

# BAYSGARTH NEWS

Welcome once again to our school update. The visit of youngsters from Gifhorn, Germany went extremely well, but sadly too quickly. Our link school in Gifhorn greatly value the partnership, as do we and a party from Baysgarth will be going to Germany in February 2008. Children in Need day was an enjoyable day culminating in the annual Talent Show – Baysgarth’s equivalent to the X-Factor: but even better!

An exciting development currently under construction is our all-weather, floodlit MUGA (multi-use games area). You may well have already heard or read about the MUGA which should be completed by the end of March 2008. This facility will greatly enhance the PE and sporting opportunities provided for both pupils and Baysgarth’s wider community. I will keep you up-to-date with its development during the course of time, with publicity and booking arrangements commencing in the Spring months. Kind regards.

*Colin Saywell, Headteacher*

## **Talent Show [16<sup>th</sup> November]**

Another massive whole school success but without the hard work in organization, running and behind the scenes stuff done by 6<sup>th</sup> Formers the show would not happen. The winner this year was also a 6<sup>th</sup> form student, and there were a fantastic number of performers from Year 7 upwards.

## **Student Support Service.**

The Student Support Service was opened in September of 2007. It is strategically placed in the main corridor to allow for easy access by pupils and staff. Parents can telephone directly to the SSC on 01652 635904

## **Orchestra is the best!**

I have been every week and I wouldn’t want to miss one! All sorts of instruments are there and there is always room for more. So far we have a few percussionists, a strong brass section, a strong string section and a small woodwind section.....hint, hint.

Pupils from every year group are there and a



few teachers play as well! Our fantastic conductor is Mrs Bishop, who is always glad to see new faces. The

Orchestra meets on Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Overall, orchestra is great and it’s fun to work with other musicians. Hope to see you there!

*Thomas Wilson 9T-RJG*

## **The No. 1 Choir hits it big**

We have only had our school choir since September, and it is high on success. It has proven popular as we have more than twenty students coming and more still joining. We are learning a great deal about how to use our voices. We have many talented students who are showing progress. The after school singing group is not just about learning – it is also a great deal of fun and you can see different sides to all the teachers. We all have different targets to reach but in the end it all sounds great, and we really enjoyed the concert at the end of last term that included the orchestra, the Cheerleaders, and of course us – the choir!

*Catherine Simpson & Bethany Walton – Year 8*

## **Supported Classes**



We now have a Supported Class in each of Years 7, 8 and 9. These Supported Classes enable pupils to work in a small group

with two staff, in a room specifically set up to allow for maximum pupil participation and progress. By approaching their work from a different perspective, these pupils are enabled to access the curriculum more successfully.

Above is a picture taken of the three groups displaying their IT skills.