

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

This week I have been away at the Independent Schools Association's Annual Conference. I always find it useful to attend these events as there are normally good ideas to take away from them. This year the programme included talks on leading with confidence in challenging times, harnessing authenticity and the changing landscape of independent education, as well as a talk on how to thrive as humans in the age of artificial intelligence! It was quite an interesting conference as I believe Bedford Greenacre has coped well so far with the changing landscape of independent education, having merged two schools successfully, moved to fully co-educational and built a new school in the process. I was able to give some advice to the other delegates on the subject of adapting to change, although I didn't have much to offer on AI.

Back at the school, the exam season is speeding along, with those pupils who are involved putting on a rather mature display, which is pleasing. The teaching staff are available to offer advice, and support should any of the pupils need it in the weeks ahead.



In my last blog, I mentioned that the Year 5 pupils had been learning all about bushcraft skills on their residential trip, which I hear they enjoyed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Farnsworth, Mrs Van der Sande, Miss Piper, Miss White and Mrs Buddle for accompanying the pupils.

Last week, it was the turn of Year 6, who headed off to Longtown to take part in some outdoor pursuits. They too had a wonderful time and embraced all the challenges, which will certainly have given their

confidence a boost. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time, Mr Short, Mrs Van der Sande, Mrs Bartishel and Ms Robson.



Year 7s have spent this week in Caythorpe, enjoying some adventurous activities and I am sure they will be looking forward to relaxing at home this evening. My thanks to the staff who gave up their own time to allow the Year 7s to have this opportunity, Mrs Allen, Miss Ralph, Mr Wallwork, Mr Clark and Miss Piper.

You may have seen the letter that went out recently regarding Maths Ambassadors, which is a great initiative, and we've had a lot of interest. Mrs Crannis and her team will be reviewing the applications and will appoint ambassadors shortly.

I would like to congratulate Alexa Elliott in Year 9 who received a 'Highly Commended' in the ISA Poetry Competition. There were a high level of entries from across the country and just four awards in Years 9 and 10, so we are all very proud of Alexa's achievement.

I was pleased to hear that Year 5 spent some time in the sunshine celebrating David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. They enjoyed making their bug hotels and bird feeders, as well as planting some bee-friendly plants on our land. I am sure Mr Attenborough would be impressed!



## Junior Stars of the Week:

Class	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	w/c 4 May 2026
Forest (Reception)	Mercedes Valentine	William Kitchener
1M (Meadow)	Jonnie Walters	Charlie Orr
2C (Clover)	Simao Soares Adao	Barney Chappell
3E (Emerald)	GianLuca D'Anna	Conor Smith
3W (Willow)	Eliana Kehinde	Harriette Soul
4J (Jade)	Lucia Menozzi Gorham	Oscar Holgate
4S (Sage)	Oliver Dixon	Robin Kennedy
5W (Woodland)	Eli Hickman	Emerson Manser
5P (Pine)	Albert Lees	Kamilla King
5M (Moss)	Jack Young	Orla Sampson
6J (Juniper)	Whole of 6J	Olive Lionetti
6F (Fern)	Whole of 6F	Beya McGrath
6L (Laurel)	Pok to Pok winning team	Ariyan Rai

## Sport News



Well done to the BGI staff running club (and Martha) who ran the Stevington 12K on Sunday 10th May. Great to see the staff enjoying keeping fit and active!



Congratulations to our U9 cricket teams who played well in a recent tournament, with one team winning and going through to the County Finals at the end of May. Particular mention must go to Maggie for being given the Respect Award.

Thank you to all the pupils who showed off their skills at the athletics meeting recently. Particular mention must go to Nicolo and Robin for winning all three of their races, which is excellent. Well done to all involved for representing BGI so well.



## Sixth Form News:



On Saturday, a number of our Year 12 and 13 sixth formers helped with the FACES charity ball. Some set up the event in the morning, whilst others acted as waiters in the evening. Thank you to all of those who supported this event, particularly Gina for overseeing it. FACES is a charity that supports local children and their families, and I am informed that the evening was a great success for fundraising.

Our venue is a lovely space for functions of this type, please spread the word around. The kitchens and dining hall make a great party area, with the terrace and fantastic view being particularly pleasant for a summer event as guests can make use of the outdoor space too.

I would like to thank Mr Woodward for inviting Year 12s and their parents into school last Thursday evening for a post-18 pathways talk. He explained all about the UCAS process and offered advice on apprenticeships and other pathways.

