

Senior School Sporting Highlights

We have continued to see the boys sport go from strength to strength, enjoying regular football, hockey and cricket matches. Our Sixth Form have enjoyed another Rugby Tour to France. Our U13 girls, once again took part in the Tag Rugby festival in Tunbridge Wells, narrowly missing out on the final play offs. Excitingly we have introduced Cricket to the girls' curriculum and our U13's won their first pairs match by just one run recently. The girls should be very proud of their performance. Netball continues to be a favourite sport amongst the girls and matches have been closely contested. Next year football will also be introduced to the girls' curriculum. In addition, there has been individual success in Athletics, Horse Riding, Football, Rugby, Basketball, Rock Climbing and Tennis where pupils have achieved County, District and Club success. Special congratulations go to Jesse Odubango who has been participating in the Kent U15 Athletics League and has also been accepted in the England Athletics Club during this past year. Jesse is a sprinter and we wish him well in his summer events. Eva Da Silva has also had County honors in Basketball and has also represented the South -East district in a National Basketball 3's competition. Isabella Rizvi and Jess MacPherson are doing fantastically well in football and we wish them well in their West Kent Girls' football trials.

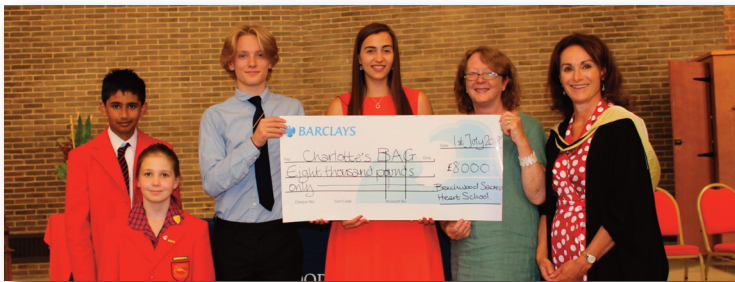
Friends of Beechwood

At the start of this academic year the Parents' Association were rebranded as Friends of Beechwood and the year started with our annual Fireworks display, which was a huge success and provided us all with plenty of entertainment on the evening. The Friends of Beechwood provided start-up funds for our new Forest School and recently supplied some more resources to enable this to develop and grow further. This will be a superb asset for our Prep School children. This year we held our annual raffle on Beechwood Day along with various activities and refreshments for all to enjoy. Thank you for all your support during this academic year and over the summer we are funding the renovation of the second alcove and purchasing outdoor table tennis tables for pupils to use at break times.



Charlotte's BAG (Battle Against Glioblastoma)

Each year Beechwood Sacred Heart pupils vote for a charity they feel passionate about and this year was no exception with the amazing www.CharlottesBAG.com being the recipient of our fundraising endeavours. The Charity is named after Charlotte Eades, the daughter of a former pupil, Alex Eades. Charlotte tragically died aged just 19 in 2016 following her fight against this rare form of brain cancer. Charlotte was preparing for her Year 11 school prom when she received the devastating news that she had a brain tumour and throughout her illness recorded a vlog charting her ups and downs. announce that the sum raised in total reached £8000. In addition to this amazing sum we were able to send £500 to CAFOD and a smaller sum to Children in Need. This is an amazing response from the pupils and the parents in supporting such worthy causes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much. Your support will make a huge difference as every single penny raised for Charlotte's BAG goes to research into finding a cure for this terrible disease, no money is used for administrative costs at all.



Highlights 2018



BEECHWOOD
Sacred Heart School



As ever our students have worked and played hard throughout the academic year. Beechwood's warm and vibrant atmosphere shines through as our children busily engaged in lessons, trips and extra curricular activities. The Prep play 'Robin Hood' was a huge success and many of us delighted in the high jinks on show in the Senior production of 'Bugsy Malone'. The Cultural Showcase again highlighted the quality of teaching in Music, Art, Photography, DT, Food Technology and Textiles, in a café style environment involving a huge number of children of all ages. Schools of course never stand still for long. On our return in September many of the building projects will have started such as the MUGA, the refurbishment of the Gym and the Auditorium. The Sports Department are extremely excited by the new facilities which will offer many further opportunities for the development of sport at Beechwood. Even our youngest students can look forward to exciting changes in the Autumn. The Nursery children are moving in to the main Prep building

and we look forward to involving them more in Prep School life. Forest School is a new initiative for September. Nursery and Reception will be taking the curriculum outside in to our new forest area and alongside this we are becoming an Eco School with new Eco Class Reps, who will take part in establishing a school garden, pond and lead the focus on recycling around the school site. The Science Department will be developing STEM in Years 6-9. Students will be involved in a wide range of activities across Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and will use the skills which they develop to take part in a national competition. Some of our students are currently in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with Ms Phipps and Ms Johnson, the photographs on Facebook show what an amazing time they are having. We hope that they have a safe journey home. I wish you all a happy and restful holiday with your families and I look forward to welcoming students and families back in September, rested and ready to face the challenges of the new academic year.

