



COSTA RICA TRIP

Seven of our pupils are currently fundraising for their trip to Costa Rica in 2011. Here is some more information from one of the group:

The world challenge organisation offers opportunities to young people to travel (almost) independently, widen their life experience and give them the chance to learn more about themselves. The group consists of 7 students of a variety of ages from Baysgarth School. This expedition is about helping and giving back to the local community and the environment. We will be participating in community projects such as helping renovate or build a local school. We may even have the chance to teach a class of the local children. As an environmental project we may be working with endangered wildlife, such as leatherback turtles, to help conserve them for future generations.

We have already begun our fundraising efforts by taking part in a variety of fundraising projects, such as bag packing, a stall at the towns Christmas fair, a race night, charity meals and many other small projects.

We would much appreciate any help, be it financially or in the form of goods or services that would assist us in raising our total of £3095 each. This would cover the cost of the trip, kit and equipment and the necessary vaccinations for visiting Costa Rica.

If you would like any further information please visit the world challenge website at www.world-challenge.co.uk or contact one of the team at Baysgarth.

In order to help boost the funds, one of the team has also arranged an "All Night Sponsored Trampoline Bounce" in conjunction with the PE department and approximately 40 KS3 pupils. The money raised will be split between the Costa Rica expedition and the PE department. Any donations would be very welcome to Emily Whall, Joanna Wilkinson, Philippa Hartley or Jeanine Guy.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Once again Baysgarth played host to the Interschool Cheerleading Competition organised by Claire Farrow and members of the BSSP at the end of January. The special guest was North Lincolnshire Mayor - Cllr Sue Armitage who told us that she "thought it was fantastic, all the sparkles, make-up and costumes were great! A lot of effort had gone in and the teams should be very pleased with themselves!" A total of 8 schools entered teams with dances and a chant. Claire Farrow told us "Cheerleading is a healthy fun activity which can be enjoyed at any age, it's something different. You can also get creative with outfits and pom-poms".

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

The fabulous looking new cycle storage is open for business and it is available for everyone to use.

Some important notes for our cyclists:

Make sure your bike is roadworthy

Do the brakes work properly?

Ride safely. Use your cycle training knowledge to keep safe.

Use lights when riding in the dark.

Wear a helmet.

Lockers for a helmet and other gear are also to be installed inside the entrance to the B-TEC centre. Bikes will be locked to the racks (keep the key safe!) and the door will be locked just after 9am and remain locked until just before 3.30pm. For anyone needing their bike during the day (and only if they have permission to leave site) it can be unlocked from the administration office. The new cycle store and equipment cost just short of £20,000 with money from Sustrans the government funded Sustainable Transport Charity.

VISIT BY JOHNNY O'BRIEN

Following on from the success of the visit by author Alan Gibbons we were delighted to welcome Johnny O'Brien. His latest book "Day of the Assassins" was available for pupils to buy and have signed by him. Whilst with us, Johnny gave talks to pupils about his experiences, how he became an author and what he likes most about his career. We would like to thank Mrs Lindsay Codd (LRC manager) who organised this event and we look forward to reading more books from this author in the future!

STAFF CHANGES

At Christmas we said farewell to Miss Howitt (History Teacher), Mr Baker (Maths teacher and KS4/5 Team Leader) and Mr Sutton (Network Manager).

Earlier in the winter term we appointed Mrs Pandor (Maths teacher) and Mr Linley (History teacher) who will be joining us in April. We will be appointing a new Network Manager at the start of next term.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Parent Governor for the school: Mrs Sandra Hood. Hers was the only nomination received, and she is therefore elected unopposed.

All these stories and

more visit www.baysgarthschool.co.uk

Reminder of Term Dates

April	1	School Closes for Easter
	20	Pupils return
May	3	School closed: May Day
	17	GCSE/GCE A level begin
	28	School closes for half term
June	7	School re-opens
July	21	School closes for Summer