

Academy News



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Ace of Spades come up trumps

The name of the event said it all: BDA's Got Talent! On Monday more than 40 performers and 200 guests crowded into the Potter Theatre for our annual talent show. The assembled crowd were treated to an eclectic range of performances from dance, to music to gymnastics, and even some comedy from our irrepressible hosts Mohamed and Abdiaziz. The judges had a tough job choosing a winner from the 11 acts on show, but in the end these acts were awarded podium positions:



1. Ace of Spades: Coldplay – Paradise
2. Dillon: Bruno Mars - Grenade
3. Nardos and Dorcas: Gotye - Somebody That I Used To Know

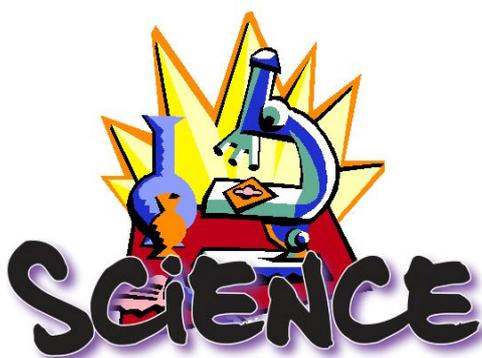
So well done to Ace of Spades (Gulyas, Elizabeth, Kiefer, David and Mohammed) for their stirring rendition of the recent Coldplay hit (para-para) *Paradise*. The event also marked the first time we've used Twitter at a school event, with students in the audience eagerly sending their tweets to the judges. Here's a few below:



@ITSSFaizaa: Dillon is amazing and adorable awwwww!

@ibemonslee: Rio was really good but me&jas shud be judges :)

@Tahmid_Marvell: Hats off Rio! Played like a pro! Had me in tears :')



Science dept launch logo comp

Head of Science Ms Clark is offering BDA students the chance to design a new logo for the Science Department. The logo will be professionally digitized and then used on department letters and PowerPoints. The logo should be 10cm x 10cm, composed by hand in colour, and must include 'BDA Science Faculty' and the BDA logo (or space for it).

Submissions should be handed to Ms Clark, or your science teacher. A prize will be awarded for the winning entry.

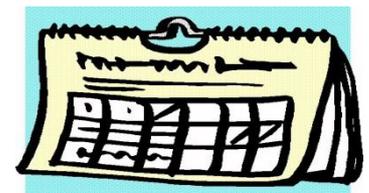
Key dates ... check website for more.

Friday 29th June: Staff training day, no students in school

Thursday 5th July: Year 6 Parents' Evening

Friday 6th July: Sports Day: see details in this newsletter

Friday 20th July: Last day of summer term for students and staff.



Take care of your newsletter: Several of your teachers have worked together to produce BDA News: make sure you take it home and show it to your parents. Any questions, comments or feedback should be directed to academy.news@burlingtondanes.org. Have a great weekend!





First Impressions

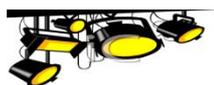


✂ Mr Preston introduces this week's brain teasers... ✂

1. Who was able to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in person 21 years after it was awarded?
2. Of which country is Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner the President?
3. What is Microsoft's own tablet computer called?
4. What did Nick Wallenda cross on a tightrope?
5. Where have dress-code assistants been on duty?



Last week's questions and answers: What is to be 'transformed into Britain's countryside' for its opening ceremony? **The Olympic Stadium.** Which subject is to be made compulsory in primary schools? **MFL.** Which planet was seen from earth to cross the face of the sun? **Venus;** Who won a Tony Award for his role in the play 'One Man, Two Guvnors'? **James Corden** How many times has tennis star Rafael Nadal won the French Open? **7.**



Meet the Teacher



#72 The editorial team had a pleasant surprise this week when Assistant Principal Mr Jerred finally responded to our interview request...

What would you be doing if you weren't working at BDA? Having spent an amazing year working in community development in South Africa before I started teaching, I would probably have continued working on similar projects abroad, somewhere with a warmer climate than England...

What were you like when you were at school? I really enjoyed my school years, but was a bit lazy although generally well behaved. I was only sent to the head teacher once, which was at primary school for listening to and England cricket match on a walkman (our generation's equivalent of an IPOD for those wondering!) during lunchtime. Luckily he was a sports fan and invited me to listen to it in his office instead!

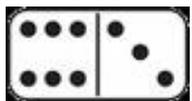
Who or what inspires you? I am often inspired by people who perform selfless acts- fortunately working in a school I am surrounded by these people, students and staff alike.

Describe your perfect day... My perfect day would revolve around friends, food and sport. It would start with a long lie-in, an English breakfast and a leisurely morning reading the papers. In the afternoon, a trip to Twickenham with my old university friends to watch an England rugby match, followed by a nice Thai meal out with Mrs Jerred.

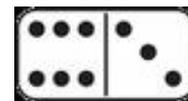
What's your favourite book and why? I generally read a mixture of crime-thrillers and biographies. One recent book that comes to mind is a biography by an ex-rugby player called Matt Hampson, who suffered a serious injury during a training session and lost all movement from the neck down. It's an inspirational story of how he has dealt with the tragedy, and taken a new outlook on life through a range of charity work and the close support of his family and friends.

One piece of advice? Don't drink Lucozade for breakfast unless you want your teeth to fall out...





BDA through the years



Ms Quinton – Yr7: Good afternoon Year 7, You will have seen lots of Year 6 pupils coming to Burlington Danes in preparation for joining in September. It is important that they see you as Year 8's setting a good example in your attitude and behaviour. I would like you to be good role models for them. There are only four weeks left of Year 7 for you – please finish well particularly in your assessments next week and ensure that you reach your end of year targets in all subjects. Have a good weekend.

