



THE  
BRITISH SCHOOL  
IN TOKYO

# The Lion – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

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Dear Parents,



Here we are again: more Friday morning blue skies, more blossom breaking out on cherry trees all over the city and more frantic activity to ensure that everything is in place for another brilliant BST Spring Fair. A sincere thank you to all those of you have so willingly volunteered your support, particularly to Mr Blagborough and the hard-working core team who have put it all together.

Good luck to everyone who will be manning stalls, serving up delicious food, overseeing games and activities or joining in with one of the performances tomorrow. It promises to be another great family day out. Raffle tickets for a whole host of brilliant prizes have been selling fast during the week so, if you still haven't managed to get yours, make sure that you pick some up as soon as you can tomorrow. Our sponsors have been particularly generous this year so there is every chance that you might go home a happy winner at the end of the day!



The Spring Fair is perhaps the most high profile BST community event in our annual calendar but I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the support we receive from the PTA throughout the year. On Monday I met representatives from this year's committee and the sentiment that kept coming up was that the PTA serves as the glue that holds our diverse community together. From those very first welcome events, through to the regular outings and social get-togethers throughout the year, I believe everyone is given the opportunity to make new friends and to feel that they belong here.

Thank you to everyone who gives up time to make this happen – and if you would like to be part of this team, do contact Lowly Norgate who will be only too happy to point you in the right direction.



Finally, a reminder that there are two opportunities to enjoy the best of BST Music next week. On Monday at 5:30pm we have the Primary Ensembles Concert in the Green Hall on our Showa Campus. Then, just a few days later on the evening of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, you are all welcome to join us for this year's (Secondary) *Spring Concert* in the magnificent setting of Meguro Church – if you love good music, you won't want to miss it.



[SPRING FAIR VIDEO](#)

Thank you - and see you tomorrow!

[Brian Christian](#)  
[https://twitter.com/BST\\_Principal](https://twitter.com/BST_Principal)

Dear Secondary Parents,

What a pleasure to have windows wide-open, blue skies, and not to have to worry about being too hot or too cold. This is certainly my favourite time of year here in Tokyo. I very much hope we are blessed with a fine day for the Spring Fair tomorrow (and that the forecast I see on my phone is wrong!). So many people have been involved in the preparation for tomorrow's big event and I am so grateful to the parents, staff and students who all contribute to make this lovely community/family event happen.



This week, on the artistic front, our Music students did their final recordings for IGCSE/A level as well as rehearsing for next Thursday's Spring Concert in Meguro Church. We also celebrated World Poetry Day with a visit from Prof. Andy Fitzsimons from Gakushuin University and I poked my head into an energetic Drama rehearsal for next term's production of Romeo and Juliet.

So many of our students continue to go above and beyond on in the academic sphere. This week we saw the mathematicians tackle the International Olympiad and Kangaroo (yes that is the real name) competitions, the linguists entertained visitors from Setagaya High School and you can read elsewhere in the Lion about the prowess of our Robotics team at the Robot Rumble last weekend - great stuff!



Our [assembly](#) was lead by the Head Prefects in which they addressed a number of insightful questions from the younger years - they really are excellent role models and fine examples of student leadership. We are about to embark on the election process for next year's positions and we await the manifesti with bated breath!



A highlight of next week sees a visit to BST from representatives from the Tokyo Olympic Committee to talk about the fascinating project to make the medals for the Games out of used mobile phones. We will be handing over some used phones which our community have donated in a special ceremony. It will be on Thursday from 2.30pm at Showa Green Hall - do drop [Comms Team](#) a line if you want to come. This, alongside the university fair (parents have been written to about this separately), various House Spirit events and 'Clean Week' events masterminded by the E-cool Team means it will be a busy one as ever!

I am in Hong Kong with Mrs Read from Monday to Wednesday next week working with our new Principal Mr. Paul Tough. We are both very much looking forward to spending time with him and talking about plans for the future.

See many of you tomorrow, I hope; best wishes for the weekend.

