



Special Spring Edition

# Banyan's Got (lots of) Talent

Students strut their stuff at school's annual talent show

**By Mr. Hofmann, Editor**

Many Banyan students showed that when it comes to talent, they certainly have it – and lots of it!

The children danced, sang and performed an assortment of other skills at our recent Talent Show.

Ms. Mastrolia pulled it all together and the hour-long performance had the entire Banyan community – parents, staff and fellow students – up on their feet and applauding when it was over.

From Greydon's greeting to Benji's closing remarks and everything in between, everyone left O'Connor Hall with a smile on their face. Beatrice kicked off the show by playing Yankee Doodle on the piano. What followed was a wonderful assortment of students who thrived under the spotlight.

Zoe A. sang Almost There and then Rayna and Samay performed Roar. Cassidy provided us with a boxing exhibition with Mr. B as her sparring partner.

Mae sang Thank You for Being a Friend. Cheerleaders Danny and Keira sang – and cheered – to the beat of Shake It Off. A short while later, Samantha B. performed a gymnastic routine onstage as Rania and Neve sang Unstoppable.

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Other songs that were beautifully performed were My Favorite Things by Mora, Faithfully by Roman, and If You Would Only Listen by Jessica. Meanwhile, Benji made the audience laugh with his humor, Lonnie danced to the tune of Watch Me, Sammy G. wowed us with his knowledge of world populations, and Albert had everyone awestruck with his incredible mastery of the cello. It was indeed a Banyan Talent Show oozing with Banyan talent!







# Painting the school Green

Banyan celebrates St.  
Patrick's Day ... Begorrah!

**By Mr. Hofmann, Editor**

Trivia time: What shamrock-themed holiday arrives every year on March 17 and brings Banyan School a lot of fun?

Answer: St. Patrick's Day!

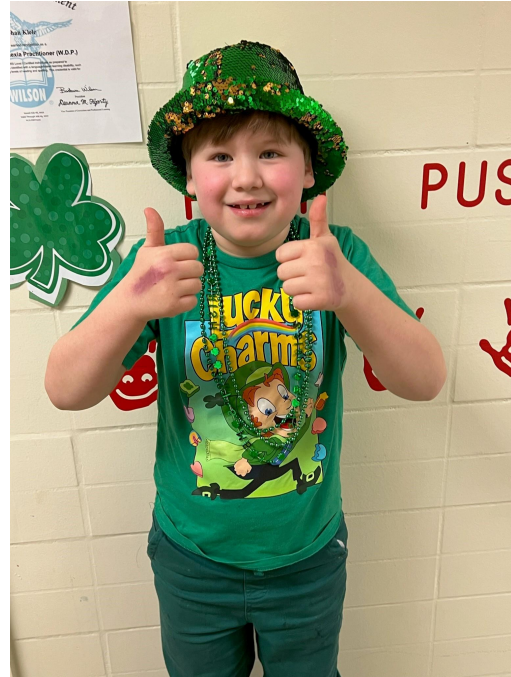
The school calendar turned to mid March and that only meant one thing: St. Patty's Day had arrived – and so did all of the festivities the day brings.

The school celebrated the holiday with a variety of fun events last week.

Several homerooms received supplies and assembled a beautiful craft. Other homerooms featured older students reading to younger ones. Still others played St. Patty's Day Bingo.

At the end of the afternoon, everyone played a trivia game over the loudspeaker with Ms. Gross. All questions had a St. Patty's Day-theme, of course.

The following pictures are from the fun afternoon! Banyan was really hopping, Begorrah!







# Serving up a sweet dish!

## Saturday Social makes St. Patrick's Day treats

### Staff Report

How did the Saturday Social group celebrate St. Patty's Day last week? By eating rainbow bagels, of course.

The students had a full morning. They also made a four-leaf clover craft, rode scooters in the gym, and held a free-throw shooting competition.

To top it off, they dipped pretzels and graham crackers into green St. Patty's Day frosting. Yummy!



# Fantastic finish!

## Dogs edge Bulls in a classic final game

### By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

The curtain came down on Banyan's Varsity basketball season – but not before a wild ending to the year that saw the Dogs hold off an incredible late Bulls comeback to win the final game, 35-31.

The Dogs had built a 15-point lead but Andy made seven straight baskets to make things very interesting.

The Dogs team was coached by Mr. Western and Mr. Hofmann and made up of Matt G., Kollet, Kenneth, Lonnie, Zach, Patrick, Charlie, and Ryan. Jonah had moved up to the Varsity from the Junior Varsity but was unable to play due to an injury.

The Bulls players were coached by Mr. Stacey and the players were Andy, Joseph, Ryan H., Roman, Justin, Ethan, Derik, and Evan R.

The cheerleaders performed beautifully. The team, coached by Ms. Gross, Ms. Gwen, and Ms. Z., consisted of Riley, Neve, Kiera, Danny K, Anisa, Zoe A, Sami B, Bea, Owen P, Callum, Keaton, Mora, and Catherine.





# Hey, what's that you're wearing?

Banyan students love Spirit Week and Pajama Day



## Staff Report

Spirit Week at Banyan is always loaded with a lot of fun. Students – even faculty – come to school wearing their favorite team's jerseys, mismatched socks, wacky outfits, or crazy hairstyles.

One of the biggest hits is Pajama Day, which features many people showing up to school in – you guessed it ... their PJs.

Pictured here are some of our favorites decked out in what they wear to bed. Nighty-night, everyone!

