

Belle Vue Girls' School

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

As we continue to watch the changing landscape of education, the day job at Belle Vue Girls' School continues in earnest. We held a very successful review day in March with over 90% of parents attending. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank all parents for their support and hope you and your daughter found the consultation time useful. Year 11 had a programme of Information Advice and Guidance in preparation for applications for post 16 courses. Once again the majority of our Year 11 students wish to stay at Belle Vue Girls' School.

The summer season of examinations is looming very quickly, and there are frantic



attempts by students to complete all coursework and prepare revision timetables. I would ask all parents to support their daughter over the Easter holidays with revision opportunities and time to study. We continue to be confident that the final examination results will bring us close to the results of 2009 which were the highest Belle Vue Girls' School students have ever achieved. A number of additional classes and support events are timetabled for the Easter break. Our admission numbers for September 2011 reflect our popularity with the majority of our intake choosing Belle Vue Girls' School as their first choice.

At the staff meeting on 21 March 2011 a member of staff from Leeds DEC

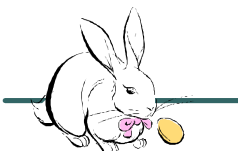
(Development Education Centre) delivered a workshop introducing the topic of the Global Curriculum. This provided the opportunity to look at some strategies to work with pupils through Vertical Tutoring and a theme for our forthcoming carnival celebration in July.

As we face financial constraints our intentions are to continue to support as many additional activities as possible for the benefit of the girls at Belle Vue Girls' School. I hope that the following trip reports will give you a feel for the experiences that we value and hope to continue to provide.

Have a happy holiday.

Mrs M Copeland
Headteacher

15 April 2011



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New Year 7 Open Day Wednesday 6 July 2011

Special points of interest:

- We say farewell to Moyra Fleming Assistant Headteacher Inclusion who retires after nearly 10 years at Belle Vue Girls' School. She will be greatly missed.
- We say a big welcome to Pat Curran who will be joining us in May as Assistant Headteacher Inclusion.



G & T News

G&T Year 10 Business Challenge Event to Leeds University. The girls had two hours to work on a presentation. They had to come up with a business idea, develop a business plan, look at marketing strategies, finance etc. They then presented their ideas to a panel of four 'dragons' it was all very professional and all teams achieved the objective of the day. We had two girls on the

winning team and one girl on the team that came second.

G&T Year 9 Languages at Work Conference at Leeds University.

The girls attended a workshop where they were taught to speak some Russian, it was amazing how quickly they were able to pick it up. In the afternoon they

worked with native Spanish and French speakers to create presentations. Four of our Spanish speaking girls did an amazing presentation which actually won the overall prize for the best presentation on the day.



Jacqueline Scott

Mock Trial Competition

Belle Vue Girls' School once again took part in the annual Mock Trial Competition which took place at Bradford Magistrates' court on Saturday 5 March 2011. The team from Year 9 worked for several weeks with our link Magistrates, Gill and Andrew, and on the day faced competition from Titus

Salt School and Beckfoot. The girls rose to the challenge and performed confidently, achieving a high standard. One of



them, Fazila Akubat, was singled out for the quality of her portrayal of the Legal Advisor. All the girls enjoyed the experience and the success of their day.

Margaret Turner

Bootleg Beatles

We took 18 pupils to see the Bootleg Beatles at St George's Hall. The year 12 pupils are studying the Beatles for their May exam and also for a performance piece that they are working on. This was a particularly exciting opportunity for them to see a multimedia show that showcased the Beatles' career

from the Cavern Club right through to the BBC rooftop performance.

The pupils behaved impeccably and added some authenticity with lots of screaming at the band. They joined in singing, dancing and clapping enthusiastically and got others

in the crowd in the mood as well without ever crossing the line into silliness.

We were complemented on their behaviour by several other members of the audience.

Tom Howell

Nell Bank Residential 11/12 March 2011

I took 15 girls to Nell Bank for an overnight stay. On the Friday evening they explored the woodland by torchlight and had a bonfire, around which they sang campfire songs. We had fish and chips from an Ilkley chip shop for dinner and finished the evening off with hot chocolate and cake.

They all hugely enjoyed the chance to spend the night with

their friends, keeping a good humoured party atmosphere going until the early hours.

The visit finished with retail therapy in Ilkley before the journey home.

Jane Filby



You may like to visit Nell Bank's website on Bradford Council Website.

Readathon

Years 7 and 8 were invited to take part in Readathon whereby they asked family and friends to sponsor them for reading books.

Readathon supports CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation both are charities which help improve the lives of children with serious illnesses such as cancer and epilepsy.



I am delighted to say that the total raised is £1,134.91 and would especially like to mention Supriya and Nayyab who raised £70.30 and £53.50 respectively.

School will also benefit as we have over £200 to spend with Scholastic on new books for the library. So a big thank

you to all the Y7 and 8 students who took part and their family and friends for supporting Readathon.

Mrs Logan

Outside Classroom

On Friday 8 April in bright and warm sun our outside classroom finally received its finishing touch – a lovely locally sourced wood fence. The wood was sourced from a city council woodland in exchange for coppicing training and wood management.



Around 20 volunteers were present on site and our Headteacher led a small group of staff to see the final moments of work.

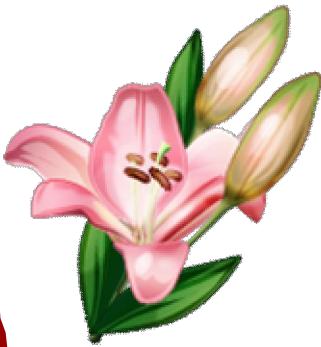
Official opening of the classroom will be arranged some time in May.

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Parental Involvement Officer News

Computing for Beginners

Every Wednesday

Time : 12-45-2.45pm

This beginners course is for parents with no experience to gain confidence and learn basic computer skills.

If there are any courses you are interested in attending please contact me on the number below or let me know what other activities you are interested in so we can try and run them in the future. For more information go to the Belle Vue Girls' Website and click on the 'Parental Involvement' link to keep you updated on what is going on.

Please contact Saeqa Rehman

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Holiday Dates for your calendar

School Closes—Friday 15 April 2011

Re-opens—Tuesday 3 May 2011

Spring Bank School Closes—Friday 27 May 2011

Re-opens Monday 6 June 2011

Training Day—Monday 27 June 2011

School Closes for Summer Thursday 21 July 2011

Parental Involvement Officer Classes Available

Accredited Emergency First Aid starting
8 June 12.45 pm—3 pm for 4 weeks.

Aromatherapy Classes starting 9 May
9.30 am—11.30 am for 10 weeks.

English Courses every Thursday after-
noon 12.30—2.30 pm.

