

# EXTRAORDINARY BEDDE'S

Summer 2019





## BEDE'S WELCOMES NEW CHAPLAIN

**We are delighted to welcome Jarrod Taylor to the Bede's community as Chaplain.**

Jarrod will be officially joining us in September, but we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce him to you.

**What attracted you to joining Bede's?**

I would have to say the way I felt after the interactions with the people I met during the interviews. You get a good feel of a place from the people and it was positive. I visited again with my wife, Zandre a few weeks after the interviews and we were fortunate enough to witness an Open Day. I was struck by the breadth of opportunity and an environment that empowered creativity.

**Which three words best describe the ethos of the school?**

Curious, creative and adventurous.

**What are your ambitions for your new role?**

My ambition is to work together with the whole Bede's community, towards a fully grounded, real and rooted understanding of what it means to be a human being in the world. To be humans that create, heal, cry, laugh, make mistakes and forgive.

**What would your Desert Island Discs be?**

My music album will have to be 'The Star and the Wiseman' by Ladysmith Black Mambazo. My book has to be, wait for it... the Bible. My luxury item would be a biltong box. A South African can't go long without biltong. If you don't know what that is, it's like beef jerky only better.



**On Saturday 29 June, the Bede's Prep community joined together at the Senior School, for their annual Prize Giving.**

The event was a celebration of the incredible achievements over the past year across the school, and a chance to say farewell to our departing staff and pupils. Mr Peter Goodyer, CEO and Headmaster of the Trust, welcomed the parents and pupils



and introduced Bede's Prep Headmaster, Mr Giles Entwisle, who delivered his Headmaster's report, focussing on the myriad achievements, both academic and co-curricular, sporting highlights and a plethora of wonderful music, dance and drama productions.

We were delighted to welcome Rachel Fielding as this year's guest speaker, who delivered a fascinating talk on the Oscar winning film 'The Silent Child' in which she starred as a profoundly deaf child's mother. Following her inspirational address to the children, Rachel was delighted to present the awards to this year's prize winners.



To round up a memorable Prize Giving, the Heads of School, Will and Angel gave their heartfelt address to the school.

A special mention to the pupils who gave stunning solo performances during the event, including Mandy and Josh on the piano and Archie's drama monologue 'Running' by Clarissa Aykroyd.



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# EDITORIAL: TAKING RISKS

**As the pupils set off on their walk on the last day of term, along the new route from Alfriston back to Eastbourne, across the beautiful South Downs, it struck me that we are not a school that continues to do things the same way just because they have always been done that way.**

We evolve, adjust and we embrace risk, and we teach our pupils to do the same.

At the heart of our vision, to ensure all pupils are inspired, challenged and making progress every day, there is a determination to make sure that all pupils, irrespective of their backgrounds and starting points, are given the best possible start in life through a Bede's education. So if we cannot say that every pupil is challenged (i.e. doing something difficult), then we must surely have failed in our duty as educators.

The journey through Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School, is full of fundamental steps, learning new skills, making new friendships, experiencing setbacks, trying again, succeeding, failing. Our aim is to develop all pupils into passionate, curious, independent, happy and ambitious children, who are confident with healthy self esteem and able to deal with life's ups and downs. Sometimes fear of failure can dissuade us from making a beginning, but we must push ourselves outside of our comfort zones, and remember that great achievements involve great risk. In order to raise pupil's

aspirations and improve outcomes, we must encourage all of our pupils to try new things. As J.K Rowling rightly says, "It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not live at all. In which case, you've failed by default" and that goes for us teachers, too.

By the time pupils reach the end of Year 8, it is our aim that they have been successfully prepared for their next big challenge, moving on to their senior school, and this doesn't happen without high-performing teachers, working in a school that's established a culture of high expectations, aspirations, and motivation. In short, if you lead a school that is outstanding, you need to empower your staff to take risks, be more autonomous and ambitious.

On the following pages, you will see some of the amazing teaching and learning that has been happening at Bede's Prep this term.

I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the Autumn Term.

**Giles Entwisle**  
*Headmaster*



## BEDE'S PUPILS GET INVOLVED IN EASTBOURNE'S GREAT PARK CLEAN

**On Friday 10 May, 200 pupils from Bede's Prep volunteered to litter pick at local public spaces for Eastbourne's Great Park Clean.**

Pupils in Years 3 to 8 volunteered in groups to clean park spaces in the nearby Meads End area. The event was organised by Oliver Sterno of the Plastic Free Eastbourne campaign.



Mr Giles Entwisle, Headmaster at Bede's Prep, says, "Having anticipated collecting a fairly small amount of waste, I was surprised by the amount of litter that the pupils managed to uncover and clear away from a relatively small area. Members of the public were forthcoming with positive feedback and the pupils really enjoyed doing something practical to take care of their local environment. Well done to all those who took part."



