

BUZZ

Beckfoot

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A Word from the Buzz Team

Welcome to the May 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! We would like to welcome Jibrail and Brandon who are the BSL leads for the Buzz who will be helping develop and update the Buzz! 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.



COMIC RELIEF

By Imogen, Year 7 and Aaron, Year 9



On Friday 15th March, Beckfoot & Hazelbeck raised £1687.72 for Comic Relief (via Red Nose day.) We did this by coming in non-uniform, watching some of our talented students perform their music and buying buns from the bake sale. Well done to the BSL Charity Group for organising the events and thank you to everyone who donated their money to Comic Relief. I personally decided to do a sponsored silence in aid of Comic Relief (something that was very hard!) and it definitely paid off! I succeeded and managed to raise about £260 in the process. All the money we raised is going to children at home and in other countries, helping gender equality, supporting people with mental health issues and providing safe homes for people to live in. Let's hope we can raise even more next year!



A Word from the Head



This edition of the BUZZ will give you a flavour of just some of the things our fantastic students have been involved in during the last few months. We experienced a brilliant

International Women's Week. Had fun raising money for Comic Relief, reached the Northern Finals of the Rock Challenge competition (in our first year of entering) and I was thrilled to see the Joint Beckfoot/Hazelbeck 'All In Award' show. You can read all about these events here in the BUZZ! Finally - Our year 13s and year 12s have exams from the 13th May. They are all working hard, well prepared and we know they will do themselves proud. Good Luck, everyone!

Gill Halls, Headteacher



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Climbing Challenge!

In March a group of Beckfoot students competed in a bouldering competition for schools across Yorkshire. The competition had 25 climbs ranging from easy to very hard. You got points for completing each climb and there were prizes for the best schools and best individuals. Overall Beckfoot came 6th out of 17 schools, and we had individuals who were placed 2nd, Joint 3rd and 4th, which was an amazing result for our first time. When we got there we were all a little bit nervous but also very excited. We all encouraged each other and helped each other out on how to climb the routes. Personally, I like climbing because it's a challenge and you can never stop improving. It's also fun and a very social sport where you get to meet new people and learn new tips all the time.



By Rachael, Year 10

A Funko Pop! figure of Spider-Man. He is wearing a red and blue suit with a yellow jacket over it. He has large white eyes and is wearing large black headphones. The figure is standing on a yellow background.



- 1 The life of 14 year old Ponyboy,3,9
- 2 Famous trilogy by Phillip Pullman,3,4,9
- 3 The main character is called Katniss,3,6,5
- 4 Book about a boy protected by an angel,7
- 5 A girl who is very smart,7
- 6 Charlotte Bronte's most famous novel,4,4
- 7 About a boy with facial differences,6
- 8 'Please sir, I want some more' is a famous quote from which book,6,5

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This is Bob the Beckfoot Bookworm, he comes to life in the school, on the hunt for new books. Can you guess from the picture above where he is hiding? Email where you think he is to Buzzteam@beckfoot.org to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Love2Shop voucher!

"The OASIS lets you be whoever you want to be. That's why everyone is addicted to it."



A poem of hope By Imogen ,Year 13

There's happiness on the brow of the hill
My darling you can't see it yet
But it's there.
There's a life, a purpose.
Smiles, giggles, parties & discovery
My darling you can't see it yet
But it's there.
One day your hands will stop feeling glacial,
One day your eyes will ignite with abundance of life
once again.
One day your bones will strengthen and not wilt with
ritual weary.
My darling you can't see it yet
But it's there.
One day you'll wake up with hope for a life no longer
tenebrous.
One day you'll smile and by that I mean
A proper grinning unrehearsed smile.
One day you'll find yourself,
One day you'll know what's true.
My darling you can't see it yet
But it's there.
It seems lonely right now, it's a dark place.
Pale translucence, turbulent fear and food
apprehension.
You believe that nothing gets better and that this
is how your life will be,
Forever.
But my darling you can't see it yet,
It's there.
You're going to reach the brow of the hill,
In fact you're going to surpass it.
And beyond is a future all planned out for you.
Fear is temporary but life is ever moving:
And it's time, those dreams?
Chase them.
Soon the grass will seem greener,
The trees more comforting,
The sky a more vivid azure.
Soon the world will no longer be grey.
My darling you can't see it yet
But it's coming.
You will find your true self again.

