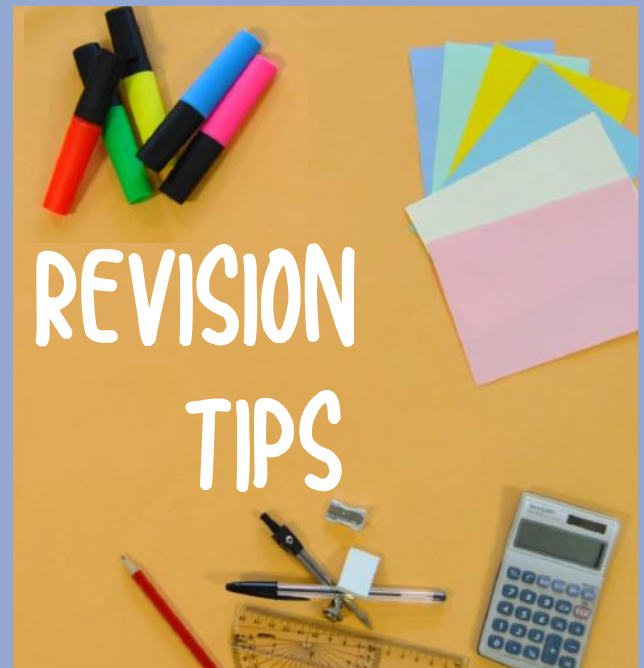


BUZZ

Beckfoot

March 2019



A Word from the Buzz Team

Welcome to the March edition of the Buzz! As you can see, the Buzz team have been very busy, writing articles about all the fantastic things happening in an around Beckfoot! As well as the articles that you are used to, we have included some fun short stories by students as well as puzzles and quizzes. Have a look – can you find Bella the Beckfoot Bunny? If you would like to be involved in the Buzz, please email BuzzTeam@beckfoot.org, or ask in SR3, the office to the left of the LRC.

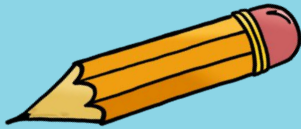


AS EXAM SEASON IS APPROACHING, WE HAVE PUT SOME TIPS TOGETHER TO HELP YOU REVISE TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS!

FIND SOMEONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE TOPIC AND EXPLAIN TO THEM - IT IS HARD TO FORGET INFORMATION ONCE YOU HAVE DONE THIS, AND ALSO FORCES YOU TO EXPLAIN IT CONCISELY AND WITH THE KEY INFORMATION.

VARY WHERE YOU REVISE - STUDYING INFORMATION IN DIFFERENT PLACES MAKES IT EASIER TO RECALL AT A LATER DATE IF YOU CAN ASSOCIATE THE INFORMATION WITH THE LOCATION.

USE HIGHLIGHTERS IN MODERATION- RESEARCH SUGGESTS THEY DON'T WORK VERY WELL IF YOU OVERUSE THEM. IF YOU DO, USE THEM IN MODERATION E.G. FOR KEY WORDS AND FORMULAS ONLY.



ALWAYS HAVE BREAKFAST- IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AROUND 27% OF BOYS AND 39% OF GIRLS SKIP BREAKFAST AND SKIPPING THIS MEAL REDUCES STUDENTS' ATTENTION SPAN AND THEIR ABILITY TO RECALL INFORMATION.

TURN YOUR PHONE OFF AND PUT IT AWAY, SWITCH OFF THE WI-FI ON YOUR LAPTOP IF YOU DON'T NEED THE INTERNET, AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED BEFORE YOU BEGIN.

By Esme, Phoebe Year 11 and Erin, Year 8



MAKE A REVISION TIMETABLE AND DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE SPACE FOR 5-10 MINUTE BREAKS.

FIND OUT WHICH WAY IS BEST TO REVISE FOR YOU - EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT METHODS OF REVISION E.G. COLOUR-CODED SPIDER DIAGRAMS OR RECORDING YOURSELF TALKING ABOUT A TOPIC. THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO REVISE AND EVERYONE LEARNS DIFFERENTLY.