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# PUPILS REACH FINALS OF WICKED YOUNG WRITER AWARDS

**The Summer Term has been a busy and successful one!**

Inevitably, it marked the end of year examinations and progress tests when pupils have put their reading and writing skills to practice. It was a memorable moment to see Year 8 pupils gather together in the chapel to receive their Common Entrance grades from the Headmaster. Their outstanding results reflect the hard work and commitment the pupils have invested in their work. We are proud of them all and know they are well equipped and prepared for the next stage of their educational journey.

The term also marked national success in writing. Towards the end of June, four of our talented writers attended the finalists' ceremony at the Wicked Young Writers Awards at the Apollo Theatre in London. Will (Year Eight), Humreen (Year Six), Nell (Year Six) and Seb (Year Two) were selected as finalists in their age category. This year was one of the most highly contested awards since it began in 2010, with nearly 5,000 entries submitted in the national competition. The Wicked Young Writer Awards have reported that the quality of the entries this year is excellent so being selected as one of the 20 finalists in their category is a huge achievement.

The judges, including best-selling authors Cressida Cowell and Michael Morpurgo, joined our finalists at the Awards ceremony in London on 20 June when they announced the winner of each age category. Congratulations to our four finalists, in particular Humreen was announced as the winner of the 8-10 age category with her story 'Trapped'.

As Cressida Cowell revealed to the audience when she announced Humreen as the winner, this story has an amazing twist that must be appreciated in its reading.



The ceremony was a truly moving and remarkable experience that celebrated the power and positivity of young people's writing. But rather than me write about it, Humreen has recounted her experience of the day:

"I was standing inside the Apollo Theatre in London. Me a finalist! I couldn't believe that it was real. In a couple of hours, the judges were going to announce the winner of the 8-10 age category. After what felt like hours, the doors opened.

"Flocks of people rushed inside and I felt quite cramped. Once I got the tickets, we came to a main room. Camera men and women took pictures of the finalists. After photos were taken, we were directed to the stalls. I was very nervous.

"After the workshop, the ceremony took place. By now, sweat was beading on my forehead and my heart was palpitating very fast. When the actor was speaking about my category, my palms were caked in sweat. When Cressida Cowell announced the runner up, my heart sank. I was not going to win so I was hoping to get runner up. When she announced the winner, I was shocked. They announced my name!

"My legs turned to jelly. I got up for my seat and ran across to the steps. I couldn't stop smiling. I could barely climb the stairs and I wobbled onto the stage. I sat down next to the judges. Looking at my parents, both of them with a proud look of their faces, I felt incredible. My nerves had subsided only to be replaced with pride. "I half believed that it wasn't real, it felt so incredible. To be a finalist and to win my first competition was amazing. I loved the experience and I'll definitely enter again."

An academic year has passed and already preparations for the next have begun in earnest: authors for Book Week are being booked and schemes of work are being prepared to challenge, enthuse and be relevant to the changing world around us. It is an exciting time.

**Sherry Wilson**  
*Head of English*



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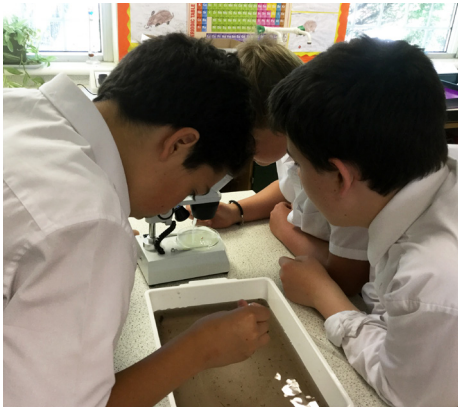
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# SCIENTISTS LEARN BY DOING

There was much excitement in the science lab this term when we studied ecosystems, food chains and habitats with different year groups.

The school pond, dug earlier this year, has been a great asset to the teaching of science. The children loved using hand lenses and binocular microscopes to identify the organisms that have quickly colonised the new pond. The digital camera for the microscopes, purchased by the Friends of Bede's Prep, made it easy for the children to



share the images of the organisms they had identified with their peers.

Year 6 spent time at the Thinktank museum in Birmingham as part of their residential trip. They enjoyed visiting the planetarium and participating in a number of activities to reinforce some basic ideas about space.



Packing a suitcase for an astronaut required a lot of thought!

Meanwhile some members of Year 8 attended the Salters' Festival of Science at the University of Brighton. Their practical



and investigative skills were tested as they were set some challenging investigations in the university chemistry laboratories. One task involved trying to lower the temperature of a beaker of water by 10.5 degrees in one minute using only citric acid and bicarbonate of soda.

**Helen Rich**  
*Head of Science*

## A BUSY TERM FOR BEDE'S MATHEMATICIANS

Year 2 have been learning about 2D shapes and 3D solids recently.

