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Welcome to the SPRING EDITION

WORD FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to the Buzz.

I am so excited that we are, once again, in a position to share with you a flavour of the things that are taking place at Beckfoot. This is in fact the first edition of 2022. We were so delighted that the previous Buzz was so well received in digital format that we will continue to do for all future editions.

This edition gives you an insight into the incredible term we've had, and I really hope you will enjoy reading it. As you know, I am very privileged and proud to lead this school every day and I very much want to share some of the 'magic' that is a feature of our school. That magic will, I hope, shine through as you read the incredible variety of articles that have been written by staff and students.

There is so much to interest all readers but there is also a theme that is about student leadership and being proactive as a learner and member of this amazing school community. I particularly enjoyed the Young Musician of the Year concert and things like Prison Me No Way. It is great to be able to look back on what we have done and think about what is coming next once we had some time to rest over the Easter break.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday and to extend my best wishes to our Muslim students and families who are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan.

Simon

WORD FROM THE BUZZ TEAM

This term has been truly epic here at Beckfoot! We have had so much to report on and have enjoyed so many events such as the Christmas Concert, the Beckfoot Young Musician, World Book Day and we have loved seeing so many different Wider Learning Days taking place and the fun that was had during British Science Week. Not to mention all the wonderful charity work we have been doing as a school - raising funds for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and Comic Relief.

This Spring Buzz brings you Mr Leigh in our Teacher Feature, and updates from the BSL team, aswell as some handy revision tips for students with exams looming! We also have an eggstra special competition on the Puzzle Page where you can enter our competition to win a Love2Shop voucher by taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt on the school website!

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Buzz and we will have lots more to report on during the summer term we are sure! If you wish to be involved with the production and content of the Buzz then please email BuzzTeam@beckfoot.org, or ask in SR3 - the office to the left of the LRC.

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BECKFOOT IS ALIVE WITH

FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert that took place on 15th and 16th December was great!

The audience was very energetic, the students were showing off their talent with a strong start from the Samba Band, followed by outstanding performances all the way through, finishing with a phenomenal ensemble of classical Christmas songs. As the concert came to a close, all students banded together to perform Auld Land Syne and then Merry Christmas Everybody. The DofE team did a fantastic job serving refreshments, and they also announced the winners of the raffle.

The interval gave the audience a chance



to tell our sensational performers how entertaining the performance was to watch.

As this was the first Christmas concert in 2 years, Miss Heaton identified this particular concert as a "comeback gig." Miss Heaton sent out an email to all Beckfoot students describing how "proud doesn't even come close." Staff and students that attended the event spoke to those students taking part long afterwards to tell them how well they had done! Sam L in Year 7 thought of the performance as "very good", his favourite being the Senior Band.

By Amna & Poppy



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BECKFOOT YOUNG MUSICIAN 2022

The 23rd of March was a very special night full of talent. Everyone who took part should feel very proud of themselves. Having sat there in the audience, I can confidently say that the students (and staff) of the Beckfoot music department have a lot to be proud of. It has already been said by many, but everyone competing was a winner, even if not receiving a trophy. However, a big congrats to the winners who did walk away with trophies and also a big thank you to the judges of this year's competition (Evie Kitching, Catherine Embleton and Loretta Marklew) and everyone who helped make the night possible.



Mr Stimpson, Head of Creativity, said: "The Beckfoot Young Musician is such an amazing competition. So many students enter every year, wanting to share their passion and excellence in music, and this year was no exception. The final was just a mind blowing experience, every single person who took to the stage did so with confidence, skill and the ability to entertain. The audience were treated to the most wonderful evening of high quality music that any University would be proud of, never mind a school. I was so proud to see our young people light up the stage as they did, it was a highlight of my year - I'm just glad I wasn't having to judge! A massive congratulations to everyone who took part in the competition."

