

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

# Beechwood Newsletter

# **Lunchtime Recital Series**

Yesterday was the introductory concert for the new Lunchtime Recital Series. The concert took place in the Chapel and saw a magnificent array of repertoire performed by the music exam candidates and Music Scholars. The programme ranged from 'Silent Worship' and 'Lascia Ch'io Pianga' by Handel, 'Stars' from Les Miserables, to instrumental solos such as a Chopin Waltz and

'Midnight Song' by Shijin. All the students performed beautifully to highly appreciative audience. The next concert in the series will be on 6 December, and is open to parents to come and watch too.



#### Artists in the Making!

Year 1 looked at the work of the Italian artist, Guiseppe Arcimboldo and had great fun working in groups to create their own portraits using fruit and vegetables.



#### Friday 20 October 2017

#### **Harvest Service!**

On Thursday morning, the Prep Choir visited Halliwell Nursing Home to participate in their Harvest service. Year 6 recited a poem, Diana Vandeverre performed a beautiful piece on her harp and the choir sang 'All things bright and beautiful'. The residents, staff and the Mayor were very impressed with the behaviour and performances of the children.



## PARENTMAIL

Senior School Lunchtime Recitals Senior School Psychology Trip Year 13 Parents' Social Year 6 Application for State Schools KS2 No Cooking Club Whole School PA Minutes Senior School A level German Trip

# News



**Drama Examinations** Year 13 A-Level Drama students performed two devised pieces on Thursday 19 October. One was performed in the style of Kneehigh Theatre Company, making full use of song, dance & physical story The telling. story followed Amazonian Queen Hippolyta and her radical ideals as she

carved a legacy in her name. An original and compelling story. The other group focused on a performance inspired by the practice of Bertolt Brecht, an engaging piece of theatre that debunked the lies we are confronted with in modern society. A very clever and thoughtprovoking production which dealt with the concept of 'lying' in an original and comical way. Year 11's also performed their GCSE devised pieces on Tuesday 17 October. Four very different and original pieces that looked at communication,

oppression of women in Victorian England, the media's portrayal of the OJ Simpson case and Mental Health in relationships. All students should be proud of the originality of their work and the efforts gone into producing performance the from creating



programs and writing scripts to putting it on stage in front of a live audience.

### **FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD**

#### Fireworks Last week to get your Tickets

The Friends of Beechwood Fireworks night is on Friday 3 November. Booking forms can be downloaded from Parentmail or collected from the Front Office. Tickets are £8 and include food. The deadline for tickets is **Friday 20 October** in order for us to confirm food orders. We cannot guarantee availability of food for ticket requests made after this date.

If you have any questions please email <u>beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk</u>

Reception talked about how foods can change and made butter this week. The double cream took a lot of shaking! The children practised counting forward and backwards as they took turns to shake. They enjoyed tasting the end product on crackers!



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sixth Form Taster Day Wednesday 1 November PA Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 7 November 11+ Entrance & Scholarship Day Sixth Form Scholarship Day Saturday 11 November Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening Thursday 16 November

# **Sports News and Results**

#### Hockey

Our U11/10s travelled to Claremont Prep School for the first time on Wednesday. It was a tough game and ultimately a victory for our opponents. However, elements of our game reflected the significant progress that we have made this term. We were put under a great deal of pressure in defence and it took some tremendous saves by Diana, in goal, to limit the score. She was ably supported by Jemima, Emily and Amelie tackling for the ball and attempting to clear it through the midfield. Despite some brave attacks by Tallulah, Mireya, Florence and Saira, sadly we could not quite score. Well done to all the team, especially Diana for being voted player of the match, thoroughly well deserved.

#### Football

On Wednesday afternoon we took our Year 5 and 6's to Bayham Recreation Ground to play football against The Mead School. Our Black team faced two different Mead teams throughout the course of the match having raced into a 4-0 lead at half time, thanks to goals from Nathan, Joshua and Alfie. After the changes the game was a lot tighter but Alfie struck another to give the Black team an overall 5-0 victory. The Red team's game was an extremely tight affair, both teams defended excellently and as a results the match finished in a 0-0 draw. Well done to all the boys.

#### Senior School Inter-House Competitions

The whole of the Senior School took part in inter-house competitions, playing Rugby, Football, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Netball.





It was the turn of Year 8 to travel to Aylesford Priory for their retreat. They were put into small groups to consider who they are and where faith fits into their daily lives. They learnt how to say peace in several different languages and followed a scavenger hunt around the Priory. They were told about the work CAFOD are doing around the world and wrote a postcard to send to our representative at the World Monetary Fund to increase investment in green energy. Finally, the groups reflected on their day and gave a presentation, one group including a conga line.

# WEEK COMMENCING

SUN 29	Boarders return
MON 30	8.30 Classes start after Half Term
TUES 31	9.00 Year 8-10 Drama Production rehearsal
WED 1	<ul> <li>8.30 Sixth Form Taster Day</li> <li>1.00 All Saints Mass</li> <li>2.30 U13 Netball v Sackville (H)</li> <li>4.00 U13 Netball v Radnor House @</li> <li>7.00 Governors' Meeting</li> </ul>
THUR 2	9.00 GCSE Maths Examination 2.30 U9 Football v Hilden Oaks (H) 2.30 U9/U8 Netball v Hilden Grange (H) 4.15 U15/U16 Hockey v Kent College (A)
FRI 3	9.00 A level Music Students City University Workshop 6.00 PA Fireworks Night
SAT 4	