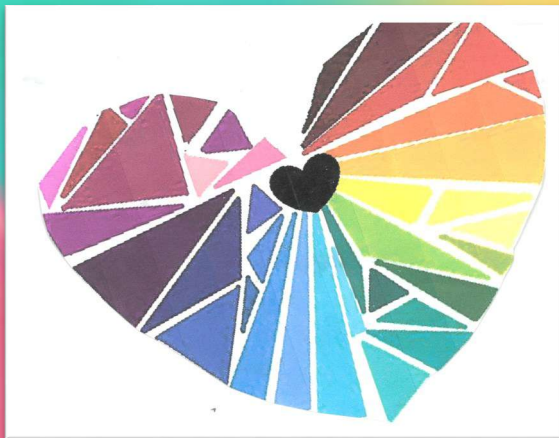


Illustration by Sophie, Year 7

DESTRUCTION

RIVER LAPS,
WIND HUMS,
TWIGS SNAP
MONKEY RUNS,
SUNLIGHT DAPPLES,
THROUGH THE TREES,
TARANTULA FLEXES,
IT'S MANY KNEES.
BUT THEN THE HUMANS,
WITH THEIR DEADLY CHAINSAWS,
DESTROYING THE FOREST,
IGNORING HELPLESS ROARS,
THEY CUT DOWN THE TREES,
DISREGARDING ALL,
THERE'S NO ESCAPE FOR THEM,
SO REMEMBER NEXT TIME YOU ARE BUYING YOUR HAUL.

By Scarlett, Year 8

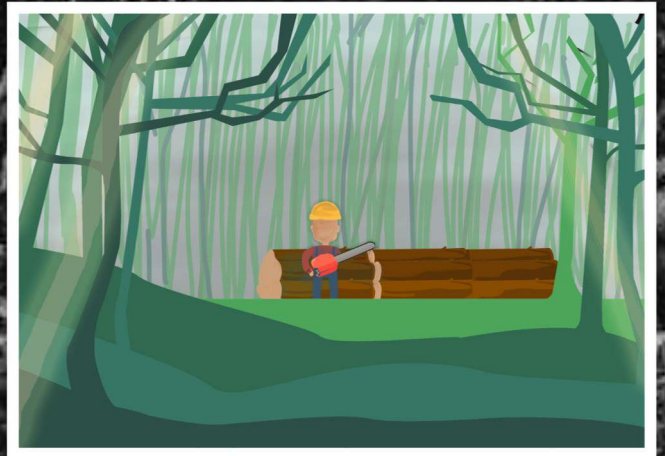


Illustration by Katie, Year 10

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Thank you.



ROCK CHALLENGE

On Friday 8th of March fifty-five students went to Wakefield to compete in Rock Challenge 2019. Rock Challenge is a national dance competition that is entered by schools and colleges from all around the country. From each round there is one winner who goes through to a national final. It was Beckfoot's first year competing and our piece was entitled "Who do they serve?" It focussed on an imaginary broken government where politicians were creating poverty, ruining the planet and selling arms to human rights abusers. We came 3rd place against schools who had done the competition many times before. We also won the individual awards for soundtrack, entertainment, set design and function, costuming character, concept, stage crew. We went on to perform the piece in school on the 20th of March for parents, students and teachers. Thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to competing in the Northern Open Final, later this Year!