Mrs Helen Rowe - Head

It has been another tremendously busy and productive year at Beechwood Sacred Heart School. Beyond the teaching and learning the pupils have been outstanding in their commitment and involvement, there is so much to reflect on, here are a few highlights...

A Cultural Showcase

The Cultural Showcase involved the whole school from Prep Art Club to Year 13. The Art Exhibition started at the Parlour area, leading through to the Auditorium. The standard was incredibly high and a joy to look at. The Fashion Show allowed our Textile students to show off their talents to those attending and the catwalk and lights made for a professional performance. Our guests were treated to delicious canapés created and served by our Food Technology students. The Music Concert then began as the audience settled into the café-style table and chaired seating area. The School Orchestra opened it, followed by the Jazz Band, then the programme flowed on, showcasing various ensembles and soloists performing in different genres and styles.

The concert concluded with the Gospel Choir and Schola Cantorum (our chamber choir) singing a selection of songs, bringing the exciting and creative evening to a close. A huge number of students from the Prep School and Senior School were involved in the showcase and we are incredibly proud of their vast talents.



Retreats - Sacred Heart Goal of Faith

This year our Day Retreats have been focusing on our Sacred Heart Goal of Faith. All pupils from Year 6 to Year 10 have made the pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, near Maidstone, to share the day with the Southwark Catholic Youth Service team to explore their personal faith and the actions their faith inspires. Each retreat had a mixture of team and individual activities to help our pupils encounter faith in their lives, as well as time for personal reflection and finally coming together to share their experiences of the day.



Dorset 2018

On Tuesday 5th June, thirty two intrepid Geographers from Year 10 and 12, accompanied by Mrs Neill, Mrs Stephens and Mr Millward, set out to Dorset for two days of hard work and fresh air. They visited Lulworth Cove and investigated what types of waves were found in the cove. They then climbed up a very steep hill to see Durdle Door without complaining, well not very much anyway! After dinner they wrote up findings from Lulworth Cove.

The next day they went to Swanage in glorious sunshine. Here they investigated how effective the coastal management is. They then travelled to Studland sand dunes and looked for evidence of conflict along the coast.

Finally they travelled across the chain ferry to Sandbanks and investigated it as a Place and what the residents carbon footprint is. It was a very successful trip and they all worked really hard.



Tunbridge Wells Junior Enterprise Challenge

On Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th June, 110 Year 5 and 6 students from all over Tunbridge Wells came to the Salomon's Estate to compete in the first ever Tunbridge Wells Junior Enterprise Challenge. The event was established at Beechwood School by Mrs Smith, Head of Junior Division and through the sponsorship of Markerstudy Leisure was able to expand to local primary schools.

Beechwood sent three teams of 8/9 students to participate. Students were given a project brief to work from and were treated to presentations over the course of the three days from industry experts on topics such as product placement, health and nutrition, product design and branding, promotion, pricing, presenting and running a trade fair.

The project brief was for students to create something to encourage young people to eat healthily. Our teams did amazingly well and we are very proud of their efforts.

Year 4 Viking Assembly

Over the Spring term 4J studied the history of the Vikings, looking at their daily life, how their clothing compared to that of other historic periods and countries, where the Vikings invaded and settled, how Viking Long ships were built and why they were such an innovative mode of transport. We were extremely proud of the amount of effort they put into their class assembly and performing an original poem written by Miss Boggins.



PGL

Year 5s PGL trip was filled with fun and challenges. We screamed on the giant swing, we flew on the zip wire, we climbed high on the climbing wall and had to abseil down. Kayaking involved lots of hard work and splashing each other but we were more careful with the rifle shooting! The disco with the other schools was brilliant fun and we all danced the night away including Miss Parker and Mrs O'Kane. We had the best time ever!

Katie-May Ponsford



The Beechwood Bear Hunt

In June we enjoyed an afternoon of activities with face painting, den making and the search for the hidden 'Beechwood Bear'.

Our upcoming Pre-Prep children decorated cakes and their parents enjoyed the afternoon tea whilst hearing all about our new Forest School and how our children will benefit from it.



Planned Development Projects

The Chair of Governors, Mrs Constance Williams spoke about the exciting proposed capital investment projects for Summer 2018 and the academic Year 2019/2020.