This activity started with the children discussing and naming some 3D solids. The children were asked to make a cube and square based pyramid. Discussions were had about how many edges, vertices and faces each solid has and if there are any patterns. The children explored which 2D polygons were needed to create a 3D solid and how they created a net. A challenge was then set for children to find as many nets as possible which could be used to create a 3D solid. This use of concrete materials aids the children when learning new language and concepts in an authentic way.



Meanwhile, pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 competed in the UK Mathematics Trust regional team challenge. Two teams entered, with each team consisting of two Year 8 and two Year 9 pupils. The challenge comprised of a team round, relay round, crossword puzzle and shuttle round. It was a fantastic event where the best mathematical minds in East Sussex come together. Our two teams achieved 6th and 10th place out of the 15 teams entered from the county. We are immensely proud of the teams' efforts on the day.

**Scott Fasciolo-Barnes**  
*Head of Maths*



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# YEAR 6 ENJOY BOUNDLESS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

**This term Year 6 enjoyed three days away in Worcestershire at Bell Heath Outdoor Elements, a residential activity centre.**

The children were buzzing with excitement when we arrived, and once we had them off the coach and into their dormitories the fun began - they had to make up their own beds! Then it was straight outside for an afternoon of activities, high ropes, low ropes and pole stacking to name but a few and more importantly an opportunity to begin forging new friendships and develop new skills.



Plenty of sunshine and excitement helped the afternoon to whizz by and before we knew it we were trooping into dinner and another opportunity for some new found independence, clean up duty! The evening saw us showered and in our pyjamas ready for our home made cinema session including popcorn. Such an early start meant that bedtime went relatively smoothly and the fun of being in a room with friends old and new made it all the more enjoyable. The next day the children were up bright and early and good weather meant a football match was being played at 6am. Our first visit of the trip was to Birmingham's Thinktank, possibly one of the best interactive science museums in the country. Our destination was the museum's planetarium and a fascinating trip around the planets.

We then made our way to the Space Academy. The children got really involved in this activity, and were calling out suggestions to the two teams involved in packing their bags for a ride to the International Space Station. Who knew that they don't take bread as the crumbs might clog up the machinery!



All too soon we were off again to our final destination of the day, and on the coach the excitement was palpable: our destination was Cadbury's World. A tour round the factory, and a trip through the history of the cocoa bean and how it became the 'glass and a half' chocolate we all know and love was very interesting. The highlight of the day for all of the children was the individual cup of melted chocolate they were given and the visit to the largest chocolate shop in the world.

Mr Fasciolo-Barnes would have been pleased to hear how much mental arithmetic went on as the children worked out exactly how many chocolate bars they could afford with their pocket money.



Back at our accommodation, the children teamed up for our evening activities: orienteering and a campfire with songs, as well as making our own toast and hot chocolate around the fire.

Wednesday was our third and final day, and began with packing, stripping beds and tidying rooms. The destination today was Warwick Castle, and a chance to see what we could remember from our History lessons. I am proud to say that during the trebuchet talk the Bede's pupils gave most of the answers.



Reflecting on why this trip was so important of course the education benefits are clear, but it is perhaps those skills learnt that our not so obvious that are even more so. Being away from home - perhaps for the first time - developing independence, extending their understanding and knowledge of the world, and improving their social skills through working as part of a team all made this trip a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 pupils.

**Sam Brown**  
*Head of History*



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# YEAR 7 INVESTIGATE COASTAL EROSION AT BIRLING GAP

**In the Summer Term, Year 7 children at Bede's Prep study coasts in their geography lessons.**

The first geography lesson of the term saw Year 7 visit Birling Gap to investigate coastal erosion and management.

Natascha Sharma, National Trust Community and Learning Ranger, delivered an interesting and thought-provoking talk for our pupils. They learnt why the cliffs at Birling Gap erode so quickly, the importance of the area in terms of tourism and wildlife and the current management strategies to protect the downland and respond to coastal erosion.

In groups, the children then engaged in a fact-finding mission in the visitor centre to discover more about the geology of the area and the history of erosion. Following this, the children visited the beach to look for signs of weathering and cliff retreat.

The children discovered how many coastal cottages have been demolished over time, and the discovery of wave-eroded chunks of concrete and garden walls increased the appreciation that some major changes have taken place to the landscape.

**Adam Brewer**  
*Head of Geography*



# GEOGRAPHERS ENJOY AN OLYMPIC DAY OUT

**This term, Year 8 visited the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford, East London as part of their studies of settlements.**

This was chosen as it is perhaps the finest example of urban regeneration in the country in recent years, and one which has sustainability at its heart. Despite not knowing much about the area of the Lower Lea Valley before its transformation, many of the pupils had a sense that they were exploring a very special area; indeed several commented on how it was hard to believe that they were so close to the centre of London.

We enjoyed an informative guided tour around the park learning all about the changes that had taken place, and how the area was constantly developing. The children all said they would love to return

to explore the Olympic venues including the Aquatic Centre and the Velodrome!

