BETHS VIP

Excellence - Community - Respect

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers.

As we approach the end of the first term back, our scholars have all settled in well. There have been many events and occasions that have started the year off well.

Last week, the school celebrated MFL International Week, where scholars participated in a variety of activities, including: food tasting; using International Sign Language to order

lunch; and wearing cultural clothes on International Dress Day for KS3 and KS4. This week was enjoyed by everyone and in this VIP some scholars share their feedback and thoughts of the week.

On Friday 10th October it is Own Clothes Day for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Scholars are encouraged to wear pink and blue clothes for this day. A £2 donation is asked to support the Pink Ribbon Foundation, Medicine Society and Prom Committee.

We have some exciting trips coming up. There is the Year 9 trip to Battlefields and the Year 8 and 10 Barcelona Football tour. We hope that they bring back the trophy and continue their winning streak.

Last week, staff held a Macmillan Coffee Morning. The morning was filled with coffees and cakes, baked and enjoyed by staff raising money for a worthwhile charity.







Next week our Year 6 Open Events begin, we look forward to welcoming all the prospective students and their parents and carers.

Just a small note about parking around school. There have been reports of people blocking driveways and even parking on neighbours driveway. This is not respecting our community and we therefore ask parents be to be mindful of where they are parking in the neighbourhood. I thank you in advance for your coporation.

Best wishes.

Richard Blyghton







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 6th October - Year 11 Work Experience Week, Year 6 Open Events commence

Friday 10th October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month Own Clothes Day

Friday 10th October - Barcelona Football Tour departs, Year 9 Battlefields day trip

Monday 13th October - Barcelona Football Tour returns

Wednesday 15th October - 5pm-7pm Apprenticeship Fair Evening

Thursday 6th November- 6pm-7pm Snow Union Ski Trip Parents Information Evening

Friday 17th October - Year 6 Open Events end, Last day of term





@BethsGS

Celebrating Cultural Diversity: International Week at Beths Grammar School

Last week, Beths celebrated another successful week of events highlighting cultural diversity as we celebrated International Week. European Day of Languages is celebrated on 26th of September every year, and so this year, the Modern Foreign Languages department decided to celebrate this with a schedule full of events centred around language learning and cultural enrichment.

From Monday onwards, form tutors presented quizzes to their tutees full of interesting facts about languages. Scholars even had had the opportunity to earn house points! During this week's assemblies, during Assemblies Mrs Johnstone talked about the importance of learning a language in our globalised and multicultural world of work. Scholars learnt about the great facts and opportunities provided when speaking various languages. Mrs Johnstone proposed many ways in which languages could be of immense value whilst highlighting that, this year, at Beths, we will be learning about Sign Language, not just as a tool for communication in the workplace, but also as an opportunity to improve our cultural capital and ability to understand others' values. Interestingly, for the Sixth form, Mrs Johnstone suggested bolstering their degree choice with a language that they have never studied before. Mrs Johnstone highlighted that any additional languages learnt are highly prized and can be started 'ab initio' with no prior knowledge alongside many degree courses.

On Tuesday, our Year 8 scholars had the opportunity to practise their language skills whilst undertaking a gastronomic journey by trying typical cultural food from the country of the language that they are studying for their 'language 2'. After winning a ticket in their language lessons by virtue of their Beths scholar attributes, they were invited to enjoy food tasting sessions featuring French, Spanish, Italian and Chinese cuisine, from an array of cheeses and cured meats to the delights of bubble tea. Languages fun thrived throughout the week as Key Stage 3 students enjoyed delicious food tasting. They learnt about the International Sign Language in a taster lesson in their language 1 class and a cultural lesson in their language 2 class.

Thursday marked European Day of Languages, and since our focus this year was on Sign language, the catering team served up a tempting range of delicious food including burgers, Peri-peri chicken, rice, pizzas, salads and chips, finished off with some cakes. Students were encouraged to ask for their food using the posters of sign language place in the canteen. This week, many departments in the school taught lessons focussing on International sign language, for example, in PE this week, students learnt about how to communicate non-verbally practising how to communicate with others with sign language. In English and Film Studies, students learnt about the famous author Helen Keller and how to sign words in English.