Ms Akingbule – Yr8: Good afternoon year eight. By now, you must have finished revising for your end of year examinations. Use the data in your planners to wisely identify your weak subjects and never hesitate asking for help from your teachers. Well done to those of you who have attended extra revision classes, I hope your effort yields dividends. Well done to the following students who were nominated as students of the week by their tutors, Zahra Daod (8B), Kinsi Dualeh (8U), Reice Khan (8R), Naomi Morgan (8L), Tefani Al Hassan (8D), Nabil Ahmed (8A) and Faith Udo (8N). Have a good weekend.

Mr Stephenson – Yr9: First let me congratulate you for trying, in earnest, to be the best you can be. I must say, on the whole, that I have been very impressed with your positive attitude and the majority of you are getting it right every time. The small minority of you that seem to be getting demerits needlessly for not doing the things you should be, where's your head at? Ultimately if you're not progressing then you're regressing and that simply does not make sense. Parents, the tutors and myself thank you for your continued support and patience, it is rather clear that the Year group is blessed with some very wonderful children, and a lot of promising academics. Please continue to support the school by checking planners and ensuring that reports are signed and that revision is also taking place at home. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Bissoo – Yr10: This week has been a busy one for year 10 and I have to commend you all on your punctuality, attendance, focus and behaviour. It's suddenly dawning on many of you how little time in year 10 we have left and I am extremely pleased in the way you have conducted yourselves this week. 4 more school days and then work experience...I will be a little lost without you all in and around BDA for 2 weeks but I'm really looking forward to visiting you at your placements and getting amazing feedback from other members of staff who visit you. Please remember that next week there will be a huge focus on year 10 in and around school, so remember '*Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.*' So start next week as you finished this one ☺ Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Megaw – Yr13: Good afternoon year 13! It's been a great week with some excellent feedback- on my walks around your lessons I have been really impressed with your mature attitude to learning and willingness to take on the challenge of the A2 syllabus. In particular, well done to the PE and Biology classes as I have been hearing excellent reports from your teachers! Next week we will be on the Liverpool University Residential – honing our bowling skills, enjoying the open top tour...and getting ourselves well and truly prepared for UCAS and university life. This week's workshops have been designed to help kick start your personal statement -so ensure you are using your free time to jot down the key skills, activities and paragraph ideas using the ABC rule and with the resources provided. Well done to last week's SOTW of the week; Nawid, Jawad and Chris as nominated by tutors.

Sports Day, Friday 6th July 2012, sign-up now!

Students in Years 7-9 are reminded to sign up for Sports Day events with your Head of House. House assemblies on Monday will give your Head of House a chance to remind you of the importance of striving for success for your house! So don't hold your light under a bushel, sign-up for Sports Day events today.



Last Words



Ms Coates' Commendation...

A special mention today to our Year 13 students, many of whom sat their final exams this week. That brings to an end 7 years at Burlington Danes, and it's a sad farewell to a year group that means so much to me.

I am incredibly proud of the maturity that has grown so noticeably in the 4 years that I've known you. We look forward to celebrating with you at the leavers' dinner on Monday and I have every confidence that you will thrive at university and beyond.

Spellings

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ

An irresistible idea for a week in which England play the irrepressible Italians: all our spellings begin with the letter 'I' this week. I invite you to immerse yourself...

1. Indescribable
2. Interference
3. Intercede
4. Insidiousness
5. Indubitably
6. Irresistible
7. Irreversible
8. Impresario
9. Immediately
10. Influential

This week's diary		EXAMS am	EXAMS pm
Monday 25.06.12	Y7, Y8, Y9: All Subjects HOUSE ASSEMBLIES 8.30: 'Y13' Assembly (Potter Atrium) MEG Evening: Y13 Leaving Event	p1&2: Y7 English reading p3&4: Y8 History	p5&6: Y7 English Writing
Tuesday 26.06.12	Year '13' Residential- Liverpool University (JER) Y5 Taster Day (CSY) St Stephens Primary School Taster Day	p1&2: Y8 English reading p3&4: Y7 History	p5&6: Y8 English Writing
Wednesday 27.06.12	8.30am: Year 10 Assembly (BIS) Danes Atrium Year '13' Residential- Liverpool University Barlby Primary School Taster Day Evening: ARK Music Gala: ARK Voices	am: GCSE Resistant Materials Unit 1 German Unit 2 (the FINAL GCSEs this morning) p1&2: Y7 RE p3&4: Y8 RE	p5&6: Y9 RE
Thursday 28.06.12	Y12 GCSE Grade Predictions in (All subjects) Y10 Data in CMIS 8.30am: Year 7 Assembly (QUI) Danes Atrium 8.30am: Year 9 Assembly (STE) Burlington Atrium Year '13' Residential- Liverpool University Barlby Primary School Taster Day Y11 Prom	Y10 (Option B): Art, Graphics, Assessment Time, (One Day Maximum per Subject), Drama (Periods 1 to 3) , Business Studies (Periods 1 - 4) p1&2: Y9 Mod Lang / Literacy p3&4: Y7 Mod Lang / Literacy	p5&6: Y8 Mod Lang / Literacy
Friday 29.06.12	ARK Training Day: no students in school.		

Scripture of the week based on the theme of **Fairness.**

from **Judges 9 8-15:** Once the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!'

Word of the week: **SERENDIPITY**

Noun: A happy accident or surprise

Example: By serendipity the bus strike meant that I walked to work and bumped into the woman of my dreams!

Synonyms for predilection: Lucky break.