

BHSA Newsletter

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our summer term newsletter and as you can see the students throughout the academy have been incredibly busy. I hope you enjoy reading about all their achievements. None of this would be possible without the support, hard work and dedication of teaching and support staff at BHSA. As we reach the end of another academic year together I would like to thank them and especially you, our parents and carers, for all your support. Students thrive when families work with us to ensure their children can reach their full potential, as will be seen in August when we meet up again with Year 11 and Year 13 as they open their examination result envelopes! I hope they all gain the grades they deserve, their work ethic throughout the examination season was superb.

I hope you all have a relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to seeing the students back on Thursday 5th September. Please remember that we have an early finish on Wednesday 10th July (12:15 for the Juniors and 12:30 for the Seniors).

Rebecca Mahony



Junior School is getting a new sign for the main entrance and held a competition so that some of the girls' illustrations can be included. Congratulations go to: Elena Bass (for the main background drawing) and Maddie O'Keefe, Roxie Kiel and Cattelya Ha (for the illustrations of the girls in uniform). We are very excited to see it in situ!





Nursery trip to Church Farm



We had a lovely trip to Church Farm where we went on a tractor ride, fed a few animals, held a rabbit and had fun in the play area.



Reception have enjoyed our 'Protect our World' topic this term. We started by thinking how fortunate we are to live on beautiful Wirral before moving on to think of ways we can protect our lovely world. We are the future and we can make a difference if we all work together.

'Protect our World'

Reception visit to Wilding Forest & Beach School



Reception Trip to Wildlings Forest School



Reception had the most exciting day visiting Wildlings Forest school. We took risks in a safe environment. We pushed ourselves to our limits. We made bird feeders, mud dough, potions, bubble wands, natural art and so much more. It was fabulous watching the children explore in this environment. We ended the day roasting marshmallows over an open fire.





Ness Gardens

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Ness Gardens pond dipping, being plant explorers and sketching wildflowers



Year 1 enjoyed a special visit from one of our parents who was helping them learn about the topic of Hinduism. They learnt so many interesting facts about Hinduism and got a real insight in what it means to be a Hindu and how your beliefs can affect how you live. The girls listened respectfully and asked lots of interesting questions showcasing their inspirational desire to learn more and develop empathy and understanding of others.



Year 2 Science & History

Music & Geography



Our super science getting on in Year 2!

As part of our plants topic, we were dissecting seeds to see if we could see the different parts of the seed: seed coat, food store and the baby plant (embryo).

Year 2 loved looking at different historical sources from 1666 to see what they can tell us about the events of the Great Fire of London. Here are some pictures of some pupils trying on a helmet and holding a bucket which we think are similar to those used to put out the fire.

Year 2 enjoyed a whole workshop with the guitar. They learnt about the different strings on the guitar and how to hold it.

Year 2 went on a Geography field trip to Birkenhead Park. They loved spotting litter and rubbish bins on the way and marking these on their 'messy maps' and then completing a survey of why people are in the park and how they get there.

Shakespeare—A Midsummer Night's Dream



Juniors celebrated William Shakespeare during the week of his 460th birthday in April. Mr Rathe led a whole school *A Midsummer Night's Dream* assembly with the help of some willing Year 5 actors. Bella Farrell was a particularly marvellous donkey-headed Nick Bottom! He also led a full day of workshops for the whole school, including a hilarious re-telling of *The Tempest* for Reception and Year 1, *Romeo and Juliet* insult generators in Year 3 and the complex use of rhetoric and persuasion in Mark Antony's *Julius Caesar* speech in Year 6. All year groups threw themselves into the workshops and got to know some well-known stories and lesser-known tales like Mr Rathe's favourite, *Cymbeline*! Well done all and "Fare ye well" until next year's Shakespeare Week!

The final week in May found Junior School buzzing! Teams of pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 answered some very imaginative questions about the world, and independently planned and carried out investigations to try to answer them. 'Potions' were mixed, flexibility was measured, different shaped sails were tested and eggs were dropped – just a few of their amazing ideas. The team demonstrating the best science skills from each class presented their investigation in a special assembly at the end of the week. Congratulations to Tilly, Bella and Ava from 5R for being voted the Ultimate Science Team by our judges: Dr Coleman, Dr Nelson and Mrs Ramsbottom. Their investigation 'How much weight can different materials hold?' was expertly planned, conducted, analysed and evaluated, showing excellent scientific skills.



