



Wednesday 4 July 2018

Beechwood Day

Beechwood Day this year was held on a glorious sunny day. A cheque for £8,000 was presented to Charlottes BAG, following Mass and Prize Giving the annual Tug of War was won by Kildare House and the staff were victorious against the parents in the rounders match. The Chair of Governors, Mrs Constance Williams spoke about the exciting proposed capital investment projects for Summer 2018 and the academic Year 2019/2020. Both the refurbishment of the Gym and Auditorium will be completed over the summer and the upper level MUGA will start to be built with a likely completion date of December 2018. The school is hoping to complete the lower field MUGA Easter 2019. Some work to include new toilets and internal decoration will start on Regina Mundi over the summer with external refurbishment taking place summer 2019. The Math's Rooms, Chemistry Lab and Media & Computer Science Rooms and the Sixth Form Common Room are being refurbished over this summer holiday. Alongside these changes to the fabric of the school, Mrs Rowe, the Acting Head talked about changes to the curriculum next year which includes the introduction of Forest School for Nursery and Reception, Mindfulness and Resilience in form periods and the introduction of STEM projects in Years 6, 7, 8 & 9 combining Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



Year 6 JCA Experience

Year 6 enjoyed a fun-packed week at the JCA Centre in Hayling Island last week with Miss Parker, Mrs O'Kane and Mr Carson. From the moment the children got off the coach they took part in activities. These ranged from thrill seeking ones such as the leap of faith and abseiling, to snorkelling and kayaking, to land based ones such as the sensory trail and circus skills. The children had a fabulous time experiencing new things, facing their fears and bonding as a year group. The JCA instructors Kain and Tom were amazing and made the week very memorable.



PARENTMAIL

Prep School
Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies DVD
Year 13
Science Trip
Year 6
Leavers tea and service
Prep School
Primary Proms Trip
Senior School
Choir Trip to Bruges
Prep School
PE in the Prep School
Year 5
Trip to Chiddingstone Castle
Year 13
Final letter from Mr Awdry
Year 12
Letter from Mr Awdry
Year 11 & 12
Information for Sixth Formers

Sport News

Cricket

The Under 13's played their first pairs cricket match away at Kent College on Monday. We were put into bat first and Jessica and Isabella got us off to a positive start scoring 15 off the first two overs. Millie was top scorer with 10, but together the team completed their 9 overs with a very encouraging 270 for 2. After a hesitant start in the field, enabling our opponents to score some early runs, we soon settled our nerves. Isabella took our first wicket, with Millie and Grace joining her. Despite Kent College proving quick between the stumps, we took some key wickets. Kent College finished with 269 for 3, giving us victory by 1 run. Well done to all the team, a fabulous afternoon and well done to Isabella, voted player of the match by our opponents.

Rounders

In spite of the temperatures soaring our Under 9/8's had a lovely afternoon away at Skippers Hill on Thursday. We played two matches and over the course of the afternoon made some excellent progress with our batting and fielding. We were very nervous during the first game and despite Sophia, successfully stumping out three of our opponents; Skippers were dominant in bat and we were unable to reach their total. We fielded with far greater confidence during the second game. Penny and Georgina both stumped players out and we restricted Skippers Hill to 4 rounders. Sophia got us off to a great start, scoring a rounder off her first hit. As the innings progressed we were running out of balls. Tantalisingly close, with some encouragement, Georgina, Penny, Sophia and Francesca all scored off their last hits to give us a fantastic victory of 5 ½ - 4. Well done to all the team, especially Sophia who was awarded player of the match for her fielding and Olivia for her batting.

Next Term

The Autumn Term starts on Wednesday
5 September 2018

Percussion Demonstration!

Mr Stockwell, our visiting Drum Teacher, held a percussion demonstration for pupils in Years 1-5 last week. He showcased a variety of instruments, including different types of drums and a range of hand held percussion. All the children were enthralled! If anyone would like individual drum lessons, or participate in the lunchtime club 'Drum Fun' next term, please email k.molloy@beechwood.org.uk.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of Beechwood activities on Beechwood Day. We raised over £700 which will be used to support various projects to enhance the school over the coming years. Details of meetings next year will be announced in due course and we would be delighted to see new members. Have a good summer.

Rounders

Last Tuesday the staff played the Sixth Form in a game of rounders. On a very hot evening the teams took to the field, the staff winning the toss and choosing to field first. The Sixth Form started well with an opening rounder from captain Oscar Davis, however success was short lived, after a number of fumbled catches at backstop Mr Miran required a pep talk from Mr Rowe which led to him getting his eye in and he was finally able to provide accurate throws to first base; many of the Sixth formers proved to be lethargic and were stumped out with regularity. A handful remained and some excellent fielding from Miss Couchman and Mrs Barwick curtailed their scoring to a meagre 4 rounders in the first innings, it was then the staff's turn to bat, Mr Millward and Mrs Awdry stole the show with some excellent hitting sending the fielders scrambling to get the ball back to fourth base. A comfortable lead for the staff leading into the second innings seemed to galvanise the pupils, and they came out fighting. However Alex and Adam fell victim to Mrs Coakley at second base who made some excellent catches from an outstanding set of bowls from Mr Golby. Sophia tried to hold the team together but they could only manage 9 in total, leaving the staff to score 2 rounders for the victory. An excellent set of half rounders from Frau Covarr and Miss Molloy set the stage for the winning rounder scored by Mr Green. The Sixth Form tried their best but the staff yet again came out as winners; better luck next year!