In a follow-up lesson, the children discovered what the area was like prior to regeneration by conducting an Environmental Quality survey based on photographic evidence of the industrially derelict area. This further helped them to appreciate just how much and how successfully the area had been transformed and improved socially, economically and environmentally.

**Adam Brewer**  
*Head of Geography*



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## YEAR 6 CHANNEL THEIR INNER GLADIATOR

Are you familiar with the different types of gladiators who fought in Rome? Could you decipher clues written in the Greek alphabet to find your way to the hiding place of a Persian spy? How good are you at running in a race in full 'armour'? These were all challenges faced by our Year 6 pupils who took part in a Classics Exploration Afternoon on 18 June at Eastbourne College.



In true Roman style the children competed in three different groups with other prep schools in these challenges and many won prizes. These included Humreen and Nell in the Gladiatorial Strategy Game and Devanie, Ben and Kashiffe in the Ancient Olympics. The afternoon was rounded off with a Greek feast where the pupils were awarded t-shirts to commemorate their success. A great time was had by all and at the end of the afternoon the children returned to the school enthused by the wonders of the ancient world.



**Sally Collins**  
*Head of Classics*

## YEAR 4 BATTLE IT OUT IN ANNUAL GREEK DAY



On a glorious summer's day in late June, Year 4 took part in our annual Greek Day. Pupils started the day by holding a very special Bede's style Olympic Games. Representing the different city states of Athens and Sparta, small groups competed heroically in a number of traditional Ancient Greek games (the less violent ones of course!) Each Bedian warrior had the opportunity to run, throw the javelin and discus and take part in a fiercely competitive chariot race. The exhilarating morning was topped off

with some tasty Greek cuisine, such as feta, olives and grapes, which the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing and sampling. Back in the classrooms, pupils created striking Greek vases and designed intricate labyrinths. Much fun was had by all!

**Miriam McDonell**  
*Year 4 Teacher*





# YEAR 7 FRENCH CLASSES ENJOY A WEEK IN NORMANDY



**Year 7 recently spent a week at Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, which hosts schools wishing to take part in a French language immersion programme. Our pupils were in for an action-packed few days!**

The pupils began their week of activities with a lesson in fencing or 'escrime' whilst others played team games involving low ropes. After a hearty lunch, the children headed to the kitchen for some bread making or 'fabrication du pain', which involved kneading, throwing and singing to their loaves of bread! The evening concluded with a sports tournament whilst we watched the sun set after what had been a fulfilling and enjoyable day. Day two commenced with a glorious sunrise and freshly baked baguettes that awaited us for breakfast.

The children then headed off for a morning of activities. Today saw them learning about raft building or 'fabrication de radeaux' and soon they were able to put their new skills to the test. Whilst some children got a sinking feeling during raft building, others were jumping for joy on the trampolines in a game of aeroball.

Day three meant only one thing, market day! Upon arrival at Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouet the children were allowed to explore the busy stalls of the market with their friends. Back at the château, the children took part in archery, competing to be the next Hawkeye! To finish the day, the children immersed themselves in French culture with an evening of French lessons. Bellies were soon rumbling and the children were greeted with the sweet garlicky smell of 'escargots' for dinner!

On the penultimate day, the children took part in French lessons, played games of aeroball and spent the afternoon climbing. Then it was time to change in to our French costumes for a BBQ and talent contest with the other schools. Bede's Prep put on a wonderful performance of 'Do You Hear The People Sing' from the West End Musical Les Misérables. We were immensely proud of their efforts, particularly as they performed in front of an unknown audience. The children finished the week by completing an assault course and getting very muddy and relaxing on the beach. It has been a pleasure to spend the week with Year 7 and we hope they enjoyed the trip as much as we did.

**Marie Alliot**  
*Head of French*



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# YEAR 8 STAR IN 'THE THESPIAN'S THEATRE TOUR'

**Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to 'The Thespian's Theatre Tour'!**

This year the Year 8 leavers' play took a slightly different turn. Brought together in just five days, the Year 8 boys and girls really had to work hard and learn fast! Rather than performing a published play, the children performed a variety showcase, themed around the West End of London. From show stopping classics, to traditional scenes, this 'bus' tour of the West End had something for everyone. 'When Words Fail' from Shrek was performed humorously by William, whilst Alberto danced and sang a mesmerising rendition of 'Electricity' from Billy Elliott. From the rather traditional 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and 'Woman in Black' to the chaos of the amateur dramatic 'Father's ill' and 'Girl in Da Hoodie', the production



covered a range of genres and theatrical styles. With every member of the year group involved, in whatever capacity they wished, this production was a great success. The two year group songs and dances meant that for some small part of the show the entire year group came together.



