

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

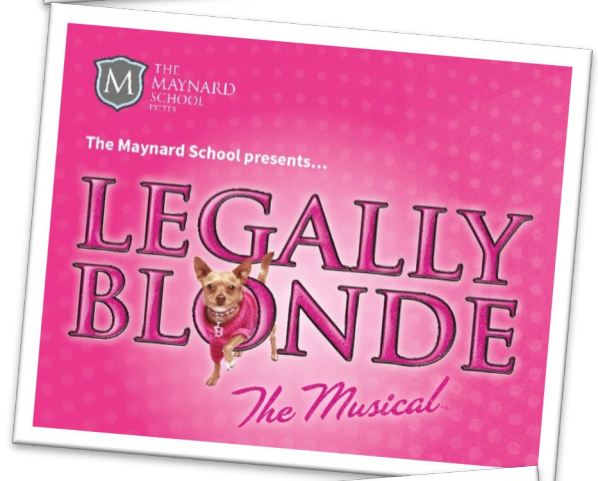
29 November 2019

Whilst I am still on a high following the weekend's Sunday Times award, it has been very much business as normal this week. I thoroughly enjoyed Wednesday's Upper 3 and Lower 4 'Evening of Drama' and what fun it was! A thank you to all those parents who came along to watch their daughters treading the boards. I think our Drama productions are in very safe hands for years to come!

On which note, I must mention the incredible progress that is being made with the 'Legally Blonde' rehearsals. Due to take place from 11 - 13 March 2020, the word on the Maynard 'street' is that this is set to be quite simply our best ever musical production yet (and that is saying something) thanks to some outstanding lead performances and an utterly brilliant support cast, so please do keep an eye out on the Barnfield Theatre website for when the tickets will be released. Traditionally all three nights sell out quickly and, with expectations as high as they are, this production will be no exception!

I must also say a huge thank you to the students across the Junior and Senior school who have been such brilliant ambassadors and so welcoming to the numerous prospective students on their respective taster days this week. Joining a new school can be a very daunting prospect so it has been a joy to see our visitors settle into the routine and become part of the team so quickly. And, once again, Andrew's famous chocolate chip cookies and delicious catering have certainly kept everyone's energy levels high for these very busy occasions!

There is definitely a feel of festivity beginning to creep in as December fast approaches and I am very much looking forward to tomorrow's MPA Christmas Fair to put me in the spirit. This event has become so popular that we have had to re-home it in the larger space of Bradley Hall and it certainly promises to be a fantastic day with a vast number of stalls selling



some super looking things. I certainly am hoping to tick quite a lot of my Christmas shopping off in one go and I hope to see you there!

In the meantime, may I wish all of our Ten Tors teams and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award girls the very best of luck for their training on the moor this weekend. As ever, more rain is forecast but every cloud has a silver lining and I always think that it is best to practise in the worst possible elements so the 'real thing' feels like a breeze!

On to the week's news ...

More incredible careers talks at today's Biz Whizz



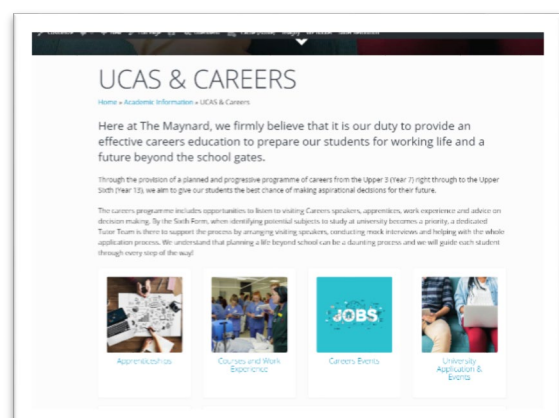
Our thanks to the three professionals who spared their time to give some fascinating talks with the Lower 5, Upper 5 and Sixth Formers this afternoon about their careers. There was a very even spread with the girls signing up in equal measure to the three options on offer. Richard Daws drew an interested crowd to his session about 'A career less ordinary' in the Entertainment Industry, Corporal Callum Hales talked through the 52 different career options within the RAF and Jordi Torres certainly created some excitement with where the future of Artificial Intelligence is heading in terms of the multiple opportunities that will be available to the future workforce.

