

The Marlborough Oracle

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Featured!

Welcome to the first ever edition of The MO, the newspaper put together by the students, for the students. And guess what, you can get involved too.

If you're creative, send us your poems, reviews, photos or art pieces, we would love to see them and get your work out there. Or, if you just want to know what's happening have a read of this month's articles.

If you have anything that you want to see featured in future editions of The MO just let us know and the Oracle team will get straight on it.

Happy reading —

The Oracle Team

Cast Confessions

The curtains of 'We Will Rock You' has just closed and our leading actresses, Bethan Moss (Scaramouche) and Grace Carson (Galileo), didn't appear to be fazed by the pressure of the performance at all. When I stopped to catch up with them at rehearsals, I found them running amongst the chairs and tables, giggling in glee. As it turned out, it was all part of the preparation process; psyching themselves up for a scene where they were required to sound out of breath. Now, I call that dedication. Thankfully, the girls managed to take time out of their busy schedule to answer some questions for me.

So, what's the best thing about doing the show?

Bethan: Doing what I love; performing.

Grace: I think it's the way it looks at the end, at show week. It's the finished product that really looks awesome.

Speaking of show week, do you have any particular stage fright battling rituals?

Bethan: No...I just tell myself to get over it.

(laughs) I look up, look away from the audience; that helps.

Grace: Actually, I prefer to look the audience in the eyes. That way, I know what their reaction is and I know what they're thinking. If I look up, I don't know if they don't like it, if they hat-in' *(laughs. At this, Bethan laughs too, they seem to get along very well).*

Bethan, what's your favourite thing about working with Grace?

Um...we're funny. *(laughs)* Oh, I don't know; we have a really good laugh.

And Grace, what about working with Bethan?

(Jokingly) Oh you know, we're not afraid to hurt each other's feelings...No, that's mean, they'll think we abuse each other. It's definitely the good banter though, we're always having a laugh. Continue...

Grace, your character is male right? Is there anything you've done to help you get into character?

Um..I've had quite a bit of help with it, for things like posture and how I sit, but, worryingly, it wasn't as hard as I thought it would be!

If either of you could play any other character, who would it be?

Grace: Hmm...Kashoggi.

Bethan: I think Killer Queen, definitely.

Finally, if you could be any character's in real life, who would you be?

Bethan: Scaramouche; she's cool.

Grace: Pop - he lives a pretty carefree life - pretty YOLO. *(laughs)*

It was a pleasure to interview girls and to get a feel for the sense of unity and friendship within the cast in rehearsals. To be involved with it all seems truly wonderful. If you would like to find out what we've been talking about, and see the finished product mentioned, tickets are on sale for the show on the school website now.

By Sofia Da Silva



THE REVIEW

After the months of hard work, the cast and crew of 'We Will Rock You' were met by the rapturous applause from the full house of their final show. The all-round experience was captivating, with the sounds of the band filling the hall to further create the intense atmosphere made by the raw performance of Marlborough's very own students. The backstage buzz and pre-performance nerves disappeared once the cast were on stage.

This was the first show directed by the new Head of Drama, Miss Burton, and it could not have gone any better, or reflected the effort involved in putting on our students interpretation of the smash hit musical 'We Will Rock You'. With reviews of *"The best I've seen... Competing with the standards of*



the West End." The stars of the show certainly seem to have a bright future treading the Marlborough boards. To all who watched the performances it was clear that all of the hours the he cast and crew put in really paid off. The music was electric, the lighting energetic and the routines eccentric!

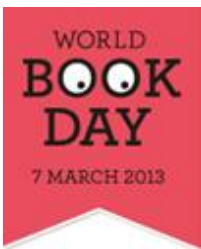
"The best I've seen"

Many parents fell in love with the show calling it *"one of the best shows Marlborough has put on."* As a school we should all be proud to have this opportunity to be part of the Performing Arts and to be able to showcase our talents to the community. I'm sure both cast and crew have forged friendships that they will have for many years to come.

By Mollie Cook and Jack Burge



As per usual the wonderful staff at this school have pulled it out the bag again in their efforts to raise money for comic relief! The MO Team decided on the five best dressed teachers; can you name them and who they dressed up as? Thank you to all the students who made an effort also.



By Rebekah Greenwood

BOOK WEEK



Book week, don't pretend that you didn't know about it - it was everywhere: from members of staff reading this and reading that, to two Steve's strolling in and talking about how to write this and to write that. But it really wasn't all reading, reading, reading, there was a little bit for everybody. Let's start with the fun activities going on every lunchtime for those who are a little more creative, hundreds of beads, bookmarks and much more were created by Marlborough's finest Da Vinci descendants putting those tattered old books to good use and let's not forget the 'Whose behind the book' Competition, that competition that put students' knowledge of the schools staff to the test, and beware teachers, they know who you are.

The most memorable part of the week must have been the two Steve's, a pair of authors who took the time to help Marlborough's students improve their own writing skills through an entertaining and informative presentation which students seemed to enjoy getting fully involved in.

Reading may sometimes seem like a bore, but through book week Marlborough's students proved that it's not a dead activity and that there is a book for everybody, and everybody likes a book.



Creative CORNER

Next week's theme is 'Creature Comforts'; happy creating!



Thank you to Melody White, Rebekah Greenwood and Mouna Vacca for this issue's creativity.

Please send in your pictures or artwork to hayley.redfern@marlborough.herts.sch.uk and you may be featured in next month's issue of 'The MO'!



Story Time With Becky:

The story of Rodney, the little starfish, who lay on the sand, enjoying the bliss. Not a seagull in sight, and a nice gentle breeze his life seemed quite simple, he was completely at ease. He was washed up on shore at about three o'clock, riding an old mans soggy left sock. Then out popped the sun, ever so bright, quickly enough to give Rodney a fright. It was warming up quickly, but that wasn't a problem, till I took this photo, and Rodney got trod on. The heat blazed down, and the gentle breeze ceased, Rodney went crispy and now he's deceased. **Send in your pictures and Rebekah may write a story for yours!**