



BEECHWOOD

Sacred Heart School

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

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 22 June 2018

Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies

Last night saw the premier of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies! The tale of tights, fights and footlights starred all our wonderful Year 6 with the support of the choir. This musical comedy showcased the talents of all the pupils throughout the evening which was full of singing, quick wit, dance numbers, jazz hands and pazzaz. A huge thank you to all the staff, especially Miss Boggins and Mrs Fox for their enthusiasm and support in this production. The parents' rapturous applause said it all as the curtain fell.



Spa Valley Railway

Pre-Prep had a wonderful time on their trip on the Spa Valley Railway on Thursday. We began by boarding the diesel train to Groombridge and the train driver and the guard all came to say hello to the children. We then had our snack at Groombridge Station before walking to the playground and having a super time playing then enjoying our picnic lunch. Well done to all the children who behaved impeccably and this was commented on by so many members of the public!



PARENTMAIL

Prep School

Filming Prep Production

Year 3 & 4

Camp In

Year 1-6

Sports Day

Year 4

Speech & Drama

Year 8

Languages

Year 6

JCA Next Week

Whole School

Memorial Chair for J Thompson

Whole School

Beechwood Day

Prep School

Play Tonight

Potatoes!

Reception had fun harvesting their potatoes. They counted them in tens and took them home to eat!



News

French Trip

Year 7 & 8 had an early start on Wednesday morning to go to Boulogne. When they arrived in the old town they spent some time in the beautiful cathedral called Basilica of "Notre-Dame de Boulogne". After their visit they went shopping in a pedestrian street and bought baguettes and cakes. They also bought postcards and filled in their scrapbooks. The next stop was the hypermarket then onto the sandy beach to have fun. Everyone had a lovely educational trip.



Debating!

On Tuesday Year 7 & 8 pupils attended the second Sacred Heart Schools Debating Conference at Sacred Heart Hammersmith, which also involved Woldingham School. In teams of three our pupils tackled difficult and timely motions such as banning Miss World and arming teachers. Supported by Ms Gillespie and Mia Lennon, as one of the judges, Freya, Poppy and Emma successfully proposed the motion to make voting compulsory against Woldingham's Year 8 team. Their opposition to abolishing the Commonwealth was hard fought but Hammersmith were slightly more persuasive on the day. Lily, Grace and Savannah first proposed banning cars from city centres and although Woldingham had some good reasons for keeping cars we won the motion. Overall Year 7 won both their debates and we won three out of our four debates overall.

Sacred Heart Feast Day

This year the Sixth Form Feast Day celebrations looked to stretch every ounce of confidence and courage that the pupils possessed as they took on the high ropes course at Carrot Wood. Many of these activities appeared so extreme that I doubted, even at my tender age, whether or not I would have the courage to have a go. However, encouraged by their fellow peers our pupils rose to each and every challenge in true Beechwood style. The ease to which members of the Division took to the tasks was partly due to the professionalism of the instructors leading the course. Every aspect of the safety equipment and precautions was clearly explained and the prevailing message was one of personal achievement and team effort rather than an aggressive gung-ho style favoured by many boot camps. This was a wonderful opportunity not only for the pupils but also for myself and I took a great deal of pride from witnessing their achievements. Very well done to all of you that took part.

Mr Awdry

Art and Textiles

Year 10 Art and Textiles GCSE students visited West Kent College to view the various art and textiles exhibition taking place. A range of work was on display from level one to degree outcomes in art, textiles and photography. This work gave the students an opportunity to view the next step in their educational journey.

Drusillas

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at Drusillas last week. They enjoyed looking at all the animals, having a ride on the train, the picnic lunch, going on some of the rides and spending a few minutes in the shop before returning to the coach.



Sport News

Cricket

The U10 girls enjoyed playing cricket in the sunshine against Radnor House on Wednesday afternoon. This was their last match of the season and also their last match in Year 5. Both teams played well but we performed particularly well when batting. It was a close game in the end and we just managed to creep ahead which meant we could finish the year on a high. Beechwood won 218-213. Well done girls. Our U11s were extremely excited to be playing their first pairs cricket match against Radnor House on Wednesday. We chose to field first and after a slightly hesitant start there was great excitement as Jemima took our first wicket. This gave us the boost we needed and with a combination of tight fielding on the boundary and determined bowling, we restricted our opponents to 236 for 6 off their 10 overs. Tallulah and Jemima opened the batting, scoring 20 runs off their 2 overs. Unfortunately, despite a team effort in bat, we fell just short, finishing with 230 runs. Well done to all the team, a lovely first cricket game.

Prep Sports Day

On Thursday 21 June, the sun thankfully shone enabling the Prep School to hold their rescheduled Sports Day. All our pupils took part in track and field events and the morning was concluded with some excellent skills races and thrilling relays. There were some fantastic races and it was clear the result was going to be extremely close. Special congratulations to Brianna Raymond and Jack Hobbs, in Key Stage 1 and Mireya Morenas and Nathan Lewis, in Key Stage 2, who won our Victor and Victrix Ludorum medals for the best boy and girl athletes this term. The pupils will now wait, with fingers crossed, for the running of the House Relay to discover which House will lift the shield at the end of term.



FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

We are still on the look out for raffle prizes for Beechwood Day. If you can donate a prize or a bottle for the Bottle Tombola we would be grateful. Please leave any donations in the Front Office.

Beechwood Day

Sunday 1 July at 10.30am

We do hope that you will be attending our Beechwood Day on Sunday 1 July as we will be making some exciting announcements about the future of the school. All pupils are expected to attend, if for any reason they are unable to a letter needs to be sent to Mrs Rowe.

NEXT WEEK

SUN 24	
MON 25	10.30 Year 6 JCA Outdoor Education Experience 4.15 U13 Girls Pairs Cricket v Kent College (A)
TUES 26	Year 6 away All Day Year 12 UCAS day 9.30 Prep Schools Music Day
WED 27	Year 6 away 11-4.00 Senior School Sports Day 12.00 Student Leaders' Conference at Woldingham 3.45 Years 2,3, & 4 Speech & Drama-Parents Watching
THUR 28	Year 6 away 9-12.00 Student Leaders Conference at Woldingham 2.30 U9/U8 Rounders Triangular at Skippers Hill (A)
FRI 29	3.30 Year 6 return 7.00 New Parents' Evening 3.45 Year 5 Speech & Drama-Parents Watching
SAT 30	