

# EXTRAORDINARY BEDDE'S

Autumn 2018





# BEDE'S NATIVITY 2018: MIDWIFE CRISIS



In this year's nativity, a very busy midwife was extremely excited when she heard about the imminent birth of a king in Bethlehem.

She rushed out into the night in search of a shiny, golden palace fit for a king. Her donkey Steve didn't think he had ever heard

be born?

The show was full of lively songs and dances and the children gave an energetic and mesmerising performance. The children were genuinely outstanding. Year 2 learnt their lines brilliantly; their confidence to speak and act in front of packed audiences reflected the skills they learn within school, becoming confident independent members of



the school and wider community. Everybody enjoyed participating; the singing really raised the roof and was a wonderful way to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.



of Bethlehem palace, but the midwife was in no mood to listen. Where else would a king

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*Year 2 Teacher*



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# EDITORIAL: THERE'S MORE TO INTELLIGENCE THAN BEING CLEVER



**In so many approaches to modern day education we make assumptions about intelligence, and often an obsession with certain types of academic ability become overbearing and oppressive.**

When success at school is taken within such narrow confines, there is an ever present risk that great talents will be squandered and creative confidence stifled.

I have never believed that a clever child should be defined purely along the lines of the traditional notion of intelligence based on IQ. The false idea of this then being fixed is equally unhelpful, and the subject for a blog at a later date.

The reason I raise how we define success at school is indeed linked to the notion of multiple intelligences. Dr Howard Gardner back in 1983 expressed the compelling argument that our education system focused most of its attention on linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligence. Dr Gardner, and incidentally, we here at Bede's, believe that we should also pay close attention and celebrate those pupils with other intelligences: the artists, musicians, designers, dancers, sports boys and girls, therapists, entrepreneurs, and others who enrich our school community hugely. This Autumn Term newsletter aims to showcase how our teachers plan and present their subjects in a wide variety of ways using music, cooperative learning, art, drama, play, multimedia, information technology, field trips, beach visits, inner reflection and much more. Also how our pupils take every opportunity through an expansive co-curricular activities and clubs programme to develop the wide range of intelligences from linguistic intelligence, spatial, kinaesthetic, musical, inter and

intrapersonal, and naturalist intelligences, in addition to being outstanding at maths and reasoning. I do hope you enjoy the following pages.

**Giles Entwisle**  
*Headmaster*



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# BEDE'S PREP BOOK WEEK 2018



October is such a glorious time of the year. As we travel to school, we are treated to the changing dazzling colours of nature that celebrate autumn. Here, at Bede's Prep and Pre-Prep, we also celebrate Book Week. This year, our theme was 'Picture This'. It was a wonderfully vibrant week exploring book illustrations and appreciating not only the beauty and fun aspect of seeing illustrations on a page, but also the ways in which illustrators work with the author to enrich our understanding and make new meanings. During the week, we welcomed visits from comic artist and award-winning Manga illustrator, Sonja Leong; illustrator of the

well-known series, Horrible Science, and author of 'Bee Boy', Tony De Saulles; and local illustrator, Florence Woolgar-Barrington. The children and staff were treated to lively talks as well as practical and pacey workshops, where we were taught step-by-step techniques to create illustrations that left many of us astonished at our final accomplished pieces! Throughout the week, the children also took part in an array of fun illustration-themed competitions that were based in the library and led by our fantastic librarian, Ms Ana Guevara. We celebrated the finale of Book Week by

dressing up as book characters; a colourful display of costumes filled the school where children and staff dressed up as book characters such as The Highway Rat, Mr Strong and the Thompson and Thompson detectives in Tintin.

At lunchtime, the catering team spoiled us with a dazzling menu including Pooh Bear's honey roast gammon served with a peach puree from Roald Dahl's Giant Peach; Horrid Henry's worm carbonara; green beans from the Giant's beanstalk; Gruffalo's crumble with cream and Willy Wonka's chocolate tart.



The well-worn idiom, 'a picture is worth a thousand words', was certainly brought alive at Bede's during Book Week!

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# ENGLISH LIT FILM FEST: A CELEBRATION OF LITERACY

## We have exciting news to announce!

In the new year, we will be welcoming a team of filmmakers from LitFilmFest to work with pupils at Bede's Prep School to create and record films using the latest digital technology. The award-winning project builds on our English skills and objectives to create practical writing workshops that will transform our pupils from Years 2 to 6 into screen writers, editors and performers. The project will culminate in the premiere screening of the pupils' films hosted by the Senior School, to which you are invited. Please save the date on Thursday 28 March 2019 to be part of the audience.

Fundamental to this project is the fusion of English teaching - oracy, reading and writing - with video production skills. The workshops are not only aligned to our English objectives and schemes of work but also encourage those wider, sometimes unacknowledged, skills that are so important in our education of young people: creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication, to name just a few. Significantly, the project is a celebration of pupils' work and a reflection of the changing times we live in.