Science Investigation

Junior Sport news



This term we have entered and organised many different competitions. Girls have competed in cricket, tag rugby, football, swimming and athletics. Notable mentions go to the year 6 football team who narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals of the Merseyside County football finals. Also to Charlotte Mackie who came 1st in the 600m at the GDST athletics competition. A group of Year 3 and 4 pupils also took part in a local dance showcase at the Floral Pavilion alongside the Luminelles from senior school.



Manor Adventure

The time came for the annual year 5 residential to Manor Adventure. Anticipation was palpable and the pupils were ready for a week of independence and outdoor activities. Particular highlights of the trip were the canoeing and kayaking, zip wire, high ropes and axe throwing. They pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, discovered that they were more than capable and came back more independent and confident than before. They made friendships with people in the other class and got to know their new teachers better.





A Hint of Snow White



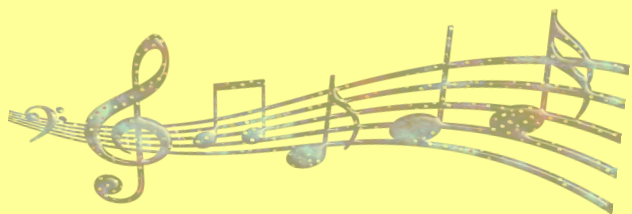
Year 6 excelled last week in their end of year production, 'A Hint of Snow White.' They have worked so hard to learn lines, perfect performances and master their choreography in just four short weeks. They really impressed everyone.



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Just Sing



New York

In March 25 Year 12 and 13 students arrived in new York City. Our feet ached from the miles walked in the city seeing famous sites such as the Statue of Liberty, Central Park (some students even hired a bike and cycled it!), and Times Square. We went to watch Six on Broadway, tried 'The Beam' at Top of the Rock, went to the 911 Memorial museum....and boy did the students shop!!

We ate in some amazing places such as Bubba Gumps and Hard Rock Cafe, and even paid a visit to Tiffany & Co. Memories that we made will last a lifetime.

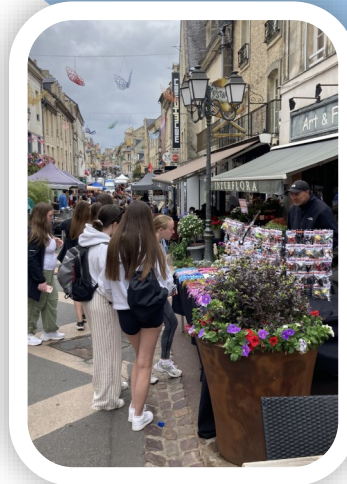


Normandy

On the 1st July, 52 students, and 6 staff, visited Normandy, France. It was an action packed itinerary with visits to many important historical sites. On day one we visited Colleville American cemetery, and Omaha Beach. Later in the afternoon, we went to Arromanches, to the 360 cinema and the D-Day museum, finishing the day with the British memorial to all the servicemen who died as part of the operations.

The second day was spent in a much earlier historical period with visits to both Castle Falaise and Bayeux; visiting the tapestry.

On our way home we stopped off at Honfleur, a beautiful port, where students indulged in some crepes and gaufres. A wonderful time was had by all, and we are already missing the croissants for breakfast!