I would like to thank the whole of Year 8 for their commitment and enthusiasm and to the staff team - Alex Farley, Peter Meier and Simon Gisby. Thank you to so many others for their help in a variety of ways - productions really are a huge team effort.

As the show came to an end, the children sang 'We're all in this Together', from High School Musical. What a fitting way to close the door on their Prep School career, as they move on to exciting new opportunities ahead. I hope they will remember this occasion, with fondness, for years to come.

**Laura Burdekin**  
*Head of Drama*





# YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME

The final term for Year 8 at the Prep School is always a momentous one. Pupils have been busy with Common Entrance Exams, but this was closely followed by the Leavers' Programme, designed to give maximum enjoyment whilst still broadening their learning during the final few weeks of term.

The Leavers' Camp itself had many opportunities for the thrill seekers amongst our cohort. Year 8 enjoyed trips to Thorpe Park, Blackland Farm Activity Centre (where pupils took part in bungee trampolining, aeroball and crate challenges), concluding with karting. Unlike most other residential trips, this one involved sleeping under canvas and without modern comforts, including their much loved mobile phones and gaming consoles, this was possibly more of a challenge for some than sitting their exams!

However, the excitement didn't stop there, as Year 8 also spent a morning at Urban Jump, thousands of square feet of connected trampolines, foam pits and a trampoline dodgeball for all to explore and enjoy with their friends.

This year saw a new event added to the programme; 'The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge'. This took place over a whole day and consisted of the children working in teams in a fun and engaging real life business challenge. Their task was to design a new logo for Ryman and then present their ideas, promoting entrepreneurialism.



Credit: Duncan Lawson

In terms of preparing children for the future, the cohort had a fascinating talk on 'gateway drugs' and the dangers of peer pressure, alcohol and smoking.

Year 8 marked the end of their time at Bede's Prep with the Leavers' Prom and firework display and finally the Leavers' Service. These events enabled everyone to come together to celebrate their time at Bede's as well as reflecting on their experiences and achievements.

Thank you Year 8, we wish you all the very best!

**Peter Meier**  
*Head of Year 8*



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## ARTISTS EXPERIMENT WITH TAPE ART

In the Art department this term, Year 8 have been experimenting with tape art. The pupils have been continuing to develop their understanding of Pop Art and artists including Michael Craig-Martin. Michael Craig-Martin is a conceptual artist and painter who has been painting everyday images since the 1980s. His style has not changed over the years, however the images and design have.



Exploring and looking at everyday images, Year 8 have been keen to express themselves through tape art, a particularly popular art form in Eastern European countries.

Their designs were placed around the school ground, firstly chalking up their designs and applying duct tape to the wall. It is trickier than it looks, with accurate cutting and overlapping involved!

**Rachael Armitage**  
*Head of Art*



## PUPILS DELIGHT WITH AN ARRAY OF SUMMER CONCERTS

The 2019 Pre-Prep Summer Concert illustrated brilliantly how children's musical abilities grow with experience.



I am delighted with how far the children have come since the start of the academic year, and will continue on an exciting musical journey as they move up through the school. A particular highlight was the pupils singing 'There's No Telling How Far They'll Go!' The vast range of musical styles and genres in this concert ensured that there was something for every taste. From drumming and instrumental items to the rousing choral pieces.



At Bede's there is a huge choice of co-curricular activities and learning an instrument alongside academic and sporting opportunities takes time and dedication. The Pre-Prep Soloists' Concert drew the members of the audience to the edge of their seats. The pupils confidently introduced themselves and performed solo for everyone to enjoy. They should be congratulated on the effort which undoubtedly went into the learning and

practising necessary to master each piece. These young musicians, on guitar, drums, piano, violin and voice, showed the audience how focus and determination can help each of us to develop new skills.

As we near the end of a wonderful year of music making, the Prep School Summer Concert was a chance to show how exciting and varied music making at Bede's is.



So many of our musicians at Bede's have learned not only to master their own instruments, but are developing the advanced talent which is necessary to play harmoniously with others. If you were at the concert, you will have seen how the ensembles and bands nurture this skill and make it possible for instrumentalists to shine in unison. There is some outstanding talent here at Bede's and I am sure you will all be looking forward to seeing how the pupils progress in the years to come. They are a real credit to the Music department here at Bede's Prep.



**Alex Farley**  
*Director of Music*

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# PUPILS PARTICIPATE IN WHOLE SCHOOL CHARITY WALK FOR RAYSTEDE



**On the penultimate day of term, the whole school from Years 3 to 8 embarked on a walk in aid of charity.**

This year the pupils voted to support the Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare. On a beautiful summer's day, pupils headed from Alfriston to Eastbourne along the South Downs.

As in previous years, the children wore coloured t-shirts depending on their year group and were a sea of colour as they made their way across the Downs.

Pupils enjoyed a well-earned ice cream on their return to school. The children remained cheerful and resolute throughout and returned to school full of energy.