The refurbishment of the Auditorium will be completed over the summer and the gym at an advanced stage of completion. The upper level MUGA will start with a likely completion date of December 2018. The school is hoping to complete a second MUGA on the lower field by Easter 2019.

Some work to include new toilets and internal decoration will start on Regina Mundi over the summer with external refurbishment taking place during summer 2019.

The Math's Rooms and Chemistry Lab are being refurbished over this summer holiday, the Media and Computer Science Rooms supplied with new equipment and planned refurbishment as a next step.

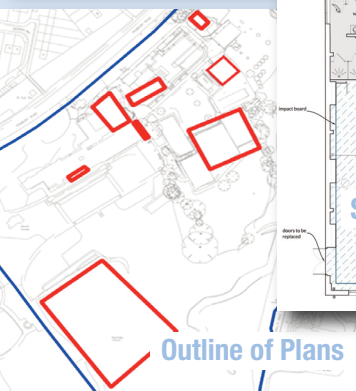
Alongside these changes to the fabric of the school, Mrs Rowe, the Acting Head talked about changes to the curriculum next year which includes the introduction of Forest School for Nursery and Reception, Mindfulness and Resilience in form periods and the introduction of STEM projects in Years 6, 7, 8 & 9 combining Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



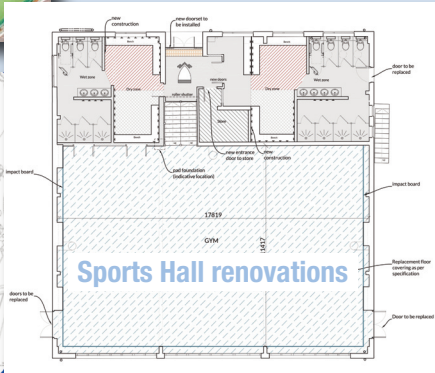
Tennis Courts - MUGA



Regina Mundi renovations



Outline of Plans



Sports Hall renovations

Prep Sporting Highlights

The Prep school have had a busy year with all their sporting performances, including a packed fixtures program in which all our pupils have shown great promise, commitment and determination when representing the school.

Individual performances include Tallulah Coakley in Year 6, who has been cheerleading for Inspire Allstars for 4 years and competing for 3 years. This season she was selected as Captain of her squad True Spirit, who completed the season becoming National Champions at the O2 Arena at the end of June.

Florence Marriott in Year 5 has continued to excel with her riding. This year she has qualified for Olympia. She also won the National 11 and Under Championships. We would like to wish her all the best for the summer as she endeavours to qualify for the Horse of the Year Show. She is also looking likely to be selected for the England Under 10's Show Jumping team.

Ayla Tipp in Year 1 has been very busy with her dancing. She has competed at the Beckenham, Tunbridge Wells and East Grinstead Dance festivals, gaining 2nd place in East Grinstead. Over the summer she will be moving up to the next age category and we would like to wish her continued success.

We have a number of pupils representing local clubs in team sports. Joshua Hacker in Year 5 has had an incredibly busy year, playing rugby at Tunbridge Wells, cricket at Boarder's and football for Langton Green, gaining Player of the Season award, helping his team win the Kent League. Raj Gupta in Year 4 is looking forward to a busy summer as part of the Tunbridge Wells Under 9's cricket team, he has won every game so far this season and the team have qualified for the Kent quarter finals and are hoping to progress through to the finals.

Drama at Beechwood

Beechwood has an enviable reputation for the standard of it's drama, giving pupils the opportunity to showcase their talents and achievements and it is clear that they have all grown in confidence and self-belief as they developed their characters and scenes.

The opening night of Buggy Malone was unforgettable, we were welcomed to Fat Sam's nightclub by Fat Sam himself and the wonderful live band and singers. Immediately being transported into the world of Prohibition New York, with its glamour, menacing threats and of course humour. The cast from Year 6 through to Year 10 dazzled us with singing, dancing and humour.



In June, we were thoroughly entertained by the premier of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies! The tale of tights, fights and footlights starring Year 6 with the support of the choir. This musical comedy showcased the talents of all the pupils throughout the evening which was full of singing, quick wit, dance numbers, jazz hands and pazazz.



Beechwood Drama Star - Flossie Tuppen



Flossie has been nominated as the Drama Beechwood Star due to her ongoing commitment to the subject beyond the classroom.

This year she took on a leading role as Tallulah, showing a wide range of skills as she took centre stage to sing, dance and act!

Flossie is an up and coming Beechwood Drama talent who is clearly ambitious and passionate about the subject, watch this space for her next performance in October!

Drusillas

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at Drusillas. They enjoyed looking at all the animals, having a ride on the train, the picnic lunch, and spending time in the gift shop.