The next session of Biz Whizz will take place on Friday 13 December and we look forward to another varied choice of talks covering Psychology and working within Mental Health, Cyber Security & Data Science and a career at Accenture from the perspective of management consultancy, charitable global giving and social impact work.

Parent Apprenticeship Guide and other useful careers information

Whilst on the subject of our career offering, can we remind you that the UCAS & Careers section of the school website, found under the Academic tab, has lots of interesting information about academic courses, university open days, work experience links, useful online resources, for example access to the Russell Group Informed Choices website and advertisements for forthcoming Careers events.

We have just added a parent guide to Apprenticeships, should you want to know more about degree apprenticeships and how to access them (in the useful on-line resources section at the bottom of the Careers page)....please have a look! There is also a parent guide to Kudos, the careers software programme used by the Upper 4, which can be accessed at home. Enjoy!



Sixth Form Geographers Tectonics Conference



Our A-level Geographers are in London today at the Hodder Hazards Student Conference on Plate Tectonics.

There are some fascinating lectures lined up including Dr Paul Cole speaking about 'Volcanic Hazards, Monitoring and Prediction'. Equally, other talks will feature 'Impacts of recent earthquakes in New Zealand' and 'Rumblings in the North Atlantic - Iceland's volcanoes and their hazards' as well as 'Faulty Plates and Cracked Crusts'. It promises to be a busy and informative day that should prove very useful for their A-level studies.

'Evening of Drama'

The school was buzzing with creativity on Wednesday when the Upper 3 and Lower 4 took to the stage for an informal showcase of their recent classwork. Both of the Upper 3 classes took poems from 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' by T.S. Elliot (the inspiration for the musical 'Cats'); U3N performing 'Skimbleshanks, the Railway Cat' whilst U3P took on 'Mungojerrie and Rumpleteaser'. Their facial expressions were something to behold and this, married with their characterisations, made for fun and detailed performances.

The Lower 4 focused on using physical theatre to create the locations of their drama, performing extracts from three popular texts; the physical choral piece, 'Sean, the Fool, the Devil and the Cats' by Ted Hughes, the dark 'The Demon Headmaster' and finally the iconic scene from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' where Augustus Gloop falls into the chocolate river!

This really was a great opportunity for parents to sample the performance work from this Autumn Term in Drama.



Moldovan Shoebox Appeal

On Thursday, nearly 150 shoeboxes were collected from The Maynard to be sent out to Moldova with the charity, Christian Response to Eastern Europe. The shoebox collection was part of a combined effort within the Senior and Junior School, and seeing the collection as a whole, it really did look bright and festive. Hugh Scudder, our link with the charity has remarked that the poverty is so great for the children living in Moldova that receiving one

of these boxes can very often be 'the highlight of their year'. We are hoping to hear more from Hugh later in the year about his work in the country.

It's all about the books!

The girls in the Pre-Prep and Junior School were beaming when the big red Book Bus arrived on site yesterday and it certainly drew a large crowd throughout the day. It is lovely to see so many of them proudly showing off their new books in school today and may we wish them all happy reading! We have also signed up to the Big Book Boost from The Book People to earn free books for the Junior and Senior Schools! If you are shopping online with The Book People, please could you select The Maynard School at the checkout. Note that you might have to type The Maynard, or our postcode EX1 1SJ to find our school. For further information please see <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>



Buddies, puzzles and great fun in Reception

In Reception this week our Year 5 buddies came down to help us do puzzles. It was great to have a helping hand from an older friend.

Year 2 fascinated by inspirational women topic

Each term, Year 2 learn about an inspirational woman related to our topic. This term our topic is Toys so on Tuesday we learned about Alma Siedhoff-Buscher, a toy designer from The Bauhaus School whose work was only recognised in later years. The girls were fascinated about a time when men were considered better at certain things than women, which generated a lot of discussion. They came up with some wonderful ideas about why Alma is inspirational, and headed off to lunch full of chatter about it - hopefully feeling empowered and ready to take on the world!

"...because she tried something new that girls had never tried before."

"...because she showed the brilliance inside her!"

"...because she tried her best to show other people to try and learn as well."





