



Friday 8 December 2017

Whoops a Daisy Angel!

On Thursday Reception and KS1 performed their nativity to a captive audience. This year it was 'Whoops a Daisy Angel', who had the parents gasping as he 'fell' off the stage-brilliant acting by Anthony. The children were all fantastic and as usual left their best performance until the day. Well done everybody!



Billy Bensing!

On Tuesday lunchtime Year 7, 8 & 9, parents and staff were treated to a concert given by the Grammy Award winning artist Billy Bensing. Billy was over here from California visiting relatives and offered to do a concert for the school. Billy sang songs that he had written, played guitar and mouth organ and talked about his life, it was a very entertaining way to spend a lunchtime.



Nursery Nativity Concert

All the children in the concert performed wonderfully having learnt all the songs and actions.



Violin Concert

Year 2 & 3 gave a great violin concert to the Prep School and parents on Wednesday morning. They have been learning the instrument this term with their teacher, Madeleine Butcher and have progressed amazingly well.

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Advent Diocesan Service

On Tuesday 5 December Years 4 and 5 travelled up by train to Saint George's Cathedral in Lambeth. Home to the Archbishop of Southwark, our Diocesan Cathedral hosted the First Annual Primary School Advent Service where hundreds of children from catholic schools across Kent and South East London gathered to celebrate the nativity of our Lord Jesus. Each carol was led by a different school from Southwark Diocese and introduced by a passage from the bible telling the story of Jesus' birth. They then explained why each part of the nativity is still relevant to us today. The pupils sang beautifully and enjoyed the whole experience.



Lunchtime Recital

On Wednesday the Music Department hosted the second concert in our Lunchtime Recital Series. The event took place in the Chapel and showcased exam students and scholars performing a wide variety of repertoire. We had some stunning vocal performances from Freya Statham, Tabby Betts and Natasha Hall accompanied by Mr Kotz. Alena German-Shakhly performed a beautiful piano solo and the event was completed by Miranda Buser performing two movements from Vivaldi's wonderful concerto for two cellos. The audience were highly appreciative of the outstanding performance and we look forward to the next concert in the series in the Spring term.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Ice Skating

Thursday 14 December 2017

There are only a few tickets left for the Ice Skating. Tickets and Basil vouchers will all be distributed at the rink in the area where boots are collected on the day from 2.30pm. The session ends at 4pm for you to collect your children. The raffle draw takes place on Tuesday 12 December.

Please return all Young Mind Raffle Tickets by Monday please.

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 9 January 2018

On Thursday Year 11 Food students went to Notcutts Garden Centre to look at food for children in their cafe. They were able to sample a child's meal which consisted of chicken bites, chips and peas. The restaurant manager explained that all the food was nutritionally balanced and the meat was good quality and locally sourced. The students met the chef and learnt about food preparation, hygiene, portion control and dealing with allergies. It was an informative trip that will help them with their GCSE assessment.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Eighth Weekend

Sunday 10 December 2017

Registration is at 2pm. All pupils are expected to attend unless a letter has been sent to Mr Lennon to ask permission to be absent.

The Spring Term starts on Thursday 4 January

Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening

11 January 2018

Sports News and Results

Netball

Our U10's played a thrilling match against Skippers Hill this week. Despite our opponents taking an early lead, we battled on and were finally rewarded with our first goal just before the end of the first quarter. We continued to work extremely hard, but Skippers were able to capitalise on errors made in the centre court and by the end of the third quarter they had gained a 6-2 lead. We showed true spirit and resolve during the final quarter and gradually reduced the deficit with some lovely goals from Amelie and Katie-May. The final score was 6-5 to Skippers. Well done to all the team and to Savannah who was voted player of the match.

Story Time!

Reception, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed visiting the Library in the Senior School to listen to some Christmas stories read to them by Miss Blakey, the Librarian.



On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Boorman visited Year 1 and Reception to talk about her trip to South Africa. She spoke about the school she visited and how her charity had supported the women in building a drop-in centre for the children when they finish school. They looked at photos and videos of children singing and were astounded to find out that the toilet was just a big hole in the ground. A very big thank you to Mrs Boorman for sharing her experience and making us realise just how lucky we are. Year 1 and Reception will be holding a charity event in the New Year to help raise funds for the school.

Reminder

Beechwood is a nut free school, could you please remind pupils if they are bringing sweets or anything else into school.

WEEK COMMENCING

SUN 10	2.00 Eighth Weekend
MON 11	9.00 Prep Panto Morning
TUES 12	7.00 Carol Service in the Chapel
WED 13	9.00 Senior School Community Service 12 Noon School Christmas Lunch 2.00 Nursery Christmas Party 2.30 Senior School Quiz
THUR 14	9.00 Prep Prize Giving 11.30 Whole School Assembly 12.00 KS1 & Nursery Term Ends 12.30 KS2 Term Ends 1.00 Senior School Term Ends
FRI 15	
SAT 16	