



# Prep Headlines

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## Chapel Choir

Meet Francis the latest addition to our Bancroft's community. He's named after our original founder Francis Bancroft but he's part of a new age of computer programming that is giving our children a really fun-filled educational experience in their lessons. At 58cm tall, Francis is an extremely cute, if slightly unnerving presence around school: he moves, recognises you, hears you and even talks to you! He has also upstaged me in several assemblies thanks to some of the moves and quips that Miss Ellery our very talented Head of Computing has programmed him to make! So, along with Francis and the rest of the Bancroft's team I would like to wish you a very happy and safe summer holiday. For those of you returning we look forward to seeing you in September with your batteries fully charged.

*Joe Layton*



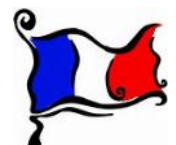
The Prep School had the wonderful privilege of singing in the Chapel to the Senior School on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June and to our own Prep on the Monday.

They sang the beautiful "Because the Lord is My Shepherd", featuring a solo from Amina Poernomo. Two readings reflecting God's love separated a lovely setting of The Lord's Prayer and A New Commandment. Much praise was given by Senior School Staff who commented on the quality of sound that The Chapel Choir produced. The Chapel Choir exists to provide Service music and this was a wonderful opportunity.

Mr A. Baum



## Betas to the Europa Centre



Have you ever tried speaking ONLY French for half a day? If you have ever tried that, you'd have found it's quite difficult, isn't it? Well, the Betas had to do that on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We went to the Europa Centre in Hornchurch in two groups: one in the morning with BSS and half of BBR, another in the afternoon with BLD and the other half of BBR.



At the Europa Centre, we could only speak French. We had to go into different mock shops and ask for things in French. It's not as easy as it seems! The staff gave us pretend credit cards, and instead of a pin we had to recite the numbers on it in French! We had to learn all the names of things we could buy a few weeks before the trip from a sheet with the different items from the various shops.



The Europa Centre was decorated so well, that when you went inside, you thought you were in a real French market! There were shops like a boucherie, a pharmacie, a clothes shop, epicerie, a poste and many others. On top of that, there was a pretend cinema, were you could book a cinema ticket! It was an amazing trip and a really fun way to learn French!

Ritika Chakraborty BLD





## Charity Day



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June was Charity Day. This was an absolutely amazing day. In the morning we brought in £2 for our non-uniform and some more money to spend on the stalls set up by the Prep 1s and Prep 2s. The Betas and Alphas would bring in a few cupcakes to sell too! In the morning we had our assembly outside with a pony. The pony had come into our school as it was part of 'The Chigwell Riding Centre for Special Needs.' For the day we were raising some of our money for them to keep their riding centre going. We did so well on Charity Day we actually raised enough money to buy a new horse for the centre called Claude. Later, the Prep 1s and 2s took part in a sponsored event on rowing machines in groups of six. Each person would row 250m each and then swap over. We had 1½ hours to row the length of Lake Victoria which was 37km. The Alphas and Betas ran around the school field in groups of eight and in total they had to cover 30 laps. This would be the equivalent of climbing Mount Everest 8.85km. Once we had done all of that, we deserved a break. Everyone had their lunch and when the clock struck 12:30 the Prep 1s and the Prep 2s set up their stalls, until the end of the lunch break, on the field. The Prep 1s and Prep 2s got ready, the teachers let the Alphas and Betas out and they were off spending. There were all sorts of stalls from Mocktails and ice cream to playing Fifa 15 on the PS4. The seniors even joined in for around 10 mins. There was multitasking, 'Sponge the Teacher', cupcakes, a penalty shootout, darts, 'Karaoke Dokey', treasure maps and there was even ferret racing. For lots of these stalls, there was a little competition like 'Guess How Many Sweets in a Jar?' and 'Guess What's in the Smoothie?'. Afterwards, there was even more fun, cleaning everything on the field! After our fun yet exhausting day the parents were outside waiting for their children. We raised over £10,000 and this was shared amongst the riding centre, Sportability sports club for children with physical disabilities and learning difficulties, The African Children's Choir and UNICEF's Nepal earthquake appeal.

Mohammed Jiwani 1LL



## Betas to Gunpowder Mills

On Monday 8th June, the Betas visited the Gunpowder Mills in Waltham Abbey. Set in the heart of Epping Forest, it is the perfect venue to explore the habitats of some animals.

We were told to wear old clothes as we were exploring the woodland and wading through ponds.

We split into two groups and parents helped too.

We looked for wild animals and birds and inspected their droppings. We also collected bugs from under logs and explored the River Lee.

We then had lunch and visited the shop.

After lunch, we climbed upon the land train with Pauline and Michael, our guides and set off deep in the woods to a pond. It was a slow, bumpy ride and we were given an informative talk along the way. We were then told to grab nets, wade in and collect pond life. We collected our findings in buckets and then got back on the land train.

We mainly collected mosquito larvae and boatman and we inspected them under a microscope when we got back to the centre.

I was amazed that there are 400 different types of mosquito in this country.

I want to thank Mrs Strong for making it all happen and the teachers and parents for helping—it was excellent and the Alphas will love it next year.

