

Buckswood Boarding News



With glorious weather this week the boarders of Buckswood have been out and about. On Tuesday, the whole school celebrated Mr Sutton's birthday with a bbq and bouncy castle, there was even plenty of ice cream to go around. On Wednesday Mr Sutton accompanied the junior boarders for their WellFit session out in the woods. Campfires and marshmallows were on the menu and everyone had a fantastic time (a thoroughly enjoyable birthday outing). Thursday was House Activity day once more and this week the weather was far more on our side. There were so many fun things going on that you will read about in the House News sections below. With the weekend came Bucksfest; thank you Rowling House for organising and hosting this. An extra special thank you goes to those who performed DJ sets. Our trip this week was Airsoft which was enjoyed by all of the boys who attended.

School House News

It has been yet another lovely week in School House. The Form 5s decided it was time to join in with exams as the GCSEs began this week. The boys have all been working so hard and have been dedicated to their preparations.

Successes of the week:

- Well done Matvei and Sam who played in a cricket match against Duke of York.
- Well done Harvey who played in a football tournament this weekend.

Tuesday was a very special day for the house as the School celebrated Mr Sutton's birthday. This day is especially important as the Headmaster was a housemaster for the seniors for many years.

On Wednesday the juniors enjoyed their weekly outdoor pursuits and went off to the woods with Mr Sutton. Rumour has it that next week they are going to have an extended trip and finish off with a swim in the Guestling Hall pool.

Thursday was house activity day and this week School House enjoyed playing tennis. Friday saw Raphael take advantage of the Upper 6th evening leave.

Saturday evening was another great one. Whilst some of the house headed off to Bucksfest, others enjoyed a leisurely evening in the sunshine on the front field. There was volleyball, football and even some cycling going on which was fantastic to see. At one point there were even ice-lollies that had ventured up from the astro with Mr Fitchett.

This week's trip was Airsoft, it has been lovely to hear how excited the boys have been all week for this and they were not disappointed. The following boys went and had an amazing time:

Fabian, Luca, Marvellous, Aelaf, Rui, Matvei, Kyrilo, Junior B, Park & Utku.

This week's award for best chess players goes to Santi and Tomas. Who do you think will win next week? Come and play to be in with a chance!



Kipling News

Exams are coming and this week Kipling have been working really hard.

However, there has been a little time for a bit of fun as on Wednesday our house decided to sneak into School House to try and steal away the trophies from their cabinet without them noticing. We got away with it! However, spies were about who came and sneakily took them back. A little bit of friendly competition within the family.

Thursday evening was very special for Kipling. During our Thursday evening house activity we went out of bounds for a cross country walk. The weather was beautiful - sun, blue sky and warm fresh country air. The views were great and all the students enjoyed themselves.

During Friday assembly, Kipling boys were awarded commendations. This time, Frazer, Gabriel, Luka and Alex were our stars. The rest of evening was full of music and laughter as we put exam stress far away from our house.

The Weekend for Kipling was very nice. Boys were playing a few tournaments and enjoyed the lovely summer weather. The Front field and Astro Turf were packed with our footballers. We are proud that we have such good players in our house! During the Sunday House meeting we were debating about differences between home and school environments. Students came to the conclusion that school is more challenging for them because of the mix of nationalities and cultures. The boys agreed that the most difficult part of that can be getting along with a new room mate.

Milne News

We had a really good week, in particular our house event on Thursday. All of the boys took part in a friendly football match on the front field which built a great sense of community. A couple of the boys had a fantastic time on their Airsoft trip on Sunday.



Wells News

Wells House Thursday evening activity covered a range of activities. Many students took part in Giant Snakes and Ladders, some learned a new game 'Jianzi' which provided much entertainment and others played volleyball. They really made the most of the sunny weather!

On Friday evening, Bree took advantage of the extra town leave and went for a meal in town.

Leyla has impressed us this week by learning a new tune on the piano 'Turning Tables'. Maybe a whole school performance will come? Watch this space...

There was a fantastic turnout of the girls in Wells house for the rugby session with a professional player. This was a valuable experience and one that all the students enjoyed.



Oaks News

This week the older girls of the house have worked really hard preparing for their exams and even managed to enjoy some down time later in the week. For our House Activity this week, we went out and about as the whole house enjoyed a meal out in Hastings. This was lovely and as a really nice opportunity to for everyone to get to know each other more. Thank you to Janika for organising this and thank you to Mr Sutton who picked us up!

Lodge News

This week the girls at Guestling Lodge have been focusing mainly on revision for their forthcoming exams. However, after their Thursday evening table-tennis tournament, they are now practising regularly for another competition. As the weather has been so good, some of the girls have been using the school bikes in their free time to get around the school. Esther and Yuliia took part in a rounders match against Bethany School and won, Yuliia wrote a report on this and read it out at Friday assembly. We returned to Guestling Lodge late on Saturday evening after the entertainment finished, all the girls enjoyed the music and the barbecue.



Rowling News

With examinations, deadlines and pressures looming, this week saw Rowling house open its arms to the rest of the boarding community. On Thursday they joined in with all the other houses for multiple activities; volleyball, tennis and cooking to name but a few. Then on Saturday night came the big house event of the year, Bucksfest. Luckily the weather played into our hand and we managed to hold off the rain. BBQ's, facepainting and music loud enough to rival Glastonbury, the astro was truly a lively place to be. Both Housemasters would like to thank all the boys for their tremendous efforts in organising such a fantastic event. As for many, this was to be their last weekend as boarders here at Rowling, we would like to say a fond farewell to those leaving us this week, and wish you every success in your years to come.