Our sixth formers go on to a wide range of opportunities after leaving us, with many choosing the university option and studying everything from animation to law and medicine to marketing. We are pleased to have been advised of a lot of top grades being achieved over the years. Mr Woodward and Mrs Floro will support the current Year 12s as they start to think seriously about their next steps.

This Friday marks the final day of school for our Year 13 students before they begin their study leave. To celebrate their journey, teachers and staff are looking forward to spending one last lunchtime with the cohort to reflect on their time with us.

We are incredibly proud of this year group. From their academic dedication to their roles as mentors and leaders, they have made a lasting impact on our school community. Whether through fundraising or acting as role models for younger students, their contributions have been invaluable.

We wish all our Year 13s every success in their upcoming exams. We know how hard they have worked, and we look forward to celebrating their results this summer!



## Nursery News:

Each week in Sparrows, the children eagerly look forward to "Bucket Time," and recently, they have taken the magic of these sessions into the great outdoors!

Bucket Time is a vibrant, adult-led activity specifically designed to strengthen children's attention, listening, and engagement skills. By using high-interest, visually stimulating objects, it captures the children's curiosity and encourage them to focus within a shared group experience.



It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence—watching, listening, and staying engaged for longer periods each week. Taking the sessions outside has added a fresh layer of excitement, and the children are thriving as they learn and explore in the open air!



## Personal Pursuits:



Jesse attended the Leicester Tigers Minehead Rugby Tournament recently, with his team ending up as pool winners. Jesse was lucky enough to meet Martin Johnson, former England Captain, who was there to present the medals. Well done to Jesse.

Congratulations to William on winning second place in his latest karate alliance competition on Sunday. He won 2 of his 3 fights and lost to the winner by only one point.

Well done to Harry in Year 1 who recently completed his Level 5 Star Plus award for skiing at Milton Keynes Snozone. This now means he

has completed all of their junior ski levels and he has joined their Ski Race Academy training team where he trains on Tuesday evenings. Harry is already enjoying skiing red runs on family holidays. Keep up the great work Harry! Great to see kids learning to ski early as it becomes a passion for life.



Very well done to Abigail won first place (female) in the Titchmarsh 3k recently out of 138 adults and children taking part, with a time of 14:28.

## Principal's Awards:

Charlotte Gallachar-Ollson Year 8 for outstanding effort for her China tourism booklet.

## Parent, Teacher and Friends Association:

The days are getting longer, the weather is warming up, and that can only mean one thing... The Summer Fayre is just around the corner. We are delighted to invite all students, parents, and friends to the highlight of our school season. Join us for the Summer Fayre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 11:00 am – 1:30 pm for a day packed with community spirit and classic summer fun.

There will be plenty to keep the children entertained, including various games, a wide array of stalls, and, of course, the crowd-favourite BBQ. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring the whole family together, support our school, and enjoy a great Saturday. We can't wait to see the whole community there for a burger, a browse, and a bit of summer magic!

## PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sales

As we approach the end of the academic year, the PTFA is helping everyone get ahead of the game with our Pre-Loved Uniform Sales. This is a sustainable and budget-friendly way to stock up for the months ahead. Upcoming sale dates and times:

- Friday 5th June: 8:45 am – 9:30 am
- Friday 3rd July: 8:45 am – 9:30 am

We are also planning additional sale dates throughout the summer holidays; please stay tuned, as we will confirm those dates and times very soon. In the meantime, if you have any outgrown school uniforms taking up space in your cupboards, the PTFA would love to have them. Please ensure any donated items are clean and in good condition before dropping them off at the school office. Your contributions directly benefit our school community and help us promote a greener way to shop.

This Saturday, **16<sup>th</sup> May**, I will be attending **the Bedfordshire Young Farmers Rally at Manor Farm, Stagsden MK43 8SH**. I look forward to seeing some of you there. It is always a nice event and many of our former pupils have been part of young farmers over the years and attend, so it is nice to see them too. Come and say hello if you are attending.

On the **30<sup>th</sup> May**, the **Buckinghamshire YFC Country Show** will take place at the Paton's family farm and they would love to see some BGI families go along. Please see the poster for details.

Kind regards



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**Principal**



**2026 BUCKS YFC COUNTRY SHOW**  
Hosted by Newport Pagnell Young Farmers Club

**SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2026**  
Hill Farm, Haversham, MK19 7DY

- Tractor Displays
- Birds of Prey
- Working Dogs
- Pony Club Mounted Games
- YFC Competitions
- Farmers' Market
- Craft Stalls
- Tug of War, and much more!

**A great day out for all the family!**

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