PAST PAPERS - THESE ARE A STUDENT'S BEST FRIEND, AND THE MORE YOU DO, THE MORE YOU CAN WORK OUT WHAT THE EXAM BOARD IS LOOKING FOR.

REWARD YOURSELF, YOU DESERVE IT!

A Word from the Head

Welcome to the March edition of the Buzz. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some news 'hot off the press.' Year 9 student Archie has just

won the 2nd round of the PF International Winter Karting Championship! After finishing 2nd and 1st in the heats, Archie swept aside the competition to lift the trophy in a 10 minute race reaching speeds of up to 70mph. Congratulations on this incredible victory Archie. As you will see in the Buzz, Archie's success is just one example of the outstanding achievements that we see every day from Beckfoot students; whether it's fundraising, story writing, election campaigning or sporting success to name but a few, we certainly have a lot to be proud of.

Enjoy the read!
Gill Halls, Headteacher



The Buzz is now printed on environmentally – friendly FSC certified paper



LEGO CHALLENGE



Year 7 tutor groups recently took part in a Lego tower challenge to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. 701 showed great construction and teamwork skills to build their winning tower measuring 175cm.



BSL ELECTIONS

By Aaron, Year 9

On the 23rd January the school held an election for the Beckfoot Student Leadership team. Out of the fifteen possible candidates, there were seven who were successfully elected by the students: Brandon, Jamie, Evie S, Evie T, Tom, Gemma, Hana, and Jibrail. Thank you to all the students who took part in the elections and many congratulations to the successful candidates, who fought a fantastic campaign! They will join the current steering group and serve a two year term. Thanks go to all the students for fully embracing the election process. Below we have interviewed some of the successful candidates.

JIBRAIL Year 7



What is your slogan, and why did you choose it?

My slogan is 'life is like a river let it flow', because if life forces a bend or shows a detour, you just remember the river and follow the a new path.

If you could be an Avenger which one would you be?

I would be Hulk, because when he is Bruce Banner he is very intellectual. He gets really mad and turns giant. It shows that there are two sides to everybody.

BRANDON-Year 7

What is your slogan, and why did you choose it?

My slogan is 'not all wounds are visible' and I chose it because it sums up mental health.

What is the first change you want to make?

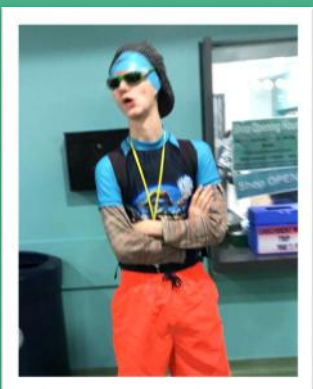
I would like there to be more opportunities and charity days around mental health.

How are you going to do this?

I plan to partner up with the charity BSL group to raise awareness together and have theme days surround mental health issues.



TOM-Year 10



What is the first change you would like to make?

The first change I'd like to make is the addition of crisps, as many people have been requesting them.

How are you going to make this change?

I will attempt to introduce this by finding out the health regulations, and then finding crisps that fit the rules.

What is your funniest memory of Beckfoot?

When I came in on non-uniform day in an outfit (see picture) that made me look, as Mrs Corey articulately put it, like an "aquatic toothpick."



SHOUT IT OUT

Love of the Arts!

Since she was a toddler, Grace in Year 8 has always been interested in the performing arts. She has starred in over 50 shows, 10 of which were at the Alhambra! She is currently in a performance of High School Musical playing one of the cheerleaders. Grace loves creative arts which is reflected in her amazing weekly routine including Juno, Groove Tubes, Rock Challenge, Musical Theatre Club, violin, tap, ballet, vocal, piano, drama, stretch and limber and dance. She enjoys the creative arts because "it helps you to express yourself and the feeling when you enter the stage is like no other." Keep up the amazing work, Grace!

