



BEECHWOOD

Sacred Heart School

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

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 5 May 2017

Cultural Showcase

Yesterday evening our Senior School pupils stunned and amazed their audience. The evening began at 6.30pm with a beautiful exhibition of Art, Design & Technology, Textiles and Photography. The students work was of an incredibly high standard. Whilst the guests viewed the work, our Food Technology students turned into waitresses and waiters, and handed out delicious canapés they had been preparing that day. At 7pm everyone took their seats and settled down for a concert of extraordinary talent. Students from Year 7 up to Year 13 performed in bands, choirs and as soloists. The pupils had been rehearsing hard and performed like true professionals. We are lucky to have such a plethora of talent at Beechwood, well done to everyone involved. If you attended the concert and have any photographs or video footage we would love to see it.



Lunchtime Lectures

We have two lectures this Summer term to celebrate this year's Sacred Heart goal of intellect. Mr Awdry will be delivering 'Bad News at Breakfast' a lecture about the Anglo/Zulu War 1879 on Thursday 18 May. Mr Lennon will be giving his lecture on 'Songs of Protest' on Thursday 22 June. All lectures start at 1.30 in the Chapel and everyone is welcome to attend.

Prep School Quiz

With a staggering score of 2395 points, earned in a tight semi-final, the Prep School general knowledge quiz team march on to the final. Beechwood led from the third question and held off the chasing pack including Alleyn's and Yardley Court. It was incredibly tense for the spectators but the children were cool and calculated and pulled off a stunning victory this morning. Thanks to the parents who travelled to support, special thanks to Mrs Cutts and Mrs O'Kane and well done to Sophia, Sophie, Madhav and Qi Hong.



PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK

- Year 5 & 6
- Chiddingstone Reminder
- Year 3
- Changes to Year 3
- Year 11
- Social
- Whole School
- Cultural Showcase
- Reception
- Groombridge Outing
- KS2
- Open Afternoon
- Year 9 & 10
- Immunisation
- Whole School
- PA Minutes

News

Chiddingstone Literary Festival

On Tuesday Year 5 & 6 children spent the day at the Schools' Literary Festival held at Chiddingstone Castle. We really enjoyed an entertaining and lively presentation by the children's author Christopher Lloyd, based on his book *'What on Earth? A Timeline of World History'*. Later we had a tour of the fascinating collections, including a history of the Castle and Ancient Egyptian artefacts. The castle kitchens were an amazing hands-on exploration of cooking in Victorian times. Mateo certainly enjoyed his time as a maid!



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

All That Glitters Ball

The Ball is fast approaching and all tickets have been sent out. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Salomons next week. If you are not attending please pick up or download from Parentmail the Auction bid form and pop into the PA box by Thursday 11 June.

The final PA meeting is Thursday 15 June at 8.30am in the Parlour. All welcome.

Debating in the Senior School

As part of the celebration of the Sacred Heart goal of intellect we have launched debating across the year groups. Throughout the Spring term during House assemblies students practised the art of debating ready for an inter house competition on the last day of term. The Senior Leadership Team were the judges of the three debates which had the following motions-Juniors 'This House thinks that PE lessons should be optional' Middles 'This House believes that everyone should be vegetarian' and the Seniors 'This House believes that a woman's place is in the home'. The controversial topics for debate ensured that teams and audience alike were fully engaged and towards the end of the Summer term we will be taking a Junior team to Woldingham School to debate against other Sacred Heart schools within the network.

Gardening Club

The Prep Gardening Club have been busy preparing the raised beds and planting lettuce seedlings and sweet peas.



Prep School Gazebo

Our thanks to the Year 6 Parents for the wonderful Leavers' Gift, used for the first time this week. It provided much needed shelter at the Tunbridge Wells Rugby Tournament on Wednesday. This splendid Gazebo displays the Beechwood name and crest and in quite unique with its own multi-media mast. Thank you very much.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Prep Musical Soiree

Tuesday 9 May at 5.00 pm
in the Auditorium

Year 11 Social

Wednesday 10 May

Sixth Form Ball

Friday 12 May

Job Vacancies

Full-time Physics Teacher

Part-time Drama Teacher

Part-time Key Stage 2 Teacher (Art/ICT)

Part-time EAL Teacher

For further information contact Liz Milner

Sports News and Results

Rounders

On a dreary Tuesday our U15 team went to Benenden to play rounders. We fielded first and were quite sluggish to start. However we did get better with Ingie commanding the quadrant, Hope playing a sharp backstop and Izzy successfully getting players out at first. Kendra also displayed some excellent fielding techniques and Jenny caught a player out at first. Our batting started tentatively and the rain began to fall which made running for posts tricky. Whole rounders were scored by Hope (2) Ingie and Izzy. We tried to chase down the oppositions score of 11 but with conditions against us we managed 8½ rounders. We hoped to bring back the deficit in the second innings but sadly the conditions were too dangerous.

The U14's played their first game against Benenden and were put into bat first. Lucy got off to a good start with a great hit off a no-ball to open the scoring. Flossie, Gratsiella and Coral-Anne followed on to give us a total of 3½ off the first nine balls. We increased in confidence and ended the innings with 15½ rounders. A combination of Nell's steady bowling and precise work out in the field resulted in our opponents struggling to open their scoring and we successfully got three players out off their second hits, restricting them to 8 rounders. A tremendous victory to start the summer season.

Cricket

On Thursday the U15 cricket team travelled to Radnor House, unfortunately due to injuries Radnor could not put out a full team so the players made up two mixed teams. It was an enjoyable learning experience for all with marked improvements in batting and bowling techniques from all students.

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday afternoon, we took twenty pupils from Years 5 & 6 forming two teams, to compete in the annual Tag Rugby Festival. The non-competitive format of the competition meant that this year's tournament was different from other years. Our 'Black' team competed against Bishop's Down, St Augustine's and Frant and with explosive running from Sam Collinson, excellent tagging and pin-point passing we came away with victories in all of these matches. Our 'Red' team faced opposition from Bishop's Down, Claremont and St Matthew's, managing to win two out of their three matches.

On Thursday our U13 & U15 girls played in the Tag Rugby Tournament. Our U13's did fantastically well sharing the top points in their group by the end of the competition. Zoe was our top try scorer with 4 tries followed by Abi with 3. Our U15's exceeded expectations. Our first match was a sharp learning curve narrowly losing to TOGS in the final seconds. It was an encouraging start highlighted by Hope's impressive flying tackle causing a turn over ball. The squad consisted of four Year 9 and five Year 10 girls. Our leading try scorer was Hannah Fryza with 5 tries. We found ourselves in the Shield Final narrowly missing out on the Cup Final by one point.



NEXT WEEK

SUN 7	
MON 8	4.00 Senior School Inter-House Cricket
TUES 9	8.00 Year 9 & 10 GCSE RE visit to Jewish Museum 5.00 Prep Summer Soiree 6.00 Education & Pastoral Meeting
WED 10	10.30 Year 5 PGL Residential Outdoor Education Experience 2.30 U13 & U12 Rounders v Radnor House (A) 2.30 U13 Cricket v Skippers Hill (A) 7.30 Year 11 Social
THUR 11	9.00 LAMDA Examinations Year 7-10 2.30 U9 Cricket v Vinehall (A) 3.00 U9 & U8 Rounders v Vinehall (A) 3.45 U15 Rounders v Radnor House (H)
FRI 12	1.30 Year 11 'Moving On' Liturgy 3.30 Year 5 Return from PGL 4.00 Year 11 Study Leave begins 7.00 Sixth Form Ball
SAT 13	7.30 Parents' Association Ball