



Spirit of The Banda

Friday 19th January 2024

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

It may only have been the second week of term but things are already in full swing, from the first hockey matches of the season to the Year 8 Geography field trip to multiple photoshoots. In short, pupils and staff alike have been busy - exactly how a thriving prep school should be.

It's also been great to welcome Penn Kirk into school this week. Her wisdom and advice is always invaluable in terms of taking a temperature check of the school and providing guidance as to what we can do even better than we already do.

The week ahead is also looking jam-packed: we welcome Pembroke here tomorrow for a block fixture of hockey matches and we host The Banda Golf Tournament on Monday. Then, next weekend is the Hog Charge and I look forward to seeing many of you there for what is always a great event.

We have two senior schools from the UK visiting us during the week - Cheltenham Ladies' College on Tuesday and Taunton School on Friday, so please do get in touch if you would like to meet with their representatives.

James Moss-Gibbons



See Week 3 events overleaf

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SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS



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Taunton Senior School is a traditional, co-educational day and boarding school in the south-west of England for students aged 13 – 18.



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FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

FROM 10.00 - 12.00



If you'd like to find out more about Taunton School, please email Adrian Hallworth (Director of International Student Recruitment) to arrange a meeting at the school:

adrian.hallworth@tauntonschool.co.uk

or WhatsApp Adrian: (+44) 7711 411537

Meetings are also available at any time on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel.

For more information about the school, please visit our website: www.tauntonschool.co.uk or scan the QR code.

We look forward to seeing you.



We are a down-to-earth, ambitious and friendly school with a thriving boarding community and a genuine global outlook.

Taunton School sits on a beautiful 56-acre campus and has just over 600 students, with approximately 300 full-time boarders.

The school is the only boarding school in the UK to offer 4 pathways to university: A Levels, IB, BTEC & a Foundation Programme.

PTA CORNER



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the PTA, we extend a warm welcome to you and your family to another exciting school year! We are thrilled to have you as part of our school community and look forward to fostering a collaborative and enriching environment for our students.

Our PTA plays a crucial role in supporting the school's mission and enhancing the educational experience for all students. Throughout the year, we organize various events, fundraisers, and activities that bring parents, teachers, and students together.

We have some fun events coming up this term, please note the following dates in your diaries:

- Friday, 2nd Feb - Upper School Movie Night.
- Thursday, 21st March - PTA Quiz Night.

Further details to follow shortly.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to us at pta@bandaschool.com

Together let's make this academic year memorable and filled with positive experiences for our children.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to meeting you all soon!

Warm regards,
Brad Elliott
PTA Chair

CAMEL SAFARI

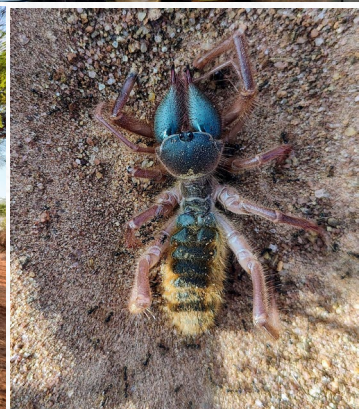
Talia (Y7), Sten (Y7), Skye (Y7) and Emma (Y4), took part in a Camel Safari over the holidays. The 3 month safari from Lake Elementaita to Msambweni, South Coast started on 19th Sept 23 and ended on 4th Dec 23 with the 17 camels and 6 drovers walking a total distance of 1,200 kms. We joined for two legs; the first part was from Bisil to Lengasim (North of Amboseli) and the second from Kilibasi (Voi) and finishing at the Coast. In scorching 38°-39°C temperature, Sten & Syke walked a total distance of 220 kms, Emma did 125 kms and Talia who only did the first leg covered 89 kms!

The expedition organised by Bobong Camels followed in the footsteps of one Joseph Thompson who was sent by The Royal Geographical Society to explore East Africa and travelled from Mombasa to Lake Victoria in 1882. We stopped at historical and geological points of interest and looked out for interesting local fauna and flora.

