



# BEECHWOOD

## Sacred Heart School

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

# Beechwood Newsletter

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## Year 5 PGL Trip

A very excitable bunch of Year 5 children went away for three days to the PGL Centre in Hailsham last Wednesday. The three days were jam-packed with a whole variety of fun and challenging, outdoor, adventure activities. These included: Giant swing, fencing, raft building, rifle shooting, Jacob's Ladder, problem solving, abseiling, aeroball, passport to the world and disco. These activities pushed them out of their comfort zones, tested their brains, gave them new experiences and made them work as teams. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were extremely tired when they returned.



### Lunchtime Lecture

As part of the Lunchtime Lecture Series Mr Awdry, Head of Sixth Form, gave a talk entitled 'Bad News at Breakfast' which is a line taken from the film Zulu. Mr Awdry spoke about the making of the film but the emphasis of the lecture focussed on the Anglo/Zulu war of 1879 and the Battle of Rorke's Drift. Mr Awdry gave a detailed account of the famous battle and dispelled some of the myths which surround it including comments from military officers at the time. Over the year we have been treated to a wide variety of lectures including talks on philosophy, cultural traditions, fashion and rugby. We will end the year with the Head's lecture 'Songs of Protest from the 60s' on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.30 in the Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

### Growing Garden

Following weeks of planing and preparation the children in the Nursery are pleased to announce that our brand new 'Growing Garden' is up and running. The children have really enjoyed planting,



watering and nurturing their plants. We have been learning about our environment and this week completed the construction of our water

butts out of tyres and plastic.



Reception have been making fun decorations from willow.

## PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK

Prep School

Curriculum Summary

Year 7-12

Christmas Market Trip

Year 6

Change of Production Dates

Year 6

Costumes for the play

Prep School

LAMDA Examinations

Prep School

May Procession

Prep School

Children Unplugged

KS!

Dads' and Grandads' Morning

# News

## Sixth Form Ball

The Sixth Form Ball was held last Friday in the Drawing Room of the Salomon Centre. This fabulous event, where the pupils take responsibility and make choices for their ball, is very much the highlight of the social calendar. As tradition dictates the Headmaster was on hand to greet the guests with Bucks Fizz and as with previous years it was lovely to welcome back some familiar faces. Once again our gentlemen were resplendent in their dinner suits and of course the ladies were attired in a myriad of beautiful ball gowns and dresses. After the sumptuous three course meal the Drawing Room was cleared, allowing the guests to dance the night away, pausing only to make a record of the event at the Photo Booth. This is a delightful event and went particularly well this year with even the weather favouring us, allowing our guests to enjoy the terrace with its picturesque views.



## Sporting Success

Congratulations to Archie Turner who played tennis for the Kent Tennis U14 team recently at the National County Finals in Nottingham. Their team finished third overall gaining the bronze medal position.



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Last Saturday saw the last event of the PA's calendar for the year the 'All that Glitters Ball'. The evening began with bubbles and some rather delicious canapés. Once seated the raffle was started by Mr Lennon who picked out some great prizes donated by parents and local companies. The service was excellent as was the magic from AJ Magic before Tom Beaumont began the Auction. The highest bid of the evening went to the VIP Little Mix tickets. The evening didn't finish there, the Casino took hold and our winner of the evening Mark Thomas enjoyed some fizz to celebrate his victory! Whilst some gambled away the night many enjoyed dancing until the lights went on. We are pleased to say that we raised over £2,000 and along with the Beechwood Bop we now have enough to purchase a new projector for the Auditorium. Thank you to all those involved.



## Lunchtime Lectures

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.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Second Hand Uniform Shop Open

6 June 2017

PA Meeting

15 June 2017

### Job Vacancies

Part-time Cleaner

6.00-10.30am

For further information contact Liz Milner



# Sports News and Results

## Rounders

Our U10's travelled to Hilden Grange on Wednesday afternoon for a rounders match. It was a very difficult afternoon for the girls as they faced a well-organised, big hitting team. After the first innings we found ourselves 10-3 down, due to excellent batting and fielding from Hilden Grange. Their all round play in the second innings was superb. Our girls kept going throughout and despite the final score line defeat of 23-7 they didn't stop smiling and their support for each other was faultless.

The U11's were put into bat and were initially cautious due to the wet, slippery conditions. Niamh got us going scoring a super rounder off her first hit with Beatrice and Grace adding to the score sheet. We took to the field having scored 5½ rounders. After a flurry of rounders from our opponents' first hits, we began to field proactively, reacting and moving our field to defend against the different batters. Kitty stopped a number of scoring opportunities at third post and Grace made second post her own, catching numerous throws coming in from our deep fielders, giving them a score of 8 rounders. The second innings was close but Hilden Grange showed they were an efficient fielding side restricting us to 4 rounders. We returned to field determined but our opponents were closing in on our total. In the end, a few mistakes crept in which gave victory to Hilden Grange, with a score-line which did not truly reflect how well we had played.

In the U14 game on Thursday against Radnor House we batted first, with the girls sprinting to the scoring posts so they could achieve as many rounders as possible. Vicki, Hannah, Coral and Gratsi all managed to score a rounder each, whilst Millie D and Nell scored halves. When the opposition batted we really pulled together in the field, ending the first inning 6½ to 4½. In the second innings we

continued to bat well but a couple of our big hitters got out early but this didn't stop us from scoring. Radnor House also improved their batting in this innings with some of their hits going a good distance which affected the final score. After both innings it was frustratingly close with Radnor House winning by half a rounder 14½ to 14. Well done to all the girls, they all played exceptionally well.

## Cricket

On Wednesday the U11's played Skippers Hill. We lost the toss and were put into bat. We started well scoring 4's from the off and working hard between the wickets running singles. We scored consistently throughout the innings totalling 50 runs. Skippers were put into bat and our fielders showed alertness and character. William opened the bowling and collected his first wicket of the afternoon in the first over. A good team effort enabled us to curtail Skippers run rate, giving us a 5 run victory.

On Thursday the U15 team played at Farringtons. We lost the toss and opened the batting and after taking time to settle Patrick scored a respectable 22. We also totted up runs and scored 52 runs from 13 quick overs. Unfortunately the weather stopped play resulting in an abandoned draw.

## NEXT WEEK

SUN 21	8.00 Sixth Form Rugby 7s at Twickenham
MON 22	8.00 Year 7-10 School Examinations
TUES 23	9.00 Dads' & Grandads' Morning in KS1 9.00 Year 6 visit to Drusillas Zoo Park
WED 24	8.15 Prep School Council Meeting 9.00 Prep LAMDA Examinations
THUR 25	9.00 Reception visit to Groombridge Place 1.00 U9 Cricket v St Andrews (A) 2.30 U9 Rounders v SH Wadhurst (H)
FRI 26	11.00 Year 13 Leavers' Liturgy & BBQ 1.00 Foundation Governors Meeting 2.15 May Procession Classes end for Half Term
SAT 27	