Digital technology is rapidly evolving and its effects on the modern age have been transformative. It may seem hard to fathom

that only 33 years ago, the World Wide Web was invented and 23 years ago, the first Windows 95 was released with great flourish. Three years later, on 15 September 1997, the domain name for Google was registered and only 11 years ago, Steve Jobs launched the first ever Apple iPhone to the public.

The growth of technology has made a huge impact on the way pupils learn, opening innovative and exciting possibilities for education to realise the full potential of our children. Digital literacy is one such tool. In the Spring Term, we look forward to using these tools and creative thinking, making clear links between traditional English and digital skills, and watching the children having fun in the process!

Save the date: 28 March 2019 - Bede's Prep School LitFilmFest Event, Bede's Senior School, Upper Dicker.

For more details about the projects, please visit: <https://litfilmfest.com>

**Leigh-Anne Morris**  
*Director of Studies*



## A BIG WELCOME TO YEAR 7

**On the second day of the Autumn Term, we continued the tradition of holding a teambuilding event for Year 7.**

The objective is to welcome all pupils into Year 7 and to offer a special welcome to new children in this year group.



The obvious benefit is always the hastening of the integration of new children, but this event also provides an opportunity for relaxation and fun in a sea of timetables, arrangements, floor plans and other fascinating, but necessary, aspects of getting going with the new school year. It rests on the assumption that children who play well together will learn well together too.



**Janet Frame**  
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# PUPILS STRIVE TO BE ROCK HEROES

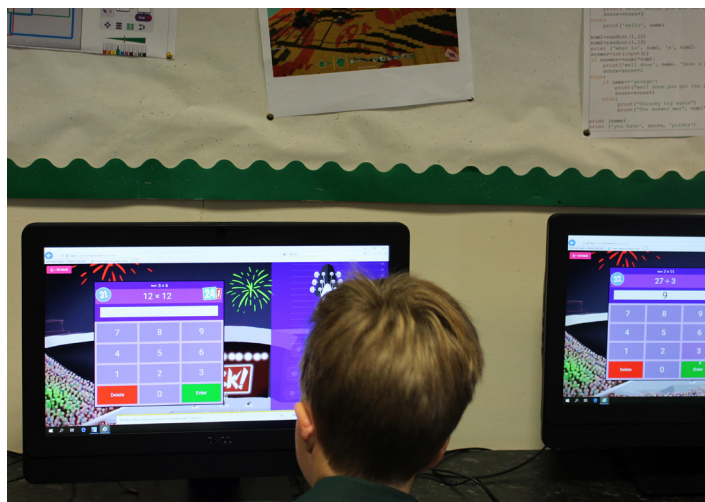


**In recent school assemblies, the competitive nature of many of our pupils (and teachers) has manifested itself through the mathematics software 'Times Table RockStars'.**

Times Table RockStars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice, with each week focussing on a different times table.

Year groups have been taking on each other to see who has mastered their multiplication and division skills to the greatest degree.

I, along with the rest of the Mathematics department, have



undoubtedly seen benefits in the classroom, especially in the area of mental calculations. This is certainly an example of the positive use of screen time (with the obvious caveat that pupils are not spending excessive time in front on the screen!)

**Scott Fasciolo-Barnes**  
*Head of Mathematics*

# BONJOUR FROM YEARS 3 AND 4

**Years 3 and 4 have been in collaboration with French schools since the beginning of the year.**

Bede's Year 3 and the class of CP, CE1 and CE2 in a small village called Bully near Saint-Etienne are writing a story together. The children are writing one part of the story each half term, creating a full story by the end of the year. The story 'Bon Appétit Mr Hamster' makes you follow the adventures of Mr Hamster, who does not want to eat grains anymore and leaves his nest to go and look at his neighbours' plates.

Our Year 4 pupils have been having fun keeping in touch with their



pen pals in Vienne, France. The Bede's Prep pupils each wrote a letter in French to send to the school in France, and were then paired up with a French pen pal. Not only have the pupils been writing to each other, but they have taken it one step further and made a video to show their French friends their school. In return we have received Halloween cards and a PowerPoint presentation showing us the French school.

**Marie Alliot**  
*Head of French*



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# STUDIES OF SCIENCE

Year 5 have been busy weighing the presents they will be giving this Christmas using Newton Meters.

You may remember that here on Earth, 1kg of mass has a weight of 10 Newtons and that weight and mass are not the same thing!