James Anthony Thomas

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WORLD POETRY DAY - MARCH 21st

"In nooks and corners  
Cold remains:  
Flowers of the plum"

Translation of Haiku  
Buson (1716-1784)  
<http://www.wsl.org/en/awards/eostoryday/index.html>

<http://bit.ly/BSTEALNewsletter>

### UPCOMING EVENTS -- TERM 2.2 (2018-2019)

### ***SOPHIA CANTEEN CLOSED FOR WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH***

#### **Mon 25th March**

Showa MS Exchange Programme

Spring University Fair

Y9 Options Deadline

8:30-9:30 PTA Showa Coffee Morning

8:30-15:30 IGCSE French

9.30am PTA Meeting, Showa - Room 500

#### **Tue 26th March**

8:30-15:30 IGCSE French

15:30-18:00 MS Girls & Boys Inter House Basketball (H)

#### **Wed 27th March**

15:30-17:30 Staff v Students Netball (Reserve Date) (H)

#### **Thu 28th March**

HK Basel Y12/13 Art Trip Departs

14:30-17:00 Spring Music Concert - Meguro Church TBC 19:00 (Afternoon rehearsals at venue)

#### **Friday 29th March**

15:30-18:00 HS Girls & Boys Inter House Basketball (H)

#### **Sat 30th March**

7:30-14:30 HS Girls Football v Kinnick (NSG)

## LOST PROPERTY AT SHOWA



The Lost Property at Showa will be displayed in the Showa Foyer from Monday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> it will be on display at the Uniform Sale in Shibuya Music Room. 9am-10am

After that, it will be donated to PTA.



On Saturday 16th March, 8 students from the Competitive Robotics Elective went to Yokota Middle School to compete in the annual Robot Rumble. Comprised of three events; Tagbot Battle, Save the World Relay, and World Cup of Soccer, the students demonstrated resilience, determination, and gracious competitive spirit. The students were cheering each other on and provided a lot of support within the BST teams, as well as for other schools. All the teams did well, but particular mention to Aditya and Ben who came 2nd overall. If any students are interested in competitive robotics competitions, Mr Balcombe is running an ECA to prepare for a SumoBot competition from 26th March to the 16th May, they should get in touch.

Mr Balcombe  
Head of Computer Science



UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2019

## Intermediate Maths Challenge Results

### PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

British School in Tokyo - Puzzle of the Week

Previous Solution: The gold is in chest B.

Solutions for the puzzle this week are due in by 29/3/2019



You have three bags that each contain 2 marbles.

Bag 1 has 2 red marbles

Bag 2 has 2 blue marbles

Bag 3 has 1 red and 1 blue marble

First you choose a bag at random. Then from that bag you choose a marble at random  
and end up with a red marble.

What is the probability that the other marble in the bag is also red?

**THIS WEEK'S PRIMARY NEWS IS WRITTEN BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Dear Primary Parents and Pupils,

As you know, Mrs Read usually writes the newsletter, but this week the Showa Primary Council have taken that role. This week may have seemed like a very ordinary week, but really, everything has been happening. After Year 6's return from Ashigara, lots of us are putting in all our efforts into Monday's ensemble concert. Meanwhile, tomorrow the Spring Fair will put everyone into a good mood. Please enjoy this week's newsletter.



This week was the first week back from Ashigara for Year 6. The highlight of Ashigara for the majority of us was the Forest Adventure on the fast zip lines. We also made our own dinners and desserts. We enjoyed the orienteering although it was very tiring, running around the whole campus. We found the habitat building fun with Mr Jackson, Mr Taylor and Ms Roberts even though it was very windy.

On Thursday, we had the Year 5G class exhibition. Our parents came to our class and we talked about what we explore and learn in our class. We showed our parents about air resistance, potions (book day), friction and other forces and much more.

Also on Thursday Year 4P performed a class assembly. The assembly was about traveling to the UK and everything about UK. There were also British Airways Cabin Crew, Queen Elizabeth and a Scottish tour guide!



In the past few weeks Year 5 have been having a blast learning about air force and designing and producing their own training gear. All the classes came up with creative designs and enjoyed testing them! 5G also showed their fabulous creations to their parents in their class exhibition.

Our lost property is in a massive pile so we would like to remind parents and children to name their items of school uniform and P.E. kits. If you happen to go home and realise you have someone else's uniform, please hand it back in. If you do, it is most likely that if you have also lost yours someone else would return it to you. Please take care of your belongings even if they are named. We would like everyone to name their belongings.



