

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 16 March 2018

World Book Day

On Thursday the whole school celebrated World Book Day, which had been postponed due to the snow a couple of weeks ago. In the Prep there were Storm Troopers, Harry Potters and even a Gangsta Granny or two roaming round the school, not to mention Robin Hood and many others. The children enjoyed an assembly to celebrate the world of books and then took part in quizzes where they showed their impressive knowledge of books and writing. Well done to Lima, winners in KS2 who stole victory from Assisi at the last minute.



On World Book Day The Globe Players visited Beechwood again. This time they presented a War Poetry Show to members of Years 7, 8 and 9. It explored the poetry of World War II through songs, poetry and history and was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon they gave an abridged production of Romeo and Juliet for Years 9, 10 and 11. This provided very useful insights for these groups for both their exams and their coursework.



Spring!



In Pre-Prep they have been talking all about Spring this week and the children have made beautiful daffodil pictures using sponges.

Liberal Democrat Councillor

In the upcoming local council elections Year 13 pupil Zoe Norman will be running for the Liberal Democrat Councillor position in the Brenchley & Horsmonden ward. During her campaign she hopes to focus on issues such as affordable housing for young families, outreach mental health programs and improving our local amenities. We wish her luck in the election.

PARENTMAIL

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Cultural Showcase 2018

Wow! What an evening! On Wednesday our talented students treated us to a soiree of exceptional standard and we are so proud of them. There was a beautiful exhibition of art work from children in the Prep School right the way up to Year 13 in the Senior School; a Product Design display and a slide show of photography work. Our Food Technology students created and served exquisite canapés and our Textile students put on an amazing fashion show just before the concert started. The music evening that followed was one of the best yet with a huge range of styles of music performed from children in the Prep School and Senior School. We listened to pop, jazz, rock, gospel and classical music from the choirs, bands, orchestra, ensembles and soloists at Beechwood. Huge congratulations and thanks to every single student who contributed to the fantastic event.



Follower of Islam!

As part of the Year 12 General RE programme the students were honoured to have Nawfel Toumi come to talk to them about life as a follower of Islam. After a brief whistle stop tour of the main tenets of the Faith we were then treated to a personal account of the Five Pillars of Islam and how they are followed and lived out in the daily lives of Muslims today. We were particularly moved by Nawfel's personal account of his pilgrimage (of Hajj) to Mecca. His enthusiasm and devotion to his beliefs was evident in the way he spoke. This is the second of two sessions on Faith that the students have had, the first exploring living out the Christian Faith.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Next Meeting Thursday 19 April 2018

Last Saturday the Prep Choir participated in the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival at Kent College. We competed against four other schools for the Junior cup. Although we did not win, the children performed beautifully and we received fantastic comments from the judge.

Mosque Visit

On Tuesday Year 8 went to the Tunbridge

Wells Mosque where the Imam explained the Five Pillars of Islam to them in detail. He knew the Qu'ran off by heart; then he showed them the prayer beads. The pupils finished off the day with the call to prayer in Arabic.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19 March

Nursery - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
Years 3-6 Easter Egg Creations
Competition

Thursday 22 March

Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture
Given by Mrs Covarr on The Berlin Wall

Friday 23 March

Classes end for Easter Holidays

Sports News and Results

Netball

Our U11's played Claremont Prep on Wednesday. We won the toss and elected to take the first centre pass. Our opponents were fast and we knew we were going to have to put in a strong performance to match them. Charlotte and Lucy worked extremely hard keeping the ball out of the circle, enabling Tallulah, Diana, Louise and Saira to lead the attack through the centre to Jemima and Mireya in the circle. Unfortunately, a few rushed passes were seized upon and at the end of the first quarter our opponents had gained a 3-1 lead. Throughout the second and third quarter we put up a tremendous fight, drawing the third quarter 1-1, but sadly Claremont were just too strong for us to bridge the gap. The final score was 11-4 to Claremont. A thrilling match to watch and all the team should be extremely proud of the progress they have made. Congratulations to Louise, voted player of the match by our opponents.

Our Under 10's had a thrilling match against Claremont's Under 11/10's B and C teams to end the season. Up against their B team and a few tall Under 11's, in the first quarter, we were initially

overcome, ending the quarter 5-2 down. The second quarter, against the C team, gave us the confidence boost we needed, fighting back to finish the first half 6-5 in front. During the second half we went from strength to strength. Back on against our opponents B team our movement and passing was swift and accurate. Katie-May and Amelie were in excellent form, scoring some super goals between them. The score going into the final quarter, against the C team, was 10–10. Ana, Emily and Sophie continued to work tremendously hard in defence, preventing our opponents further shooting opportunities. Meanwhile Savannah, Amelie and Florence dominated the centre third in attack. The final score was a fantastic and thoroughly deserved 13 -10 victory to Beechwood. Well done to all the team and to Amelie and Savannah, voted players of the match by our opponents

Rugby

Last Friday we took an U18 A and B team to Bennett to play a mini 7 a side rugby tournament against two Bennett teams and Farringtons. Both our teams played their hearts out and the improvement throughout the season has been impressive. The crunch game between our A and B team went to sudden death with the A team scrapping the win in the dying seconds. A special mention to the Year 11 students who stepped up to play in the senior squad. The team were able to wear their brand new kit sponsored by Overbury.

NEXT WEEK	
SUN 18	
MON 19	9.00 Nursery-Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade 9.30 Years 3-6 Easter Egg Competition 2.00 A Level & GCSE Music Performance Exam 2.30 Years 3-8 Cross Country at Somerhill
TUES 20	4.00 Year 11 GCSE Drama Technical Rehearsal 7.00 Celebration of Song in the Chapel
WED 21	9.00 Year 12 Food Technology NEA Prep Inter-House Netball & Rugby 2.30 U13 Boys Hockey v Skippers Hill (A) All day Year 11 GCSE Drama Rehearsal
THUR 22	9.00 Sixth Form Rugby Tour departs 1.30 SH Lunchtime Lecture in the Chapel 2.30 U9/U8 Netball v SH Wadhurst (A)
FRI 23	12.00 Nursery-Year 2 Term Ends 12.30 Years 3-6 Term Ends 1.00 Senior School Term Ends
SAT 24	