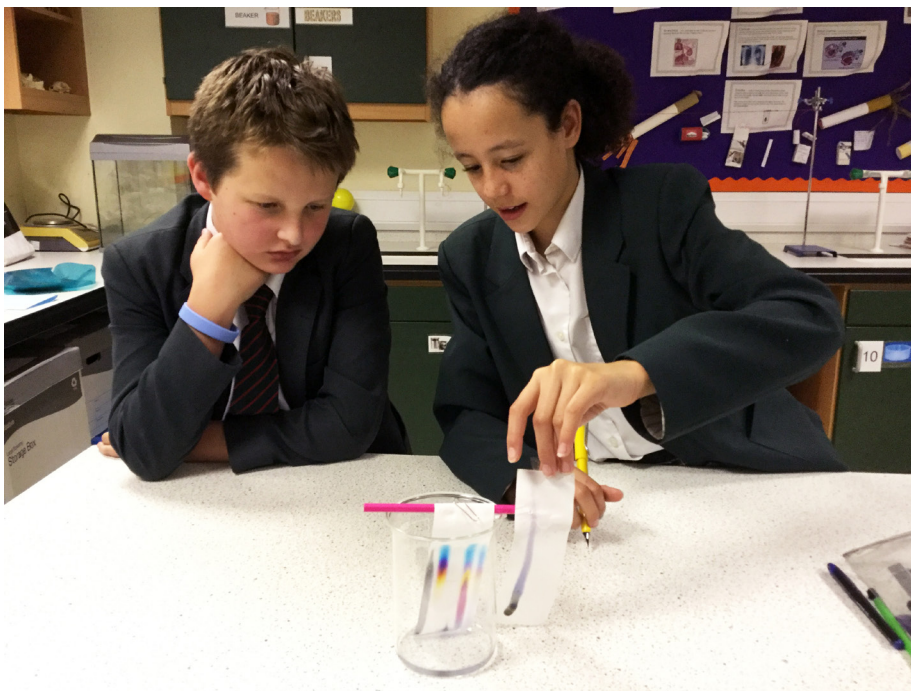
It is vital that Father Christmas also knows the weight of all his presents on his sleigh, so he doesn't overload it. If his load is too heavy, this could slow him down; reindeer can only pull a certain weight at the speed needed to allow him to deliver all his presents by Christmas morning!



Meanwhile, Year 7 have been using chromatography to separate and identify the different pigments in black ink. Black ink from different makes of pen contain a specific set of different colours, which gives it a 'fingerprint'. We can use this information to identify which black pen was used to write a letter. Perhaps Donald Trump will get the CIA to use this, to help identify who has been sending him rude letters!

Year 8 have been designing and testing parachutes. It was in the news recently that Amazon are developing unmanned drones to deliver goods. Possibly Year 8 could offer some advice to Amazon on the best design of parachutes to drop off their goods from the drones!

**Helen Rich**  
*Head of Science*



## BEDE'S BEACH CLEAN

This term, Year 4 pupils at Bede's Prep School have been learning more about the alarming issue of plastic pollution in our oceans.

The children were all shocked to learn that 8 million tonnes of plastic enters the sea each year!



**The pupils made striking and informative campaign posters detailing the damage plastic is causing to our wildlife.**

The posters also offer solutions and helpful tips to encourage us to help stop this damage, for example, Max tells us to: Avoid plastic! Reuse plastic! Recycle plastic! Recently, Year 4 put their words into action and conducted a thorough beach clean along the stretch of coastline just minutes from the school building. They were astounded by the amount of plastic recovered but extremely pleased with their efforts. One child said "I wouldn't have believed on just three beaches that there would be so much plastic!" and that although the beach clean was good fun, "it was also a bit upsetting". Another child warns that "if we carry on - eventually all our marine life will be wiped out!"

This year, Bede's Prep School has pledged to lower the plastic usage across the school which the children feel is a super step in the right direction. Year 4 pupils are now composing a letter to Prime Minister, Theresa May, to push for action.

**Miriam McDonell**  
*Year 4 Teacher*



## YEAR 3 LIVE LIKE ROMANS

What better way to round off a term, that included re-enacting the Roman invasion and Roman road building on the beach, than a day of activities including a huge Roman feast.



This was the culmination of the Year 3 topic for the term, The Romans aka 'Swords and Sandals'.

The children arrived at school in their amazing costumes, which included Roman soldiers, also Roman Gods and Goddesses. The day included learning about Roman food, a popular dish was dormouse cooked with honey and poppy seeds! As an alternative to this, Year 3 made honey with cucumber sandwiches which some loved and others gingerly tasted.

There was code breaking in maths where pupils had to decipher a hidden message written in Roman numerals. In the afternoon mosaic making was on offer.

The highlight of the day was the Roman feast. On the menu was chicken cooked in a fruit sauce, goats cheese, hard boiled eggs, olives, lentils and a selection of salads. For



dessert there was a delicious egg custard and a Roman porridge.

Everyone had a fun-packed day Roman style!

**Annie Fuller**  
*Head of Years 3 and 4*

## GOING INTO BATTLE

On Monday 17 September, Year 6 pupils travelled to Battle Abbey for a fascinating History trip, where the pupils learned about the fateful battle between the Normans and Saxons on 14 October 1066.

