

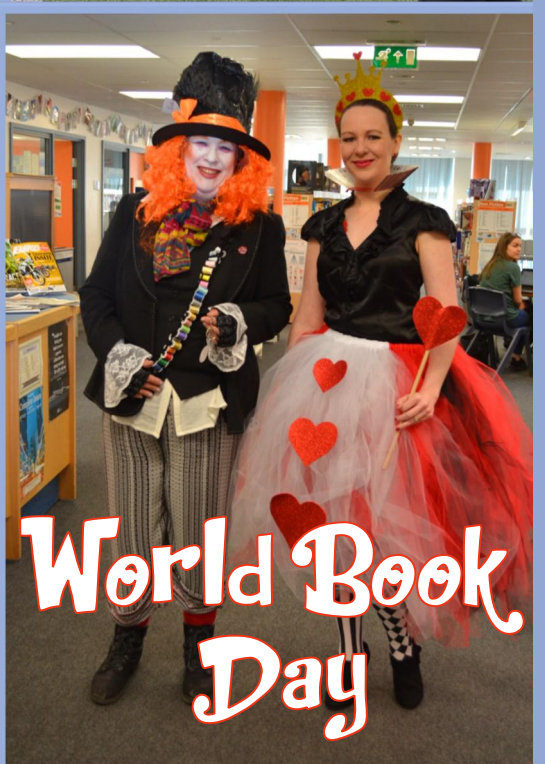
BUZZ

Beckfoot

March 2020



TEACHER FEATURE



World Book Day



SPORTING SUCCESS



GOALBALL

A Word from the Buzz Team

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Buzz! As you can see, the Buzz team have been very busy, writing articles about all the fantastic things happening in and around Beckfoot! From World Book Day to the BSL Elections, plus a special interview with Mr and Mrs Lawal! 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.



DEBATE, DEBATE, DEBATE!

Every Wednesday after school, Miss Lowde and Miss Towler run Debate Club in H4. The main focus of the Club is to help students develop oracy skills, confidence and to have fun! Debate topics vary each week from topics such as diversity in the film industry to reinstating the death penalty. Sessions are never the same, we take part in different types of debate speeches, formal, informal etc) and always try new things. Students can also request debate topics for the next session; we don't make you argue about politics every week! Being part of the Beckfoot Trust Debate Competition includes debating against other schools, expressing your views in front of teachers from the other schools on training days and for sixth formers, the Oxford Debating Competition. At Beckfoot, there are endless opportunities for our students to be orators.



By Halima, Year 8.

World Book Day!

By Adam, Year 7.

World Book Day was a blast! All the departments dressed up in amazing costumes. There was a Swapathon, where students gave books to the LRC to share with others. A quiz with scratch cards! The first 50 students who got 100% on an Accelerated Reader quiz got a brand-new book. The other interesting event was Get Caught Reading! Beckfoot staff submitted photos of themselves reading in unusual locations, see the Shout it Out page to see some of the photos.



A Word from the Head

Simon Wade, Headteacher

I really hope you enjoy this latest edition of the Buzz. I love that it's so student-centred and provides a wonderful insight into just how great our students are and the variety of activities that take place here every day. What I really love about this edition is that it is very much focussed on young people being selfless, engaged, proactive and really thinking about the qualities that we are striving to instil in all young people at Beckfoot. I want our students to talk confidently, be better prepared for life beyond Beckfoot, do well in their studies and make a difference to the world around them. Simple but very powerful in my view. This edition demonstrates those qualities in abundance. Lastly, I love the focus on reading. It's great. Books give you something very special and different. They allow you to get lost in your imagination in a way nothing else does for me.



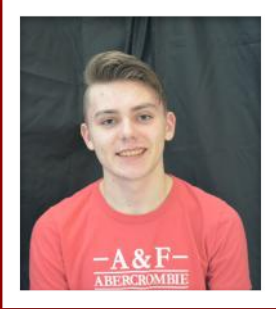
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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

MEET THE CAST

COMING SOON!



