



Friday 22 September 2017

## Music Percussion Workshop

Earlier this week Jim Bernadrin came in to give World Music Percussion Workshops to all of the Prep School and some of the Senior School. On Monday he worked with Year 1-6, giving each class a taster of African, Indian and Caribbean music. The children learnt to play various rhythms on authentic instruments, and they took it in turns to try the different instruments. On Tuesday Year 8 and 9 classes learnt to play the Steel Pans with accompanying drum rhythms. The sessions were fun and energetic, a great musical start to the week.



Reception enjoyed using the ICT room, for the first time, for their Maths lesson. They can work at their own pace developing their understanding of numbers, listening to and following instructions.



## Year 4 making circuits without wires



## PARENTMAIL

- Whole School
- PA Minutes
- Year 7
- Trip to Tonbridge Castle
- Senior School
- GCSE & A-level Theatre Trip
- Senior School
- Aachen Christmas Market Trip
- Senior School
- Languages Magazine
- Senior School
- Bugsy Malone Production
- Year 10
- Tutors' Evening
- Whole School
- Open Day

# News

## Textile and Art Trip

On Wednesday Year 10 and 13 Textile and Art students visited the Victoria & Albert Museum to gain inspiration from the various iconic pieces and avant garde fashion textiles. It was very interesting to see all the different fashions especially the Balenciaga exhibition which examined the work and legacy of the influential Spanish couturier Cristóbal Balenciaga. We saw over a hundred pieces crafted by him and his protégées working in the same innovative tradition.



## 'The Biggest Coffee Morning'

We are holding our annual 'Biscuits at Break' morning for all children in the Prep School on Friday 29 September for Macmillan Cancer. If you would like to send a small donation of biscuits on Friday morning along with a suggested contribution of 50p for your child to spend on biscuits at break. On the same day between 8.30-9.30am we are inviting parents to 'The Prep Morning Drop In' for coffee, pastries and cakes as part of the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Welcome to our new committee

Chair

Mark Roberts-Barter

Vice Chair

Rebecca Smith

Treasurer

Victoria Barwick

Secretary

Juliette Ponsford

We are still looking for a Rep Co-ordinator if you are interested please contact

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Next PA Meeting Thursday 5 October to discuss the annual Firework Event.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### National Poetry Day

Next Thursday 28 September is National Poetry Day. The theme this year is 'Freedom'. Pupils in Year 7 and 8 have all been writing poems on this theme. On the day staff and students will be reading out poems in the Library at lunchtime. There will also be a fun poetry day quiz and other activities to get involved in.

### Sponsored Walk

The annual charity sponsored walk takes place on Friday 29 September in Dunorlan Park. The Prep School will be taking part between 11am and 12 noon and the Senior School between 2.00-4.00pm. Please look out for the sponsorship forms.

### Aachen Christmas Markets 25-26 November 2017

All students from Year 7-13 are welcome. If you would like further information please see Frau Covarr in AY3. Payment slips need to be returned to her by Tuesday 26 September.

# Sports News and Results

## Netball

On Wednesday our U16/18 team played Radnor House. After a frantic and very defensive first quarter neither side had converted their chances. In the second quarter our inaccurate passing was punished and Radnor converted their chances. We were then chasing the game. Although we did not win, losing 14-7 our last quarter finally showed what we could do and we began to get back into the game. It was lovely to see the Sixth Form in a match situation and there were some solid performances from several girls, particularly Hope, Kendra and Siobhan.

On Thursday evening our U14 netball team travelled to Kent College for our first fixture of the season. With some injuries Emma and Edie from Year 8 stepped in to help the team. Playing a very well drilled Kent College team unfortunately proved too much for our girls and they suffered a heavy defeat. There were some positives and lots of lessons to be learned for our next fixture. Well done to all the girls.

## Hockey

Our Under 11's had their first hockey match of the season at Tonbridge School, against Hilden Grange. Playing on an Astro turf is a very different experience and this had a significant impact on our first game. Against our opponents' A team, we struggled to overcome a few very fast, confident club players. However, we did not let this effect our spirit and determination. Against the B team, a great battle ensued up and down the pitch. We were now beginning to spread out, but needed to improve the strength and direction of our passes. We needed to pass out to the wings which allowed us to effectively move the ball up the pitch and into the D. Both teams had scoring opportunities, unfortunately a goal eluded us, with our shots just going wide. The girls gained a great deal of experience this afternoon.

## Football

On Wednesday Beechwood U11s hosted Skippers Hill for their first football match of the season. We fielded two teams and both struggled to get into the game and were placed under early pressure. Skippers Hill broke the dead lock early on and both Beechwood teams found it difficult to recover. The boys showed good resilience to keep fighting but it was not enough to stop defeats in both matches. Well done to all involved.

### 'Finding Joy' Theatre Trip

The GCSE and A Level Drama and Theatre Studies students trip to the Marlow Theatre in Canterbury is on Thursday 5 October 2017. The cost of the trip is £20 leaving Beechwood by coach at 6.00pm and returning at approximately 10.15pm. The deadline for payment is Wednesday 27 September.

## NEXT WEEK

SUN 24	
MON 25	3.45 U12/13 Netball v Kent College (H) 4.00 U17 Football v Sackville (H)
TUES 26	9.00 Year 7 Retreat to Aylesford 4.45 U16 & U18 Netball v Benenden (A)
WED 27	2.30 U13 Football v Skippers Hill (A) 4.00 Year 10 Tutors' Evening
THUR 28	National Poetry Day 9.30 HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 & 9 Girls 2.30 U9/U8 Hockey v Skippers Hill (A) 2.30 U9 Football v Fosse Bank (H)
FRI 29	11.00 Prep School Sponsored Walk 1.30 Senior School Sponsored Walk
SAT 30	