

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 9 February 2018

Future Pilots!

Reception had a fantastic time at Lydd Aero Club this week. They went inside a search and rescue helicopter. They looked at some light aircraft and took turns to sit in the front seats of a plane and went on a flight simulator and took control of a plane flying over London! There were some very tired little people on the way back to school.





'Maths Feast'

On Monday four of our Year 10 mathematicians took part in the 'Maths Feast' at Robertsbridge Community College, organised by the Further Mathematics Support Programme. They did very well winning the 'Main Course' round and coming third overall. Congratulations to Sam Keung, Elaine Lee, Flossie Tuppen and Eliot Christmas for the excellent performance.

Lunchtime Recital Series

Thursday saw the Music Department host the second concert in our Lunchtime Recital Series. Students from all years had the opportunity to perform in the intimate setting of The Chapel in front of an audience that included peers, staff and wonderfully supportive parents. The magnificent programme started with Emma Heins playing 'Rosemary and Thyme' on the saxophone. Following this we had a wide variety of repertoire being performed, with some emotional vocal pieces by Gratsiela Haribyan, Adriana Banuelos, Tabby Betts and Anna Hulm. There was also some piano repertoire performed, showcased by Simren Mangat, Eliot Christmas, Alena German-Shakhly and Freya Cook. All the performers were very professional and the audience were highly appreciative of the outstanding concert. A special thank you to all those who came and we look forward to the Cultural Showcase next term.

PARENTMAIL

Sixth Form **Rugby Tour Information** Whole School Lunchtime Recital Year 5 & 6 Rugby Fixture Prep School No Speech & Drama 7 March Year 9 **GCSE Options Evening** Sixth Form **Rugby Team Training Shirts** Year 6 **Bikeability Course** Year 6 Parents' Consultation Evening

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Community Service

Year 12 have been volunteering at Grosvenor and Hilbert Park as part of their general RE programme.



Sixth Form Etiquette Evening

The difficult world of social etiquette can be a potential minefield for those unsuspecting souls that venture out into the world of dinner parties and corporate entertaining. Fortunately members of the Sixth Form took their first steps in preparing themselves for just such eventualities at the annual Etiquette Supper held on Friday 2nd February. They were treated to four courses, which included such delights as Chicken Breast Hasselback and a chocolate pave, served with chocolate crumb, honeycomb and brandy cream! Most importantly was their introduction to the do's and don'ts of fine dining, followed by a spot of wine tasting, in moderation of course. The staff played their part as waiters and a splendid evening was had by all. A huge thank you must go to the catering staff, whose assistance was essential in making the evening a success.

German Literature & Film Day

On Thursday the Year 12 and 13 students studying German A level went to London for a Student Study Day which was aimed at helping them to better analyse their chosen book (The Reader) and film (Good Bye, Lenin) and to structure their response in the essay they will have to write in German. The lectures were delivered in German and the students were able to work on essay planning and preparation in the workshop. All in all, it was an interesting day and the students came away with some useful ideas.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Second Hand Uniform Shop open on 20 February 8.15 and 3.15

Beechwood Bop

Last Friday afternoon was the annual Bop for the Prep School. With wristbands for entry and glow sticks galore the children strutted their stuff on the dance floor. Andy from 'Fun at Kids Party' was fabulous hosting games and dancing competitions. All the children from Pre-Prep to Year 6 had a fantastic time and Miss Boggins even won a prize for her dancing skills!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19 February

Classes start after Half Term Year 6 Bikeability Cycling Course starts

22 February

Year 9 Options Evening

27 February

Year 9 Retreat to Aylesford Priory

1 March

World Book Day

Sports News and Results

Netball

On Tuesday our Senior team made up of Year 13 and 11 girls played Kent College. It was a fairly close first quarter but then the opposition shooters hardly missed. Beechwood, through sloppy passing kept giving the ball back to Kent College. Our best quarter was unusually our third quarter where we managed to score most of our goals. The 25-7 defeat did not reflect our endeavour throughout the game. Despite this not being our best performance we still fought hard to the end. Special mention to Izzy Hardwick and Elysia who was voted player of the match. We hope to have a better match against Battle after half-term.

On Thursday our U14 girls travelled to Radnor House for their match. With several injuries three Year 8 players stepped in to help. Some lovely shooting by Hanah and Macey and some super defending from Eva meant we gained an early advantage that we never lost. Some loose passing let Radnor close the gap a little but we finished with a convincing 11-6 win. Macey was voted MPV. Well done all who played.

RE Day

On Thursday KS2 had their first RE Day. Using Religion and Faith as a basis for their morning lessons Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 learnt about many different faiths and festivals, including the Jewish Seder Plate in Food Tech, the Five Pillars of Islam in ICT and Candlemans in French. In the afternoon each group had a chance to take some time out through meditation and reflection to fully relax and reflect on themselves. The day finished with a Liturgy in the Chapel attended by many parents to celebrate the day.



WEEK COMMENCING 18 February

SUN 18	
MON 19	9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling
TUES 20	8.15/3.15 Second Hand Uniform Shop open 9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling
WED 21	9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling 2.45 U13/U12 Netball v Skippers Hill (A) 6.30 Sixth Form Rugby Tour Information Evening
THUR 22	9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling 2.30 U9 Tag Rugby v Bricklehurst Manor (A) 6.30 Year 9 Options Evening
FRI 23	9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling 9.00 AS/A Level French Study Day in London
SAT 24	