**Tyler is
Troy Bolton**

Do you have anything in common with your character? I really like sports, and drama was a secret passion of mine, like singing was for him. I

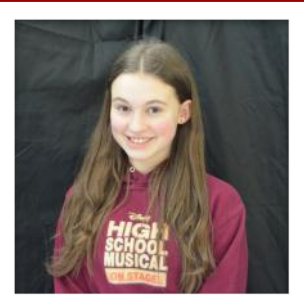
guess that is a big thing we both have in common.



**Olivia is
Gabriella Montez**

Do you have anything in common with your character? Not really. She is really smart and I'm not that great at

Science to be honest, but I'm told I'm a good singer so we have that in common.

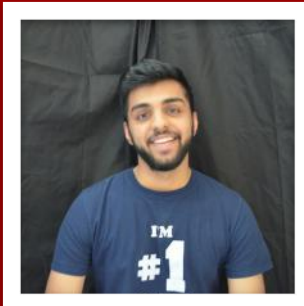


**Grace is
Sharpay Evans**

Why do you want to be in High School Musical the musical?

I love performing and it makes me happy. I think

I'm quite talented. I love to sing and dance and I wanted a chance to do it in the school so people could see what I can do.



**Ehsen is
Ryan Evans**

Why do you want to be in High School Musical the musical?

I thought it would be a brilliant opportunity after the success of

Footloose two years ago. I wanted to be a part of a musical again.



**Johnny is
Chad Danforth**

Why do you want to be in High School Musical the musical?

I enjoy performing and I

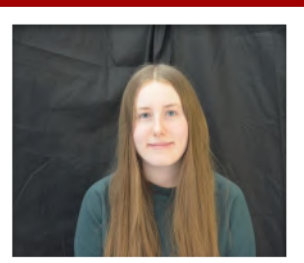
think it will be a good experience of what it would be like to be part of a production.



**Erin is
Taylor McKessie**

Do you have anything in common with your character? I think I have some things in common. Taylor gets annoyed at people easily, I'm the same

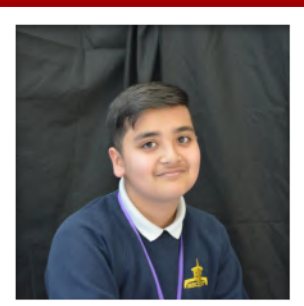
we are also both very opinionated. Otherwise I don't think we have that much in common, she is exceptionally smart!



**Lexie is
Miss Darbus**

Do you have anything in common with your character? I wouldn't say so, but that makes it more fun. I have to

play a character who is completely different to me. It's a challenge!



**Jibrail is
Zeke Baylor**

Why do you want to be in High School Musical the musical? Because I think I'm very over the top and very dramatic so acting seems like something I

would really enjoy doing.