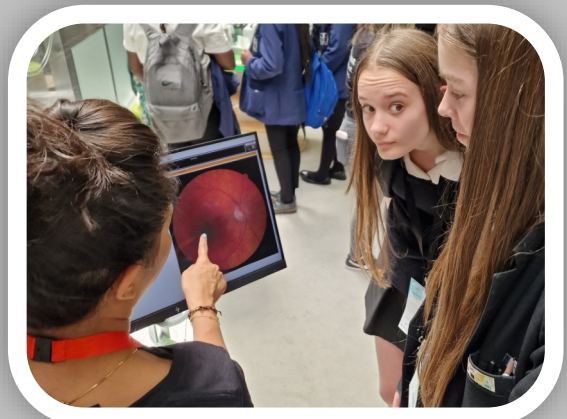


The Big Bang

UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair



In May over 40 year 8 students attended the Big Bang Fair at the Birmingham NEC. Students were treated to live shows such as 'The Human Guinea Pig', showcasing how medical technology can be used to image the human body and, 'AI and its uses' where students were able to explore the possibilities of AI in their lifetime and understand machine learning. Throughout the event students visited a multitude of stands from exhibitors such as Rolls Royce, the National Grid, RNLI, EasyJet, JCB, Specsavers and many others, to see how they use STEM in their respective industries. All the students who attended had a fabulous time and came away with a better understanding of the possibilities out there for them in STEM careers.



Dementia UK



Four fantastic year 8 students baked and sold a range of sweet treats to raise money for Dementia UK.

Sarah, Sanjida, Evelyn and Leah all baked, bought and sold the cakes in their own time for this worthy cause.

They have made a grand total of £154.04 A fantastic achievement!

Sporting News

This year in PE the KS3 and KS4 students have been involved in Netball, Football and Rounders Tournaments, the girls won a number of their matches and tournaments but more importantly demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout every game. The KS4 students attended a tag rugby tournament, they had an amazing time and showed the enthusiastic school spirit we have for trying new things here at BHSA. Many students across KS3 and KS4 represented our school at different athletics tournaments both against other Wirral school and at the GDST Athletics Rally. At the start of the year, we travelled to Nottingham where we competed in many different events including swimming, fitness, rock climbing and volleyball (which the girls won)!

As staff in the PE department we have also been busy competing in different sports and raising money for charity, Miss Kirkby has run the Chester and London marathon this year raising over £3000 for Asthma and Lung UK and Miss Evans, Miss Edwards and Miss Skiba have run 100km in June for Alder Hey Children Charity raising over £900. Miss Kirkby's hockey team has also won the National Tier 2 Mixed Cup where she had to travel down to London for her final match.



Ski trip—Serre Chevalier



An unbelievable six years have passed since the last ski trip because of the abandonment of the trip of 2020. It had been a long wait for the staff and was much anticipated by the students of which only 6 had ever been on snow before. We departed on Good Friday and due to the epic amount of snowfall on the way we were diverted and arrived slightly late but got all of our equipment sorted ready for the first day of skiing on Easter Sunday. Snow conditions were brilliant and everybody made great progress confidently traversing the slopes, trying out the ski cross, slaloming and jumping in the snow park by the end of the week. The highlight of the week had to be the real apres ski experience with DJ and dancing on the second to last night!



BHSA Library Service



Author Event with Kiran Millwood Hargrave

'So many books, so little time. What should I read next?' This question is asked everyday by the keen readers here at BHSA. It was an easy one to answer after the visit of Kiran Millwood Hargrave, a highly acclaimed award-winning children's author, who visited our school on Wednesday 15th May and shared her new fantasy series with our pupils. We were deeply absorbed with her speech on her book, *In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen* and her reflections on her writing journey and the creation of her fantasy world, *Glaw Wood*. It was a fantastic literary meeting with Kiran; once more we are immensely grateful to the team from our local bookshop, Lingham's, for partnering with us to host the event.



Author Event at Liverpool Waterstones with Greg T Karber

On the evening of the same day, our library Murdle Club leaders and members, accompanied with their lovely parents, attended the event with Greg T Karber, author of international bestselling series of murder mystery puzzle books, *Murdle*, at Waterstones in Liverpool. Greg T Karber's *Murdle* series also won the British Book Awards 2024 Non-fiction Lifestyle and Illustrated Category. Apart from participating in the murder mystery quiz night, we shared with Greg how much we enjoy our Friday Murdle Club at school.



Accelerated Reader Programme Celebration



"Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character..."

At BHSA, we unyieldingly emphasize the importance of reading among the pupils. The Library and reading are integral in the pupils' school life. This year, with a huge push by English teachers, a majority of pupils have accomplished their whole year reading target and improved their reading age. 55 pupils have completed over 200% or more of their reading target. To celebrate their grand success and for going the extra mile, a 200% club celebration party was hosted in the library on Wednesday 26 June to celebrate this achievement. It was a marvellous afternoon and thanks to everyone who helped deliver the party.



