

# **Beechwood Newsletter**

Friday 1 Feburary 2019

## **Houses of Parliament**

Year 5 pupils enjoyed an excellent trip to the Houses of Parliament last week. We managed to visit the House of Lords just before they began a new sitting and also went to the Strangers' Gallery to see the House of Commons in action. We debated giving the MPs our thoughts on the Brexit process but Mr Coakley decided that maybe we should avoid that topic! After a very good workshop on how the process of debating works, it was time to head home. We are very much looking forward to the visit of our MP, Greg Clark, on Friday 15 February.



#### Fun in the Snow!





#### **Music Concert**

Students and Parents of the Prep School were treated to a fabulous concert by Year 2 last Friday. The students performed a variety of repertoire on their violins, with highlights including 'Pop goes the Weasel', 'Big Ben' and 'Trolls and Goblins'. They showed excellent concentration and musicianship under the leadership of Ms Madeleine Butcher, the violin teacher. The audience were incredibly appreciative and even had a starring role with some beautiful singing. Everyone had worked incredibly hard in their music lessons leading up to this concert, and the hard work really paid off. Thank you to all the parents who came to support this event. Well done Year 2.

### **PARENTMAIL**

Whole School - Stationery Shop
Junior Division - Journal
Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
Prep School - Illness
Senior School - Music Department Trip
Junior Division - Journal
Year 8 - Activity
Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
Year 11 - Parents' Consultation Evening
Whole School - Chocolatier Event
Year 6 - Bikeability Course
U13 - Rugby Cancelled
U8/9 - Netball
Whole School - Beechwood Open
Year 2 - Violin

## News

#### **Food Technology**

This week we have launched the Tunnock's Teacake Challenge. This is a fun competition to encourage students to think about food styling and get creative. Students will be given a teacake, a choice of plates and a selection of fruit, chocolate, icing sugar, digestive biscuits and some mint leaves. They can also bring in their own extra ingredients to garnish. The best presented plate showing the most creativity will be entered into the competition.

Early Years have been learning about 'The Amazing Animal Kingdom' and each child has made an animal of their own choice for our African Animal board. They are enjoying learning about all these animals and also the sound that they make in the jungle.



#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Monday 25 February**

Classes start after Half Term

#### **Tuesday 26 February**

Second Hand Uniform Shop Open

#### **Thursday 28 February**

Year 9 Options Evening

#### **Tuesday 5 March**

Year 6 and Year 10

Parents Consultation Evenings

#### Friday 29 March

**Cultural Showcase** 

### FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

Thank you for all the support you give to Friends of Beechwood. Look out for more future events and as always new members are welcome at any of our meetings. Next meeting 12 February.



#### **Chocolatier Event** Not to be missed! Sold out quickly last year Wednesday, 27th March 2019 ~ 7-9 pm



Chocolatier Event Wednesday 27 March 7-9pm Tickets are selling fast £15 each, more details on the letter that was sent out via Parentmail.

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SUN 3	
MON 4	9.30 Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY Vaccinations
TUES 5	9.00 Year 9 Retreat 4.30 U13 Netball v Kent College (A)
WED 6	8.30 ECO Committee Meeting 5.00 Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening
THUR 7	9.00 Intermediate Maths Challenge 1.20 Lunchtime Recital in the Chapel
FRI 8	
SAT 9	

# **Sport News**

#### Netball

Both our teams were phenomenal last week in their matches against The Mead. The U11s continued their winning streak but did so in style, winning the game 24-0. Despite all players being moved out of position during the second half, they could not be beaten. The U10/11 game was just as exciting as it was extremely close throughout; we got off to a 3-1 lead in the first quarter but by half time The Mead had equalised 5-5. The last two quarters were tense and a minute before the final whistle we scored which gave us a win of 7-6. An excellent afternoon of netball.

Fortunately for the U8/9 game against The Mead the netball court had thawed out in time and it was decided to play shorter quarters. The cold weather didn't affect the girls who were good at maintaining possession of the ball and moving it up into our attacking third. The final score was 7-0 to Beechwood with Amber and Esme scoring the goals.

#### Hockey

Last Thursday our U14s travelled to Kent College on a bitterly cold afternoon and were quite relieved to discover that the game was to be played indoors. We adapted quickly to indoor rules and were soon putting the opposition defence under increasing pressure. The score at the end of the first quarter was 0-0 but despite end to end play our opponents managed to score just before the end of the second quarter. Undeterred Emma, Edie, Millie, Jessica and Maria worked extremely hard in midfield, feeding the ball up to Lily in attack. Our efforts were rewarded when Edie sneaked in the equaliser to take us into the final quarter 1-1. Unfortunately, despite some great saves from Evie, our opponents found their form, scoring three quick goals to win the match 4-1. A very encouraging first game.

#### **Peru Quiz**

A big thank you to everyone who came to the quiz night last Friday. We raised over £1,000 on the night which was amazing. It was a really enjoyable evening. The money will be divided between the adventurers who worked on the night. The next fundraiser will be a sponsored walk next spring and another quiz later in the year.

WEEK 6	
SUN 10	
MON 11	
TUES 12	8.30 Friends of Beechwood Meeting 9.00 Year 10 Retreat 4.30 U18 Netball v Radnor House (A)
WED 13	2.30 U13 Boys Hockey v Battle Abbey
THUR 14	1.30 Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture 2.30 U9/U8 Netball v Hilden Oaks (A) 2.30 U9/U8 Tag Rugby v Hilden Oaks (H) 4.00 Music Department Theatres Trip
FRI 15	4.00 Classes End for Half Term 4.00 Minibuses leave early
SAT 16	