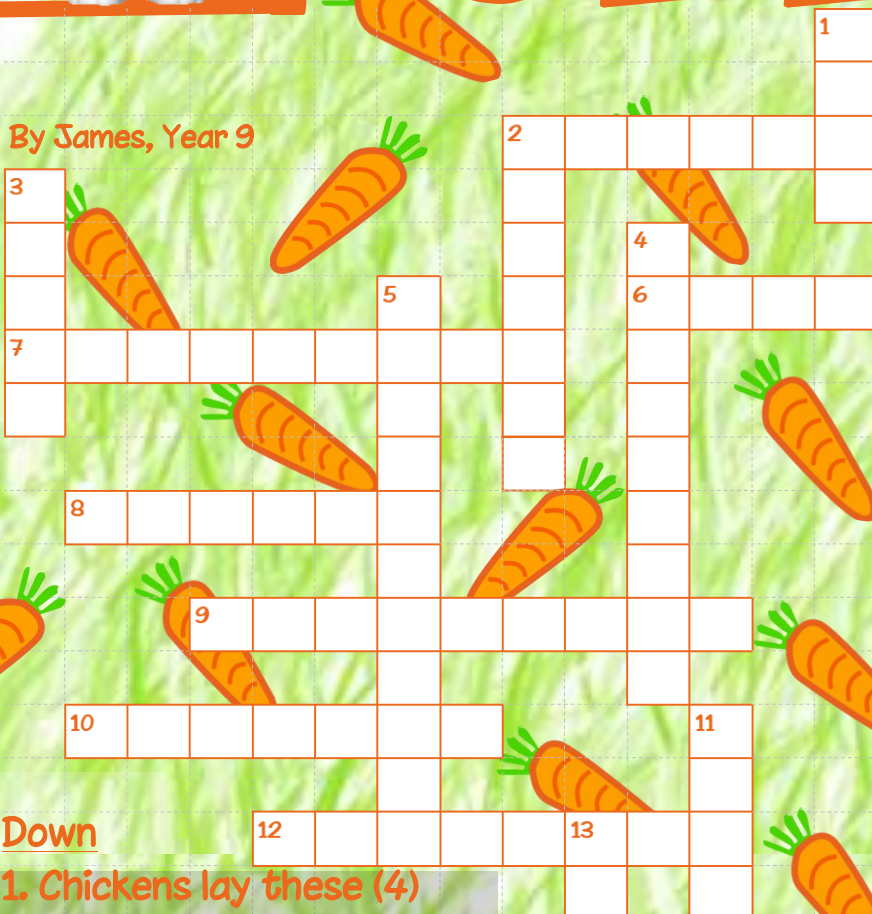




PUZZLES



By James, Year 9



•SPRING •EASTER •ANIMALS •CHICK •SUNNY •BUNNY •
•EGGS •FLOWERS •NATURE •BLUEBELLS •BONNET •

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Down

1. Chickens lay these (4)
2. April _____ bring May flowers (7)
3. Small yellow animal (5)
4. Traditional spring flowers (9)
5. Patron saint of England (5, 6)
11. Baby sheep (4)
13. Christian celebration (6)
15. Small fluffy animal (6)

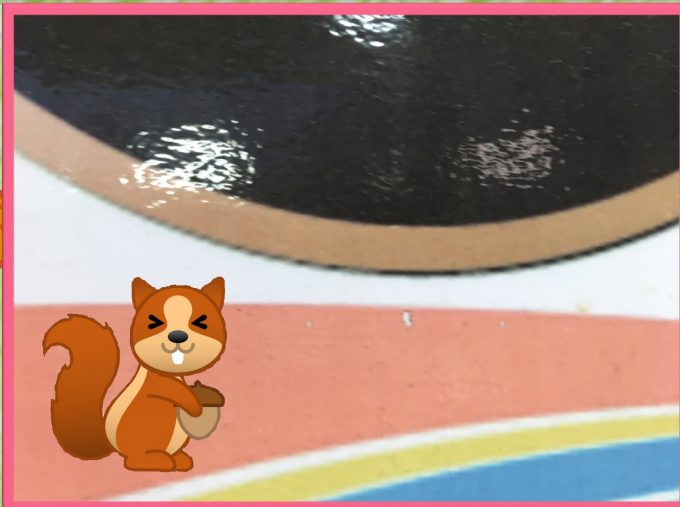
Across

2. Season before summer (6)
6. Latin name for a bee (4)
7. Oval chocolate treat (6, 3)
8. Homemade hat worn in spring (6)
9. Blue flowers found in woodland (9)
10. Buds open up into these (7)
12. Frozen snack (3, 5)
14. Bees collect pollen and...? (6)

By Halima, Year 8

Where in the school?

This is Bradley the Beckfoot Squirrel. He has got himself lost trying to find his acorns. Can you guess from the picture above where he is in the school? Email your answer to Buzzteam@beckfoot.org to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Love2Shop voucher!



By James, Year 9

Student Leadership Team



Will,
Year 8

Why did you want to join the BSL group?

I really wanted to make sure that my voice was heard, I think I have some good ideas of how to improve some areas of the school and I wanted the chance to put these ideas into motion.