By Rohan, Year 9



The Rock Challenge competitors set off early and left school before the majority of people were even out of bed. The costumes packed, makeup prepped and routine so well rehearsed it felt like second nature. They spent the day doing last minute rehearsals and getting ready to compete. The groups (sea, austerity and war) had a variety of costumes. Sea's was floaty and shiny with different tones of blue and green. Austerity's was dirty and messy with mostly neutral colours. War's was tight and contrasting, camouflage green on red. It was all organised by Miss Sullivan and Miss Bannon. Thank you to them and

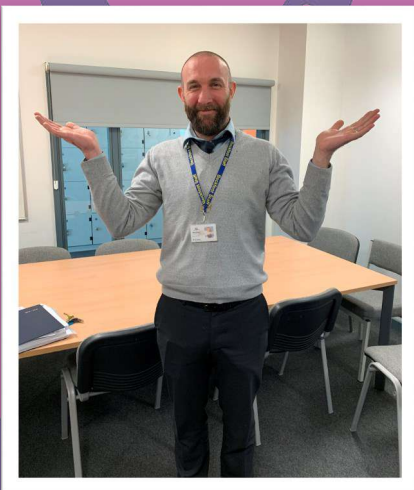
well done for the hard work from the Rock Challenge team.
By Phoebe, Year 8



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK

"There is no limit as to what we, as women, can accomplish" - Michelle Obama.

International Women's Week was inspiring and insightful for everyone at not just Beckfoot School, but globally. With social media hashtag #balanceforbetter (as demonstrated by Miss Heaton and Mr Cooley) the recognition and awareness was widespread: transcending borders and crossing seas to unite women across the world.



Beckfoot School managed to encompass this positive global movement within day to day school functioning producing a massive effect for students, but also recognising and raising awareness to people outside the "Beckfoot Bubble"

During International Woman's Week (events coordinated by Year 13 student Sophia), Beckfoot achieved many exciting goals.

Various meetings were held in preparation for the week with the Beckfoot International Women's Week committee. It was within these meetings that ideas and possible

projects were formulated and each member was given a subject within the school to discuss how they would incorporate our ideas into their faculty lessons.

There was dedicated lesson time to discuss famous female figures within each subject such as Marie Curie in the science department. In addition to this there were recordings of local women whom achieved despite their setbacks along with a unique assembly for each year group throughout the week.

What was made clear is that International Women's Week is about equality. We wanted to dispel the myth that this week is about 'putting women above men', and that actually it's focus is on equal rights for ALL.

A huge thank you goes out to students and staff at Beckfoot who made this week possible, and an even bigger thank you goes out to Sophia Year 13, who organised and coordinated the week.

By Imogen, Year 13



Chief Constable West Yorkshire Police Force, Dee Collins, with Beckfoot interview team.

TEACHER FEATURE

MISS LOWDE

What inspired you to become an RE teacher?

My RE teacher at school inspired me. She loved her job; she always smiled; she was so passionate about the subject and I shared that passion, so I decided it was a good job!

What has been one of the most embarrassing moments you've experienced in your teaching career?

There's been a lot: I love to embarrass myself because the more embarrassing I am, the more fun I have! One that comes to mind, was when we were watching a video of a Sikh and Hindu festival, and everyone was worshipping in the river Ganges – then I noticed that some of the worshippers weren't wearing their swimsuits. So I very quickly turned the video off! I don't think anyone noticed, but I think everyone guessed why I went bright red. You can imagine the redness of my face with the orange of my hair was unbelievable! For the next half an hour everyone laughed at me because I stayed red; I was mortified.

If you could have a debate with anyone from history (not the department!) who would it be?

I'd probably say Jesus. I'd be absolutely fascinated to have a conversation with Jesus, because I teach a lot about him, and my A Level included lots of detail about him. I loved learning about him, and I have so many questions! And if that fails, Queen Elizabeth I – strong, ginger, independent woman – or William Wilberforce, who abolished slavery and also started the RSPCA.

What is your greatest achievement?

Probably buying my house: it was a really proud moment for me, and I made it so I got my house perfectly on May 4th, which is Star Wars day!

If you weren't an RE teacher what would you do instead?

A mermaid! In reality, I'd probably want to work with endangered animals. I think orangutans or tigers are my spirit animals, so I feel like I'd quite like to work with them. Can you tell I like animals?



MRS SHAIKH

What inspired you to become a English teacher?

I was teaching performing arts as a part time job whilst I was at university, and being able to see kids becoming more confident as they were reading out loud, or singing, dancing and performing, made me think that I could do that as a job, but in the subject I was studying, which was English.

If you could compare yourself to any literary character who would it be?