By Scarlett, Year 8



Debating Club

The Debating Club have been as busy as ever this term, talking about all of today's most common topics all over the news and social media. They cover a wide range of different topics and themes; from the NHS and health care to animal rights and vegetarianism; from free will and politics to the monarchy and money. They are always welcoming new members, and who knows... YOU could be next! Debating Club takes place on a Thursday after school until 3:45 with Miss Lowde and Miss Towler. Keep up the good work Debate Club!

By Phoebe, Year 8



Concert for Comic Relief

After a meeting with Mrs Halls on the 21st January, BSL member Yash, Year 9 and his Charity Group have decided to hold a concert on Red Nose Day to raise money for Comic Relief.

The concert will take place on the 15th March during both break times and will feature multiple music groups from Beckfoot. They decided to do this after the extremely successful Hazelbeck concert for Martin House Hospice last March.

They hope that they can raise a large amount for Comic Relief, as the charity helps to create a world free from poverty. We wish the BSL charity group the best of luck!



By Aaron, Year 9 and Dylan, Year 8

Recycling Bins for Everyone!

Erin in Year 8 has decided to make a change in our school. She has noticed the lack of recycling bins and, after an RE lesson on protesting, she decided to create a petition. Since then, her petition has got over 170 signatures and counting - you may have seen her around school handing out sheets to tutor groups and if you want to get involved by signing her petition you can find it in the Library.

Hopefully, soon each classroom will have recycling bins! Good luck Erin!

By Scarlett, Year 8



Table Tennis Champs!

On the 18th January, Beckfoot's female table tennis players, Izzy, Lois and Jess, took on the Under 16's Bradford Singles! The girls competed extremely well and with all their skills they managed to represent Beckfoot with style in the tournament. Table tennis player, Izzy placed 2nd and states that, 'I had won all 3 of the games I had played so far and on the last one my opponent just managed to beat me.' But even so the girls all played confidently and



we will look forward to them competing again in future games that are coming up soon!

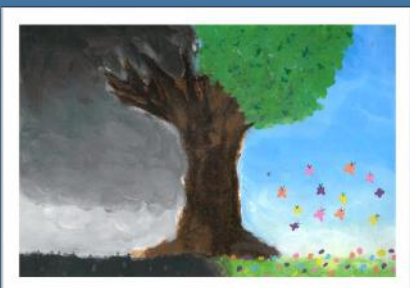
By Dylan, Year 8

Art Superstar!

Rosie in Year 7 won the Nature Spirited Arts competition, held by the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education which encourages children to think about RE through art. She came first out of 1,800 applicants after she entered a piece in the 'Heaven' category, with a drawing depicting how faith can triumph over doubt. 'I really enjoyed the freedom and creativity I had, where I was

free to choose what I did and how to express it' Well done Rosie!

By Maddy, Year 8



Beckfoot Students Perform Locally

This March, Bingley Amateur Operatic Society are putting on a pantomime of Dick Whittington. I am performing in this alongside 8 other Beckfoot students. Rehearsals started in January and with hard work and confidence we are sure it will be a success! For some of our students this is their first panto but others like myself have been regulars for a few years now. Eleanor (who is taking part in her fourth pantomime) said, "It's fun and I like dancing with my friends from Beckfoot." Tickets are on sale so if you fancy an entertaining night out then come and join us at Bingley Arts Centre and support your fellow Beckfooters!!!!

By Emily, Year 8



Rock Challenge

In the Autumn term a group of some of our best dancers auditioned to be part of the Rock Challenge team. All students have signed up for a huge challenge. On March 8th these 50 students will leave the rehearsal studio and travel to Wakefield to compete in a national dance competition! Rock Challenge has a very specific judging process where you can earn points in different categories, some of these include: technical skill, costumes, hair and makeup and possibly most importantly, the story. This can be anything from a film, book or poem however this is judged on originality so we decided to create one of our own. Our story has one main theme and that is politics, it also has subgroups and those are global warming, poverty and war. Good luck Rock Challenge!