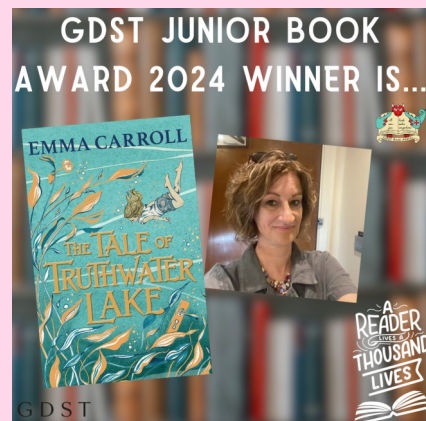
Scholastic Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair was held at the summer fair. Apart from encouraging our pupils to keep reading during the summer holidays, we aimed to raise funds to go towards buying new books for our library. Thank you to everyone who visited us and for your generosity. We raised approximately £230 of book rewards to support our junior book clubs.

The summer holiday is approaching; why not look at this list of award winning books and add them to your 'to be read' pile?



Latest Book
Awards News



GDST Book Awards
2024 Winners

Carnegie Medal 2024 winners

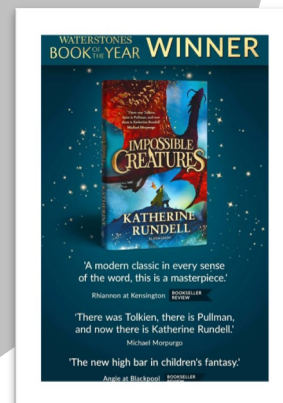
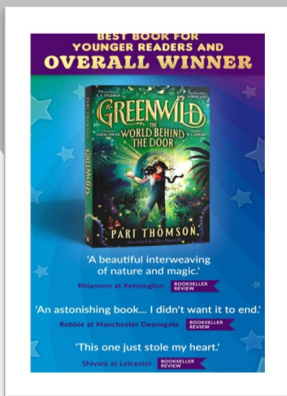


Spark Book Awards 2024 Winners - 5 July announced

UKLA Book Awards 2024 Winners - 5 July announced

Branford Boase Award 2024 Winner -

Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2024 Winners



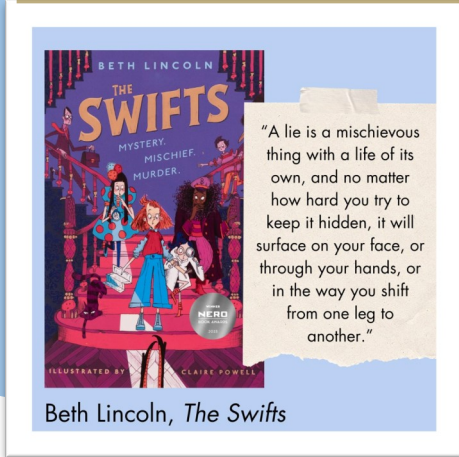
2024 British Book Awards Win-

<p>WINNER Book of the Year Children's Fiction</p> <p>Supported by THE WEEK</p>	<p>WINNER Book of the Year Children's Non-Fiction</p> <p>Supported by Science & Nature</p>	<p>WINNER Book of the Year Non-Fiction: Lifestyle & Illustrated</p> <p>Supported by TMSS & ADIO</p>
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Nero Book Awards 2024 - Children's Book Award Winner



Jhalak Prize 2024 Winner -
Children's and Young Adult



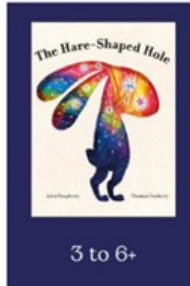
Young Adult Book Prize 2024 Shortlist



SLA Information Book Awards 2024 Shortlist



Spark Book Awards 2024 Winners (Open University Reading of Pleasure)



Winner of 7+ category



Winner of 9+ category



Winner of 11+ category





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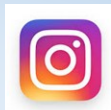
Enjoy a relaxing Summer break.



REMINDER:

School opens on 5th September 2024
following the Summer break

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