Skye's, favourite memory was finally getting to the beach and running into the sea with the Bobong team and camels! Everyday, she was very happy to find a river, stream or puddle for a dip! Emma's best memory was of Barabara the lead drover trying a madafu for the first time and making lots of funny faces and noises because he did not like it! The second one was when we found a narrow channel of fast running water that we could body surf down.

Sten's scariest memory was when we got reports of lots of kali elephants in one area we were walking through! We all had to walk close together and stay in between the two camel trains. His other memory is when we had stopped just outside a maasai village and all the girls thought Sten was a Moran because of the big knife on his belt and started negotiations with Barabara to marry Sten... but the bridal price of 10 camels was a little too high!! - "How embarrassing!!"





YEAR 8

Year 8 went to Loldia Eburru this week to carry out their data collection for their Geography Common Entrance fieldwork. They are doing a biodiversity impact study in the Eburru forest - investigating the effects of indigenous and non-indigenous trees on the amount and diversity of flora and fauna. They visited four different sites in the Eburru forest and did quadrant sampling and fauna transects to get their biodiversity data. They recorded information such as ground cover and canopy cover percentage, number of plant species, light readings, soil drainage and soil PH and they recorded tracks and signs of fauna.

On the last morning they also had the unique opportunity to take a ride in a tractor trailer up to a geothermal site, where eggs were cooked using geothermal steam for their breakfast. They also got a turn in the newly built geothermal steam room. A further highlight was a mindfulness walk through a beautiful area of indigenous olive trees.



YEAR 7

Immersed in the captivating realm of Science, a group of eager Year 7 pupils delved into the fascinating subjects of solar eclipses, unravelling the celestial mysteries that dance across the cosmos. Simultaneously, their peers embarked on a research expedition, diligently crafting insightful presentations on the critical and pressing topic of Climate Change.



YEAR 6

Year 6 put on their mathematical hats, engaging in a series of challenging exercises that honed their numerical prowess. Simultaneously, their historical journey came to life as they embraced multimedia tools, creating video presentations that breathed vitality into their lessons. You could also find the children painting to various music tracks.



YEAR 5

From exploring the harmonies of music to delving into the practicalities of budget creation in ICT, and delving into the nuances of the French language, Year 5 enjoyed the rich tapestry of the curriculum, immersing themselves in a diverse array of subjects.





This term, The Planet Warriors would like to invite any guest speakers from our Banda community to visit and talk to us about environmental projects they are involved in, or projects they are passionate about.

Our sessions to host guest speakers are on Friday afternoon from 2-3pm. Please contact Alix on a.Daykin@2025@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your knowledge or expertise.



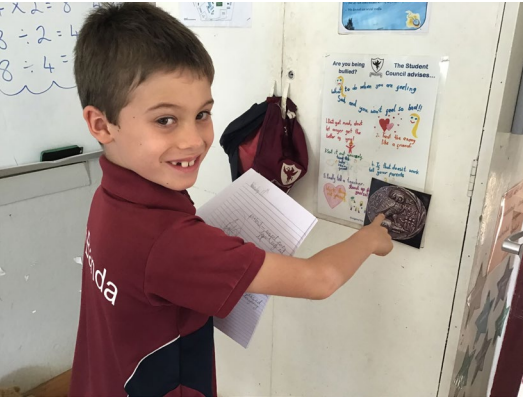
LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS





YEAR 3

We have been on a source hunt in Year 3! Not for the tomato ketchup but for Ancient Greek items. Have the children found items from the correct era? Are they all from Ancient Greece? What could they be used for? All questions we need to ask as historians.



After designing, Year 3 began cutting out the structure of their fairy house in DT. For most this is the first time they have ever used a saw! They did really well by cutting on the line and sanding it to make the wood smooth.



YEAR 2

Our topic this term in Humanities is all about EXPLORERS! We thoroughly enjoyed going on an exploration adventure of The Banda. We used simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds. We had to find various places around the school and explain where they are situated using words like 'next to' and 'behind'.

In Science, we were learning all about babies! Our Registrar, Heer, came to visit and the children had the opportunity to ask many interesting questions all about pregnancy!



YEAR 1

In Humanities, Year 1 learnt about the Terracotta Army and went on to create their own versions using clay! We were amazed that from the army of 2000 uncovered in China, no 2 are alike and we can say that all of ours were also very individual! We also had fun in phonics.



