

# Buckswood Boarding News

What a week it has been for our boarders at Buckswood. There has been so much going on. Thursday is House Activity day; each boarding house gets together to participate in an activity altogether after the Buckswood family supper. This week's activities that were organised despite the poor weather were:

School House - volleyball; Kipling - football; Milne - Europa League;  
Wells - cupcake baking

The weekend has been fun-filled. Thank you very much to Milne House and their Housemaster Mr Angelo for organising this Saturday's entertainment section of S.C.O.R.E (our Saturday programme). There are details of this in the Milne News section below. There was also an excursion to London on Sunday for our trip (part of R.E.S.T - our Sunday programme).



## School House News

School House have had an action packed week. We have been finalising plans for the upcoming Half Term holiday and it is great to see so many members of the house on the lists for the school trips to Newquay and Rome. They are a great opportunity to go and see somewhere new and make so many nice new memories.

### Successes of the Week:

Rui – well done on receiving commendations for your excellent work in Maths and excellent holiday work.

Nicholas – well done for receiving commendations for your extra work.

Ahmet – well done for reading in assembly this week.

Elshan – well done for passing your driving test.

Daniel, Tomi and Rafael – well done for getting through a tough week of IB exams.

Fabian – welcome back from Barcelona! We hope you enjoyed your school trip.

Throughout the week School House boys have been participating enthusiastically in so many things. The juniors have continued with their WellFit programme on Tuesday and Wednesday – their poolside skills are getting better and better by the day. The house activity this week was volleyball. In School House we never let the weather get the better of us and we braved the ever so slightly damp conditions to persevere and play a game altogether before the seniors had to get back to their books. The latest addition to the School House Reception area is a rather large chess set. It has been fantastic to see so many students make use of this and it is nice to see the game being played. There has also been a lot of baking going on this week! You have to be quick though as those cupcakes fly off the shelves in School House.

The weekend has been a great one! The whole house enjoyed all of the activities that Milne house had organised. Lots of the boys enjoyed the trip to London on Sunday and the juniors who remained on campus enjoyed a DofE inspired session in the sunshine. There was even time for a tug of war.



## Kipling News

Kipling have had a week of study and football.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we watched Champions League altogether. Liverpool and Tottenham were victorious to the delight of some and the dismay of others as in Kipling we have fans of the teams playing in both matches. After the matches the boys did their prep so we still managed to have fun responsibilities.

On Thursday during evening House Activities we were occupied in the Sports Hall. Two teams played the higher lever of football! What a great game that was! The winners even won a little extra leisure time.

Friday in Kipling House was quiet. After all week of exam and football emotions, chilling in our common room and chatting about the best players in the history of football was the order of the day. We are also proud for our commendation and badge students: Gabriel, Luka, Pierre, Kelvin and Sebastian. Good job!

During the weekend, Kipling boys were part of the best teams in 5 a side evening futsal tournament. They also enjoyed waffle and pizza making but the biggest fun for them was making huge marshmallows on our Buckswood BBQ!

Milne House had another fantastic week.

## Milne News

On Monday night we arranged a mixed football tennis match which was great fun! On Thursday night, as it was raining outside, we all gathered in the common room to watch the Europa League football matches together. This past weekend it was our house's turn to arrange the weekend activities, which in our opinion, proved to be the best weekend so far (unbiased of course)! We arranged waffle making, a BBQ with giant marshmallow roasting, pizza making and a 5-a-side football tournament. It was great to see lots of students taking a break from their revision to enjoy all the activities on offer. On Sunday Colin had a great time on the trip to London.



## Wells News

This week students have formed study groups within the house to prepare for their upcoming examinations. IB students are nearing the middle/end of their exams and the end is in sight. A level and GCSE students are continuing to ramp up the revision for their exams.

Many U6 students are looking towards the next academic year when they will no longer be with us at Buckswood but they will be moving on to university, further education or getting jobs. It really is a very exciting time for them all. I have been helping them weigh up the different options available to them, from which university to choose, to which halls of residence would be best for them.

On Friday night, a few students from Wells house decided to make the most of the sunshine and Zara, Sidika and Michelle were out playing volleyball after dinner. It was great to see them out and about taking a break from all the revision.

All students thoroughly enjoyed this week's house activity of baking and they enjoyed consuming their baked goods even more! Unfortunately I was too late to get many photos as the food disappeared before my very eyes!



## Rowling News

Rowling have been busy this week with activities, some baked, some played football and others played tennis. Malik baked brownies which could rival those of our chefs in the kitchen. Gijs gave other students a tutorial on how to make the perfect savoury Crepe. Tommaso rallied a team together to enter into Saturdays 5 a side tournament however it didn't end in a Rowling victory as we would have liked. Henry started practising for his big head line show at Bucksfest next Saturday. Whilst all this happened this Thursday Mr. Graham organised an activity which was a little outside the box but really bonded the house together; They all sat down to watch Beauty and the Beast. Unfortunately it was not the classic none the less to was a great time for the boys to relax and enjoy a film as one family.

## Oaks News

This week a couple of the Oaks girls went to Barcelona to learn about their culture. Eva's favourite part of the trip was visiting the Cathedral of Barcelona and the Sagrada Familia because of the amazing Architecture and Design of the Buildings.

This Thursdays house activity, we were going to play an English game called 40/40 outside on the front field but due to the English weather it was raining and the girls decided to play a massive game of hide and seek in the house. The best hiders go to Masha for being able to fit into a small cupboard under the sink and not to be found, also best hider goes to Blanca for hiding for so long and not being found that the game was over for 30 minutes and she was still hiding.

This week we didn't get as many commendations as usual but Alexa got one for trying her best in Maths, Jessica got one for excellent work in Chemistry and last of all; Zoe got one for her leadership on International Day.