Here is a rundown of our winners:

KS3 Winner, KS3 Audience Vote: James U KS4 Winner: Caden M KS4 Audience Vote: Jonas C KS3 Ensemble Winners: Rosa D and Olivia B KS4 Ensemble Winners: 'The Red Herrings' Most Improved: Cass P Player's Player: Charlie H

By Imogen



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On 14th February, Year 9 had a Wider Learning Day with the organisation Prison Me No Way, where as tutor groups we learnt and talked about life in prison and the choices of different people who had spent time in the prison system.

A student who took part in the experience said "The day was really fun and interesting we got to talk about new topics and learnt lots about crime and consequences".

I personally thought the day was

good as it showed how choices effect peoples lives without blaming and dehumanising people who had ended up spending time in prison. Overall the day was very enjoyable and good and made us think more than ever about how choices have affected peoples lives.

By Eden





The whole of Year 7 had a Maths Wider Learning Day on 12th January 2022.

During the day fun exercises brought the classes together with a variety of different Maths teachers teaching a variety of engaging activities, all featuring an element of history.

The day started with an introduction video explaining why Maths is so amazing and how it has an impact on our lives. It ended with a live Maths quiz with the occasional use of logic.

"It was better than I expected," mentioned Ruby.

By Amna

On Wednesday, 23rd March, Year 8 participated in a Languages Wider Learning Day. We started the day off with an assembly, a lady came from Hazelbeck and taught us the alphabet in sign language which I found interesting to learn. We also had a profesional translator come in and she explained what it was like being a translator.

By Olivia W

Last Wednesday was really fun. I liked how we didn't have to do proper work. I also liked the activities we did. It was fun when we got to make our own language and present it as a poster. The best thing we did that day has got to be the movie! It was interesting to watch a movie in a different language and it was very cool to actually understand it. The popcorn was lovely! The day began with a visit from a sign language teacher from Hazelbeck. This was really important because knowing even a little bit of sign language can make a massive difference to a lot of people. We were then taught about translation in social media and advertising. Then, different classes learnt different languages during period 2. I learnt some phrases and the alphabet in Arabic. After break, we tried Origami and created our own languages, followed by a debate on whether we should learn other languages or not.

By Edie A



WIDER LEARNING DAY BY 8xFr1

We were taught the British Sign Language alphabet and how knowing a little bit of sign language can help many deaf people. The translator told us about her job. It showed that the languages that you learn in school can be used in different jobs. The creative session consisted of creating origami by just looking at it, not using words and then making our own language. At the end of the day we watched a Spanish film and we had to guess what they were trying to say by looking at their body language.

By Heidi P



We started period one by learning some Mandarin. We learnt that on top of words it could have a '-, /, V, \' - the way the line goes is how deep your voice goes. Overall, it was interesting and I learnt something new. After this we made our own language, it was good to do this after learning Mandarin as we had just learnt how different languages to English can look.

By George C

The day was based on communication. We looked at all sorts of languages, such as Chinese, Arabic and Spanish, and we looked at ways of communicating. We learnt about oracy and translation too! A lady from Hazelbeck taught us sign language and it's alphabet, after that another lady told us about her job in translation and transcription. We got to create our own language and make origami. At the end of the day we watched a movie in Spanish where I learnt Spanish is guite similar to French!

By Rayyan M

On the Modern Foreign Languages Day we began with a sign language workshop which I enjoyed. It was an assembly lead by a teacher who specialises in teaching deaf students and I found it interesting. In my opinion it was the best thing we did all day! I think that making up our own language was engaging and quite fun. A visitor came from a University who teaches Spanish and he taught us a bit of Spanish. **By Isla C**





In November, Alice and I applied for an 'Exchange Fellowship' which was a partnership between Uk-German Connection and NRW. If successful we would be given a grant to travel to Germany and complete a project of our choice. A few weeks later, we got the exciting news that our application had been accepted and we were going to Germany. Since the fellowship was an individual exchange, we had to book the flights ourselves with some support from our teachers. The time came and we landed in Germany. We met our partners, Niko and Melina, for the first time in person and got to know the area we would be staying in - Münster. Monday -Thursday we attended our partner school, Rik, and joined in with lessons like German, English, Maths, Biology and

Computing. At times it was a little difficult to understand but everyone was super friendly and our German definitely got much better over the course of the week! In the evenings we explored the city and worked on our projects, visiting places such as the Natural History Museum. On Friday, we had lots of fun visiting Dortmund on a class trip before finishing off our week with a trip to SEND and a seasonal fair set up in front of the palace. It was time to return home, but we had an amazing week and learnt lots about the language and life in Germany. Thank you to Dr Dye and the UK-German Connection for this opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming our exchange partners to Beckfoot in June!

