



# The best in everyone

## Bournemouth Collegiate School

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### From The Study

Spring is in the air, and with it new shoots are appearing. At BCS the new shoots are aplenty, and we have just started work on our new boarding house and upgrades to the senior school main building. In addition many new improvements have been completed at both the Prep and Senior schools this half term. The number of new pupils joining us each week also reflects a spring like bloom, so numerous are they. It has also been a successful half term in many other areas of school life, with a number of notable sport victories, an enjoyable production and some encouraging academic results and university offers. It is our mission to provide every pupil with as many opportunities as possible at BCS, and then to celebrate their successes. We are all one team, working together to make BCS even more successful in the future. The school is buzzing, and the momentum is gathering pace daily. These are very exciting times.

*Stephen Duckitt, Principal*

### Le Bistro de Dan Roro

Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 recently joined together to watch the French performance "Le Bistro de Dan Roro". This highly visual show included a lot of humour, balancing skills, juggling, ventriloquism and more. *Madame Baffos*

"J'ai aimé la pièce française. C'était rigolo et amusant, c'est éducatif" Emilie Y7



### Rainforest Day



The Prep school enjoyed a very successful 'Rainforest Day' in February. The Prince's Rainforest Project Award for Schools is trying to raise awareness of the importance of rainforests and the role they play in global warming. Year 6, as part of their geography topic of rainforests,

are working towards the top award of Rainforest Guardians. Part of the award involves the children planning and presenting an assembly and creating a series of events for children of other ages. Year 6 also submitted essays for a writing competition about saving the rainforest and, as a result, we have been selected to take part in a National Schools Debate in March at The Living Rainforest.

The whole school had a great time getting involved in the rainforest activities, including making rain sticks, rainforest animal masks and rainforest pictures, creating rainforest dances and sounds. The children all had of lots fun and some reported that it was the best day ever! *Mrs Robertshaw*



### A-mazing success

Congratulations to all 21 pupils who sat GCSE Mathematics in November 2010 and who have passed with flying colours. The 13 Y11 candidates who sat the Higher level paper all gained A\* or A grades and those continuing with the subject have already commenced the first module of A level Mathematics. Other pupils, including two in Year 10, passed the Foundation paper, with over 70% gaining a grade C. Head of Mathematics, Mrs Stoddard said "We are so pleased that all the hard work the pupils put in has been reflected in these outstanding results."

# International visitors

We were delighted to welcome 46 visitors from Tainan Girls School, Taiwan to BCS this month. The students stayed with local host families and enjoyed morning lessons at BCS and sightseeing trips in the afternoons. The visitors also treated the Senior school to an informative and educational assembly.



# Year 4 visit Intech

Year 4 had a enjoyable trip to Intech Science Centre and Planetarium. They were able to enjoy all the "hands on" exhibits and the Planetarium.



# Electrifying!

Year 4 had a electrifying trip – literally – when they all experienced electric shocks at the Electricity Museum in Christchurch. They also were able to sit on a beautifully refurbished old tram and imagined what travel was like locally up to fifty years ago.

Mrs Corrie



# Happy Chinese New Year

Students at BCS have been welcoming in the Year of the Rabbit. As well as a sumptuous Chinese buffet Y7 - Y9 enjoyed lessons in dragon and lion dancing whilst Kindergarten got to grips using chopsticks to eat marshmallows!



## Engineers of the future

Year 8 took part in an engineering challenge provided for us by BAE Systems. The task was to design and produce a marble run. Groups had very strict requirements and limited resources. The challenge was to get the marble from the top of the run to the bottom, without stopping in the slowest possible time. Teams were marked on their planning, design, team work, meeting the requirements set and their best timed run (slowest). They only had one and a half hours to design and make their run out of two sheets of A3 card and 1.5 metres of masking tape. Some innovative designs were created with pupils working well in their teams. The winning team was Armadillo with a slowest time of 14 seconds. Well done to them and all of Year 8. We may have seen some engineers of the future. *Mrs Powell*



*The winning team*



*The challenge*



## Fiesta Day!

Year 2 have been studying Mexico in geography and they have learnt all about Mexican food, clothes, weather, schools and jobs. They have studied a village in Mexico called Tocuaro and have learnt about the Horta family who live in the village. To celebrate the end of our topic we had a Fiesta day. This was a fantastic day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all in Year 2.

In the morning the children all made brightly coloured maracas out of plastic bottles and rice. They also had a go at trying some fajitas, learning a Mexican dance and making some beautiful flowers. After lunch the children were all ready to party fiesta style!! They enjoyed playing many Mexican games including pass the sombrero, limbo and hitting the pinata. The rest of the school was able to discover more about Mexico when Year Two paraded around the school in their Aztec masks, shaking their maracas. The class loved telling the other year groups all about what they had learnt in the topic and what they had been doing in the day.