I struggled to find an answer to this one: I had to ask other English teachers what they thought, and a lot of them said Elizabeth Bennett from Pride and Prejudice, because she is witty, and I can sometimes have good comebacks – perhaps a bit too sharp – and because she is quite a bold character, similar to how I'm an advocate for speaking out about women's rights and cultural diversity. I think Elizabeth fits quite well.

What is your greatest achievement?

Aside from being a teacher, getting my Master's degree – I'm first person in family to do so, so we were all quite proud!

What has been one of the most embarrassing moments you've experienced in your teacher career?

Probably the most embarrassing was when I was teaching a Year 10 class, and I went to get a spare book from the back cupboard, and tipped a shelf a bit too much, and then the whole thing collapsed on top of me, so I had to claw my way out of an avalanche of books. All the students laughed very loudly and sat back and watched! I had to ask before anyone came to help!

If you could have a super power what would it be?

I'd fly! I travel quite a lot so it would save on travel costs.

By Alyssia, Lucy, Rhiannon, Caitlin, Rebecca, Hessa, Jibrail, Year 7. Emma, Year 12





SHOUT IT OUT



Badminton Success
Well done to Year 9 student Siân who recently entered an U17 Badminton competition in Northumberland (2 years up from her age group) and came away with a Bronze medal.

'All in Award' Show

A group of Beckfoot and Hazelbeck students have been taking part in a musical theatre after school club and showcased their work in April. They performed numbers from Matilda, Dear Evan Hansen and The Greatest Showman, to name a few. All students worked together amazingly as a



team and gave an inspirational performance. Well done to everyone involved.

Dick Whittington Comes to Bingley

The 2019 cast of Dick Whittington had a fabulous time at the Panto in March. With a full on week of tech and dress rehearsals, for six shows it was hard work but worth every minute! A number of fellow Beckfooters came to support us by watching the show. Thanks for your support, we hope everyone who came enjoyed the show. Well done to all the Beckfoot students who were involved in this production and we hope we are all lucky enough to have this opportunity again next year.



By Emily, Year 8

Paris Art Trip

This February myself and some fellow Year 12 students went with Mr Nash and Mr Sandercock for a few days in Paris. This was an arts appreciation trip, so we visited the major artistic sites such as the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, the Pompidou Centre, the Quai Branly Museum and the Musée de l'Orangerie. These were all great places to see, in particular I was excited to see the Musée d'Orsay, which has famous pieces by artists such as Van Gogh and Monet. We also did a bit of sightseeing, passing the Eiffel Tower on the way to a late-night boat cruise along the Seine and on the Friday we wandered down the Champs-Élysées to visit the Arc de Triomphe. Experiencing French culture was a large part of the visit, from making good use of the Paris Métro system, to trying local food. This was definitely a fantastic experience which has inspired my artwork.

By John-Luke, Year 12



Climate Change Protest

On the 15th of March, a group of inspired Beckfoot students were involved in a protest in Leeds to raise awareness of the budding problem of climate change. The students met at City Hall and listened to some inspirational speeches about the matter and then joined a march through the city. Many protesters saw this as a great opportunity to make the city of Leeds more aware of the matter, hoping it would have a national effect. One of the many eager students claimed that, 'it was very fun and there was a sense of a rising community to overcome climate change'. We hope we can continue to raise awareness for climate change.

By Dylan, Year 8

Crossword answers—down—1 The Outsiders, 2 His Dark Materials, 3 The Hunger Games, 4 Skellig, 5 Matilda, 6 Jane Eyre, 7 Wonder, 8 Oliver Twist, 9 Mr Shink, 10 Lord of the Flies, 11 War Horse, 12 Harry Potter, 13 Treasure Island. Characters on the page—Winnie the Pooh, Eeyore, Belle, Beast, Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Newt Scamander, Captain Marvel, Spider Man, Iron Giant, Doctor Who, Parzival, Art3mis, Aech, Sixer, Katniss Everdeen, Effie Trinket, Quote quiz—The Book Thief, Liesel Meminger, Great Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan, Dumbledore, Maze Runner, Newt, The Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen, Ready Player One, Art3mis, The Fault in Our Stars, Hazel, The Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen.