



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for the welcome barbecue on the first day of the new academic year. I hope it was a good icebreaker for those new to the school. I would like to thank our Chef and the rest of the team for organising the event so well.

It has been good to see the pupils all settling back into the daily school life over our first full week back. Thank you for ensuring that they all look well presented in their uniforms.

As I reported in the welcome letter shortly before term started, we were delighted with our GCSE and A-level results once again this year, with our valued added scores also being very strong (this is a measurement between the point at which someone starts at BGI and their current attainment). Thank you to Mr Evans, Mr Jones and Mr Woodward for co-ordinating the results days and to all the teachers who came along to offer support and advice to our pupils on their next steps.

I am sure many of you will have been listening to the ideas coming from our new Education Secretary, who is keen to introduce more vocational subjects into the curriculum. We are following this news with interest, and our own provision will be reviewed accordingly. Currently, we already provide Cambridge Technical subjects to our sixth formers, for example health and social care was introduced last year, which offers our pupils a combination of examinations spread over a period of time combined with coursework, which is an alternative to the traditional linear A-level. We will look at the possibilities of introducing these types of subjects at age 14 in future years if this becomes something the Department for Education pushes, but as their ideas are only just being discussed nothing is imminent. Of course, any revisions to the curriculum at BGI will be determined by the numbers of pupils wishing to study subjects following relevant consultation and once options are selected.

Mr Roberts, our Speech & Drama specialist, has informed me that the LAMDA results are in, and they are very good with a 76% distinction rate, which surpasses last year. Notable results include Jacob Bartlett, Ellie Palmer, Alexandra Simpson, Henry Seacombe and Alex Thomson who all achieved distinctions at Bronze Medal (Grade 6) and Tabitha Bargroff was awarded a distinction at Gold Medal (Grade 8).

We currently have 110 pupils registered for Speech & Drama lessons, so if you would like your child to participate, please contact the school office for further details.

## Junior Stars of the Week:

| Class              | w/c 7 September 2026                    |
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| Forest (Reception) | Halle Mal                               |
| 1M (Meadow)        | Siyana Iqbal                            |
| 2C (Clover)        | Jonnie Walters                          |
| 3E (Emerald)       | Seb Last & Flora Reynolds               |
| 3W (Willow)        | Greta Grint, Remy Cobley, Anna McMullen |
| 4J (Jade)          | Phoebe Roach                            |
| 4S (Sage)          | Conor Smith                             |
| 5W (Woodland)      | Tommy Murphy                            |
| 5M (Moss)          | Nicolo Spiniello                        |
| 6J (Juniper)       | Felix Howard                            |
| 6F (Fern)          | Henry Greatrex                          |
| 6L (Laurel)        | Annabel Jones                           |

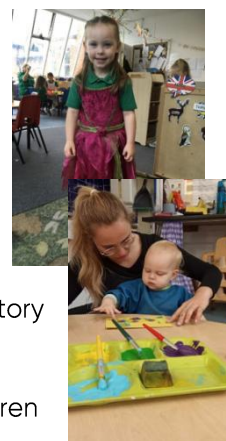
## Nursery News:

What a wonderful start to the Autumn term! It has been a joy to welcome our returning children back alongside several new families who have joined our Nursery community this term.



The children have settled in brilliantly exploring their new environments, discovering all the vibrant resources on offer, and building wonderful new friendships. Here are a few highlights from their recent adventures:

**Creative Arts:** Our babies created stunning artwork to celebrate the Hindu deity Krishna, using vibrant peacock-inspired colours. Across the room, our older children got into the autumn spirit with some delightfully messy pumpkin handprint paintings.



**Role Play & Imagination:** The dressing-up area remains a huge favourite! Jude took centre stage this week as he confidently stepped into the role of 'teacher'—instructing his classmates to put their "listening ears on" before leading a group story time.

**A Visit from the Library Bus:** We were thrilled to welcome the library bus to Nursery. The children loved climbing aboard, selecting their own books, and cuddling up together to share new stories.

It has been a joyous, busy start to the term in the Nursery. We look forward to sharing many more exciting learning opportunities and milestones as the autumn season continues.

## Sports News:



We are delighted to provide an update of our partnership with Padel4all. The courts are due to open to the public this autumn, and we're particularly pleased that this partnership will provide our pupils with access to all four padel courts during dedicated before-school and mid-afternoon periods throughout term time. This will give our pupils the opportunity to experience one of the UK's fastest-growing sports as part of the school's wider sporting provision.