By Phoebe, Year 8



Great Ormond Street Fundraiser

For those of you who don't know, a Beckfoot student is currently receiving treatment at Great Ormond Street hospital in London. A few months ago, Mrs. Dickson and the BSL Charity Group helped to organise a bake sale, to raise enough money to buy a PS4 for the children's ward. What we didn't expect, was for it to be one of our most successful bake sales at Beckfoot for at least 3 years. We raised just short of £800, so not only did we get Ormond Street one PS4, we had enough money to buy two with multiple games. The Buzz team and the rest of the school, wish our student a speedy recovery. By Aaron, Year 9



THE OCEAN By Georgia Y, Year 7

The fish were swiftly swirling like a tornado, their scales sparkling in the sunlight. The sea is many blues and purples mixing together. The sea bed seems hundreds of feet below us. We're on a hunt and need food. Paw prints on the glass above are like giants feet. Whales are below us elegantly swimming through the schools of fish.

LYRA By Georgia D, Year 7

The captain burst through the door, brandishing her sword. Her name was Lyra. She was a brave pirate and wouldn't step down from a challenge. She strode down the deck with her heeled boots clicking behind her. She carried her sword in her hand swinging it around on her finger. The rest of the crew flinched as the blade almost hit them. A smirk grew across her face.



Illustration by Sophie, Year 7

THE STORM By Aaron, Year 9

8:11PM: The storm's still not giving up. The radio said it's been one of the worst this town's ever seen. Thunder and lightning all over; it's amazing that no one's been hurt yet. Lightning just struck the middle of the road outside my house. There's been constant thunder all night, and it's more than just a little cold; I've been shivering for hours. I hope mum and dad get back soon, the power went off an hour ago, and I don't have a clue how to fix it. The only light I've got is the one from my laptop, and there's only

so long I can spend watching Netflix. 9:05PM: Just heard incredibly loud thunder, it was so loud I swear lightning could've struck the roof, but luckily enough, it didn't - the headphones I'm wearing might as well have not been turned on. I'm starting to feel a little weird, like something's off about this storm. 10:53PM: Someone was in the house. Mum and dad got back half an hour ago, and the front door was smashed in; whoever it was had used the storm to fake an entrance, and smashed the breaker. The person who broke in walked all around the house, their boots were soaked. The last pair of footprints were right outside my door, and the carpet was so soaked, they must have been stood there for at least an hour. It makes me feel sick to wonder what would've happened if I had looked around. Police searched the house, asked me a few questions, and suggested we stay somewhere else for a while. They've stationed a car outside. We're about to set off to Aunt Cath's, but I swear I can hear breathing from my cupboard.



Illustration by Katie, Year 10

GLOBAL WARMING By Rohan, Year 9

Is it just me or is it getting hot in here? I feel as if I am being torn apart each piece of me being individually detached. My soul is being pulled as well. My emotions all swirl into one then divide. I am always forgotten about. People don't notice me until it's too late. Always at the bottom looking up. People hate me, they don't understand me and some even deny my existence. But I am still here. Creeping slowly towards you. Each and every time one step closer to meeting me. Then they will be sorry. I am being torn apart piece by piece. Is it just me or is it hot in here?

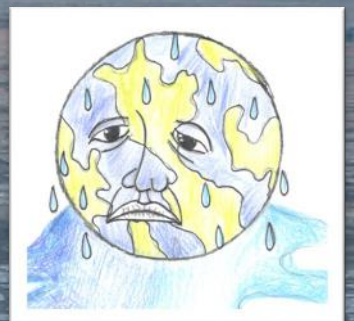


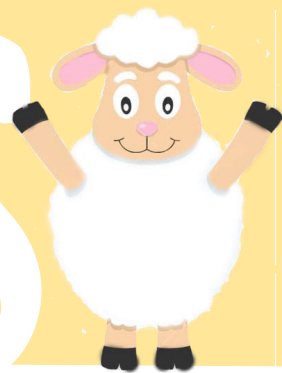
Illustration by Erin, Year 8

TOP TIPS TO COMBAT BOREDOM DURING HALF TERM By Imogen and Leana, Year 7

1. If you are going on a long car journey, play a game e.g. look at the number plate in front of you then make a sentence with each letter on the number plate. Its harder than you think!
2. Do a jigsaw puzzle, the more pieces the better.
3. Paint/draw a picture; it doesn't matter if you are not the best artist, just let the creativity flow.
4. Go geocaching. Get the app and find the cache, they are hidden all over the place.
5. Teach a friend or sibling one of your skills and then learn a new skill from them.