By Lois, Year 12

On Thursday 24th February Russia invaded Ukraine, this has triggered the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis. At the time of writing, an estimated one million people have been displaced and in response the world has condemned Russia's actions and showed unified support in numerous ways. In the UK the Premier League showed support of Ukraine with teams having donation boxes available before matches for supporters to donate, selling shirts with a percentage of profits going to the British Red Cross Ukraine appeal, also big screens at stadiums displayed "Football Stands Together" against the

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backdrop of the blue and yellow colours of the Ukrainian flag. This is a symbol of unity in support of Ukraine. On social media many people changed their profile pictures to the Ukraine flag to show support also. As a school we have also in our own way given support to Ukraine. We have collected essential items such as sanitary products, toothpaste and toothbrushes and had them transported to Poland to help those in desperate need of essential items after being forced to flee their country. We have also had assemblies led by Mrs Senyk to inform us on the Ukraine Crisis. Individual students

within the Beckfoot community have also played their part in showing support, including Year 12 student Jacob S who has donated 100 items of clothing to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The school is very proud of the amount of support students have shown towards the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis. As the crisis continues, we hope as a school we can continue to maintain this level of support even if it's just making a small contribution or even verbally supporting the victims of this invasion. A little help can go a long way.

By Lottie, Year 12



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TEAGHER FEATURE

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

I would have to say, Sports Scientist. That was something that I studied at university. I learnt loads on exercise, metabolism, physiology, human physiology, biology. And just the way that the body works fascinates me. So I would say, I'd want to be a Sports Scientist in elite sport with football as my sport or maybe cycling, or running. That would be something fun for me.

What is your favourite Science experiment?

Well, I actually think it would have to be a Chemistry one - basically for the amazing visuals. I would say anything that involves methane or hydrogen. The 'whoosh bottle' is a good one, have you seen that one? Where you get a big water canister and put methane in it to cause a combustion reaction. Or a hydrogen balloon, it is always quite good fun to make big loud noises! So I would probably say those two. Yeah.

What is the funniest thing that happened to you at school?

I'd probably say it was when I was in Sixth Form. My friends convinced me that it was a fancy dress day, the week before they were building it up asking what I was going to wear and they were all discussing their own outfits. I decided to go as 118. You guys might not remember that, it was a phone line that you could ring to find details of a company. I never actually rang personally, it was before the times of smartphones and



Google. Their advert was two blokes who had wigs on, a moustache and running gear. Yeah - so I turned up for fancy dress day in a wig and running gear. Obviously, they had tricked me and nobody else is in fancy dress other than me!



What is the best thing about working at Beckfoot?

I would say the sense of community. Everybody feels like they belong here. Which is something that is really nice, everyone is super friendly and will do everything for you, which is quite rare. I've worked in lots of different schools and that's certainly something that is really nice about working here.

If you could be given any superpower, what would you choose?

I'm not massively into Marvel and DC films, but I would definitely say invisibility! Purely because you could choose when you want to speak to people and when you don't - and you could just float around on those days where you don't want to speak to anyone and just hide away, be invisible for a bit. You could also do some good tricks on people so I'd like invisibility - Oh! Or flying. Flying would be good. I did once do a skydive and that was quite a good feeling.

What is your favourite sandwich filling?