Fiesta day was a great success and a brilliant ending to our Mexico topic!  
*Miss Edwards*



*Trying fajitas*

## GCSE art

Y11 GCSE artists enjoyed an introduction to felt making skills as part of their ongoing supporting studies. As part of the session they transferred their own designs inspired by their individual themes.



## A Level art

Y12 & Y13 visited Salisbury Sculpture Park where they were inspired by iconic pieces of work.



*Picture credit: Peter Randall-Page, 'Mother Tongue',  
New Art Centre, Roche Court*

# Prep School Sports News



Oliver Goulden (Y5) – recently played for AFC Bournemouth U10's v Aldershot Town as goalkeeper.

Oliver Goulden and Charlie Bates (Y5) were both selected to play for Hamworthy Cricket



Club in the U10 Dorset Indoor Cup Final, on 12th February, which the team won.



Hannah



Harri

We enjoyed success in the Poole Schools swimming gala U11 & U10 where BCS came 5th out of 10 schools. U10 girls were 3rd/9, U10 boys 8th/9, U11 girls 4th/9 and U11 boys 6th/9. Performances of note were: Hannah Griffin winning the U11 girls 50m freestyle as well as coming second in the U11 girls 50m backstroke; Harri Bates for coming second in the U11 boys 50m freestyle; Florence Bates, Charlotte Gordon, Hannah Griffin and Ruby Rogala-Sweeney coming second in the U11 Medley relay; Florence Bates, Charlotte Gordon, Georgia Churchill and Rebecca Jones coming 3rd in the U10 Medley relay and Ruby Rogala-Sweeney coming third in the U11 girls 50m breaststroke.



Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying lacrosse lessons in their games afternoons, with Michelle Bray, a former England International.

Over the last month we have had our U9 and U11 tag rugby tournaments with 7 other schools joining us for an exciting afternoon of rugby on both occasions. Well done to all the pupils who took part and hopefully we can go on to win next year.

Years 1 and 2 have been enjoying hockey and tag rugby this term learning lots of new skills and a few of the rules to go with these sports. Some of the Year 2 pupils are now attending the hockey club.

We have many new clubs this term such as badminton, West Hants tennis, trampolining as well as hockey, contact and tag rugby, so why not come and try them for the second half of term.

Please look out for sponsorship forms that will be coming home soon for our visit from ProKick. Each year group will be coming out to test the power of their shooting in a giant inflatable with medals going to the fastest shot in each year group and a trophy for the overall school winner.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our teams in recent fixtures. It does not go un-noticed and is great for the pupils to see. *Mr Smart, Head of Prep Sport*



Cross country team



Rugby A team



Rugby B team

## BCS Senior School Sport News

With a frosty start to this term (the weather and not the sport) we have seen some outstanding performances. This half term we have seen a high level of competitiveness in a variety of sports, including netball, football, hockey, basketball and cross country. It has become clear that BCS is becoming a school that is really starting to show its competitive edge and soon shall be a school that will need to be reckoned with.

The school has also been awash with sporting opportunity for all. It has been the beginning of a variety of well received clubs and activities, such as triathlon training run by Matt Lloyd and rowing run by Miss Stephenson just to name a couple.

BCS has seen its first rugby 7's tournament being held with great success, run fantastically well by Mr Smart. Well done to all the U13 boys that took part in this.

Girls netball has gone from strength to strength this term with wins over Talbot Heath, Sunninghill and Ballard. The U13 netball team is looking forward to an overnight trip to Rugby to compete in the ISA NETBALL U13A competition.

We look forward to future success next half term in our basketball, football leagues and netball, cross country, rugby and hockey competitions.

*Mr Harrison-Poole, Head of Sport*

## Congratulations to....



Lewis Coleman-Smith (Y9) who recently took part in the British Gas National Cup (diving) in Southend on Sea. Competing alongside world champion Tom Daley and Olympic silver medallist Peter Waterfield, Lewis was the youngest competitor invited to attend.

Lewis dived in a number of categories including 3 metre synchro for the first time where he and his partner finished an amazing 5th overall and 2nd in the junior divers (U18).

In the 3 metre individual event Lewis dived straight after Tom Daley and gained a personal best score and finished 17th overall. In the platform event he had to follow Pete Waterfield and was ranked 9th overall and 5th in the junior divers.

Lewis has worked exceptionally hard to be selected for this event. He has learnt seven new dives since Christmas and in order to compete he had to dive forward, backwards, inwards, reverse, twist and handstand. The hardest dive he had to perform was a reverse 2.5 somersault from 7.5 metres high!

Lewis trains at The Quays, Southampton seven times a week with a mixture of pool and gym work.



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