PUZZLES



Can you crack the code to work out the secret word? By Isabelle, Year 7

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



This is Bella the Beckfoot bunny, every Easter she comes to life in the school, on the hunt for chocolate. Can you guess from the picture below where she is hiding? Email where you think she is to Buzzteam@beckfoot.org to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Love2Shop voucher!



Riddle me this?

My first is in blackbird but not in wren
My second is in chicken and also in hen
My third is in tulips and also in spring
My fourth is in choir but not in sing
My fifth is in basket but not in toy
My whole is a cute yellow bundle of joy
What am I?

By George, Year 7

Answers for the riddle and code breaker can be found at the bottom of the Teacher Feature page

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BONNET. CHOCOLATE, HOLIDAY,
SUNDAY, BUNNY, EASTER, LAMB, CHICK,
EGGS, SPRING

By Katie, Year 10

TEACHER FEATURE

MR KETTLE



What is the funniest thing that happened to you in primary school?

In primary school! I'm going to have to delve into the archives here, do you know how long it's been since I was at primary? I won't embarrass myself and tell you. I used to live in Africa, and at the primary school I went to, we had to wear a uniform with a cap – we were never allowed to take the cap off! At break times I used to play flying saucers with my cap, and one day I was flying my hat; then it ended up on the roof of the school. I got into trouble, and was sent home – the embarrassing thing about it was that I wasn't allowed back until I had retrieved the hat myself! I had to get my dad to come to school at night with stepladders to climb up onto the roof and get it back. I tried to wait until the weekend so I could have a few days off school, but he insisted we did it that night.

Who is your favourite student?

I don't do favourites – all my classes are like a box of Celebrations, I like them all. There is the odd sickly Galaxy Caramel, which I'm not so fussed about, but I'll still eat it. I probably shouldn't tell you which students fall into that category!

Who is your favourite teacher, other than yourself?

Well I've never been taught by a teacher in Beckfoot, so I wouldn't know if they're good teachers or not! If I had to choose I'd probably say my dad. He taught me to be a good person and I think that's a good trait to have.

MR BOATENG

Why did you want to become a teacher?

My dad was a teacher, and the most interesting part was that he used to teach me most things at the weekend, then I would go to school, and teach it to everybody else. It always made me feel like I was special in my class, and the teacher would ask me to help other students. That gave me my passion for teaching, and is part of the reason why I became a teacher.

What was your childhood dream?

When I was a kid, my family wasn't very rich, so when I grew up I wanted to do something to help my family. My mum used to work so hard for us, and my dad used to travel for his job, so I have always wanted to help them. My greatest achievement is to have become a teacher, it was really hard work and I am proud of myself for being a teacher in this county. My other option was to work in a bank, because I was very strong in maths, and my dad told me that if you're good at maths, it gives you prospects for different careers.

If you weren't a maths teacher, what would you be?

As a kid, I was really good at basketball, but my height didn't help me. I was very good at passing the ball in the midfield, but when it came to reaching in the air for the ball, I had a problem! I used to play with my friends, who played at the national level, and I was even better than them, however I didn't have height, so I couldn't do that! For now, I'm happy with being a teacher – I get up in the morning and feel like I can make a change in someone's life.

By, Brandon, Caleb, George, Imogen, Leana and Isabelle, Year 7. Erin, James and Scarlett, Year 8. Grace and Rose, Year 9. Emma Year 12.