The Padel4all team are currently working hard to finalise the Bedford weekly activities programme, including the dedicated Bedford Greenacre court usage. Full details will be announced closer to opening. The centre will be open to both members and non-members, seven days a week from 7am–10pm, with off-peak time weekdays before 4pm and peak time weekdays after 4pm and weekends.

If you'd like to follow the centre's progress and receive updates, you can join the **Padel4all Bedford WhatsApp Community** here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ep95M72EsyAGxEIHTrrp1L>

You can also learn more about the new Bedford centre and find answers to frequently asked questions here: <https://padel4all.com/bedford/>

If you have any questions about the new centre, please contact the Padel4all Bedford team at [bedford@padel4all.com](mailto:bedford@padel4all.com).

## Principal Awards:

Sante Lucrino Year 3 – holiday homework  
 Remy Cobley Year 3 – holiday homework  
 Grace Eastwood Year 4 – for amazing holiday homework  
 Jude Edell Year 4 – for amazing holiday homework  
 Gracie Kitchener Year 4 – for amazing holiday homework  
 Amrit Gill Year 11 – for artwork over the summer holidays.

## Personal Pursuits:

We always enjoy sharing news of the successes our pupils have outside of the school environment and it seems that this summer a lot has been going on. Please do send in news of your child's achievements so that we can congratulate them.

Firstly, well done to Amelie in Year 10 whose musical theatre group brought home the bronze medal at the All England Dance Finals held in Eastbourne at the end of July. A great achievement!

Very well done to Cooper who completed an extremely challenging 27-mile trek in the Peak District, raising over £1,200 for the Alzheimer's Society. He was the youngest participant to complete the challenge, which required months of training, determination and resilience. Excellent effort!



Congratulations to Matt who received The Grand Prior's Award recently, which I am told is the highest achievement possible for a cadet in the St John Ambulance youth programme.

Matt had to demonstrate his knowledge in 24 different subjects or proficiencies across the scheme. The areas of study include first aid and healthcare, health and wellbeing, leadership and teamwork, adventure skills, communication, and the history of St John. I hope that Matt wears his prestigious badge with pride, it is a great achievement demonstrating high levels of commitment.

Rohan continues to pursue his singing outside of school and over the summer took part at the Bedford River Festival, which must have been a great experience. He was also awarded a Young Achievers Award from the Bedford Bandhan group, and they invited him to perform at the Indian Independence Day ceremony. Liverpool Football club also played Rohan's song during their award ceremony.



I was pleased to hear that Daisy in Year 5 has been selected for the Stagebox Singing and Acting programme, an achievement earned by only a small number of performers through a highly competitive audition process. Stagebox is recognised for its prestigious training and standards, offering young performers the opportunity to develop their skills under leading industry professionals. What an exciting opportunity and something to be very proud about. Good luck to Daisy with the training programme.

Well done to Abigail who took part in the Bedford Running Festival last weekend where she came in first place out of 350 people in the girls section. Superb!



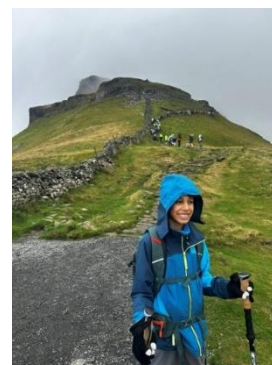


I was also delighted to hear about Chester in Year 8 who took part in the Bedford Running Festival, achieving a new personal best for his 5K. He also raised £265 for The British Heart Foundation, which is something to be very proud of. Well done!

We've got a lot of active pupils, one of which took on a charitable endeavour, Ariyan in Year 7, who completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge last weekend. Ariyan has raised an incredible £1,671 so far for Blood Cancer UK in memory of his grandfather – what a wonderful thing to do!

The Yorkshire Three Peaks is a tough circular hike through the Yorkshire Dales, covering 38 km and involving a total ascent of three peaks: Pen-y-Ghent (694m), Whernside (736m) and

Ingleborough (723m).



Ariyan walked through strong winds, heavy rain and some sunshine along the way, showing incredible resilience, determination and endurance from start to finish. Something to be extremely proud of!



Congratulations to William, who officially earned his 1st degree Black Belt at Adrenaline Martial Arts Huntingdon. Through incredible dedication, resilience, and hard work, he reached this remarkable milestone.

William's commitment doesn't stop at his belt rank. He has also stepped up to join the Adrenaline fight squad and taken on a leadership role as a SWAT member.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who said such kind words following the news of my retirement at the end of this academic year, they are greatly appreciated. I would like to reiterate that I will keep supporting the school going forward and am deeply honoured to have the Emeritus title. For the year ahead, I am 100% committed to ensuring we provide the very best teaching and learning experience for your child.

Kind regards



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