Years 3 & 4 Art Club

We just had to share this photo of the lunch time Art Club for Years 3 & 4, organised and run by a group of Senior girls. It certainly is a hive of artistic frenzy!

A music themed assembly with Maddie

The Junior School were enthralled by Maddie's assembly this week focusing upon her love of music. She performed a lovely duet with her fellow Year 6 music buddy, Zoe, before explaining the intricacies of the French Horn, as well as talking about her membership with the Exeter Children's Orchestra. The girls listened attentively and were particularly interested in the difference between the violin and viola. Well done to Maddie for talking so confidently to an audience of around 120 and thanks to Zoe for her musical support. Well done, girls!



On a separate note, the Junior School has been delighted to run its annual taster days for Years 3 - 6 for September 2020 with good attendance across the age groups. Our visitors were invited to join us for a normal day at The Maynard School with some maths, literacy, art and drama (of the acting variety!). A big thank you to all of the Junior girls for looking after our guests so well this week.

Fabulous season finale for the Under 8 and Under 9 hockey teams

The Under 9s had a lovely time yesterday at Blundell's against some tough opposition. The As lost 2-0, the Bs lost 5-0 and the Under 8As lost 4-1.

Blundell's are always strong but our girls showed everything they have learned this term and really put up a good fight in their final games of the hockey term.





Great performances against ECS

The Under 11 teams enjoyed some brilliant final games against Exeter Cathedral School on Wednesday. The As unfortunately lost 2-0 in a very hard fought game where they were extremely unfortunate not to score having had most of the possession throughout the game. The Bs stormed it with a 6-1 win, where the girls really showed how their control and decision-making have improved over the term.

They are all looking forward to their House Hockey tournament next Wednesday to finish the term off on a high!

Equally, the Under 10s played their last competitive game on Monday, also against ECS. The A's drew 2-2 and the B's lost 5-2. Both were lovely games which the girls really enjoyed!

Close games for the Under 12 teams against St. Peter's High School

There were some great results from our U12 netball teams, playing against St. Peter's High School on Monday. Off the back of their cup win last week, the A team fought a closely contested game, with end to end scoring and some fantastic attacking play up the court. They managed to sneak ahead for a nail biting 13-12 win at the final whistle. The B team, in their first competitive match this year, showed some lovely play and fluidity up the court, creating lots of space and chances to score - they secured their win 5-2.



The U12s also had some great competitive games against Uffculme yesterday. The A's won 2-1 and the B's lost 4-2. Both of our teams have showed huge improvements throughout the term and played so well as a team last night. The A's are looking forward to their final game against Exeter Cathedral School next week.



Under 19 Netballers suffer rare defeat

Our normally brilliant Under 19 Netball team suffered a rare defeat this week at the hands of Canford School, knocking them out of the ISNC tournament. It must be said that they aren't that practised at defeat but they all took it on the chin and live to fight another day!

100% qualification for the cross country runners

Huge congratulations to our four cross country runners who all performed superbly at Wednesday's Exeter versus East Devon round despite the damp, chilly and slippery conditions. Our Lower 5 squad of Sophie B, Sophie C and Katie H all qualified for the County Round in the Intermediate Girls section thanks to their respective 6th, 7th and 2nd places. Emma B in Lower Sixth also put in an excellent performance, finishing third to secure her place at the next round in the Senior Girls.

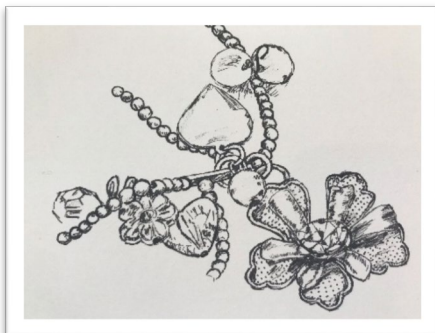


Polite notice re Lost Property

We are still experiencing a number of girls who are losing items of clothing without a trace. Please can we ask that parents and guardians check their daughter's clothing from time to time to make sure they haven't inadvertently picked up another student's item by mistake. Many thanks!

Beautiful artwork

And finally, the Sixth Form ESP girls have completed some carefully observed drawings of jewellery with fine liners which we thought you would like to see!





Have a lovely weekend!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah Dunn'.

Sarah Dunn
Headmistress