

# Beechwood Newsletter

An Independent School for Boys and Girls (3-18)

## Drusillas

On Tuesday Year 6 went to Drusillas for the day. They had a lovely time looking at all of the animals. In our two workshops some of them dressed up to show animal adaptations as examples of the five vertebrate groups. The animal encounters were fantastic and included a corn snake, cockroaches, meerkats and fat tailed gerbils.



## **One Minute of Silence**

Friday 26 May 2017

During break on Thursday children from Year 5 and Year 6 sat together, quietly among the trees, between Lower Paddock and Fountain Lawn. There is a calmness and a stillness in that space that allowed us a moment of reflection and thought. Thought for those families, in Manchester, who endured unimaginable loss and tragedy and whose lives have been changed forever. Then, at 11.00 am we were silent, and united in thoughts, prayers and stillness with children and adults across the country. From the smallest of gestures we can grow hope.



## **Enchanted Forest**

Reception had a super trip to the Enchanted Forest in Groombridge Place. They began their visit with a canal boat ride followed by Crusoe's World - giant tree

houses with a rope bridge and old boats fire their to imaginations. After exploring the forest enjoyed they picnic lunch by the Teepee Village and ended their time in the forest with the Board-Walk. A day to remember and a good time was had by all.



## **PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK**

**Prep School** 'Children Unplugged' Speech & Drama Performance Year 6 **Urgent Message re Shakespeare Rocks** Year 5 & 6 **Enterprise Days** Year 5 & Choir **Costume Letter** Year 10 **GCSE Geography Students Prep School Prep Art Exhibition Prep School Curriculum Summary** Year 6 JCA Kit List

# News

## The Gingerbread Man

In Nursery we have been reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and all the children have made their own gingerbread man which is now on display. Some of the older children have retold the story to the group and also sequenced the pictures that they had cut out.



#### Lunchtime BBQ!

Thank you to the catering team who provided a BBQ for everyone on Wednesday lunchtime.



The weather was fantastic and all staff and pupils had a feast on Fountain Lawn. A lovely break from exams and report writing to

enjoy some sun and good company.

## **Dads & Grandads**

Key Stage 1 invited their Dads & Grandads in to see their work and experience life in their classroom. They helped the children design and create some wonderful seaside pictures, using cornflakes, sand and paints.



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

#### **PA Committee**

The purpose of the Parents' Association is to organise events and to buy additional equipment that benefit all pupils throughout the whole school. The present committee have served for two years which is coming to an end, this means the school needs another group of parents to take over and help organise various school events, such as the Christmas Fair, Fireworks, Easter Egg Hunts etc. We are in need of a new Chairman, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a Class Rep Coordinator. If you are interested in getting involved and would like know more please email: to beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk.

We would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Visit the Christmas Markets in Aachen, Germany

After the success and excitement of the trip to Strasbourg last December, the MFL department is organising another trip for pupils to experience the atmosphere of the Christmas Markets, but this time to Aachen, just over the border from Holland and Belgium in Germany. It's the closest German city to the UK. If your child is interested in coming on this action-packed, festive-filled two-day trip to enjoy the wonderful smells, sounds and sights of a truly authentic German city and its Christmas Markets, then please email Frau Covarr, of German as soon as possible teacher at C.covarr@beechwood.org.uk. Pupils can come and get a letter with further details from her in AY3 and there will be notices in assemblies to remind pupils of this magical opportunity. The cost of the trip will be in the region of £170, depending on numbers. We will depart very early on the morning of Saturday, 25th November and return in the evening of Sunday, 26th November 2017.

# **Sports News and Results**

#### Cricket

On Thursday Beechwoods U9 cricket team travelled to St Andrews Prep School in Eastbourne on a gloriously sunny day. We lost the toss and were put in to field., it was pleasing to see some fantastic bowling on show. Beechwood worked very hard to stop the St Andrews team from scoring but rushed fielding meant they could sneak a few extra runs. it was then our turn to bat and we got off to a fantastic start, communication is an area for development and as such we left some runs out there. This unfortunately led to a 10 run loss. It was however an enjoyable and encouraging performance. Well done to all involved.



#### **May Procession**

Today it was the annual Prep May Processions. It was a lovely event with the flowers scattered around Fountain Lawn while the Prep Orchestra accompanied the children signing. Father Peter joined us in prayer as we crowned Mary with flowers.

#### **HSBC World Rugby 7s Series**

Last Sunday twelve Sixth Form students, Mrs Smith and Mr Golby went to Twickenham to see the final leg of the HSBC World 7s Series. The series was already won by South Africa, but with England and Scotland both through to the quarter finals

we were in for an exciting day. With some fantastic play and last minute tries both England and Scotland made the cup final in the evening, with Scotland victorious on this occasion. It was a



nice break for the students from revision and they enjoyed seeing the great fancy dress a lot of the crowd were in.

## WEEK COMMENCING 4 JUNE

SUN 4	4.00 Boarders return
MON 5	9.00 A2 Examinations begin
TUES 6	8.15 & 3.15 Second Hand Uniform shop open
WED 7	2.30 U11 Cricket v Bricklehurst Mnor (A)3.00 U11/U10 Rounders v Radnor House (H)
THUR 8	9.00 Year 10 & 12 Geography Field Trip 2.45 U14 Rounders v Sackville (A)
FRI 9	3.45 'Children Unplugged' Speech & Drama Prep Performance
SAT 10	