What would you like to achieve as part of the BSL group? I hope to try to make the behaviour system fairer and more consistent so students know exactly what the consequences of their actions are so they can stop themselves from making the wrong decisions.



Imogen,
Year 8

What would you like to achieve as part of the BSL group? I know that a lot of people get very stressed in the school environment especially those who are about to do exams, I think there is more we can do to help people handle their stress and overcome it.

How are you going to do this? I would love to have a pet therapy day, where staff can bring in their dogs to help calm students down. This idea has had a lot of positive responses from students who would be interested in this kind of event. So I would love to do that but I understand there might be some issues so we will have to see what I can do!



Erin
Year 9

What would you like to achieve during your time as a member of BSL group? I want to improve the way we approach helping the environment, classrooms don't have recycling bins, this is massive issue for me. We recently got recycling bins installed in the atrium after a petition that I started, which is a massive step forward in the right direction.

What would you like to achieve as part of the BSL group? I have already got recycling bins in the atrium, my next step would be to get them in classrooms as well or even better every room/office in the school.



Zain,
Year 9

What would you like to achieve during your time as a member of the BSL group? I would like to improve the behaviour system and try and turn it into something students can understand better. I want it to be a little fairer, there are some things I disagree with at the moment and I'd like to open a conversation to look at the fairness of some sanctions.

How are you going to do this? First of all once I get the first thing done I'll be advertising it so everyone knows the changes, that have been made, I want people to know that I will make the changes I won't make promises I can't keep, I want other people's ideas so that this can work for everyone.

TEACHER FEATURES

MR LAWAL



Who inspired you to become a PE teacher?

Mr Buckley, my PE teacher at school. I always remember him, because when he played defence in basketball he used to pull his trousers up really high, and we all laughed. I actually copied him, so now I am that embarrassing PE teacher.

If you were stranded on the moon, which 3 things would you bring?

That is a belting question! Well, I would not bring my wife & baby, because it would not be fair as there's not much to do on the moon. So, I'd bring a rocket, a one-way ticket, and some cheese and onion crisps for the journey back to Earth.

Is it hard to work with your wife? (Answer wisely)

It is not hard, it's lovely to work with my wife. Sometimes if there is a professional disagreement, I have to just let her win because I'm a little bit scared of her! But apart from that, no it's really fun I really enjoy working with her.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

That's a really tricky one, I'd probably go for flying, so then when I'm playing basketball I could just take off and dunk really easily.

If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

PIZZA, definitely pizza! Every single day, love pizza, yes pizza! The more meat the better, but I don't understand why people put chicken on pizza because it goes a bit dry. Pineapple makes no sense either! The best pizzas are spicy.

What is your greatest achievement?

Having a lovely little girl called Emi with Mrs Lawal – hands down my best achievement!

What is your favourite thing about teaching PE and why?

There's lots of things I love, but I think it's when students try a sport they don't know very well, and suddenly they realise they can do it, for example gymnastics or rugby. Typically students make the most progress because they don't do it as much, so it's a really nice thing to see someone become confident in a sport that they haven't tried before.

Why did you want to be PE teacher?

Sometimes I have no idea, especially when teaching some of the rascals I think why do I want to do this! I love sport, enjoy being around kids, and like to have fun, so I guess this is the job that had all three.

MRS LAWAL

Who was your inspired you to become a PE teacher?

I think my biggest inspiration in general is my parents.

They're both teachers – my mum teaches Science and my dad teaches PE. They've inspired me and are my biggest role models for most things in life so they're probably my biggest influence. I've seen them through their whole careers enjoying their job. So that's why I think I followed in their footsteps. My little sister's a teacher too and she's married to a teacher, so it's in the family – we are all teachers!

If you were stranded on the moon, which 3 things would you bring?

I'd love to take my family, but it would be a bit harsh to keep a small child stranded up on the moon! However, I can get through most things if I've got a cup of tea, so that would be one, a packet of biscuits as well to dunk and a book or something to do.