The pupils had great fun dressing up and re-enacting parts of the battle, including shouting out the traditional Saxon war cry of 'ut, ut, ut' (Saxon for 'out, out out') to the Norman's who rallied with the old Norman phrase 'Dex Aie', (which translates to 'God Aid Us').

happened in the run up to the Battle of Hastings and look at weapons. They then headed out to the battle field to describe in detail what it might have been like for the soldiers going out on to the battle field. Year 6 pupil Lilac said, 'It's amazing to be in the same place where the Battle of Hastings took place because you learn so much more about it than you would in the classroom. It was fun to pretend to battle!'

Year 6 pupil Nell said, "My favourite thing was trying on the helmet. I learnt that to be



Having the opportunity to visit the site where such an important historical event took place is greatly beneficial to children's historical education. For the children to actually live the history and stand where a battle took place, brings it home to them in a big way.

During the day the children had the opportunity to dress up, talk about what

in the Norman army you had to be able to hold your armour above your head with one arm or you were not strong enough!" I'm sure this will be a day the children will remember for a long time to come.

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# REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



**Last summer we were asked as a school to be involved with a project run by our local Meads church St John's.**

With a lottery grant, they were looking to rebuild their clock tower which had been destroyed during World War II. The project - which involved researching the names of those local boys and men on their memorial board who had died during World War I - would culminate in a week-long festival of remembrance to coincide with 100 years since of the end of the First World War. Children from the Prep School contributed by working on a variety of projects across a number of departments including Music, Art, English and History.

The Year 7 children learnt about World War I from how it began and recruitment, to trench warfare, food and conditions. In their history and English lessons, children concentrated on war poetry and writing their own definitive guides to life in the trenches. In art, they studied war paintings and created amazing poppies out of a variety of mediums to be used to decorate the church for the festival.

In music, pupils took part in a musical morning at the church in front of members



of the public.

As a school we launched a 'Thank You' competition in line with the British Legions' own competition. The children across the school used music, art or English to design their own thank you's to the fallen of World War I. All of the competition entries were displayed in the church and the winners received their prizes from the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex at a special tea



party held at the church on Remembrance Sunday.

The whole school participated in a special service of remembrance on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday. The church pulpit was covered in a carpet of the children's poppies, beautifully decorated by Ms Armitage and provided a stunning centre piece to this moving ceremony.

On Saturday morning there was a service to remember the names of the fallen. Children from the school gave performed musical solos and poetry readings as well as reading out their research on the two names on the board who were also Bede's pupils; Guy Henry Wallis Foreman and Alan Hayes Oxley. The children from across the school found the whole project interesting and absorbing.

# FOSSIL HUNTERS

Year 6 pupils from Bede's Prep School had to present in a creative way one of the great geological mysteries; how fossils of sea creatures were found high up in the Himalayas.

There was some stunning work produced including 3D posters, papier mache models of mountains, homemade videos, a huge Mount Everest cake and even a rap video!



Year 5 had the task over half term of creating a shoebox model, or diorama, of either a rainforest or desert scene, as part of their studies of biomes. Given just a few ideas, they really took this idea to heart and again, produced some incredible work. Part of my classroom is now a riot of colour, dense vegetation, exotic and dangerous-looking wildlife all carefully researched and beautifully and imaginatively presented. Mr Entwisle has been busy signing and awarding Headmaster Commendations.

**Adam Brewer**  
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# YEAR 5 AND 6 SHINE IN 'SHAKESPEARE ROCKS'



**It was a cold and dreary week, towards the end of November, and everything was quiet, until...SHAKESPEARE ROCKED!**

The Year 5 and 6 children came together to perform Steve Titford's modern musical comedy, 'Shakespeare Rocks', about the life of William Shakespeare. This uplifting,



energetic, enjoyable and tongue-in-cheek show brought the historical and educational worlds together, with many accurate facts as well as humour, thrown in for good measure. With great excitement, the Year 6 children auditioned for their favourite parts, enabling every child in the year group to have speaking role. The Year 5 children took on



roles of villagers and superstitious sorcerers, to support Year 6 in this collaborative production.

Shakespeare Rocks included the characters of William, Anne and Burbage, with the story being told by Aubrey and Al - from the 'Rough Shakespeare Company' - who had purchased the Bard's personal diary. There were actors taking on the roles from the famous 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth' plays. Alongside the builders, in charge of building The Globe, there were fans, townspeople, musicians, paparazzi painters, a heckler, Queen Elizabeth and the cameo roles of the beer and apple sellers. There were also men-dressed-as-women and a woman...dressed-as-a-man-dressed-as-a-woman!

With a script full of humour and pun, the jokes entertained the audience! The songs were vibrant in voice and slick in moves; the children certainly sung their hearts out. There were too many wonderful performances from individuals to mention, but there was a great sense of camaraderie on stage amongst them all.

As always there was a tight rehearsal framework, and I would like to thank all of the children for being so committed and reliable - without a doubt, they were true professionals. A big thank you goes to all of the staff who supported the production, in so many different ways.

