



Friday 6 October 2017

Stockbury Music Festival

Our outdoor concert returned again this Autumn, with students throughout the Senior School performing. We had solos from brave new Year 7's singing songs from the musicals 'Annie' and 'Les Miserables'; a couple of beautiful piano solos, several vocal and guitar ensembles of music by Ellie Goulding, The Kooks, 1975 and Snow Patrol and concluded with our Gospel Choir singing 'Shackles' by Mary, Mary. Catering kindly put on a BBQ and the whole school braved the slight nip in the air to support our talented performers. It was a fun way for everyone to enjoy their lunch break and well done to everyone involved.



Reception had their first Cookery lesson in the Food Technology room with Mrs Hobbs this week. They enjoyed learning how to roll out biscuit dough and cut out shapes.



Reception, Year 1 & 2 have been busy planting in their new raised beds to make a sensory garden area.



Sponsored Walk

Last Friday the whole school took part in a sponsored walk around Dunorlan Lake to raise money for Charlotte's BAG our adopted charity this year. The Prep School walked in the morning and the Senior School did their seven laps of the lake in the afternoon. Money is still coming in but thank you everyone as we have made a pleasing start to our fundraising.



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News

Geography & History Trip

On Tuesday Year 7 students visited Tonbridge Castle for a cross-curricular field trip. The students carried out a range of activities including an environmental survey of the High Street, a pedestrian count and an analysis of the settlement of the Castle. They then enjoyed a highly informative tour of the castle gatehouse, where they learnt about the history and its famous occupants. The trip concluded with an hour in the education room where they played Medieval games, dressed up in costumes and attempted to make their own chainmail.



MUNGA

On Wednesday seven students travelled to Tonbridge School for their MUNGA (Model United General Assembly) training day. They learned how the UN works and listened to expert speakers discussing 'Rights of Indigenous People', 'UN Reform' and 'International Conflict'. Students had to prepare and debate an emergency resolution on North Korea and The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, this was preparing them for the finals day in November.

Apples from the Orchard

We began the term by picking the apples and seeing and tasting all the different varieties in the food lessons throughout the school. We produced many different dishes including apple crumble, apple muffins, apple scone, caramelised apple strudel cake and apple jalousie.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Fireworks

The Friends of Beechwood Fireworks night is on Friday 3 November. Booking forms can be downloaded from Parentmail or collected from the Front Office. Tickets are £8 and include food. The deadline for tickets is Friday 20 October in order for us to confirm food orders. We cannot guarantee availability of food for ticket requests made after this date.

If you have any questions please email beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk

Community Service

On Monday the first group of Year 12 students began their Community Service activities that are part of their general RE programme. The three forms will be contributing to the wider community a term each. 12P were divided into general tidying duties at Grosvenor & Hilbert Park, helping with literacy and numeracy at St Barnabas Primary School and assisting at IMAGO (West Kent Voluntary Action) in their charity shop.

New Music Events Diary

Please look for our new Music Diary on our website [Music Diary 2017](#). This lists all the musical events for the term as well as our extra-curricular timetable. We will publish a new one every term.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Open Day

Saturday 7 October

Registration 9.15

A reminder that all pupils are expected to be in school, anyone not attending should have sent a letter to Mr Lennon to ask permission to be absent.

Sacred Heart Lecture

12 October 1.30pm in the Chapel
Mrs Pollington will be talking about Dora Carrington

Year 6 Parents' Consultation Evening

Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 October 2017

Sports News and Results

Netball

On Monday our U14 team travelled to Benenden School. Both teams started slowly but Benenden broke the deadlock first and were 2-0 ahead. We started to fight back and finished the first quarter narrowly down. Despite the rain we won the third quarter and played well as a team. The final score was 11-6 to Benenden which did not demonstrate the closeness of the game.

Our U15 team also played Benenden with a frustrating opening half where we had very little shooting opportunities. The second half was a different story, we fought for the ball showing determination and started to play some attacking netball. The team should be congratulated for their feisty comeback losing 7-15.

Our U14/15 team got off to a fantastic start against Sackville, with Danielle scoring a goal very early on. Despite Sackville scoring soon after, Nell kept us in the lead with a 1-3 score at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Sackville were very much on the attack and were quick at moving up the court into their 'D'. They seemed to be one step ahead and this enabled them to lead 4-3 at half time. Both teams then worked really hard to put the other under pressure. It was an intense third quarter, finishing 7-7. So it was all to play for in the final quarter. Neither team was prepared to give up but we were definitely more successful at maintaining possession of the ball. Nell and Macey went on to score 4 more goals between them. The final score was 7-11 to Beechwood. Well done to all the girls and congratulations to Hannah who was voted Player of the Match.

Hockey

This was always going to be a difficult afternoon for our U11 and U10 teams in their matches against SH Wadhurst, as we were faced with playing on grass. Our U11's played first trying to develop our use of space and passing out wide, however the ball frequently became stuck in the long grass and mud. This resulted in both teams trying to force the ball through the middle, which became very crowded and muddled. Despite some outstanding saves by Diana, in her first match in goal, the game resulted in a victory for our opponents. Our U10's, having watched the U11's, were more prepared for the conditions. Both teams showed great resolve when trying to get the ball into the D. Florence, Katie-May and Amelie produced some great runs, but struggled to open up the gaps to get a shot at goal. Emily, Anna and Sophie, meanwhile, defended with such determination, clearing numerous attacks from our opponents. Frustratingly our opponents sneaked 2 goals past the line to give them the victory. Well done to all the girls, an experience.

Football

On Wednesday Beechwood U11's travelled to Fosse Bank for a football match. Beechwood had two teams and both performed admirably. A very close nail biting game ended in a 5 - 4 defeat, some excellent creative football was displayed but wasn't enough to get the win. In our other match the boys worked exceptionally hard but could not create chances to score and were also defeated. Well done to all involved, a better performance from the first match. Keep training and wins will come.

NEXT WEEK

SUN 8	
MON 9	4.00 U17 Football v Sackville (A)
TUES 10	8.30 Year 6 Retreat to Aylesford Priory 7.00 Sixth Form Presentation Evening
WED 11	9.00 Prep School inter-House Hockey & Football 2.30 U13 Football v Bethany (A) 4.00 U12/13 Netball v Radnor House (A)
THUR 12	2.30 U9/U8 Netball v Fosse Bank (H) 2.30 U9 Football v The Mead (H) 4.00 Kent 11+ Results
FRI 13	8.45 Year 7 Taster Day 1.45 Year 4 TW Puppetry Festival
SAT 14	10.00 GCSE Drama Devised Technical Rehearsal

Basketball

Congratulations to Eva Da Silva who has been selected for the England U15 Development Program. This is a huge achievement.