Grafton Hunter Trials.

Well done everyone!

Report by Lucy Karklis
It’s been a very busy few weeks and Beachborough has been well represented at all the following events, with some good podium finishes and top ten results in large, highly competitive classes. Well done to everyone that has raced.

We had a good handful of athletes competing this year at the The British Schools’ Modern Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace. This was selective and the best athletes from the regional results were invited to the Championships.

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Next there was a good turnout from Beachborough at the Dinton Duathlon on Good Friday. This is a hard course, long grass, bumpy and a highly competitive field.

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:
Tristart
1st Jessie Mc
7th Hannah C
11th Charlotte H
Tristar boys (65 boys)
7th Samuel D
Tristar 2 girls (23 girls)
7th Larissa C
15th Bella A

We are thrilled to congratulate the following swimmers who have qualified for the IAPS Swimming National Championships on Saturday 6 May 2017 at K2 Leisure Centre
- U13 25m Butterfly - Isobel M
- U13 4x25m Medley relay - Clara T, Isobel B, Isobel M, Matilda G
- U13 25m Butterfly - Morgan T (reserve)

The top 16 in each event from the whole of the UK have been chosen to go to the nationals so this is huge achievement. Its only the very best that get to swim at this level. They have all regularly swum at Beachborough Sharks and Triathlon swimming and the hard hours in the pool are starting to show. Good luck on 6th May. If your child swam in the regional round the results can be found on this link: https://sport.iaps.uk/events/838/

Finally congratulations to Mrs Hall for passing her British Triathlon Officials course. She is helping to grow the triathlon club expertise in all areas.

Don’t forget to enter the Beachborough Duathlon on 14th May as it is nearly full with 180 places already filled. Only 20 left. Enter now so you won’t be disappointed as once it’s full that’s it! We will need lots of help setting up on the Saturday and Sunday so please let me know if you are available.

Beachborough Triathlon club restarts back at Beachborough this Saturday morning 9.30-11.00. Bring road bikes, running shoes and a drink.

Tri club swimming is back on again
- Saturday at Stowe 5-630pm.
- Sunday at Brackley is cancelled due to a technical problem at the swimming pool.

Report by Hester Pollock
I finished the Beachborough 4xMixed Relays 2017

I finished the Beachborough duathlon 2017

I finished the Beachborough triathlon series 2017

3 Events | 3 Medals | Are you up for the Challenge?

BEACHBOROUGH DUATHLON
@ Beachborough School on Sunday 14th May

BEACHBOROUGH TRIATHLON & 4 X MIXED RELAYS
@ Stowe School on Sunday 18th June

TO ENTER GO TO:
www.beachborough.com/beachborough-triathlon/
After recovering from last year’s snapped patella and 12 months of hard work, Zac has been back out in Austria on the last of the season’s snow training and racing with Team Evolution Alpine Racing Academy.

Zac was invited to race in the Invitational Kids Trophy Races hosted by Salzburg Ski Club, where many of the best young European racers take part. In what was his first races in over a year, Zac finished an impressive 26th and 27th in the Ski Kombi and Giant Slalom races in his age group, which are amazing positions considering there are over 150 racers in his age group taking part. He was also top placed GBR racer in his age group in both races. The Kids Trophy Races attract over 800 racers up to U16 and Zac said he “was honoured to be selected to race in such a prestigious competition despite such a limited race and training time on the snow during the winter.”

This Monday morning Zac took part in the ISA Independent School Indoor Championships at the Snow Centre in Hemel racing against 180 male and female Prep School racers. With best of two runs on a Slalom course to count, he recorded the fastest 2 runs of all 180 competitors and finished 1st U14 Male and 1st Overall. Speaking after the medal ceremony, Zac said “It was amazing to win the ISA Champs again, after winning 4 years ago in my first year representing Beachborough School. It was such a shame I missed the last two year’s competitions with knee injuries. So good to be back on the (indoor) snow and in the podium positions again.” As winner of the Junior Championships he was invited to Forerun (course and timing testing runs undertaken by a non-competitor) the afternoon’s ISA Senior Schools Indoor Championship competition, where his un-published times would have potentially placed him high up the rankings in the Senior Competition, which is encouraging for the future.

After missing a year of training and racing, Zac knows the rest of the Summer 2017 Indoor Season will take lots of hard work both on and off the skis to push for podium places and cement a place on the Snowsport England Alpine Squad, but is looking forward to the challenge and working with Ben Reid, Team Evolution and ski & boot sponsors Rossignol.

Report by Stephen Metheringham
National Win for Jonny

Having finished 3rd in the cadet (8-13 year old) IAME British Championship last year Jonny took the step up to Junior racing (13-16 year old) this year and his British championship campaign has got off to a flying start.

Jonny went into round two at Rowrah in Cumbria in 3rd place after a great points haul in round 1. In round 2 last weekend Jonny qualified on the front row and finished 2nd in both of his heats. A great drive in the final saw him take his first National win in Junior racing and gain enough points to put him 2nd in the overall British Championship, just 6 points behind 1st place. This win was particularly special to Jonny as the entire world of Motorsport came together to support 17 year old Billy Monger who had a terrible accident during a F4 race and sadly lost both of his lower legs. Jonny wore his #BillyWhizz visor sticker to show his support to Billy which you can see in the photo taken as Jonny took the win.

Report by Alison Wilkinson

MK Dons Tour

After a 2am start on Good Friday Zeb H left for his first foreign football tour to Amsterdam with MK Dons, eagerly looking forward to the Dutch European Open Tournament which saw teams competing from Germany, England, Spain, Netherlands and even from as far as Columbia. Due to a lack of U9 players Zeb was selected to play for the U11 A team in a competition consisting of 32 teams. The team put in some stellar performances on Saturday to get through to the finals on Sunday. However, the quality of football from the European teams, and much larger pitches, proved just too much with the U11A's finishing a very credible 6th place. The boys displayed true professionalism and sportsmanship throughout and were a credit to the coaching staff at MK Dons. Zeb was further delighted to be awarded ‘goal of the tournament within his team’ with his 20ft volley from outside the box. A sight Mr Usher would no doubt have been pleased with. He’s now counting the days until next year’s tournament.
Over the Easter holidays our Pre-Prep holiday club took part in lots of exciting activities and we were also really lucky with the amazing weather! The children showed their culinary skills as they made their own bread, apple flapjack, strawberry surprise and Mars bar mousse. Art activities included making their own Easter cards, decorating eggs, designing their own forest picture and the children thoroughly enjoyed our sporting activities such as basketball, football and tennis. No Easter time would be complete without an Easter egg hunt which everyone took part in very enthusiastically! However, the highlight of the holiday had to be the trip to the weekly Thursday ‘Fish and Chip’ van where the children were able to purchase a portion of chips for their afternoon snack!

Many thanks for all the staff who organised so many wonderful and varied activities over these three weeks and to the children for showing so much collaboration and empathy to each other.

Report by Sue Gilder
## Next Week’s Fixtures

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### PLEASE NOTE: TEAM SELECTION

- Selection for the cricket and rounders matches next week will be based on the limited time that the Games staff have seen the children since the start of the Summer Term on Wednesday.
- Changes in personnel to the various teams is likely to take place as the season progresses.
- Please respect the coaches’ decisions when it comes to team selection.