We are very proud of their achievements and are delighted their efforts have raised over £4,000.

This is rapidly becoming one of the highlights of the school calendar!



# YEAR 3 ENJOY SCHOOL SLEEPOVER FUN

**Year 3 celebrated the start of the Summer Term with a very exciting sleepover in school!**

The children arrived on a Friday morning with their overnight bags with beaming smiles and buckets of excitement.

After a morning of lessons, Year 3 took their bags to Downs House and located their bunk beds for the night.

After a quick change into home clothes and teddies settled on their beds, everyone headed down to the beach for a walk to enjoy the fresh air. The children entertained themselves constructing sculptures, hunting for fossils or playing games.

Once back at Holywell, the children enjoyed an ice lolly, chatting and relaxing with their friends or playing football.

After a delicious dinner, the boarders joined the children and played games including Splat and Duck, Duck, Goose with them. Laughter filled the astro, it was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun together.

As the sun set, children gathered around the campfire to toast marshmallows.

To end the evening, the children gathered to watch 'Despicable Me' and enjoyed hot chocolate and birthday cake provided by Bertie. Then we all headed over to Downs House for a well-earned rest.

The children were all brilliant overnight and should be very proud of their achievement.

Early risers played board games and kept themselves entertained until everyone in their dormitory was awake. After packing and tidying, we all went across for a delicious and well-deserved breakfast.

Parents arrived shortly after breakfast and took home very contented and happy children, having experienced the fun and excitement of a sleepover with your friends in Year 3.



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# BEDE'S PREP SHOW JUMPING TEAM THROUGH TO REGIONAL FINALS

Bede's Prep Equestrian Team recently participated in the NSEA National Schools Show Jumping competition at Felbridge Showground.

The team, consisting of Beatrice, Charles, Lola and Matilda, had a fantastic day with successes all round.

Beatrice came 3rd in the individual 50cm class, qualifying for the regional finals at the end of the year. This is a particularly impressive achievement as she was competing in a very large



class. Together the team were placed 2nd in the 60cm class and Matilda achieved 5th place individually.

In the 70cm class, Charles, Lola and Matilda took part, and despite being a team member down, were placed 3rd! The team also qualify for the regional finals, a fantastic achievement of which we are very proud.

# PUPILS ENJOY INAUGURAL JUNIOR WORLD CRAZY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bede's pupils recently enjoyed a fabulous evening at the inaugural Junior World Crazy Golf Champions 2019 at Hastings Adventure Golf.

As the first school to take part in this event, Bede's were altogether fantastic, very enthusiastic and did the school proud.

Prior to tee off, the boys were interviewed for BBC Blue Peter, the world's longest running children's TV show! Each child was also presented with a coveted Blue Peter badge. The boys then met the reigning professional World Crazy Golf Champion, Marc Chapman, who gave the boys a few tips beforehand. Marc also won the championships again this year.

Each boy received a voucher for a free game of crazy golf and got to keep a special World Crazy Golf Championship 2019 ball. To round off the tournament and a busy evening of crazy golf, everyone enjoyed an ice cream.

It was an exciting evening with Year 7 pupil Lewy and Year 5 pupil Coby coming joint second with another child. After a sudden death play-off Lewy came third and Coby fourth. Congratulations to all the pupils that took part. It was a wonderful event and one which the boys will remember for a long time.



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# MERRIMENT AT MEADS END

Our Meads End boarders have enjoyed a busy and action-packed Summer Term.

The beginning of term saw a handful of boarders embarking on residential trips to Birmingham, France and Spain. Meanwhile back in Eastbourne, pupils enjoyed some busy days in the sunshine including trips to the beach, the South Downs, Knockhatch Adventure Park, the cinema and bowling - and a belated Easter Egg Hunt! Lara and Catalina have even been working their magic with Molly, teaching her dog agility.



The Friends of Bede's Prep have generously donated six brand new hula hoops to Meads End. The boarders have impressed us with their skills and we have introduced a competition to see who can hula hoop for the longest!

In the final weeks of term pupils have been busy with exams, plays, sports day, concerts and dance performances, as well as trips to paintballing, the theatre to see Madagascar, climbing walls and crazy golf. We even managed to have our annual camp out in the Meads End garden, complete with toasted marshmallows of course!



All 18 boarders managed to stay out all night, we are very proud of them.

The final week of term saw the children take part in the annual



Sports Day held at the Senior School. The children were fabulous and we could not believe the number of medals they were all wearing by the end of the day. What a talented bunch of children we have! As another year comes to an end, we are absolutely thrilled to announce we have raised £1,100 for our house charity, The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity as a result of our fundraising efforts throughout the year.



This year is tinged with sadness as it is our last as houseparents, so we would like to leave you with a small extract from our poem. Thank you to all our boarders who have made our time at Meads End so special.