I'm going to be quite boring and say cheese and pickle, is that a bit rogue? It's available in every shop, and at the end of the day because not everyone likes cheese and pickle it's always there! So it never lets you down! However, if I'm having a bagel - it has to be salmon and cream cheese.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I loved Fireman Sam and I wanted to be a fireman. But when I was a little older I went caving - and realised I'm really claustraphobic! I had to fit through a really tiny gap and I hated it. So I thought, fine, being a Fireman is not for me. So I'm out. Then as I've always loved football, I wanted to be a footballer. It's just something that I've always played since I was about five or six. But that dream sadly failed.

If you could spend an hour with any famous scientist, who would it be?

Oh there's a few on the list. I don't know if some of them are technically scientists, though. I'd go with Charles Darwin. I'd love to just have a chat about his expeditions and what he found and all the cool stuff that he came up with, like the theory of evolution. Then more modern day I'd go with Tim Peake, mainly because I'm not super into space stuff but I'd be interested and inspired to chat to him about what it is like going into space.

What type of bands do you enjoy listening to?

A bit of everything to be honest! Which is quite an annoying answer but I've seen loads of live bands, I have been to Glastonbury and Leeds Festival. I do love live music. I'd say at the moment I'm listening to a lot of of folk music - there's a band called Big Red Machine, do you know who they are? They have released some music with Taylor Swift! She's going quite country now, moving away from pop and sings with Big Red Machine. The guy from Bon Iver set up Big Red Machine - so yeah I like that sort of music at the minute.

By Zahra, Year 8, and Lottie, Year 12 Photos by Poppy, Year 9

REVISION TIPS



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JOSEPH'S DESIGN SKILLS



Joseph, Year 12 graphic student, showcased his designs skills by creating the poster for the National Theatre Connections drama performan

by our in-school company, Footlight Theatre. Joseph has used licensed branding and a style guide to create this exciting and unique advertisement for the drama performance. Fantastic design work Joseph!

LOIS LEADS THE WAY



Following an application and selection programme, Lois in Year 12, has been employed as a Youth Peer Researcher for The

Young Foundation. The Young Foundation is the UK's home for community research and social innovation. Lois has been working with a group of over 50 young people on a report commissioned by the Young Foundation and her work is featured heavily in the report. We are all so very proud of you Lois!

JAMES WINS BECKFOOT YOUNG MUSICIAN

Huge round of applause for James, who not only scooped the title of Beckfoot Young Musician 2022 but also the Audience Vote

Winner for KS3 on the night for his performance of 'Czardas' on the violin. You are (as are all other participants throughout the stages of the concert) amazingly talented, and we are all very proud of your achievement! We cannot wait to see more from you in future concerts and how you progress musically throughout the years to come!

SIAN SELECTED FOR YORKSHIRE



Sian in Year 12 has been selected to represent Yorkshire U18 at the Inter Counties Badminton Tournament

this Easter with the competition being held at Nottingham University. Her selection is an incredible achievement, which adds to her being an Ambassador for Junior Badminton nationally. We are so impressed, and look forward to seeing her making a difference in the sport in the future!

ZAC EARNS SCHOLARSHIP

Zac, Year 11, has been offered a scholarship with Bradford City for the next two years after being at the academy since the age of 9. He joins Ben and Dillon, also Year 11, on the scholarship where all three of them will continue to pursue their dreams of becoming professional footballers. Way to go Zac! We are all very thrilled for you at this exciting opportunity!

FOOTFALL AT FRESH 2022

Footfall gave an outstanding performance at FRESH 2022 - which presented youth dance groups of all dance styles from across the

Yorkshire region at the Leeds Playhouse. It was the first FRESH show since 2017, presenting high quality dance routines and showcasing everything from street dance to Kathak! We are so proud of our wonderful dancers, who absolutely SMASHED their performance along with many other talented dance groups across the region.

FOOTLIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Performing at the York Theatre Royal Studio Footlight Theatre took centre stage with the play 'Like There's No Tomorrow'. This performance was part of the Connections Festival 2022 with the Theatre. So much hard work was put into proc

Theatre. So much hard work was put into productions, director workshops and technical rehearsals to ensure a fantastic show on the night! The hard work definitely paid off! The show was superb, well done to all involved, we can't wait to see your next performance!

