

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 10 March 2017

Singing in Paris!

Last Friday, 24 members of Schola Cantorum travelled to Paris with the staff of the Music Department to take part in the International Choir Festival. We had a really exciting weekend filled with concert performances and sight-seeing of the city. After we arrived on Friday and had lunch and unpacked, we jumped on the metro, walked up to the Sacre Coeur and viewed the sights of Paris. Changing into 'Concert Dress' we then performed a 25 minute choral programme at Eglise St Joseph Artisan, with other choirs from Madagascar, China, France and a children's choir from Turkey. On Saturday we went on a relaxing boat cruise along La Seine, followed by shopping and lunch on Les Champs-Élysées. In the afternoon we performed two sacred works at our next concert in the church of La Madeleleine, which involved the same choirs as before plus choirs from Vietnam and Italy. After the performance we had a lovely meal and then went up the Eiffel Tower to see Paris lit up by night. On our final day we took part in a Catholic Mass at the church St Germain l'Auxerrois. The Bishop took the service and we sang four sacred works. At lunch in a restaurant the staff requested that we sing to them, so after our meal we sang our 4-fold 'Amen' in 3-part harmony, a cappella. The whole restaurant listened to our mini concert. We made our way back home, exhausted but elated with our successful trip and debut performances in Paris. All the students behaved impeccably and performed fantastically, we are so proud of the whole choir.



Year 5 Geography Field Trip

Last Friday Year 5 went to the Seven Sisters Country Park as part of their river studies. Fortunately the weather forecast for wind and heavy rain proved to be incorrect! We had the opportunity to view, discuss and sketch the meanders of the River Cuckmere and the processes of erosion, transportation and deposition. We look forward to using all the information gathered to write a recount of a fantastic day of learning.



Car Park

Please be aware that on Wednesday 15 March the car park will be extra busy as it is the Beechwood Netball Tournament. Please park off site.

PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK

Prep School **Curriculum Summary** Year 1 Trip Rescheduled Whole School **PA Minutes** Whole School **Further Outbreak of Norovirus** Year 6 **Production Next Term** Prep School **Beechwood Bop** Year 6 **Hoodies for Leavers** Prep School Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Decorating

News

Fishy Lesson!

On Thursday the Year 10 Food students learnt all about preparing fish. They went into the school kitchen where Simon had a pile of Sea Bass waiting. He talked about the fish and then

showed us how to descale, chop and fillet the fish. Alex and Charlie put on gloves and aprons and had a go, realising that it is relatively simple and were pleased with their fish fillets. It was then explained to them about food safety.



Jumping Frogs!



The Nursery have been learning about the Lifecycle of the Frog and all the children have made their own door hanging frogs. They used their fine motor skills to fold the paper back and forth to make the springy legs.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Beediwood Bop Fillow 17th March



The Beechwood Bop returns! On Friday 17th March 2017, Ryan will be coming to school fo a great afternoon full of dancing, games and loads of crazy fun!

> Nursery to Year 2 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm Years 3-6 from 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Ticket price is £7 and includes: Entry to the Bop!

Popcorn

Bar of chocolate

Glow stick/bracelet

Please bring party clothes to change into after school. The Bop will be held in the Auditorium. Years 3-6 will wait in their classrooms prior to the disco.

Collecting your children: Nursery to Year 2 children will need to be collected from Holly Hedge and Years 3-6 from the Corral. To ensure the children's safety, please do not pick up your child directly from the Auditorium.

Please print, complete and return the form to the PA box in the main reception by Wednesday 15th March 2017. Payment needs to be made in an envelope by cash or cheque.

Chocolatier Event Thursday 23 March

Please book your place. Tickets £10 to include a STAS egg, glass of Prosecco and a tasting of ten chocolates accompanied by a talk with Philip Stas.

Next PA Meeting will be on Thursday 23 March

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture

Thursday 16 March at 1.30pm in the Chapel 'The Colours of Zandra Rhodes'

A-Level Drama Practical

Thursday 16 March at 7.30pm

Year 3 Complete Their Clay Pots

A very happy looking Year 3 have worked hard to design, make and paint their own awesome clay-pots. Soon to take pride of place at home.