To slightly adapt the finale words:

'We laid these wooden beams, we made this



a theatre of dreams, we gave it soul and rock 'n' roll, we got this show in the Globe' - or should we say the Bede's Prep Theatre!

**Laura Burdekin**  
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# PUPILS IMPRESS WITH MUSICAL TALENT

What an amazing collection of musical events there have been this term.

From the start it was clear that Bede's pupils have both talent and confidence in abundance. It was delightful to witness the pupils in this term's Pre-Prep Music Concert. For some of our youngest children, this was their first ever chance to perform to an audience, which can be very daunting but they did brilliantly. Each had a chance to show what they could do, whether it was singing or playing an instrument as a soloist or as part of a group. It will be



interesting to watch these little performers as they progress and their musical talents come to the fore over the coming years.

We had an amazing Centenary Remembrance Concert in St John's Church, before the moving Remembrance Service, which enabled pupils to consider and chose their repertoire for this significant historical event.

Of course our musicians have continued to study in preparation for their instrumental and theory exams and the preparation necessary for any performance should not be under estimated. Pupils' commitment to playing together competently has demonstrated how well they are able to persevere towards a shared goal, and co-operate to achieve the best possible outcome.

Boards hosted a delightful tea party with musical interludes



between rounds of cake which entertained all those who came. Music from Bede's featured in the Meads Magic event and also played a part in the Christmas Fair. December saw Year 8 pupils take part in the Demelza Hospice Carolathon at Langney Shopping Centre. The event was organised by Demelza Hospice to raise money to provide hospice care for children, and involved many different choirs singing throughout the day. Our pupils from the carol service choir sang brilliantly and their performance was greatly appreciated by the public.



Next up was the Holywell Nativity, but nothing compares to the spiritual poignancy of our beautiful Carol Service at St Saviour's Church this year.

*Alex Farley*  
*Director of Music*

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# AND THEY'RE OFF!

On a chilly yet bright December afternoon, the Bede's Prep community came together in joyous spirits for this year's annual Cross Country.

Despite taking place in the last week of term, the children embraced the challenge with gusto and enthusiasm, demonstrating their sporting prowess and teamwork as they encouraged one another around the course.



Congratulations to Raven, who were declared the overall winners, and to all who took part. It was truly inspiring to see pupils of all levels get involved and embrace this well-loved school tradition.

**Chris Atherton**  
*Head of PE*



## PUPILS PARTICIPATE IN EASTBOURNE WALK FEST

At the end of September, Bede's Prep pupils took part in a walk from the school to the Hollow and Cow Gap, as part of Eastbourne Walk Fest.

The informative walk featured lots of facts about the area's history, from Anglo-Saxon farming practices to the life of Mary-Ann Gilbert (who created an agricultural allotment system in the 1830s to help resolve poverty).

The pupils also learnt about the links of the land with the Foyles family, and discussed the memorial benches where the children got a chance to rest and take in the views.

Mrs Lucas, who led the walk for the Bede's pupils, was passionate and inspirational with her words and wisdom regarding the Hollow and Cow Gap, talking not only about the history and landscape but also the importance of the preservation of this wonderful area (which the Prep School is blessed to sit next door to). The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip; many thanks to all involved.

**Simon Gisby**  
*Year 5 Form Teacher*



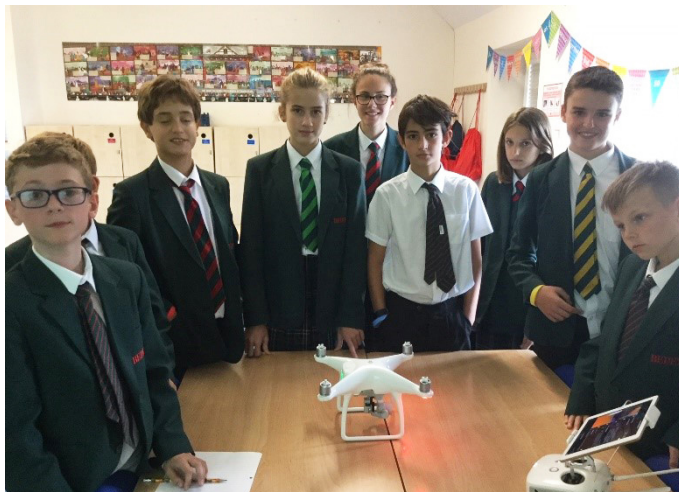
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# AN AERIAL VIEW



**A professional qualification in flying drones is just one of the latest exciting opportunities being offered to Bede's Prep pupils on a Wednesday afternoon.**

Prep bus driver Roy is a professional commercial pilot; he's been flying drones commercially for 15 years and has travelled all over the world. Roy has very generously offered his time and expertise to teach pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 the basic flying manoeuvres and safety aspects of flying.

"There is a big safety aspect to this and pupils must fully understand the legal requirements as well as keeping themselves and the general public safe" says Roy.

The first two sessions started in the classroom, where pupils became familiar with the UK Dronecode which assists drone users to fly safely. After that pupils will be given the exciting opportunity to learn how to fly the drone. Not only that, but Roy has also offered to support pupils to gain their Unmanned Aircraft Qualification (UAQ). This is a professional qualification which is acknowledged by the Civil Aviation Authority and marks the beginning of a series of qualifications which lead to a commercial license.

As well as being able to make safe basic manoeuvres pupils will also be taught how to video and take photographs using the drone. Elspeth in Year 8 is especially excited about the opportunity to widen her art portfolio with aerial photographs. "Roy's lessons are really thorough and he is making sure we know how to use the drones safely. I love photography but I've never done this before. I can't wait to get started and get outside to start flying."

**Karin Manning**  
*Head of EAL*

## PUPILS MAINTAIN MEMORIAL TO WWII BOMBING VICTIMS

**The Eastbourne Civilian War Memorial Trust has renovated the moat surrounding Eastbourne's Wish Tower into a Peace Garden, providing the setting for a new memorial to the town's 180 civilian bombing victims in World War II.**

Pupils at Bede's Prep School have a great opportunity to support this local project, helping to maintain the grounds by weeding, planting spring bulbs, de heading flowers and learning about the seasonal maintenance of a garden. The War Memorial Trust chairman, John Boyle was keen for the pupils to learn about the History of Eastbourne and treated the pupils to a well-deserved ice



cream after planting the spring bulbs.

The pupils are also joined by Ralf the Head Gardener at Bede's Prep School, who supports the pupils with his knowledge, transferring skills back into the new generation of gardeners to come.

**Rachael Armitage**  
*Head of Art*

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# BEDE'S PREP IN THE COMMUNITY

The staff and pupils of Bede's Prep have thrown themselves into another busy term of charity fundraising and support.

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning was once again supported enthusiastically by staff, parents and pupils, and over £570 was raised this year.

Bede's was also proud to be part of the Beachy Head Marathon and 10K run, providing both the start and finish point for what has become one of the biggest and most challenging off-road marathon's in the UK.



In November, we turned our attention to Children in Need, with pupils from the Prep School raising over £560 through their donations. In return, the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to wear Pudsey Bear ears for the day. All 300 pairs of ears were sold! Meanwhile, the younger children in the Nursery and Pre-Prep raised over £110 by wearing their best spotty clothes! Year 5 pupil Erin also made poppies to sell to both her family and people at the



Senior School. She raised a fantastic £95.15 to add to the total raised by the Prep School for the Poppy Appeal Royal Legion.

For the sixth year running, Bede's pupils played their part in the Lions Swimathon. 11 pupils aged between 7 and 13 swam solidly for 20 minutes, cheered on by family, friends and teachers, collectively swimming nearly 10,000 metres. Over £460 was raised to be split between the Eastbourne Lion's Club Charitable Trust (a charity supported by Bede's), and Young Minds, that champions wellbeing and mental health for young people.

As the Christmas spirit took hold, our Year 8 choristers took part in a 'Carolathon' at

Langney Shopping Centre. The event was organised by Demelza, a local charity that provides specialist care and support



to children with terminal illnesses and their families. Throughout the day, many different choirs took part, and Bede's was proud to continue its support for this very special charity whilst also performing some seasonal songs for the people of Eastbourne.

In the final week of the term, the traditional Christmas jumper day provided a final chance for the staff and pupils to really ramp up the Christmas cheer and raise some extra pounds in the process. Well done to everyone who has done their bit to support charities and the local community.

**Miriam McDonell**  
*Head of Charity at Bede's Prep*

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BEDE'S PREP!



# FOBP GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT

December has seen the Friends of Bede's Prep's (FOBP) focus shift towards Christmas with their popular Christmas Fair and wreath making events.

On Saturday 1 December, the FOBP hosted a festive morning making Christmas wreaths.



The workshop was run by local florist Rachel Grimes, with parents and boarders taking part. The event was a great opportunity to take time out and enjoy something creative, along with some mince pies and Christmas music. The boarders were keen to join in and experience the tradition of wreaths, and their efforts look fantastic hanging on the boarding house door.

A week later, the FOBP hosted our annual



Christmas Fair at the Prep School. This was really well attended, with some fantastic exhibitors and lots of visitors enjoying the stalls, activities and food on offer. All proceeds will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

**Sam Brown**  
*Chair of Friends of Bede's Prep*

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# MERRIMENT IN MEADS END

The boarders have enjoyed some brilliant weekend activities this term including trips to the beach, the South Downs, the cinema, paintballing, dog walking, cooking and pottery painting!

We have been treated to some amazing dinners this term, cooked by our international pupils. Our Spanish boarders (with a little help from Mexico) treated us to an amazing dinner one Saturday night. Despite some interesting debates about whose family had the best paella



and tortilla recipe, we had a fabulous meal! Leopold masterminded an excellent German meal as well as making the effort to write each boarder an invitation and menu, along with decorating the room and providing the music. Finally, Pato treated us to a Mexican tortilla wrap lunch - delicious!

Each term we hold various nights out for everyone at Meads End. So far this year, the girls had a night out to Simply Italian for pizza and ice cream whilst the boys enjoyed a trip to Laser Quest and bowling.



We are delighted to have two lovely new matrons join our team this term, Sarah and Natalia. The children have been keeping them very busy and they have already become part of our Meads End family. Sarah has also been instrumental in helping us create our 'Kindness Tree' where each time someone does something nice for another, they can add a leaf to the tree. Our rules in Meads End are very simple - work hard, play hard and look after each other.



In November, our boarders hosted a tea party for the residents of Meads Village and entertained them with beautiful singing, guitar playing, magic tricks, great conversation and of course, homemade cakes! We were so proud of how mature and hospitable they all were. The children in Meads End also took part in a digital detox and - despite some initial moans - we successfully completed a two-day detox of all electronics. It was great to see the pupils learning new skills and enjoying new creative pursuits as a result. It has been so successful, many of our boarders have voluntarily decided to spend less time on their phones.



December saw a number of boarders taking part in the Friends of Bede's Prep wreath making, and our Meads End elves have been hard at work preparing our stall for the Christmas Fair. Children have been making money crackers, brussel sprout pom poms, knitted hat decorations and games! Thank you to everyone who came to support us, this year all profits raised will be going to our house charity, The Royal Marsden Hospital. The final event of the term is the house Christmas party and Secret Santa. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

**David Newberry**  
*Meads End Houseparent*

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# HOLYWELL UPDATE



## It has been a busy term in Holywell!

At Bede's Prep we always make the most of opportunities to take learning outside. In the warmer days of September the Reception children enjoyed a morning at Abbot's Wood. The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the changing colours of autumn leaves, and explore the environment using their senses. This was the children's first outing on the school minibus, and they excitedly looked for different landmarks on the journey to their destination. Back at school, the children explored their immediate local environment, looking for 2D and 3D shapes and developed their vocabulary whilst describing the sea, waves and the weather.

This term has also seen the Reception children head over to the art room in the main school where they had fun creating pottery shapes. The children learnt about clay, rolling it out to the correct thickness and then applying pressure to the cutter to make shapes.

Year 1 and 2 have had numerous exciting trips and visits this term. As part of their PSHE work, the children have been looking at the role of the police. The children were lucky enough to have a visit from Jo, a police officer in Eastbourne. She told them all about what a police officer does, how they can help in an emergency and they even got to try on her hat!

As part of their topic work this term, children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 spent the day exploring Lewes Castle. This exciting and valuable trip included various workshops led by the extremely knowledgeable staff. The children explored all the different levels within the castle and learnt about the specific work people did during medieval times. Dressing up proved to be very popular, and the children had the opportunity to try on specific armour relating to Medieval times, as well as handling real artefacts.

**Rachel Potter**  
*Acting Head of Pre-Prep and Nursery*

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# SPORT TENNIS

## JANE TRIUMPHS AT SUSSEX LTA AWARDS

The Sussex LTA and Tennis Sussex recently awarded Bede's Prep's tennis coach, Jane Nash Official of the Year at its annual awards ceremony at the Amex Stadium in November.

As a result, Jane Nash will go through to the regional awards (judged by a panel of judges representing Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex and Kent) and the winner of that will go through to the national awards.

Jane Nash won the award in recognition of the work she does organising and officiating junior schools' tournaments. Explaining the reasons behind their decision, Julie Goldin from Tennis Sussex said, "One of the main reasons Jane won the award was because of her inclusive approach; she welcomes every child regardless of their ability and delivers her tournaments with such infectious positivity that every child leaves with a smile on their face regardless of whether they win or lose."

For the second year running, Bede's was also proud to sponsor the Fair Play Award at the Sussex County Championships, which was once again held at the Southdown Club in Lewes. The award recognised the player in every junior category who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and the awards were presented at the ceremony at the Amex by Bede's high performance coach, Rhys Hanger.



# FOOTBALL

## PUPILS EXCEL AT THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

This has been a memorable season in many ways, with football contact time increased significantly.

This means almost twice as many matches in a season, and - although it is early days - we are optimistic that this will further prepare our pupils for training at higher levels as they move up to the Senior School. Our 1st team played 30 matches this term (the same as the U18 team) and can only be better for it.



In her first season in charge of the 1st teams, Miss Larkin (former Bede's pupil and Chelsea and England U18 player) has been very pleased with the character and determination shown by the children. The season started well, with an ISFA Cup win at Wetherby Prep in London and continued with victories back home against local teams including Battle Abbey, Cumnor, Lewes Old Grammar, Brighton College and St Andrew's Prep. The boys also went on to qualify for the 3rd round in both the ISFA and ESFA Cups, and travelled to Somerset to compete in the IAPS Nationals 'Soccer Sixes', after qualifying with a top 4 place at the regionals.

The 2nd team have also enjoyed a strong season under the stewardship of Mr Allan. Highlights included wins against Hurst, Cumnor, New Beacon and St Christopher's, as well as a closely fought 3-3 draw against our near neighbours!

Statistically our 3rd team has been our most successful side, which says a lot about the levels of talent displayed across the board.

At time of writing, the team has lost only one match, and the season has included some impressive scores (10-1 v Cumnor, 9-0 v Great Walstead and 5-0 v Brighton College). Mr Brewer has done a fine job leading the team, and we are grateful for the input of the Senior School coaches for assisting with training sessions in Upper Dicker.

The 5th team also deserves a big shout out for winning the Be Trewe tournament at Handcross Park - well done to all involved! The junior teams also enjoyed success on the pitch this term. The Colts A and B teams enjoyed good wins against Hurst, Cumnor and Claremont, whilst the Colts A also drew against Brighton College. The team suffered a 3-4 loss to St Andrew's Prep thanks to a last-minute goal on the opposition side, but Bede's were gracious in defeat, demonstrating superb sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the next match.

The U10 group has great potential, being one of the few teams to get close to defeating Eastbourne Borough (0-1) in a new fixture this season. Some of the boys moved up and strengthened the Colts teams when available, and Saul Lewis deserves a special mention for making it into the U11 County Prep School team as an U10. We wish him well when the Prep School Pumas compete in a prestigious youth tournament in Gothenburg next Easter.

In the younger age groups, we have seen a lot of support from all of the players for their teammates, and - despite not having as many match wins to celebrate as the older age groups - their enthusiasm is infectious. The children are training hard and I am confident that the lengthened season and excellent coaching they receive, will stand them in good stead as they move up through the school into the senior teams.

The footballing future looks bright!

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*Head of PE*

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# SPORT HOCKEY

## HERE COME THE GIRLS!

The girls hockey 1st team had an incredibly successful season this year, qualifying for the IAPS National Finals for the first time in three years.

The side has been led by captain Angel, who displays tremendous tenacity in her play with a keen eye for goal. The side have scored a whopping 36 goals this season. At the start of the year, the objective was to develop each individual as a team player and I am incredibly proud that this team now ranks in the top 20 schools in the country. The focus is now on next term with the Sussex Cup on the horizon.



The 2nd team have had a great season, building on their potential at the start of the term with an early tournament win at Hurst. A particular mention goes to Mandy who has been called upon to make some athletic saves in goal, culminating in a clean sweep when the team won the Emerging Players tournament at the end of the season.

The 3rd team have worked hard during their training to build on their strengths as individuals, whilst improving their tactical awareness as a team. Summer has captained with consistency, always looking for opportunities to score. Their season concluded with a fantastic win in the Emerging Players Tournament at St Andrew's.

The 4th team have approached the season with great enthusiasm and spirit. The combination of new and experienced players



has worked well, and then team have had some exciting games against St Andrew's, Skippers Hill and Vinehall this season. The U11s are constantly progressing. The term started looking at the basics; dribbling, pushing, slapping and stopping. Since they have mastered these, we have begun to look at tactics with them in order to play hockey as a team and not just individuals. Matches towards the end of term showed that the children were able to pass the ball accurately and move into space. I am excited to see what these girls bring in their next hockey season; they all have the ability to be great hockey players.

The U10 girls have had a fantastic season, showing real potential in their early games and building on this to become a force to be reckoned with. The team performed brilliantly in the EGHA competition, where despite a tentative start, the team went on to win the plate final in a nerve wracking penalty shuffle.

Our U8s and U9s have had a great introduction to hockey with a few competitive matches sprinkled throughout their training game session. The children are starting to really build their base of skills implemented early in the games programme at Bede's. Well done!

**Gemma Rham**  
*Head of Girls Games*

# CRICKET

## BEDE'S GIRLS WIN U13 SUSSEX SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Bede's U13 Girls have won the title of 2018 Sussex Cricket Champions.**

18 schools entered the tournament, and the Bede's girls enjoyed a successful season playing against Ratton, Claremont, Roedean, Bexhill College and Brighton College in the County Tournament. Bede's played Downlands in the semi-final and scored 138.

The Sussex final was played at Poynings CC against Tanbridge House. All the girls batted well and Bede's scored 58-4. Bede's then bowled superbly to keep Tanbridge House restricted to 46-3. Kayla, Amelie, Maddie and Matilda bowled accurately and intelligently.

Lizzie, Grace, Milly and Kirstin batted well and looked to play positively. Matilda, Maddie, Kayla and Amelie scored well and hit some excellent boundaries. Matilda took a superb catch off Amelie's bowling, and Milly and Grace created a great run out.

**Petch Lenham**  
*Cricket Coach*



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