THESE GIRLS CAN!

Our Year 9 Girls Football team travelled to Skipton Girls' for their first tournament in two years! On the

day no goals were conceded throughout the tournament, and they even took the win in the final with ALL penalties saved! An unbelieveable feat for your first tournament! Well done to the Year 9 Girls Football team we look forward to seeing you play again in the future!



AYDEN COMPETES

Ayden competed at the British University Taekwondo Championships at Manchester

Metropolitan University at just 15 years old! This was a very valuable learning experience, and a fantastic opportunity to compete with the best of the best. Huge congratulations to Ayden for taking part!

LOGAN & LARA REPRESENT

Logan and Lara, Year 9, represented West Yorkshire at the English Schools' Cross Country Championships in Kent. Shout out to Logan who finished 3rd for West Yorkshire and 73rd out of 329 overall. He ran 3:18min/km pace for 4.4km!

ECKFOOT STUDENT LEADERS

We are so proud of you both!



UPDATES FROM THE BSL



n the Charity Group we have been focussing on many key chings this half term. We staged a Just Dance competition where students paid to watch teachers dance in the hall, and a bun sale for Comic Relief. Year 9 students have been working very hard in their tutor groups by producing presentations about their chosen charities in a bid to win them a £1000 donation. Next month we are collaborating with Hazelbeck for 'Hazelbeck Month'...watch this space!

Adam

The our school group at Beckfoot has been busy over the past few months. We met with the catering company to discuss new menu items and ideas coming soon. There has also been a survey that was sent out and the results from that are helping us to know exactly what we need to do. There will also be a meeting soon so if you want further details, you can email Amy.

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Hi, we're Halima and Imogen and this term, our BSL group has started planning for a new rewards system for those who take part in extra-curricular. We also intend to organise more competitions for our clubs within school and across the Beckfoot Trust. We hope to increase the number of students who attend clubs and make school more enjoyable through them by the end of our term! Hi, I'm Izzy North and I am the head of the Before and Beyond Beckfoot group. Alongside Mrs Wilson, we have been working towards improving the options process by hopefully setting up taster session for the Year 9 students. This will allow them to get to know what subject classes are like and to get a feel for the subject. Many students don't know what options they want to take, and many want to try subjects that they haven't taken before - like Business and this gives students a great opportunity to give subject a try before they pick them. We are also looking for new pupils to join our group to expand our ideas. If you are interested, please email:

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British Science Week 2022

The theme for this years British Science Week was Growth.

During the week we had many experiments taking place - growing crystals and seeds, building towers, blowing bubbles and lighting methane bubbles!

We learnt that a plant's growth is affected by different factors such as light, temperature, moisture and soil nutrients. We practiced construction techniques and built towers using paper straws. We tried to make the biggest bubbles possible! We experimented with a Van de Graaff generator and it's static charge, and even watched our teachers light methane bubbles so they could hold fire in their hands, which looked fantastic!





On Red Nose Day we managed to raise a whopping £1060 for Comic Relief with our Non-Uniform, Bake Sale and Teacher Just Dance! Fantastic fund raising!



By Imogen





YEAR 10 Aspirations DAY

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On 17th March, Year 10 had a visit from Revolution Hive, focusing on improving their knowledge of how to grow into the best version of ourselves we can be. The day consisted of teamwork activities, advice on how to work effectively for and towards our goals, and even getting us to think about what we really want for our future – careers and lifestyle alike. It was really helpful finding out tricks to realistically set and achieve your own goals. I think I can speak for most when I say that the off-timetable day we spent has helped me understand myself better and showed me at least the next few steps I am taking.



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WIN a £10 Love2Shop Voucher! The Easter Bunny has hidden ten Easter Eggs on the school website - each egg has a letter on it. When you have found each egg and put the letters in their number order it will spell out a Easter themed word! E-mail the BuzzTeam *BuzzTeam@beckfoot.org* by the 9th May 2022 with your answer to be put into the draw to be in with a chance of winning a Love2Shop voucher.

