

## Beechwood Newsletter

## **Remembrance Service**

Last Friday the Mayor and his lady wife were warmly welcomed to the school for our Remembrance service. A poppy was made, bearing the name, for every life lost in Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding areas and placed on the school lawn surrounded by the 'There but not there' men sat on benches. Our talented musicians and singer gave a moving performance of The White Cliffs of Dover. The service was concluded with a reading of E A Mackintosh's poem 'In Memoriam' and a two minute silence before the children and staff returned to class. We were very fortunate to have the Last Post played by Lee Ireland from TS Brilliant Sea Cadet and Marine Corps which added greatly to the occasion. The Sea Cadet Corps endeavours to lead young people towards responsible adulthood through discipline in the traditions of the Royal Navy. It is the oldest of cadet forces and is situated in Albion Road, Tunbridge Wells.





At the Remembrance Service in Tunbridge Wells last Sunday Katie-May laid a wreath on behalf of everyone at Beechwood and represented us superbly. Friday 16 November 2018

### The Monument!

On 2 November Year 2 visited the Monument to the Great Fire of London and found out all about the fire from Robert Hooke. It was a bit scary going up the spiral stairs. After lunch they walked around the City and saw the Walkie Talkie building, the Gherkin and where Samuel Pepys buried his cheese and wine!



## PARENTMAIL

**Early Years - School Contact** Year 8 - Parent's Consultation Evening Year 9 - Parents' Consultation Evening **Nursery - Uniform Change** Year 7 & 8 - Christmas Drinks Year 10 & 12 - National Theatre Trip Year 10 & 11 - Duke of Edinburgh Senior School - Tickets for DNA Year 10-13 - Flame Event **KS2** - Winter Concert Rehearsals Whole School - Chaplaincy Bulletin **Junior Division - Journal** Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter Nursery - Trip to the Ballet Whole School - Anti Bullying Day Whole School - Ice Skating Year 10 - Teenage Cancer Trust Whole School - 5/10k Charity Run Whole School - Eighth Weekend Year 11 & 13 - Summer Examinations

# News

### Diwali!

Early Years have been celebrating Diwali, The Hindu Festival of Light. As well as listening to the story of Rama and Sita they have made lovely Rangoli patterns using lentils as well as clay Diva lamps which they have decorated independently.





WEEK 11	
SUN 19	
MON 20	1.20 Year 8 Teachers' Meeting 4.14 Play Rehearsal
TUES 21	9.00 Year 12 & 13 Psychology Trip 9.00 Year 13 History Conference in London 5-8.00 Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening
WED 22	8.00 Year 11 Media trip to London 2.30 U11 Football v Hilden Oaks (H) 2.30 U11/U10 Netball v Hilden Oaks H 4.30 U15 Netball v Radnor House (A)
THUR 23	<ul> <li>8.30 KS2 &amp; Schola Rehearsal</li> <li>8.40 Year 13 Liturgy</li> <li>1.20 Play Rehearsal</li> <li>2.30 U15 Football v Battle Abbey (H)</li> <li>2.30 U14 Hockey v Sackville (A) tbc</li> </ul>
FRI 24	9.00 Visiting Author Workshops Year 5-9
SAT 25	10-4.00 Play Rehearsal

## FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Fireworks Event, it was a great success and next years event is already booked!

**Ice Skating** tickets are now on sale at £10 per person. We have exclusive use of the rink in Calverley Grounds on Thursday 13 December from 4-5pm. There are limited space so get your forms and money in as soon as possible.

We are looking for volunteers to run the bar at the Winter Concert on Thursday 29 November and the School Play on 6, 7 and 8 December. If you are able to help please let Rebecca Smith know as soon as possible. <u>r.smith@beechwood.org.uk.</u>

Our AGM and next meeting is on Tuesday 27 November at 8.30am in the Parlour. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Sport Last Week

### U11 Netball v Fosse Bank

Last Wednesday the netball match was played indoors as it was raining. Fosse Bank brought one team so our two teams played a triangular alternating on and off the court. The green team worked hard to ensure that they won their match 4-2. The black team battled their way all through the game but unfortunately lost 4-11. Well done to all the girls who played.

#### **Charity Run!**

Members of our Beechwood community will be running either 5 or 10k in Crowborough on Sunday 25 November in aid of the school charities. We decided to have a collective sponsorship pot. If you would like to donate towards our charities (Kent Air Ambulance, Childline and CAFOD), please put cash or cheque made out to 'Beechwood School' in the PA box or it can be handed into Form Tutors. Many thanks.

# **Sport News**

### Football

On Wednesday our U13s travelled to Battle Abbey for a football match. The two teams were very evenly matched, but Marcus rushed onto a through ball to fire beyond the goalkeeper to give Beechwood the lead. Marcus raced through once more, forcing the keeper into a good save, however Sam was first to react to stroke the ball into the open goal for 2-0. In the second half, Battle Abbey were awarded and dispatched a penalty to create a tense ending to the match. We defended resiliently to hold on for a very impressive 2-1 victory.

On Thursday the U9s hosted Fosse Bank for a football fixture. Fosse Bank went into the lead with close range efforts. James got us back into the match, with a powerful strike that rattled passed the goalkeeper. We continued to create chances, but unfortunately were unable to find the equaliser in this very tight affair. Great effort and endeavour from the boys.

Beechwood welcomed Farrington's U15s for a football match on Thursday. We settled into the match quickly and raced into a 3-0 lead, with two goals from Luca, and an audacious lob from Sergio. Farrington pulled a goal back, however Misha fired a left footed strike into the corner to restore Beechwood's three goal advantage. After half time, Misha latched onto a cross field ball, to direct an excellent strike into the goal, for his second of the afternoon, and our fifth. Farrington got on the score sheet for a second time, but Juan dispatched a penalty to finish the scoring and lead Beechwood to a 6-2 victory.

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#### Congratulations

Recently Basketball England held trails for the Aspire Programme. Bianca Da Silva has been selected for this development programme which is a platform to prepare players for the national team. Only players who are in the Aspire Programme can play for the England U15 team and then potentially go on to play for the U16 GB team.

Marcus Letts was invited to compete in an Inter Regional Duathlon Event recently. This is the first time he has been asked to represent the Triathlon England South East Region Junior TS2 team in the annual Run/Bike/Run Duathlon Event against the London region. Marcus knew the competition was going to be tough but had a determined run losing a couple of places during his bike transition. He finished in a time of 17:39 sec putting him 18 in a field of 29 athletes.

## **ADVERTS**

An exclusive offer for Beechwood parents and staff. 15% off luxury clothing and footwear brands including Dubarry, Le Chameau & Schoffel at CHRIS POTTER Chris Potter Country Sports Tunbridge Wells, just off Camden Road until 31 December.

<b>WEEK 12</b>	
SUN 25	10-4.00 Family Music Day
MON 26	1.20 Year 9 Teachers' Meeting
TUES 27	STEM Day Year 8 & 9 5-7.00 Year 9 Parents' Evening
WED 28	STEM day Year 6 & 7 2.30 U13 Rugby Training at Skippers Hill (A) 3.00 U13 Hockey v Battle Abbey
THUR 29	All Day Rehearsals for Winter Concert 1.30 Sacred Heart Lecture 2.30 U9 Rugby Training at Skippers Hill 7.00 Winter Concert
FRI 30	Cologne Christmas Markets trip departs 9.00 GCSE Science Live in London 2.30 Prep Choir Singing at Penshurst Christmas Market
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