



BEECHWOOD

Sacred Heart School

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

Beechwood Newsletter

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Santiago de Compostela!

On Wednesday 4th April three brave Beechwood souls, Mrs Rowe, Mr Ringer and Miss Gillespie joined a team of twenty two people to walk 112km along the Camino Way from Sarria to the Holy Shrine of Saint James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostela, northern Spain. To celebrate the Sacred Heart Goal of Faith the pilgrimage was a joint effort between Beechwood and Woldingham Sacred Heart School, organised by Father Gerry, Woldingham's Chaplain. Following in the footsteps of pilgrims dating back to the ninth century, we set out to walk for five days, each of us having our own reasons to walk, and each of us wanting to find something different on the journey. What we did find was very tasty food, beautiful scenery, interesting pilgrims, entertaining companions, rain, blisters, pains, snoring roommates in dormitories, and Kevin (our courageous tour guide) underestimating the distances between food stops and the flatness of the route. We walked, we talked, we sung, we laughed, we prayed, especially when it rained, and we all enjoyed each other's company. Despite the weather, the blisters, the many many hills, and extra-long kilometres, we all made it to the Cathedral and experienced a beautiful Pilgrims Mass where the large Botafumeiro was swung across the transept in front of the Altar. It was a truly wonderful experience enjoyed by everyone. There are even a few of us who would possibly walk it again, maybe.

Congratulations to Ayla Tipp in Year 1 who achieved second place at the East Grinstead Music and Arts Festival during the Easter break.

Outdoor Cooking!

Year 3 enjoyed the warm weather this week in their Food Technology lesson and made their pizza outside. They collected and weighed their ingredients and took them to the tables outside to prepare their pizza. It was just like being in Italy!



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Rugby Tour

On Thursday 22nd March Beechwood U18 rugby team departed for France on their second ever rugby tour. This year our numbers have increased and we had the privilege of taking 19 of our boys on the trip. Day one was mainly spent travelling to our hotel in Peronne, but the evening was spent playing some rather competitive laser tag locally. We travelled to Reims on Friday morning to Sacre Coeur school, who we played last year. Unfortunately the format was not what we were expecting and instead of playing 12-a-side we were met with 7-a-side matches. We played three games in total and all games were hard fought. The day ended with a fabulous eat all you can Chinese buffet en route to the hotel. A very early start on Saturday to Compiègne where we caught a train into Paris. We made our way to the Eiffel Tower and on a beautiful sunny day were treated to fantastic views from the top. Following this and a quick stop for lunch, we headed to Stade Francais to watch a fantastic game between Stade Francais and Toulouse. After a lazy morning, we headed to Chauny for a memorial service to commemorate Basil Ash, a Roslyn Park player who died in WW1. We then headed to Chauny Rugby Club for our last match of the tour. A full 15-a-side game with a local society referee in charge. We started slowly, but showed tremendous grit and determination throughout the game. At half time we were 10 points down. The second half started well and we scored first, however some injuries and fatigue were kicking in. We actually drew the second half 12-12 which is a great testament to the effort and hard work the boys have put in throughout the last 18 months to build this team. We finished Sunday with an awards ceremony and cake for Danny's birthday at the hotel before getting ready to depart the next day. We were able to deliver 19 tired but happy boys back to their parents on Monday.

**Whole School Photograph on Tuesday 24 April.
All students to wear their winter uniform and blazers please.**

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

We would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to the Friends of Beechwood for our wonderful new electric grand piano that we now have in the Chapel. It sounds and looks beautiful and will never go out of tune! We will be able to use it for Mass, Liturgies, informal concerts, solo recitals and any other events that require piano accompaniment.



Maths Challenge News

Following his high score in the UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge in February, Jerry Wang in Year 9 was invited, along with the top 500 Year 9 achievers throughout the UK, to participate in the Intermediate Olympiad "Cayley" paper. In this paper Jerry scored 47/60 achieving a distinction for being in the top 25% of scorers on this paper. Congratulation to Jerry for this outstanding achievement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 3 May
Open Morning
Friday 4 May
Whole School Charity Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 9 May
Prep Soiree

Sports News and Results

Cricket

On Wednesday our U11's travelled to Skippers Hill for their first cricket match of the season, we won the toss and chose to bat. We were tentative to begin with but as the innings progressed we started to pick our shots scoring a handful of 4's. Skippers came into bat and we set about the task of fielding but some misses in fielding meant that Skippers began to build a total. We became more confident and started to work well as a team but it was not enough to prevent a loss.

Rounders

In the U10's rounders match against Hilden Grange we chose to field first. Amelie's bowling was consistently accurate and the post players were quick to react to the ball coming to them and the deep fielders were very good at backing up. Unfortunately batting proved to be our weakness. Hilden Grange were particularly good at getting us out at first post and we lost a few of our key players on their first go. It was 6-4½ in the first innings. The second innings was similar with regards to fielding and when we went back into bat we only managed to score ½ rounder, giving a score of 4½ -½.

The U11's also played Hilden Grange in their first match of the season. They had a difficult task of batting first and struggled to score. Mireya got us off the mark and produced some excellent hits passed the deep fielders. At the end of our first innings we had scored 4½ rounders. Louise, Lucy, Saira and Charlotte worked hard on their posts fielding the balls coming in from the deep. Hilden Grange had some strong batters and we found it hard to prevent them building a strong lead. Our second innings was all about progress. Although we were not able to find the gaps in the field to score the rounders we wanted and needed, everyone improved. The heat finally got the better of us and mistakes were made. A victory for Hilden Grange today but some very encouraging signs for the season.

Staff v Students!

On Wednesday to start the term off in an energised manner and to raise some money for charity through the entertainment, staff were challenged by Year 13 to a netball match. This was such a lovely event, a beautiful day and some great netball was played. By half time the tension of the Commonwealth final match was felt on the courts. The score was level at half time and staff had inched into the lead by the end of the third quarter. Mrs Smith found the shooting touch even over the O'Higgins/Butcher defence!. This led to a 6-2 victory to the staff. Mrs Mitchell was impressed by the standard of play and the fact that there were no injuries and the level of enthusiasm by all the players. Well done to all who played.

NEXT WEEK

SUN 22	
MON 23	
TUES 24	8.15 & 3.15 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 9.00 Whole School Photograph 2.30 U15 Cricket v Bethany (A)
WED 25	2.00 U13 Girls/Boys Cross-Country at Sackville 2.30 U13 Cricket v Farringtons (A)
THUR 26	9.00 Year 12 & 13 Psychology Workshop 9.00 Year 10 Food Technology trip to Plumpton College 2.30 U9/U8 Rounders Coacking Game v Hilden Grange (H) 2.30 U9 Cricket v Skippers Hill (A)
FRI 27	9.30 Year 3-6 Kidenza Concert
SAT 28	9.00 Senior School LAMDA Medal Examinations