This week we would also like to inform you about the Sakura book competition between classes and schools. The Sakura book competition is between many schools competing for the number of votes each school has. Therefore, we are doing a class competition as well. So we would like you to persuade/encourage your children to get one of these books.

This week some of us had our LAMDA examinations. LAMDA is where you perform an interesting poem to an examiner and then they give you your score. On the score it says if you are really good or you need a bit of practice. However you have to remember the poem by heart.

Next week will be 5P's class assembly that will be going over the learning and activities of year 5, such as their ski trip, myth writing, Space, Moon Bear, the Olympics and zones of regulation. Looking forward to seeing you, 5P parents.

The dance assembly is happening on Friday 29th of March. This is a celebration where lots of different dance clubs do lots of different dances and all classes from nursery to year 6 will have the chance to watch it. The important thing to remember is Showa Primary will go to Shibuya in the morning.

Finally, tomorrow from 11am to 3pm is the Spring Fair. School council are working at the SpongeBob stall. Tomorrow there is light rain so bring a coat just in case. There will be plenty of food and drinks and you can buy more tickets at the Spring Fair. Look forward to seeing you there!



### Nursery Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/nursery-newsletter/>

### Reception Newsletter

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### Year 1 Newsletter

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### Year 5 Newsletter

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### Year 6 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-6-newsletter/>

## IRISH DANCING CLUB



*The BST Irish Dancing Club represented us at The I Love Ireland Festival in Yoyogi Park last weekend.*

Please join us for our next PTA Meeting!

The British School in Tokyo

# PTA Meeting

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March | 9:30am - 10:30am |  
5F Seminar Room 500 - BST Showa Campus**



## SHOWA COFFEE MORNING



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COME AND ENJOY  
MULBERRY MANOR  
PASTRIES & COFFEE

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
8.30AM

SHOWA FOYER

BST PARENTS' ASSOCIATION  
**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**  
FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
BST SHIBUYA MUSIC ROOM  
9.00AM TO 10.00AM



We are accepting donations of second-hand uniform items for the sale.  
These must be clean and in re-usable condition.  
Kindly leave any suitable items in the BST Shibuya or Showa foyer.  
Thank You | [pta@bst.ac.jp](mailto:pta@bst.ac.jp)

TOP OF THE CLASS UNIFORM SALE



Top of the Class  
School uniform

***Uniform Sale***

Friday 29th March 2019

9am - 10am  
BST Shibuya Music Room



PRIMARY HOUSE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO BUY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAR**

**30th**

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**T.Y. Harbor Brewery & Brewdog Beer ¥600 Shandy Gaff ¥400**

**Ki No Bi Kyoto Dry Gin & Fever Tree Tonic Dry Martini Cocktails ¥500**

**Pimm's ¥500**

**Coffee ¥200**

**Soft Drinks ¥200**

**Water ¥100**

**Tomoe Corporation Cadbury's Chocolates, Tyrrell's crisps & Artisan Biscuits ¥100-300**

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# Spring Fair Kids Raffle



Shibuya Raffle



## Tickets ¥500

Only enter the raffle for the prizes you want to win.



Showa Raffle

Tickets on sale at the Information Booth at the Fair.

Any questions? Email [pta-springfair@bst.ac.jp](mailto:pta-springfair@bst.ac.jp)

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PEMBROKE



PTA TOURS

BST PTA TOUR



Day trip to....

**Kawagoe (Koedo=small Edo)****Wed 27th March 2019**

The old storehouse merchant houses are lined up, and the Toki-no-kane (Bell Tower) rings to tell the time. Take a stroll through the town and you will feel as if you have travelled back in time to ancient Edo. In Kawagoe, you can experience the traditional and pure Japan, which you cannot see in Tokyo.

RSVP to PTA Tours: Riko and Miho - [pta-tours@bst.ac.jp](mailto:pta-tours@bst.ac.jp)



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Roll up Roll up!  
Sponge Bob Stall

Primary School Council Students are invited to assist Mr Taylor & Mrs Kaiho on the day.

PARENT BOOK CLUB

BST PARENT  
BOOK CLUB  
MONDAY APRIL 1ST  
SHOWA FOYER 9:30am

If you would like to join us,  
please contact Mr Bell the  
Secondary Librarian.  
mbell@bst.ac.jp