The culmination of Languages week saw scholars arriving in traditional dress from the country of their choice for 'International Dress Day'. Students and staff came to school in international clothing, either from their own culture or a culture they love. Scholars and staff alike dressed in traditional attire, creating a colourful and festive atmosphere throughout the school. What an array of colours and beautiful outfits!!! This was an excellent opportunity for cultural celebration.

Importantly, International Dress Day was also a charitable event, and this year we raised an impressive £519. The proceeds were split between National Deaf Children's Society to provide support to children with auditive needs and our school's Multicultural Committee to help them raise awareness of cultural issues locally and make a positive impact in the community.

International Week at our school was an incredible experience that brought the whole community together to celebrate diversity and global cultures. The event was filled with vibrant activities, international food, cultural lessons, quizzes, and an opportunity to showcase the wide range of students' cultures from around the world. Overall, it was an eye-opening and inclusive week of memorable celebration that allowed us to appreciate different languages, customs, and perspectives, fostering a deeper sense of unity and understanding.

Mrs Johnstone







This week we celebrated MFL International Week. Our scholars indulged in some French food tasting.



Scholars were given the amazing opportunity to try cuisine from different countries.





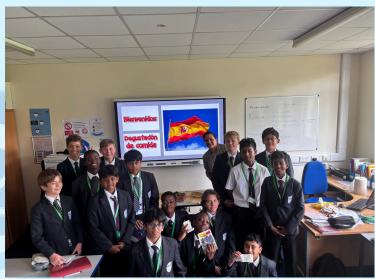






Scholars also tried food from Spain.















As well as some Italian food.

















Mandarin scholars enjoyed Boba Tea. This drink was originally made in Taiwan in the 1980s but has become popular with lots of different flavours and jelly or tapioca that you can add to the drink.







Scholars feedback:

At Bests, MFL International Week trok place from Monday 22 nd September to Friday 26th September, Students were invited to do fur and engaging language activities, The language theme for 2025 was International Signs Language, Year 7 were asked to sign their name in eigh language with help from posters hanging around the content, On E Friday 26th September was the Enopean Day of Longuage Language Students as need asked to dress up in traditional clothes from their culture with at least a £1 donation. The money would a towards two And places, The Beths Multivaltural Committee Committee and the National Deaf Children's Society. A photobooth Took place outside the Sixth Form Centreat lunch, Students would pose in their cultural clothes with a background of world flags and the Sixth Form Centre behind them. O verally MFL International Week is was pleasurable and entertaining. I will definitely be booking forward to it next time.

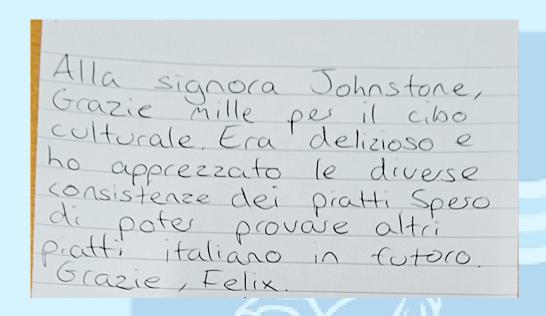






Scholars Feedback

Felix B 8E:



Rowan M 8H:

Alla Signara Johnstone,
Penso che il cibo fosse molto buono.
Comunque, devo dire che il vostro duro
lavoro è molto prezzaro. E grissini che
naggiato erano molto buoni, ma qualche
altro cibo era un po'strano. Direi che
il cibo is molto buono è un po'strano





Scholars Feedback

Boluwatife O 12C:

The importance of culture and diversity is still prevalent in today's society. Here at Beths Grammar School, we demonstrate this importance through our International Dress Day. Everyone took this opportunity to represent their culture and come dressed in cultural wear, showing pride and community. As a school that's culturally diverse, this is crucial that we all unite and embrace our cultural differences. Many photos were taken throughout the day, including a photobooth at lunchtime outside the Sixth Form Centre. Throughout the week, there were various activities done in the lower school for International Languages Week, including food tasting and ordering for food in sign language. Thank you for everyone taking part.