YEAR 1

The children in Year 1 had a lovely time creating their own Wild Things during Literacy. They included plenty of details in their drawings, making them the perfect stimulus for our following lessons on including adjectives in descriptions.



Thank you to Miss Nancy for helping with 1SkM - we really appreciate you!

Mrs Rogers

PEGASUS EARLY YEARS RECEPTION

In Reception, we studied bubbles and learnt about the Mythical Creature Unicorns. We followed a step by step drawing and then used watercolour to paint the mane and horn.



NURSERY 2

I swim with a grin up to greet you, see how my jaws open wide. Why don't you come a bit closer?
Please, take a good look inside... - *Commotion In The Ocean*



NURSERY 1

In Nursery 1 we have been exploring what whole fruits and vegetables look like. We talked about their colour, comparing size, counting and playing matching games.



RIISING STARS

The Rising Stars ventured into 'the jungle' through pretend play. We met a roaring lion and a snappy crocodile. I wonder which animal we will meet next?



WEEK 3

MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING BREAK

LUNCH: SOUP

MAINS

VEGGIE

SIDES

DESSERT
MAIN SCHOOL

DESSERT
PEY

Cookies & Fruit	Cake & Fresh Fruit	Cheese Straws & Carrot Sticks	Focaccia & Fruit	Home Made Flapjacks & Fresh Fruit
		Cream of Leek & Potato Soup		
Veggie Monday	Chicken Masala	Lamb Pilau	Cottage Pie Mince & Rice (PEY)	Sandwich Bar with Roast Meats
Beans & Carrots Goulash or Veg Curry	Chickpea Curry	Vegetable & Paneer Pilau	Veggie Cottage Pie	Sandwich Bar with a variety of Cheeses
Stir-Fried Rice	Tortilla Wraps GF Tortilla Wraps	Yogurt Sauce	Grated Cheese Crunchy Carrots	Selection of Salads Wraps
Ice Cream Fresh Fruit	Yogurt Fruit	Pineapple Crumble Custard Fruit	Mango Surprise Bananas	Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurt & Honey Fruit	Yogurt & Honey Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Crumble Fruit	Mango Surprise Bananas	Fresh Fruit Platter

SALAD BAR - an assortment of salads is served every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Coleslaw, Carrot Sticks, Beetroot, Quinoa, Grated Cheese, Grated Carrots, Couscous, Two Beans Salad, Pasta Salad, Egg Salad, Roast Chicken, Roast Beef, Avocado

DRESSINGS - Honey Vinaigrette, Cocktail Sauce, Mayonnaise

Menu subject to change. All meats are Halal



CHEESE STRAWS



Ingredients

- 375 gm plain flour
- 200gm mature cheddar
- 285gm butter cut in cubes
- Pinch of English Mustard Powder

Method

- Sift the flour and a pinch of salt into a bowl. Using your fingertips, rub in the butter until all the lumps are gone and the texture is like fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the cheese, mustard powder, and yolks. Add 4-5 tablespoons of cold water and mix to a firm dough
- Wrap in cling film or a reusable plastic bag and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes
- Preheat the oven to 190C/375F
- Line a baking sheet with baking paper. Roll out the dough to a square Cut the square in half, then cut each half into 1 cm/ ½ inch strips
- Transfer carefully onto the lined baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, until crisp, then leave to cool on the tray.

NOTICE BOARD



25TH EDITION OF THE HOG CHARGE

27TH - 28TH JANUARY 2024 @ PEPONI SCHOOL



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES
4PM SATURDAY,
JANUARY 20TH. 2024

Entries of teams of 4 cyclists in the
following categories:

**Under 12, Under 14, Open
and Family**

Scan code to
Register & for
more information



The Hog Charge is a fund-raising event for the conservation of the Water Towers of Kenya. The conservation activities are implemented by Rhino Ark, a charitable trusts that develops sustainable solutions to the challenges facing mountain forests ecosystems and threatened biodiversity areas, through public-private partnerships.

Our successes in conservation are thanks to your continual support



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