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HALF TERM EDITION

Busy First Half of Term

Boyne, and indeed College this January this year was a hive of activity. From the first day of term the 5th and U6th form were thrown into exam period, mocks as well as important public exams. The productivity of all involved was not aided so much by one of Britain's biggest snow storms for anytime recent: snowball fights and making ingenious sculptures - including a giant igloo on College field - occupied much of the free time we had in between lessons, exams and activities. After the snow subsided, however, the hard work continued, and the recent card process proved that Boyne was doing well.

House 'Superstars'

Sunday 7th February saw Boyne continue what has become an annual House event: House 'Superstars', this year organised by Mr McKegney. The day consisted of all members of the House, divided into six teams and captained by a Sixth Former, competing in a number of stands set up around Boyne and culminating in a 'Tug-of-War' on the grass. The activities included football shootouts, darts, Wii bowling, golf and a 'cross the lake' exercise, demanding teamwork and leadership from all who took part. The teams, called the Spartans, Trojans, Titans, Vikings, Crusaders and Warriors revolved around the stands before battling out a final in the tug of war. The winning team, captained by George Smith, was the 'Trojans' (pictured page 2). After the morning of undeniable fun we all enjoyed a meal at Zizzi's Italian restaurant, a five-minute walk away from Boyne. The whole day was extremely good fun and all who took part enjoyed it immensely. Special thanks to Mr KcKegney for the day.





House Singing

On Tuesday 2 February the whole College took part in the annual House Singing Competition. Boyne's choice of song was 'Don't Stop Believing' by Journey, however our performance was mostly modeled on aspects of the Glee cast version released earlier this year. The week leading up to the night was difficult and frustrating, however it came to a head just in time and Boyne was able to secure a joint second place position alongside Leconfield, just being beaten by Ashmead (singing another Glee song, 'Halo/Walking on Sunshine'). It was an impressive effort all round and it is definitely fair to say we did well and that time spent practicing paid off. A large part of the performance was down to our Head of Sport, Ben Orchard-Smith, who commanded the rehearsals from the start and led from the front right up to the night. Also thanks go to our conductor, Leonard the Gap Student.

Hockey House Pots

The first round of Hockey House Pots took place on Thursday 4 February. The Seniors played against Hazelwell and the Juniors against Southwood, and both our teams won convincingly; the Seniors, captained by Ben Orchard-Smith, won 5:0 and the score for the Juniors, captained by James Wheeler, was 4:1. The standard of play was excellent overall and the teams both played really well, with a cohesion and aggression that our opposition simply couldn't match. 'It was good fun; I enjoyed it' says U6 former Ed Hocken, for whom this was his second ever match. In conclusion, a terrific game for all who took part.



Burns Night Dinner

On the 23rd of January, the 6th Form from Boyne celebrated the life of Robert Burns in the first ever Burns Night Dinner, hosted by Mr Bullock. The dinner involved the dress code 'Tartan', Haggis, bagpipes (played by Freddie Braithwaite-Exley H) and other Scottish rituals. It was a very enjoyable evening all round and gave us all the opportunity to get a taste of Scottish culture. The dinner itself consisted of lamb broth, Haggis and trifle for dessert. Robert Burns (1759 - 1796) was a Scottish national poet. Overall, Boyne's first Sixth Form Dinner together with a taste of Scottish culture was a great success and everyone enjoyed it.



Enjoy the Break

As usual, from me I would just like to take the opportunity to thank the House for another great half of term. Enjoy the break; I look forward to seeing you all again on the 21st.

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(Left) Will Charlesworth, 5th form, delivers a Wednesday night presentation on Saumur, France, where he lives. Other presentations this term include Jan Haas on the 'Midnight Sun' in Norway, Nikita Chernobutstev and Artur Sydzikov on Russia and Peter Bruins this Wednesday. In addition, members of the house presenting to the Upper College Society were George Burt on Osama bin Laden and a joint effort by Oli Strittmatter and Jan Haas on the complicated question of 'Democracy'.