Morgan S:

"Share our similarities, celebrate our differences."







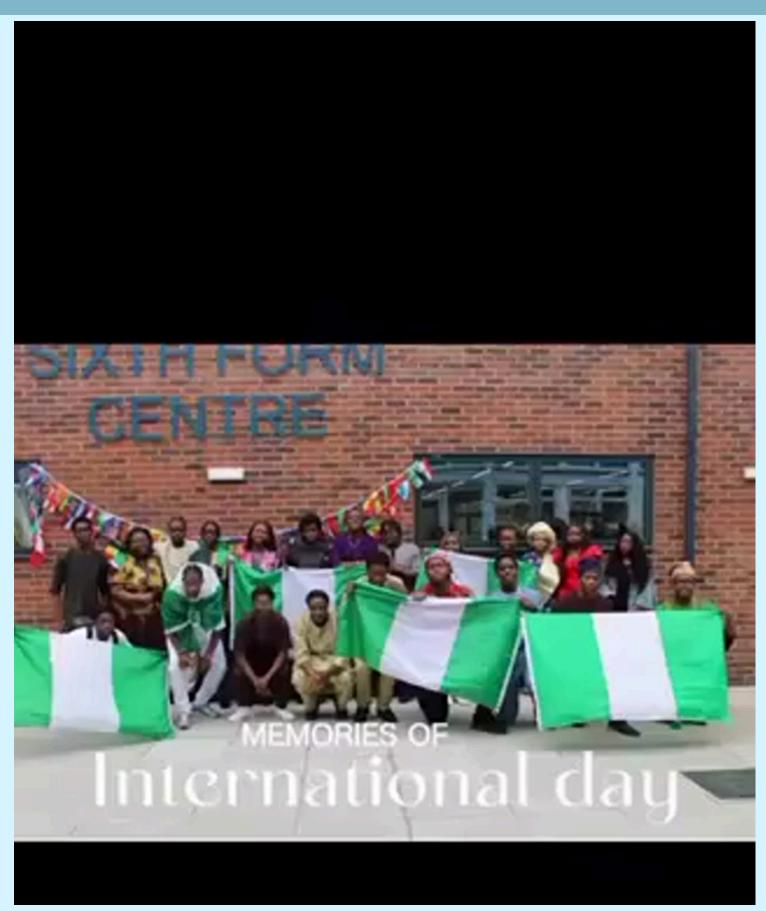


















BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

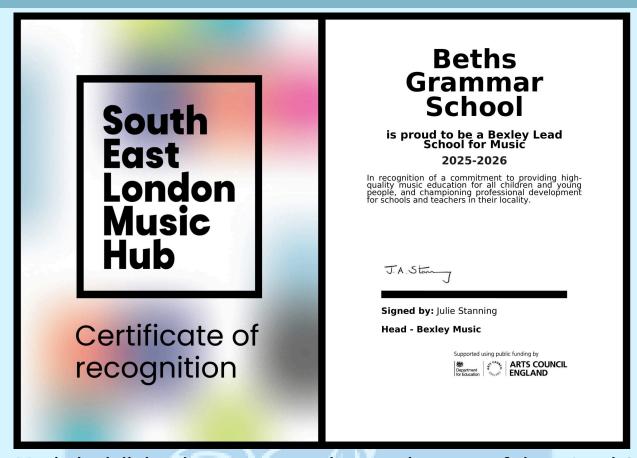








LEAD SCHOOLS FOR MUSIC 2025-26



Bexley Music is delighted to announce the appointment of three Lead Schools for Music for the 2025-2026 academic year: Beths Grammar School, Marlborough School, and St Fidelis Catholic Primary School. Each school demonstrates a clear commitment to providing high-quality music education for all children and young people, and to fostering creativity and inclusion across the Bexley community. Alongside Bexley Music, our lead schools will professional development for schools and teachers across the borough. The selection of these three Lead Schools reflects Bexley Music's mission to inspire and empower young people through a diverse programme of music-making. By working closely with schools across the borough, Bexley Music aims to ensure that every child and young person can access high-quality music education, regardless of their background or circumstances. Our Lead Schools will play an important role in co-designing specialised professional development, and championing music-making throughout our communities. As part of the wider South East London Music Hub, Bexley Music and its Lead Schools will continue to build partnerships, share expertise, and create progression routes for young musicians.