Samah Butt BLD







## A Splashing Success



The final sporting event of the Prep calendar was the Inter house Swimming Gala. This took place on Thursday 2nd July, a stifling hot day, so we were all glad to jump straight in the pool! Alphas and Betas competed first, followed by the Prep 1s and 2s. Everyone in the school had a race, whether it be front crawl, backstroke, breast stroke or butterfly. Some did relays; others short 10m races. The common factor was that everyone supported their house and earned points for their team. The atmosphere was electric and the noise of cheering was tremendous! There were some great performances in the lower phase but the overall winners were Knighton. Hereford came second, Manor third and Monkshams fourth. The Upper Phase gala was spectacular and I loved every second. Knighton were victorious yet again. Many thanks to all the staff involved in organising the gala but a special thank you to Mrs Whitehead who is leaving us this term and has got us all to such a high standard to compete in galas such as this. We will miss you so much. Congratulations to Knighton but well done to everyone who took part.

Jemima Strong 2KY



## Cricket Festival



Bancroft's Prep hosted another successful cricket tournament during which the cricket squad were able to demonstrate the skills they have been developing all term. Twelve prep schools, from all over Essex and Hertfordshire took part in this year's event making it the biggest to date. Kabelan Mangaleswaran said 'Six teams were chasing the cup and six the shield'. The Bancroft's team started slowly as they lost to Forest narrowly and to Chigwell comfortably despite a fantastic batting performance from Sundeep who made 22 runs. Against St Cedd's, Bancroft's scored 49 runs with Rio scoring 15 and Sundeep scoring 17. However, St Cedd's won with one ball to spare despite wickets from Sarib and Nathan. Bancroft's finished with a flourish as they beat St Aubyn's and WGPS comfortably. Highlights of the wins included Aarav's flawless 23 runs, Kabelan's solid 21 not out, Oscar's brisk 12 runs, Amraj's sensible 13 not out and Emre's impressive stump-to-stump bowling which led to him getting two deserved wickets. Well done to all involved.



## Sports Day



On a cloudy morning, the whole prep school plus a large audience of friends and family, gathered on the bank to cheer the pupils representing their Houses. The running order for the day included a wide variety of events such as high jump, speed bounce, hurdles, 4 x 75m relays as well as the perennial crowd pleasers of the jumbo relay and parachute scramble! Additionally, the showpiece events of long jump, javelin, 300m/600m and sprint finals proved that Bancroft's has an abundance of athletic talent. It was fantastic to see every single pupil in the Prep School representing their House in at least two events as well as demonstrate superb team work and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the overall winners, Hereford, and a big thank you to all competitors and supporters! More photos can be found on the VLE.

- 1) Hereford
- 2) Monkshams
- 3) Knighton
- 4) Manor



## The National Children's Choir of Great Britain

This fabulous organisation asks:

"We are once again preparing for the NCCGB autumn auditions.

We look forward to meeting young musicians aged 9 – 19 with a passion for singing."

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If your son or daughter are interested, please contact Mr Baum for more information - [adam.baum@bancrofts.org](mailto:adam.baum@bancrofts.org)

# Tom Palmer

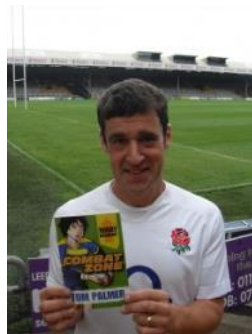
On Monday, 15th June Tom Palmer came to talk about his books to the Alphas and Prep 1s. Tom Palmer writes stories based around the theme of sport especially football and rugby.

Later he joined in with our Games and PE lessons with Mr Naylor and we did a quiz. If we got the answer right we were allowed to take a shot at getting the rugby ball over the post. Louis Channer and I got through to the second round; I came second and won a rugby ball. Louis came first and won a rugby ball and a trophy.

Afterwards we were able to ask Tom Palmer questions about his books and we could buy copies of them. I chose 'Secret FC' and he signed it for me.

It was a great day. Thank you to Mrs Yelverton and Mr Naylor for organising it for us all.

Aurora Strong ACB



# British Museum

On Monday 18th May 1LP and 1LL had the pleasure of visiting the British Museum on what was a very rainy day. We travelled on the London Underground and after forty minutes we arrived at our destination. Longing to see what was in store for us, we gathered our bags and went to different areas of the museum.

We observed the sculptures of proud lions with parts of their faces cut off and gold that was so old it looked like cling film, bowls and plates that showed scenes of Greek life and some Ancient Greek currency. Finally it was lunch.

After lunch we had a workshop, where we got to study an Ancient Greek Pot called 'The Farewell'. It was about a Greek family. Everyone got the chance to touch a replica of a Greek pot, instead of just looking at photos. At the end we got to re-enact a Greek pot scene.

I think the trip was awesome and I would love to go again.



Aniya Pramanik 1LL



# Charity Runner



This Sunday my two younger brothers and I ran 5km in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Thanks to the generosity of my family and friends, we managed to raise £2,131. In total the runners raised £529,113. This will certainly help towards making poorly children's lives a little better.

The atmosphere was amazing; everyone was having fun. It was cold in the morning but by the afternoon we had to pour water over our heads as we were sweating. I had to slow down so that my Dad and brothers could keep up with me.



It was the longest run I have ever done and I hope to do another charity run in the near future.

Ehsan Sheikh AEN

# Quiz Masters



On 12th June, Aniya, Krishan, Jamie and myself went to Chigwell School to compete with many other schools from the area, all hoping to win the 'Chigwell Quiz Challenge.' There were five rounds: Celebrity Photographic Quiz, Music Quiz, Famous Places Quiz and a Maths Relay of which we all had challenging questions. We took the top spot from the start and from there we continued our excellent reputation. We came first, beating the runners up by four points! Everyone had an enjoyable time and Bancrofts's Prep gained yet another victory



Erin Waters 1LP