



BEECHWOOD

Sacred Heart School

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

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 17 March 2017

Prep School Quiz

On Wednesday the Beechwood Prep School Quiz Team headed to Bishop Challoner School to take part in the regional heats of the KS2 General Knowledge Inter-School Championship. There was an air of anticipation, added to some feelings of trepidation, as the children saw the other ten schools from quite a wide area of south London and Kent who were taking part. They put their initial nervousness to good use and from the start answered every question correctly. There were in the lead from the very first and gradually extended their lead until they were more than 500 points ahead of the team in second place. Their score of 2430 was one of the highest ever in a regional heat and the score rate was 94%. It was an outstanding achievement, well done Qi Hong, Madhav, Sophie and Sophia. We look forward to the regional finals in June.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summer Term starts on Wednesday 19 April
Year 9 & 10 History Trip to Ypres
Tuesday 27 June 2017

Mosque Visit

On Thursday Year 8 visited the Mosque in Tunbridge Wells. They were greeted by the Imam in the car park and took off their shoes and sat in the prayer hall. He spoke to us about the Five Pillars of Islam and about his experiences when he went to Mecca on the pilgrimage. The pupils displayed their excellent knowledge of Islam and asked lots of questions. The Imam showed us different prayer beads and copies of the Qur'an. At the end they sat in silence whilst he performed the call to prayer in Arabic which was radioed through to Muslim homes in the area.



PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK

- Year 2 & 4
- Open Day
- Year 7
- French Pen Pals
- Whole School
- Accident in the Car Park
- Prep School
- Presentation Skills Club cancelled
- Prep School
- Beechwood Bop
- Whole School
- Car Park on Wednesday
- Whole School
- Disaster Emergency Appeal
- Nursery
- Nursery Sessions
- Whole School
- PA Chocolate Event
- Year 9 & 10
- Ypres Trip

News

'Cornflour Slime'

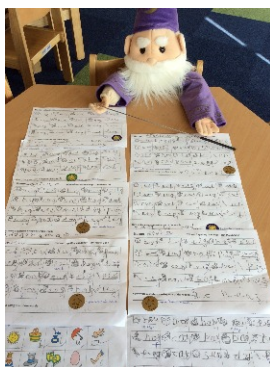
Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful afternoon full of experiments. They made 'cornflour slime' by mixing cornflour and water together. The children were amazed to find that when they squashed the mixture between their



hands it became more solid! "Fizzy colours" was another exciting experiment, adding vinegar and food colouring to bicarbonate of soda. It was lovely to watch the children's reactions to the foaming and fizzing.

'Wizz'

Reception have a wizard called 'Wizz' staying in their classroom and he set them a couple of challenges! They have been learning to read and write CVC words this term. They all completed their reading and spelling challenges brilliantly and should be very proud of their achievements.



An Appeal

Next time you set food before your children stop for 10 seconds and imagine what it must be like to only have leaves or grass to feed your child. The Disasters Emergency Committee have launched an appeal for funds to help 16 million people who do not know when their next 'meal' will be. 800,000 children are malnourished – these are figures that are hard to imagine. The UN has assessed Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and the Yemen as the worst hit but Kenya and Ethiopia are also suffering. In a 'one off appeal' we are offering you the chance to send in cash or cheques to 'DEC' via the School. It will be collated and sent off in one go at the end of term.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the ball which will be a fabulous evening. There are spaces on tables so no need to put a full table together.

Chocolatier Event

Thursday 23 March

Don't forget to get your tickets they are £10 which includes 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

Staff Vacancies

We require a full-time School Nurse to start after Easter.

For September: Teacher of English 0.3-0.4 and Teacher of French 0.3.

For further details contact Liz Milner at bsh@beechwood.org.uk or 01892 532747

SMALL ADS

Italian Au Pair

Sara is hoping to find work in Tunbridge Wells as an Au Pair as soon as possible. She is 19 years of age and from Verona in Italy. Her English is very good and is know to Beechwood, as she was a short stay boarder here a couple of years ago. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Kim Cook on 01892 532747 for further information.

Sports News and Results

Beechwood Netball Tournament

On Wednesday Beechwood hosted seven visiting schools in our U11's Netball Tournament. We were drawn in a group against Fosse Bank, Bricklehurst and Hilden Grange. Our first game was against Fosse Bank and we quickly began to use the space effectively, passing the ball through to the circle to produce shooting opportunities. Kara opened up the scoring, which gave us the confidence to take command of the game. Kara added six more goals to give us a tremendous 7-2 victory. Frustratingly, we had an untidy start to our game against Bricklehurst. Our opponents took advantage gaining a commanding lead. We regrouped in the second half but it was too great a gap to close. We put up a tremendous fight against our familiar opponents, Hilden Grange but they were always ahead, finally taking the game 4-2. Sadly, we had not gained sufficient points to advance to the semi-finals.



Rugby

The last seven days have been very busy for the new U18 rugby 7s team. On Sunday we travelled to Worth school for one of the biggest 7s tournaments in the south. We had been drawn in the toughest group and it was always going to be a struggle. The schools we were up against have pools of over 100 boys to choose from and despite this the Beechwood boys displayed vigour, guts and determination. Our fitness work had paid off and despite our small squad we never gave up and sadly lost on the shield final.

On Thursday we travelled to the London Irish training grounds for the Society of Heads 7s tournament. Again we were up against some big players in terms of rugby schools and the boys showed how much they had learned from Sunday's experience. Our defensive line was much tighter but we were unable to capitalise on some half chances. Sadly we didn't make it out of the group on this occasion. Considering the team was only formed in October the boys have displayed courage and determination all season and we are now looking forward to visiting Reims next week for our short tour.



NEXT WEEK

SUN 19	
MON 20	8.30 A Level & GCSSE Music Recordings 2.30 Year 3-8 Cross Country Competition at Somerhill 4.00 Year 11 GCSE Drama rehearsal
TUES 21	Year 2 Woodland Adventure 2.30 U15 Football v Bethany (A) 3.50 U14/U15 Netball v Claremont (H) 6.30 Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening 7.30 Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam
WED 22	9.00 Nursery-Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade 9.30 Years 3-6 Easter Egg Competition
THUR 23	9.00 Year 13 History Conference 2.30 U9 Rugby v Fosse Bank (A) 7.00 PA STAS Chocolate Event
FRI 24	U18 Rugby Tour to France 9.00 Senior Inter-House Debating Competition 12.00 KS1 & Nursery Term Ends 12.30 KS2 Term Ends 1.00 Senior School Term Ends
SAT 25	