



# BEECHWOOD

## Sacred Heart School

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

# Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 28 April 2017

## Sixth Form Rugby Tour

On Thursday 23 March ten Sixth Form boys, Mrs Smith and Mr Golby departed for the first ever Sixth Form rugby tour to Reims in France. On Friday we drove to Sacre Coeur school in Reims for an afternoon of rugby and to settle into our accommodation for the weekend. We played Sacre Coeur and another local school in a round robin format. The conditions were good for 7s rugby and the ground was fast. Charlie Butcher managed to score a lovely try which boosted team morale. We had an early start on Saturday to drive to Lille where we had tickets to see Racing Paris play Clarentom and were treated to a fantastic game of rugby and saw World Cup winner Dan Carter at his best from the kicking tee. Sunday was time for some history and we travelled to Chemin des Dames, Peronne and Thiepval to visit WW1. We saw the caves where the French and Germans carried out a long underground battle for territory, a fantastic museum in Peronne and the largest memorial for lost soldiers from the Battle of the Somme. It was a very moving experience particularly for some of the students who found the names of relatives on the memorial. Sunday evening we had time for a 6-a-side football match before dinner and our awards ceremony. Special mention should go to Charles Hume-Kendal our captain and instigator of establishing the team, George Major who won the Captain's Choice award, Podge O'Higgins who won Player's Player award and Jack Wright the Most Improved Player.



## Fun Maths

Reception had fun estimating quantities in their Maths lesson. They watched some air blown popcorn being made. They had to estimate the quantities in each cup and count to check how many pieces they had. If their estimate was close they could eat the popcorn. Their estimating skills improved considerably after a few goes!!



## PARENTMAIL SINCE 18 APRIL

- Prep School
- Mr Gush
- Nursery
- Sun Cream
- Whole School
- Sports Hall
- Year 10
- Art & Textiles Trip
- Prep School
- Soiree
- Year 6
- Senior School Allocation
- Boarders
- New Head of Boarding
- Year 10
- School Exams & Revision Booklet
- Year 5 & 6
- Chiddingstone Literary Festival
- Year 7, 8 & 9
- School Exams
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- PA Agenda
- Year 13 & 12
- Information
- Whole School - PA Glitter Ball

# News

## Animal A & E

We were lucky to have Animal A & E visit us this week along with two baby squirrels that they were caring for which the Prep children were able to name, choosing the names Sidney and Lulu. We also met a beautiful tawny owl that was being nursed until it is old enough to be released back into the wild and two very gorgeous fox cubs that were so tiny they were still brown in colour. The children all enjoyed learning about how the charity cares for these animals by asking lots of questions.



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



All tickets for the ball have been sent out via pupils.

For those who are unable to attend the 'All that Glitters Ball' and would like to bid on any of the auction prizes, please see the Parentmail that was sent out on Wednesday. Hard copies are available from both the Front Office and in the Elephant House (Prep). There are some fabulous auction lots to bid on and for those attending the ball a sneaky peek at the FREE raffle prizes to be won! Please email [beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk) with any requests.

The last PA Meeting will now be on Thursday



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## A Cultural Showcase

CONCERT AND EXHIBITION OF WORK OF SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS



Thursday 4 May  
Doors Open  
6.30pm  
Concert 7.00pm

To reserve your tickets, please email  
[secretary@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:secretary@beechwood.org.uk)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Prep Musical Soiree

Tuesday 9 May at 5.00 pm  
in the Auditorium

### Year 5 PGL Residential Outdoor Education Experience

Wednesday 10 May - Friday 12 May

### Year 11 Social

Wednesday 10 May

### Sixth Form Ball

Friday 12 May

## Charity News

The School has raised an incredible £8,104.60 this year. A cheque will be presented to Cancer Research for £6,000 soon and the rest will go to CAFOD. A very big thank you to all who have given so generously.

# Sports News and Results

## Rounders

Our first game of the season against Skippers Hill proved to be one of very mixed fortunes. We won the toss and elected to field. We made an encouraging start and Skippers struggled to score. We were unable to react quickly enough in our fielding and this gave our opponents the confidence they needed to gain a substantial first innings total. Our first batting innings was encouraging with super rounders being scored by Abi and Emma off their first hits, but it was always going to be an uphill struggle to close the gap. Our second innings in the field showed a substantial improvement. Hannah took two great catches and Edie stumped two further players out in the first off throws from Abi at Backstop. We restricted our opponents to 8 rounders. Despite the hail and rain, we worked extremely hard in bat but, sadly, just fell short with 6 rounds. Well done to all who played a very promising first match.

## Cricket

On Thursday the U9's travelled to Skippers Hill for their first cricket game of the season. We won the toss and chose to bat first, facing a very strong bowling attack. They did however defend their stumps and created chances for single runs. The team must work on their communication as there were extra runs they could have scored. We managed to score some boundaries causing the bowlers to change

strategy. At the change we began to bowl and gave the Skippers batsmen something to think about, some fantastic throwing kept their singles to a minimum but the fielders could not prevent some excellent boundary shots. Beechwood should be proud of their efforts but it wasn't enough this time to secure the victory.

## Basketball News

Eva Da Silva in Year 7 plays Basketball for the U14 Sevenoaks Suns. They are an inspiring team who have worked really hard this season and reached the England League National Semi Finals and the play offs, making them one of four top U14 teams in the country. The competition will be taking place this weekend in the Nation Basketball Performance Centre in Manchester, we wish Eva the best of luck.

## Chess

Grace Lamb Year 6 is an avid Chess player and in the Easter holidays Grace and her Sussex team mates won the England U11 championships, making her a National Chess Champion. We are very proud of her achievements.

## Beyond the Woods

**Esme Belcher** (Yr6) received her Level 2 Certificate, in Music Performance, from the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music, she passed Grade 4 Cello with Distinction.

**Niara Morenas** (Yr6) received her Certificate from Chris Evans for making it through the first round of BBC Radio 2's 500 Words Competition.

## NEXT WEEK

SUN 30	9.00 LAMDA Years 11-13
MON 1	Bank Holiday
TUES 2	9.30 Years 3-6 Chiddingstone Literary Festival 4.30 U14 & U15 Rounders v Benenden (A) 5.30 Year 6 Parents' Consultation Evening
WED 3	9.00 EPQ students to Southampton University 12.00 U11 Tunbridge Wells Tag Rugby Festival (A) 2.45 U11 Cricket v The Mead (A)
THUR 4	9.30 Open Day 2.30 U15 Cricket v Radnor House (A) 3.00 U13/U15 Girls TW Rugby Festival (A) 4.10 Year 6 Parents' Consultation Evening 7.00 Cultural Showcase
FRI 5	3.00 KS2 Parents' Open Afternoon
SAT 6	