

B A Y S G A R T H N E W S



Welcome to the next update from Baysgarth School. Much has happened since the last edition of the Goxhill Gander, so here is a taste of what has been going on.

Yet again Baysgarth has built upon the sports success of previous years and these are some of the highlights of our sporting prowess over this summer term. Athletics has been traditionally a strong activity at Baysgarth, this year being no exception with some strong performances both individually and as a school. Back in May we had a record of 7 athletes for the County Athletics Championships. They were: Kate Ward (Javelin), James Caldwell (Long Jump), Jake Williams (Javelin), Rachel Stoney (Shot Putt), Ben Shoebridge (Sprinting & Relay), Alec Russell (Hammer & Discus), Bradley Gubbins (High Jump). The summer of 2009 has been unique in Baysgarth sporting history as not just one athlete, but two, qualified for the All English Schools Finals at Sheffield. This was a televised athletics competition to which only the elite performers in the country can qualify. To illustrate this, previous winners have included Paula Radcliffe and Phillips Idowu. So our congratulations go to Rachel Stoney (Shot Putt) who finished 10th with a throw of 9.70m & Alec Russell (Hammer) who threw a personal best of 42.07m to finish 8th. In the Scunthorpe & District Athletics competition Rachel got us off to a great start by winning the shot putt & discus. Building on that success Kate Ward won the Javelin and Stacey Heseltine was champion in the 100m. These successes, alongside solid performances from the rest of the Year 9 girls, resulted in them winning the team competition. Some outstanding individual performances by the other Baysgarth students resulted in wins by Richard Hamilton in Javelin and Long Jump. Alec Russell in shot. Tom Bowes in the Javelin. Jack Bowskin in the 400m and Maria Goodley in the discus.

Sports Day As part of the schools aim to involve everybody in sport and physical activity we held our 30th annual sports day here at Baysgarth. Even the weather part way through the morning couldn't dampen the spirits of those involved. We were delighted with the whole day and impressed as 4 more new records were set. These were: Laura Bartup (Yr8), Triple Jump. 7.51m, Chelsea Timmis (Yr8), 400m, 80.9s, Jasmine McNaught (Yr 9), Triple Jump, 8m, Rachel Stoney (Yr 9), Shot Putt, 9.70m. As an ex Baysgarth student still holds the national junior 1500metre record we like to honour this by rewarding the fastest 1500m boy and girl who were Jack Bowskin and Sophie Vicary. Bardney house were the overall winners – well done to them and everybody who took part!

Volleyball In a brand new competition set up by Mr Sprakes and Mrs Hodge, Baysgarth hosted the inaugural Humberside and Lincolnshire volleyball competition. 14 teams entered including 3 from Baysgarth. In a tense final against the number 4 team in the country, St Marys from Hull, the Baysgarth 'A' team came through to win, making them the area champions.



Rounders: Baysgarth's strength in depth showed yet again with Year 7, 9 & 10 teams all reaching the semi-finals of district tournaments.

Author Alan Gibbons visits Baysgarth We were delighted to welcome the prestigious author, Alan Gibbons to Baysgarth School on 15th May. Whilst with us, he delighted audiences of year 7 and 8 students with an assembly before delivering three workshops to pupils in year 7, 8 and 9. Pupils were wowed by his descriptive story telling and his mesmerising teaching showing them how to create and write their own stories. Pupils were skillfully led through all the stages needed to create an exciting piece of fictional writing and were encouraged further by a competition organised by Mrs Codd and members of the English department to write their own short story. Alan has agreed to be the overall judge of the work submitted for which there is a prize. Watch out for excerpts of his latest books and those of our pupils coming soon on the school website.

Star plays at Baysgarth! Pupils from Baysgarth were treated to a music recital on Wednesday 1st July in the main hall with Alexandra Parker who plays the electric violin. This was a huge success. There were many pupils in attendance throughout the lunchtime recital. Alexandra took questions from pupils in between wowing us all with her playing. For a lucky few they were able to get a picture of her and even her autograph. Mrs Bishop has already suggested that Alexandra may return next year for another performance!!! Watch this space for more details. If you were not able to see Alexandra or hear her playing, you can check out her website at www.alex-parker.co.uk

German GCSE in Year 7

Many recent year 11 pupils across the country are waiting with bated breath for their GCSE results, but we have two very special year 7s who also have their fingers crossed for the results they deserve. Hannah Holden and Brooke Thompson both have German connections and with the appropriate help from the languages faculty it was decided to let them enter for their German GCSEs a few years early. They both felt that the speaking test was the easiest and flew through the tests – we look forward to seeing you back in Year 8 and chatting to you about your results. Good Luck!!

Fundraising Events Once again the Race for Life benefited from the efforts of both staff and pupils from Baysgarth who donned their running shoes to help raise money for this very worthwhile charity. Also during the summer holidays our very own Mr Wright (PE) took on the Yorkshire 3 peaks challenge to raise money for the Baysgarth School Junior football team kits. The 3 peaks are the highest in Yorkshire and are all over 2000ft with a total distance of 23.5 miles all to be completed in 12 hours! Anyone who would like to donate to this worthy cause should contact Mr Wright at the school..

Reminder of Term Dates

Start of term for pupils:	Thursday September 3rd
Open Evening for Y6 Parents and Pupils:	Wednesday October 7th
Open Morning for Y6 Parents and Pupils:	Thursday October 8th
Pupils finish for half term:	Thursday October 22nd
Staff training day:	Friday October 23rd
Pupils return after half term:	Monday November 2nd
End of Autumn Term:	Friday December 18th