



# High March School Bulletin

Week 6 14.02.20

## **From Mrs Gater:**

It's February 14<sup>th</sup> and love is in the air at High March, especially in Nursery! The children have enjoyed a week of all things pink, red and heart shaped (I especially loved the button decorated pendants and the teddy-bear cards) and shared gorgeous stories on the theme of 'Love'. I hope you are all showered with kisses this weekend, mummies and daddies, and spoiled rotten!

Does anyone else following the Year 6 girls in Austria this week feel positively exhausted?! The annual ski trip has looked fantastic with the girls enjoying a whole host of fun activities alongside their daily visits to the slopes. Looking forward to welcoming everyone back this evening – I'm sure they've grown in more than just ski skills. A huge thank you must go to Mrs O'Shaughnessy, Mrs Kilbourn, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Dunster for giving their time, enthusiasm and care throughout the trip and I wish them all a well-earned half-term break.

There were several highlight events for me this week. The first of these being the Year 4 assemblies on the theme of 'Inspirational Women'. It is so important for our girls to know that women throughout history have made enormous contributions to all areas of human endeavour and that they have paths to follow in any direction they choose.

I also thoroughly enjoyed the Teatime Concert yesterday afternoon where girls from Year 1 to Year 5 performed beautifully in front of a large and appreciative audience.

Finally, I must mention the superb Year 5 netball match played at home on Wednesday evening against Godstowe. The atmosphere was fantastic, the play was sublime and Mrs Gater tried hard not to get too excited (loud) on the sidelines! A brilliant win against a very assured Godstowe team – well done, High Marchers!

All best wishes for a happy and, I hope, restful week ahead.

## **Staff News**

I am delighted to announce that, after a competitive interview process, Mrs Hannah Norman has been appointed as Head of PE to succeed Mrs James in September. Mrs Norman joined High March in September and has already proved a valuable teacher and colleague. Mrs Norman has a wealth of experience and expertise having formerly held the position of Head of PE at Pembridge Hall School before moving out of London. She is looking forward to working alongside Mrs James over the remainder of the academic year and to taking High March sports further along our exciting development journey.

## **Headmistress' Awards**

Congratulations to the following girls who received Headmistress' Awards this week:

Maya in 1M  
Isabelle in 1D  
Saachi in 2GS  
Etta in 1D  
Poppy in 2GS  
Edith in 2HN

**Congratulations to the following Junior House Stars of the Week:**

NC Grace  
NR Ashara  
RB Poppy  
RD Tara  
1D Sienna  
1M Siya  
2GS Zara  
2HN Ayaana

**Congratulations to the following Upper School Stars of the Week:**

3E Sadie Suri  
3G Mylee  
4C Matilda Cassie  
4W Carmen Annabel  
5BH Esra  
5JN Emilia Elin  
6G Ski Trip  
6K Ski Trip

**House Points**

**The winner of the House Cup will be announced  
in Prayers after half term**

**Notices**

**Easter Holiday swimming courses:**

Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April 9:30am – 11:30am

Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April 9:30am – 11:30am

The format for both these weeks will be 30 minute 1-2-1 lessons at 9:30am and 10:00am followed by a one-hour group lesson from 10:30 -11:30am for squad and stronger swimmers. To book places on these courses please email [swimming@highmarch.co.uk](mailto:swimming@highmarch.co.uk)

**Summer Holiday 1-2-1 swimming courses:**

Monday 20th – Friday 24th July

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August

Monday 24th – Friday 28th August

**JRSO Photo Competition**

During March the JRSOs are running a photo competition. Take a photo of something you would not be able to see from your car on your way to school. There will be prizes for both Upper School and Junior House. More details will follow after half term.

### **Jungsters Half Term Cookery Classes**

Former High March pupil Tessa Peters, now a qualified nutritionist and chef, is running Cookery Classes at Jungs from Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st February. Classes are at 10am and 12pm. For more details and to book places see [www.tesspeters.com](http://www.tesspeters.com), email [jungsters@hpjung.com](mailto:jungsters@hpjung.com) or phone 07904 001008.

### **Important message from Bucks Fire and Rescue**

'Please Let Us Through' ....As has been proved recently, inconsiderate parking can cause life-threatening delays to emergency service vehicles that are trying to reach a school during these times. Remember emergency vehicles need a minimum of 3m of clearance between parked cars.

### **Gap Tutor**

At this time of year, we start the recruitment for our next Gap Tutor for September 2020. If you know of any graduate or school leaver who is interested in pursuing a career in education and would like the opportunity to work in a school environment please email [jstevenson@highmarch.co.uk](mailto:jstevenson@highmarch.co.uk)

### **Beaconsfield Society – Save the Green Belt**

Do please take a moment to update yourselves on latest developments concerning the draft Local Plan 2036. The Local Plan is a statutory requirement and affects many environmental, societal and infrastructure elements of the lives of citizens in Buckinghamshire.

A key part of the draft plan is proposed release of the Green Belt and consequent development in and around Beaconsfield.

Without expressing any political perspective on the draft Local Plan, those of you who attended the Beaconsfield Society meeting "Save the Green Belt" at St Mary's Church on Wednesday will have heard about the potentially massive impact on our leafy Chilterns town, if the draft Plan is adopted, in terms of increase in houses, cars, inhabitants and commercial buildings, without necessarily sufficient infrastructure to support this development.

Both Bucks County Council (soon to be replaced and to form part of the new unitary authority combining district and county councils), the Campaign to Protect Rural England and a significant number of local councillors are against this particular Plan.

Do take time to familiarise yourselves with the key issues.

Traffic in Ledborough Lane and other local roads is forecast by District Council's own experts, to increase exponentially by 400% to divert traffic from Penn Road via Ledborough Lane to the A355.

<http://www.beaconsfieldnow.org.uk/>

### **Easter Camps - 30th March - 3rd April**

In the first week of the Easter holiday, Mrs Halford and Mrs James will be running Touch Typing sessions and Shine, an activity camp.

Typing from 9:00am - 10:45am, £25 a session or £120 for the week.

Shine from 11:00am - 4:00pm - £40 per day or £185 for the week.

The timings allow for children to attend both sessions. Mrs Halford will hand the children over to Mrs James, who will supervise them until Shine starts.

The bookings will officially open shortly before half term, however, if you want to register your interest please contact the staff at

[jhalford@highmarch.co.uk](mailto:jhalford@highmarch.co.uk)

[sjames@highmarch.co.uk](mailto:sjames@highmarch.co.uk)

### **Touch Typing Booster Sessions**

Mrs Halford will be running the next Touch Typing Booster sessions for Years 2 to 6, on Monday 17th February. There are 2 sessions scheduled that day at 9:15am – 11:00am and 11:15am – 1:00pm. If you would like to sign your daughter up for one of the sessions, please use the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/rfrwkba>

### **Social Group Notices**

#### **Quiz Night - We still have a few tables left!**

[Book your table here.](#)

Come and grab a table for a fun and relaxing evening with your friends ...

- A hot meal of fish and chips will be served. Meat and vegetarian options available.
- Tickets are £20 per person.
- Cash bar on the night serving wine, beer, gin & tonic, and a range of soft drinks.
- Delicious dessert auction!
- Prizes for the winning team.
- Maximum team numbers of 8 per table. If you are on your own, please don't be put off, you are not the only one, we can pull a table together.

Please come along to support the purchase of a cyclorama which will add an extra touch of professionalism to the girls' amazing productions.

#### **Watch this Space!**

The Junior House Space themed craft party will take place on Saturday 21st March, 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the Hall at Junior House.