Our year has now ended and it's our last in Meads End,  
It's been a wonderful year, we count you all as our friend.  
We will miss you - all of you - and we hope you'll find the time,  
To call us, visit us or perhaps drop us a line.  
So all that is left for us now is to say,  
Work hard, play hard and be kind every day.

**Tammy and David Newberry**  
*Meads End Houseparents*

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## WILLIAM STEPS INTO MR ENTWISLE'S SHOES

On Monday 13 May, William stepped into Mr Entwisle's shoes as he enjoyed being headmaster for the day.

William had a busy schedule to keep up with, and started the day off by attending staff briefing. His fellow Year 4 classmates were overjoyed to see William walking out of the staff room and around the school in his smart new suit, making sure pupils had their shirts tucked in.

A behind-the-scenes tour was organised by Mr Sherwood, Head of Maintenance, and William had a good look at all the top-secret locations within the school. William then made some essential phone calls, and dictated an important letter to his PA, Mrs Betteley, before heading outside to do morning break duty.

After break, it was time for William to head off with our groundsman, Ralph, to do a routine inspection of the Hollow. William was delighted when he learned he would be riding on the gator. It was a beautiful sunny day and this was, by far, William's favourite part of the day.



After lunch with the other staff, William was whisked away by Mrs Betteley to have a 'business meeting' with the Chair of Governors, Mrs Watkins. After a successful meeting, William delighted in showing Mrs Watkins his favourite parts of the school, popping into classrooms along the way to make sure everything was as it should be. Finally, as a reward for doing such a great job as Headmaster, William hosted a tea party for a few friends in the Headmaster's Study. William threw himself wholeheartedly into the role of Headmaster; we will no doubt be seeing much more from this energetic young man in the future.

# NURSERY NEWS

During the Summer Term the nursery children have enjoyed a wide range of activities related to life cycles and growing.

All children have had the opportunity to observe caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies, tadpoles change into tiny frogs and eggs hatch into the most beautiful chicks you could ever imagine. We have decided to keep the chickens on site at Holywell, where the children will be



supported to take care of them and collect their eggs. All children in the Pre-Prep classes were encouraged to help with naming the chicks. Our favourite name so far has been 'frog' the chicken.

Works have continued in the garden areas with our resident groundsman Ralph doing a wonderful job with the beautiful display of plants and flowers around the nursery garden. The Rainbow Fish and Pre-School children have enjoyed learning about growing plants and trees. They have been keen to help with watering and maintaining our potatoes, tomatoes and watermelons. Next year we are hoping that our apple and pear trees will produce fruit that the children can enjoy.



The end of the Summer Term has seen some fun occasions for the children and families alike. Sports day was a great success. We were blessed with amazing weather on the day. Every child that participated made us proud; they all showed great delight in racing down the track towards the finish line.



The Pre-School children had a wonderful graduation ceremony, celebrating their achievements during their time at Bede's. Children were presented with certificates and applauded for their incredible progress. The pinnacle of this very special occasion was a balloon release. We wish each and every one of our Bede's babies the very best as they move on to the next step of their educational journey.

In the Autumn Term we look forward to continuing with the garden works and the development of our Forest School area.

**Hanna Kerrigan**  
*Head of Nursery and EYFS*

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# PRE-PREP UPDATE



## **The Pre-Prep have had a busy Summer Term as usual.**

We have taken advantage of the beautiful weather with a whole host of events to showcase the talents of the pupils in Holywell.

In May, Year 1 and 2 visited Abbot's Wood where they took part in a range of activities that helped to develop their teamwork and critical thinking skills. The children created some fantastic artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, an artist who uses natural materials in his works. After a picnic lunch the children enjoyed a nature trail through the woods. They spotted many different flowers as well as a variety of insects. It was such a fantastic day and a valuable outdoor learning experience for the children.

The Pre-Prep Soloists Concert gave the children the opportunity to display their musical prowess through a variety of media, including the piano, violin and singing.

The Reception class enjoyed a trip to Raystede Animal Welfare Sanctuary. The children had plenty of hands on experiences with a variety of animals including a tortoise and some six week old playful puppies. The children learnt a great deal from this visit including how to stay safe around animals, in particular dogs, as well as what different animals need to stay healthy. A fun day was had by all. The term concluded with the annual Pre-Prep Sports Day in which the children put on quite the show, with a wonderful opening dance routine, followed by a superb display of athleticism and their own awards ceremony. They topped off the morning with a picnic with their families. Well done to all the children who participated - they really did put everything into it!



# SPORT

## CRICKET

### BEDE'S GIRLS WIN U11 IAPS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

In May, Bede's Senior School hosted the annual IAPS U11 Girls Cricket Tournament. Bede's entered two teams alongside Brighton and Hove High and Cottesmore. Each team played three games in the group stages, which saw Bede's A team come out on top. Each game was very exciting, with some outstanding batting, bowling and fielding shown by all.