By Jack, Adam, Year 7. Jibrail, Halima, Haris Year 8 and James, Year 9.

What is the funniest memory you have from secondary school?

This is a really tough one because I feel really mean. There's plenty of times where I've fallen down the stairs, my secondary school had a lot of stairs as it was over three floors, so it was probably on a weekly basis. The memory that sticks out is when we were in Science and watching something about dialysis. We were all sat on the desks, and my friend started swaying – it must have been the blood. My other friend started to lead him out, and when they got near the door at the last minute, he swayed towards the door frame. The friend tried to help but just ended up steering him into the door frame. He hit his head and managed to knock himself out. We were all very worried at the time, but now it still makes us laugh!

What is your favourite thing about teaching PE and why?

My favourite thing is getting to work with young people – as most teachers would say! I think PE is especially good because we have a lot of extracurricular activities, where you can get to know students in a different way outside of the classroom. I love coming to work with the lovely people we have in our department. If you have had a rubbish day, someone will do something nice or funny and you usually end up going home a lot happier. It gives you hope, and I think that's one of the best things about being a teacher in general.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

To fly, then I could fly back from the moon. I mean if I was stranded on the moon and I've got my tea bag I can have a nice cup of tea then fly home. Plus, it would be the most fun! Something like being invisible might be a bit creepy because people would think you were spying on them, but flying is useful and fun.

BECKFOOT & HAZELBECK GET READY TO GET YOUR KIT ON SPORTS RELIEF 2020

Everyone got involved with our Sport Relief day in March. We had multiple fundraising activities which included: neon Just Dance, teacher versus student netball, rowing machine on the artificial turf and sponge the teacher. Sport relief showcase performances of cheerleaders, dancing and music and, of course, a non-uniform day. All students made a fantastic effort which I'm sure will be reflected in the total!



IT'S GAME ON

Crossword answers – Down: 1 Eggs, 2 Showers, 3 Chick, 4 Daffodils, 5 Saint George, 11 Lamb, 13 Easter, 15 Rabbit, Across: 2 Spring, 6 Api s, 7 Easter Egg, 8 Bonnet, 9 Bluebells, 10 Flowers, 12 Ice Cream, 14 Nectar.

SHOUT IT OUT



BECKFOOT STAFF GET CAUGHT READING



A busy term for Careers!

It's been a busy few weeks for careers. Year 7 had this to say about their trip to McDonald's- "I learnt a lot about McDonald's that I didn't know. For example I expected the fridge to be really big when in fact it was just a walk in cupboard! McDonald's was also a lot more organised than I thought it would be." Here is what Hafeez from Year 10 had to say about the trip to Teledyne Technologies. "What a place! The staff were so kind and relaxed. The presentation was full of interesting facts.

My favourite part of the trip would definitely have to be the tour; seeing the construction of the boards was an amazing and unforgettable experience.



Did you know that the parts they use to make the boards are made out of gold? For me this is a profession worth looking into; I will certainly be applying for a job there in the future. By Amber, Year 8 and Hafeez, Year 10

Congratulations to Hannah who has qualified to represent Yorkshire at rugby. Hannah comes from a strong rugby playing family and has been successful in both club rugby and club football. She also plays football for Bradford City. To play rugby for the county of Yorkshire is a great achievement. After successful trials she went on to beat strong competition to be selected.



Raising awareness whilst having fun!

The Charity, Disability and Sports Council Groups have worked together to hold a Goalball Competition for Years 7 – 10, in collaboration with Hazelbeck. Goalball is a sport where visually impaired people wear blindfolds and try to roll a ball with bells in it, into an opponent's goal.

Students from Hazelbeck developed their Goalball skills in practice sessions with members of the Charity Group before half-term. The event has been a great opportunity to strengthen links with Hazelbeck, whilst also raising awareness for visually impaired people. In total our fundraising has raised approximately £75 which will be donated to the Royal National Institute for the Blind and Paralympic GB. By Adam, Year 7 and Yash, Year 10

