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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. As you can see, we have had an extremely busy half term and I am sure many of you will have thoroughly enjoyed some of the fabulous Christmas performances recently throughout the academy. We have enjoyed Christmas With A Twist from Year 2, wonderful performances from our nursery, reception and Year 1 pupils and an exceptional carol concert from our Key Stage 2 girls. In the Seniors, the Luminelles have been unstoppable and so many girls performed brilliantly at the Live Lounges and the joint Winter Concert with St Anselm's. We are all looking forward to seeing you at the annual Cash For Kids concert at the Anglican Cathedral. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas holidays!

The end of term will be also tinged with sadness as we say farewell to our Vice Principal, Mrs Carter, who is retiring after over 28 years of service to BHSA. What a fantastic contribution she has made to the lives of so many girls and I am sure you will join me in thanking her and wishing her a very happy retirement! Our new Vice Principal will be Mrs Claire Costello, who is currently an Assistant Headteacher at Neston High School. She will be joining us in April.

I hope you enjoy reading about a selection of the many activities and opportunities the girls have enjoyed this half term. The dedication and hard work of our staff in making all this possible and your continued support as parents and carers for the school is second to none. This was seen in abundance at our PA Christmas Fair on the 30th November. Thank you to everyone who came along; we raised over £5000 and this will provide so many more wonderful opportunities for all of our girls.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

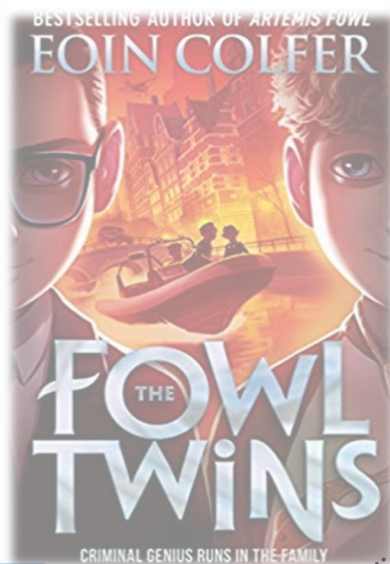
Thank you once again for all your support.

Rebecca Mahony



Eoin Colfer's School visit

BHSA in partnership with Lingham's booksellers welcomed world renowned author Eoin Colfer to school. Our students from year 5 to 8 and our neighbouring schools: Townfield, The Birkenhead Park School, Bidston Avenue and Belvedere Academy Liverpool, were treated to one hour of the most powerful and entertaining anecdotes from Eoin Colfer's childhood which made us all laugh for the entire hour. Eoin Colfer also explained how he gathers inspiration for his Artemis Fowl series which is now to be made into a series of movies by Walt Disney studios, and gave us all many tips and anecdotes for our own writing. It really was a very special morning and the students were all very taken by what it was like to grow up in the seventies in Ireland and what to do without a remote control! Eoin Colfer was very taken by our reading dog Rita and hopes that she continues to help many youngsters to foster a love for reading stories.



Eoin Colfer's School Visit

Eoin Colfer (pronounced Owen) is the internationally bestselling author of the Artemis Fowl series, which was adapted into a major motion picture from the Walt Disney Studios. He also wrote the critically acclaimed WARP trilogy, and many other titles for young readers and adults. In 2014, he was named Ireland's laureate for children's literature. He lives with his wife and two sons in Dublin, Ireland. Eoin will focus on talking about his newly published children's book, 'Fowl Twins', which is the first book in the blockbusting new series.





'Im Gonna Shine'

Year Two really did shine in the senior school theatre space during their Christmas production of 'Im gonna Shine'. The girls were spectacular. So much learning took place including team work, concentration, collaboration, patience and not forgetting their outstanding performance skills. Well done Year Two.



Year 5 Trip to World Museum, Liverpool

On a cold and wet day in December the Year 5s were transported to the warmer climes of Egypt via the Mersey tunnel!

A great day was spent exploring the ancient Egyptian artefacts housed at the World Museum. The students donned their white gloves and became archaeologists in a workshop which involved handling the items, which were thousands of years, old with great care.

The day enabled the girls to add to and reinforce their learning about this fascinating period of history. Seeing first-hand things that we have been discussing in lessons, such as the bandaged mummies in their elaborately decorated cases was awe-inspiring for the girls.

A huge thank you to the real life 'mummies' that came with us too!



Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Patience Wood who has recently won Gold for England at the Archery GB shoot in Coventry—Well done!



Seasonal Crafts enrichment

This term in Seasonal Crafts enrichment we have been well and truly in the festive spirit making wreaths from recycled book pages. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed using recycled materials and the wreaths look brilliant displayed around the school.



Form competitions

Miss Gallagher, year 8 Progress Leader, has launched form competitions. This term there have been a number of competitions, including a photography competition. There were over 65 students who took part, what a fantastic attitude. The winner of the photography competition was **Madeleine Clements Bedson**, well done again!



Let's Bake

Four fantastic year 8 students decided to make and bake cakes to raise money for our school PA. Imogen, Seren, Izzy and Madeleine raised over £65.00...Well done and thank you.



Remembrance Event

On 11th November, a group of Y9s attended a Remembrance Event at Meadowcroft in Bromborough as guests of Age UK. After an act of remembrance, they chatted to veterans who described what life was like during the war. There were former soldiers and evacuees among the group who had a wealth of stories to tell. The girls were very interested throughout and asked lots of questions. At times, listening to accounts of things such as PTSD, it became very emotional. It was a worthwhile experience and everyone who attended learned a lot about the lives of those involved with, and affected by, war.



BHSA Sixth Form Facebook

BHSA sixth form now have their own Facebook page that we would love parents and students to follow. Simply search 'BHSA Sixth Form' into the Facebook search bar. We are excited to share all of the amazing things that happen in our sixth form with you!

Inflata nation

Miss Murphy and Mrs McCarthy took a group of year 11 students on an incredible inflatable adventure to build team work ahead of joining sixth form. Inflata nation is an inflatable theme park in Cheshire packed full of exciting features including the UK's first giant duo drop slide and the UK's first five-person inflatable slide. Girls worked in teams to overcome obstacles during relay races and bounced their way to a brilliant time. For more photos check the BHSA instagram page



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL AT BHSA



REMINDER:

School opens on 6th January 2020
following the Christmas break

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