

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see those of you who were able to join us on Wednesday at the BDAT parental engagement event. Thank you for taking the time to come and get to know everyone and to give us your feedback and suggestions.

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1. The Week Ahead

Weekly Assembly Theme: This week: Civil Rights/Martin Luther King				
Next week: Holocaust				
Day	Session	For	Time	Location
Monday	Inspire a Generation Wheelchair Basketball	Pre-invited parents only	10am to 12 noon	Sports Hall
Tuesday				
Wednesday	Year 7 Progress Evening	Year 7 Parents	4.00pm to 6.30pm	Classrooms
Thursday				
Friday	Reception & Year 1 Stay & Learn	Reception & Year 1 Parents & Carers	<u>Reception</u> 8.30am to 8.50am <u>Year 1</u> 2.50pm to 3.15pm	Lady Royd Classrooms

2. Year 7 Progress Evening

The Year 7 Progress Evening will take place on Wednesday 25th January, from 4pm to 6.30pm. Appointments will need to be made via EduLink One. Bookings are open from **9am on Wednesday 18th January** and will close at **2pm on Wednesday 25th January**. Please remember to leave sufficient time between appointments to move between rooms. Any issues with booking should be directed to the data team via data@bggs.com.

3. BGGs/BDAT Time Capsule.



Pupils from Primary buried our BDAT time capsule this week, with items collected by the school council along with Miss Joshi and Mrs Sofia.

During the Autumn term, BDAT schools buried their time capsules to celebrate 10 years of BDAT, however we decided to wait until we officially joined the BDAT family. The time capsule consists of artwork, letters, news events and items such as coins and stamps.

4. Wheelchair Basketball

We are extremely excited to announce that we will be visited by Great Britain Paralympian Siobhan Fitzpatrick next Monday when she joins us for our official launch of the Inspire A Generation wheelchair basketball program at BGGs.

Local and national media companies have been invited into school to celebrate and promote the fact we are the first (and still only) school in the country to be awarded funding to set up sessions for students in both our primary and senior phases, which are now running every week.

We are looking forward to welcoming the already pre-invited parents of the students. Students across both the Primary Phase and Senior Phase will be playing across 2 sessions during the morning.

If any other students are interested in joining the Wheelchair basketball sessions after the Easter holiday, please contact Mr Wood (Primary Phase) or Mrs Mclean (Senior Phase).

5. Year 10 and Year 11 Art Trip

On Tuesday, a group of Year 10 Art and Textile students spent the day at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. The morning was spent having a guided tour of the collection within the Oriental gallery. Surrounded by the treasures of central Asia, Islam and the Indian subcontinent, the guide focused on items from the small to the large including elephant armour from the Mughal period and remarkable objects that demonstrated the fascinating and pioneering development of weaponry in China and Japanese warrior objects.

A workshop session followed which provided the opportunity for the girls to get hands-on and in-depth through viewing at close quarters body armour and chain mail including helmets, breast plates and gauntlets. The weight and intricacy of the weaponry as well as the armour was noted when they were actually able to try on these items!

The final activity was to return to the collections and spend some time sketching sections of the artworks, focusing on repetition, pattern and surface textures seen within the exhibits. Their responses will form part of their Adorn, Decorate and Embellish project which will commence back in the classroom in Term 3.

Cultural capital is intrinsic both within and outside the classroom, where different cultures, experiences and beliefs are valued and explored. This trip provided the ideal opportunity for our girls to experience something new and different and expand their cultural horizons not far from the school gates for the day.



6. Seasonal Showcase

Our seasonal showcase event (postponed from December) will now be held on **Thursday 2nd February**, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets are now on sale, priced at £3 via ParentPay. Please note that tickets are limited in supply and will be issued on a 'first come, first served,' basis.

7. Inclusive Cricket

This week 22 primary students took part in inclusive cricket activity sessions on Monday afternoon. Students got to experience adapted forms of the game such as softball cricket and table cricket. They have been learning the rules of the games, how to score and how to work as a team.

The sessions will continue every week until February half term, and then we will be invited to attend a competition later in the school year to showcase the skills learnt in the sessions. Shakil Manir from Yorkshire Cricket Board is leading the sessions, and pupils have said their first experiences were "really fun" and "exciting".

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Martin".

Clare Martin

Principal