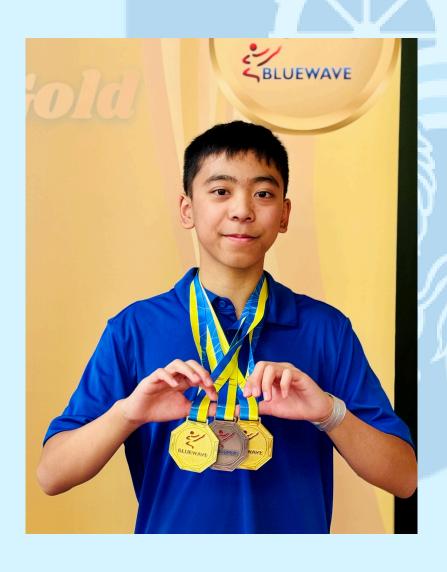




CELEBRATING GABRIEL'S SUCCESS

Gabriel compete at the 8th Bluewave Open Taekwondo Poomsae Championships with great determination and came away with three medals:

- Gold in Pairs
- Gold in Team
- Bronze in Individual











CELEBRATING DANIEL'S SUCCESS (7E)



Daniel competed in 3 table tennis tournaments in London and Kent in the last 2 weeks: he won gold in the U12 category at a tournament in Horsham last week; he won bronze in the U13 category a few days ago at a London tournament; he placed 1st at the Kent county Cadet (U15) table tennis trials; and has been selected to play for Kent's U15 team at the county championships in November.

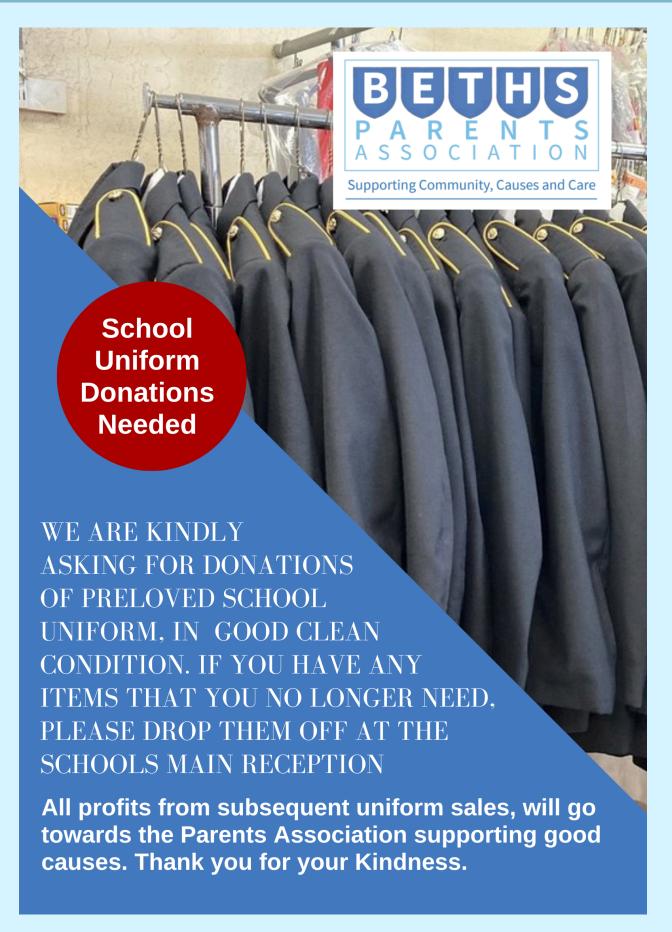








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