SMALL ADS



Earn Extra Money as a Host Family

We are looking for friendly people in PEMBURY and TUNBRIDGE WELLS to accommodate short stay (3 - 4 nights) European students.

Families can host 2 or 3 students

Out all day - no weekends

Earn up to £186 per stay

(or MORE, if hosting TEACHERS)

Pick up/drop off points – TESCO PEMBURY or TUNBRIDGE WELLS ST JOHN'S SPORTS CENTRE For further details please contact Mrs Emilia Sanders on 01892 549 880

Sports News and Results

Netball

On Tuesday our U15 team played Battle Abbey. We started strongly with Hope, who was selected as MVP, on fine shooting form. This gave the team huge confidence and they started to play some really good netball, passing the ball quickly and using strong patterns of play. A very pleasing 30-5 victory. It was good for the girls to have the chance to play in different positions, well done.

The U12/13's played a thrilling game against Radnor House on Wednesday. Not to be beaten by the weather, we went into the Auditorium and quickly adapted to a smaller court. With Abi leading the attack, in the centre third, Macey and Hanah opened the scoring. At the end of the first third we had taken a 6-1 lead. Our opponents fought back during the second third, but with some tremendous defending by Zoe and Eve we continued to extend our lead. The score going into the third was 10-4 to Beechwood. Although the girls began to tire we maintained our discipline and the game finished with a super 12-4 victory. Well done to all the team, especially Abi, voted player of the match and to Hanah and Macey who scored 6 goals each.

In our U8/9 match against Fosse Bank we dominated from the start. Our shooters were on top form and were successful at shooting from a variety of positions within the D. Amélie scored 5 goals in the first quarter and then Emily scored a further 3 goals to increase our lead. The girls were moved around into different positions which was a good experience for them. The final score was 9-0 to Beechwood.

In the U14 game against Battle Abbey yesterday, our girls really shone throughout the game. We got off to a flying start and were leading 7-1 by the end of the first quarter. Battle Abbey fought back in the second quarter

Netball cont.

with both teams managing to score 2 goals each. In the second half Battle Abbey lost focus which we used to our advantage winning the ball regularly and keeping possession. The standard of shooting was outstanding giving us an impressive 19-6 win.

Rugby

On Tuesday the U13's hosted Farrington School for a contact rugby game. Right from the offset Farrington displayed an aggressive style of play with strong, powerful running which made it difficult to tackle and stop them. They scored 4 tries in the first half. We managed to score a well worked kick and chase try and showed character and brute force to drive the ball over the line for a second score but it wasn't enough to prevent a defeat.

On Thursday the U9's played Hilden Oaks at touch rugby. The game was fast paced and full of running and after being encouraged to pass the ball both teams developed some fantastic attacking moves and matched each other score for score. Both teams defences worked hard making good tackles which led to a 6-6 draw.

Hockey

On Wednesday our U13's travelled to Bethany to embark on their first Hockey fixture of the season. The opening exchanges were tight and tense however it was Beechwood that broke the deadlock. Finn darted through the centre and stroked the ball past the keeper to score our first goal. Bethany equalised towards the end of the third and started to create more chances and managed to breach our stubborn defence to give them a 5-2 victory.

Congratulations to Archie Turner who has been selected

to represent Kent at tennis in the County Cup.

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NEXT WEEK	
SUN 12	
MON 13	
TUES 14	9.00 GCSE PE Filming at Hawkenbury 9.00 Prep School Quiz Regional Heats 9.30 Open Day 4.00 Year 13 Drama Exam Rehearsal
WED 15	2.30 U11 Netball Tournament 4.00 Year 13 Drama Exam Rehearsal 4.30 U14/U15 Netball v Radnor House (H)
THUR 16	9.00 Year 3 & 4 Anglo Saxon Day 9.00 Year 8 Mosque Visit 11.00 U18 Rugby Tournament in Ascot 1.30 Lunchtime Lecture in Chapel 3.00 U15 Rugby v Farringtons (A) 7.30 Year 13 Drama Controlled Assessment
FRI 17	9.00 Year 8 Geography Field Trip to Seven Sisters 3.00 Beechwood Bop
SAT	9.00 LCM Examinations 12.00 Alumni Lunch in London

10.00-4.00 Year 11 Drama Prep