Bede's A and Brighton and Hove High met in the final, and after a tense match and an amazing day of cricket, Bede's A went on to win.

All the teams conducted themselves in a wonderful manner and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. It was a lovely afternoon of cricket played in the sunshine and it was fantastic to see so many girls taking part in the sport. I look forward to next year!

**Kellie Larkin**  
*Cricket Coach*



# TENNIS

## TEAMS TRIUMPH IN TOURNAMENTS

It has been an exceptionally busy term for Bede's Prep tennis players, with successes across the board!

In May, hundreds of children from across the county visited Bede's Senior School for an afternoon of competitive tennis at the U10 County Championships.

The Bede's Prep U10 Girls won the girls event following a triumphant win against Moira House in a brilliant final match.

As well as being part of the winning team, Bede's Prep pupil Matilda received the Individual Girl Fair Play award.



It was fantastic to welcome so many enthusiastic young tennis players for the County Championships; excellent play and sportsmanship was shown by all throughout the afternoon. Special mention must go to Bede's Prep girls Alexandra, Emma, Serena, Lily and Matilda for their inspired play that led to them lifting the trophy, and Bede's Prep U10 Boys Callum, Walter, Ralph and Aiden for reaching the semi-final - a great achievement for such a young team.

Following this, 20 teams battled it out for the title at the U11 County Championships. Bede's girls Emily, Romilly, Emma and Alexandra played fantastic tennis to beat Brighton College and lift the trophy as Sussex Champions 2019.

The event was attended by the LTA, who determined the Fair Play awards. Bede's girl Bea won the Individual Girl prize, and the Bede's B team (Henry, Archie, Archie, Callum and George) took home the Team Fair Play



award.

It was a fine day all round for Bede's! Next up was the U12 and U13 Sussex County Tennis Championships, with Bede's girls once again lifting the trophy!

Emily, Sofia, Ella and Romilly played some world-class tennis all the way through the rounds and shone in a brilliant final against Burgess Hill School for Girls. In the boys event, the Bede's team (Jack, Miguel, Archie and Reha) played extremely well making it to the semi-finals, but missed a place in the final by just one point! Congratulations also to Rosie, who won the Individual Fair Play award.



To conclude the term, Bede's Prep welcomed parents and children from Years 3 to 5 for the annual Mini Tennis Parent and Child Tournament. It was an exciting afternoon with tenacity and determination being the words of the day. Congratulations to Michael and Emma, our eventual winners after a long fought final!

**Jane Nash**  
*Head of Tennis*

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# SPORT ATHLETICS

## SPORTS DAY 2019



**On Saturday 22 June, Bede's Prep School held their annual Sports Day and family barbeque at the Senior School, the fitting end to a tremendous year of sport.**

We always start the event with seeded sprint races and pitted against their peers, we saw some titanic battles. The sheer joy written all over Kieran's face when he won the Year 6 boys C race lit up the whole field, whilst Aldin in the A race held off the challenge of Jack by the width of his PE top! Freddie had a royal battle with Josh in the senior C race and Oscar pushed Nico all the way in the 'blue riband' A race.

On the girls' side Nadya looked impressive in the Year 6 A race, Mia had to work hard to hold off Nia in Year 7, and Mollie showed that there is more to her than just a regional 800m champion!

Every sprint seemed to have its drama, whether it be the aforementioned duels, or an exhibition (Rocky and Louis spring to mind) or the blanket finish of some of the races.

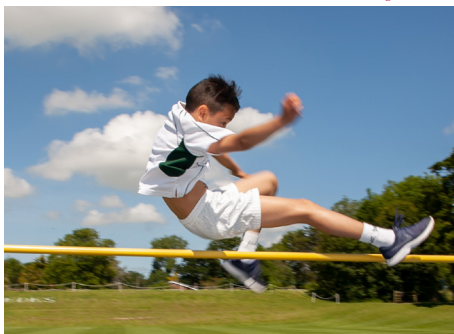
In the longer distances Angel impressed in the 200m, Jack in the 600m, and Emelia had to come from behind to snatch the Year 7 300m title, but the real star of the show was Molly. She broke the long standing school record for the 800m during the season by about 10 seconds!

Away from the track controversy was caused

when four Year 7 boys tied for first place. Easy solution...give them all a gold medal! Theo's cricket ball throw of 25m was impressive for a Year 3, as was Victor's standing triple jump of almost 7m. Mylo putted the shot almost a metre further than anybody else in Year 7 and Jack's triple jump was a metre further than anybody else in Year 6 (well done to Jack and Josh on becoming regional discus champions the day before!) Arty's Fosbury technique was almost perfect after just the one PE lesson and Mimi showed real potential in every event she took part in.

There are so many other performances I could have shined the spotlight on, but the truth is that all the pupils were stars and as the athletics season draws to a close I am looking forward to next season already.

**Chris Atherton**  
*Head of PE*



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