



Friday 29 September 2017

## National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was celebrated in the Senior School with poetry readings from staff and students in the Library. As the theme this year was 'Freedom', all the poems incorporated this idea. Year 7 & 8 had been writing poems about 'Freedom' for a competition and some of them read them out loud. There was also a poetry day quiz and other activities. It was a wonderful occasion with many pupils and staff commemorating the special day.



Year 2 led an assembly for National Poetry Day. Each class shared a poem and everyone spoke clearly and with confidence. Year 2's poem about a snowball made everyone smile! The children brought in their favourite poems to share with their friends.



Reception enjoyed tasting a variety of breads from around the world. They tasted: pitta bread, naan bread, bagels, malt loaf, a baguette, brown soda bread and some focaccia. They talked about their similarities and differences and which ones they liked and disliked. This was linked to their topic 'On the Farm' and they learnt that bread is made from flour and flour is made from wheat.



## PARENTMAIL

- Nursery
- Warm Coats
- Senior School
- GCSE Food Technology
- EAL Books for Examinations
- Senior School
- Visiting Author
- Year 11 & Sixth Form
- Trip to New York
- Prep School
- Avila Toy Sale
- Senior School
- Cancelled Aachen Christmas Market Trip
- Nursery
- Pick-up Routine
- Prep School
- Macmillan Biscuit Sale & Sponsored Walk
- Whole School
- PA Fireworks Meeting & Fireworks

# News

## Gingerbread Men!

This week in Nursery we made gingerbread men during our cooking session. The children measured out the ingredients and used the sieve to sift the flour, mix the ingredients with a spoon and then with their fingers rubbed the mixture to



form a dough. Using their rolling pins they then rolled out the mixture before cutting out the shape of their gingerbread man or woman. Once they were cooked we decorated them with icing sugar and Smarties.

## Splendid Theatre Company

Years 9-13 GCSE & A level Drama students had an opportunity to watch Splendid Theatre Company perform a creative adaptation of Kafka's Metamorphosis on Thursday. After the hour performance, students took part in a 90 minute actor-led workshop which was thoroughly engaging. All students who took part left the workshop with new ideas for their own upcoming devised assessments and the workshop leaders were very complimentary of the way in which the students conducted themselves.



## Sacred Heart Lecture Series

We are pleased to announce that the first lunchtime lecture will take place at 1.30pm in the Chapel on 12 October. Mrs Pollington will be talking about Dora Carrington & Co. Parents are very welcome to attend. Future lectures include the Ethics of Star Trek and Bloody Sunday and The Troubles.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Fireworks

On Friday 3 November the Beechwood PA will be holding their annual firework event. Gates open at 6pm for a 7.30pm start. Ticket information will be sent via Parentmail. Please complete the booking form and return with payment to the PA letterbox. Tickets will be £8 which includes a choice of food.

If you would like to help at the event please email [beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk)  
Congratulation to Jack in Year 2 for creating the winning ticket and poster design.

On Tuesday Year 7 took a trip to Aylesford Priory to share a retreat day with Southwark Catholic Youth Service. Focusing on the Sacred Heart Theme of Faith they were welcomed by Fr Francis before looking at different ways they could explore and share their personal faith. They helped to lead the midday Mass, writing their own prayers and dressed up in crazy colours for CAFOD's 'Brighten Up' campaign. The whole day was enjoyable, mixing fun activities with moments of personal prayer.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Visiting Author

Paul Dowswell, who specialises in writing historical fiction for teenagers and young adults, will be visiting the Senior School on Friday 6 October. He will be talking to pupils in Years 7-11 and delivering a creative writing workshop in the afternoon to Year 11. There will also be the opportunity for pupils to purchase a signed copy of one of his books. **The cost of a book is £7.99 and money must be brought in on the day.**

### Avila Charity Toy Sale

Friday 6 October at break time in the Prep School on sale cuddly toys of all sizes and types in need of a new home? Prices will be 50p, £1 and £1.50. There will also be a raffle, tickets 20p each or 6 for £1.

# Sports News and Results

## Netball

Our U13/12s continued their winning streak with a tremendous game against Kent College on Monday. Grace scored our first goal to give us the lead but our opponents equalised from their centre pass. At the end of the first quarter we had secured a 4-3 lead. The second quarter was a centre court battle given a 4-4 score at half time. In the third quarter we went into the lead 7-5 and Millie scored one final goal in the final quarter to give us a 8-5 victory. It was a wonderful game to watch, well done girls.

On Tuesday our U16's played an U15 team at Benenden. We were slow to start and Benenden scored all their chances and at half time we were 7 goals down. With new resolve we won the third quarter and drew the last quarter. The final score was 14-18, good effort girls.

Our U18 girls also played Benenden and got off to a fantastic start, with Emma scoring within the first couple of minutes, but our opponents fought back scoring 3 goals. We played really well together making Benenden work extra hard and 7 more goals were scored, 3 of them ours. The girls showed resilience and determination with accurate passes enabling Siobhan to score 2 well deserved goals. The final score was 11-6 to Benenden.

## Hockey

The U8/9 girls were very excited to play their first match of the season against Skippers Hill. Throughout the afternoon, the girls played five mini games against a number of teams. The mid fielders worked hard to get the ball into our attacking half which provided Georgina and Sophia opportunities to shoot. The combined score was 3-2 to Skippers and well done to all the girls, a super start!

## Football

On Monday our Year 11-13 boys joined together for a match against Sackville who attacked with purpose from the whistle and we found ourselves 5-0 down. After a few substitutions we got on the score sheet with goals from George and Sam. The scoring continued with Alex scoring two and Nicolas a hat trick. In the final few minutes Sackville scored two quick fire late goals, giving them a final score of 7-8.

On Tuesday a team of Year 9 & 10 welcomed Sackville to Beechwood. After a scrappy start from both sides we raced into a three goal lead. We dominated the match in the second half with a 6-1 advantage, but in the last minute Sackville were awarded a penalty which they smashed into the back of the net making the final score 6-2 to Beechwood.

The U13 team travelled to Skippers on Wednesday where two matches were played and both displayed excellent passing and movement of the ball. Our pressing of the ball was outstanding leading to chances being created. We came away with a 2-2 draw in match one and a convincing 4-2 win in match two.

On Thursday our U9 team hosted Fosse Bank. Beechwood were outstanding from the first to the final whistle, their movement of the ball, slick passing and awareness of each other led to a number of chances being created. They raced into a commanding lead and the defence held firm to shut out the Fosse Bank attack. We came away with a convincing 11-0 victory. Well played to all involved.

## NEXT WEEK

SUN 1	
MON 2	4.45 U14 & U15 Netball v Benenden (A)
TUES 3	
WED 4	9.00 MUNGA at Tonbridge School 1.20 Stockbury Music Festival-The Bandstand 2.30 U11/U10 Hockey v SH Wadhurst (A) 2.30 U11 Football v Fosse Bank (A) 4.15 U14 & U15 Netball v Sackville (A)
THUR 5	9.00 Year 11 Morrisby Feedback 11.00 Year 7 Geography & History trip to Tonbridge Castle 2.30 U15 Football v Farrington (A)
FRI 6	9.00 Year 11 Morrisby Feedback 9.00 Paul Dowswell Writing Workshop 2.50 Year 10 Teenage Cancer Trust 7.30 A level Music students trip to London
SAT 7	9.30-1.00 OPEN DAY