



Friday 15 February 2019

Visit by Greg Clark

On Friday pupils in the Prep School were treated to an exclusive audience with Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Tunbridge Wells MP. The children were keen to quiz him about his colleagues, meeting Donald Trump, his role models growing up and his views on whether school children should strike to highlight environmental issues. The session ended with a fun task, the children were divided into two groups as if they were sitting in a parliamentary debate. Mr Clark asked the children to pick a topic and the subject was 'should doughnuts be allowed at breaktime'. Playing the role of Speaker, Mr Clark chaired the debate as you would in parliament and culminated with a final vote conducted as MPs themselves would vote. Unsurprisingly, the ayes to the right were the ultimate successors, then an unexpected twist as Mr Coakley agreed to a one-off special doughnut break day to follow the successful debate. Katie-May delivered a vote of thanks to Mr Clark for finding the time to visit Beechwood in his busy schedule.



Lunchtime Recital

On 7 February the Music Department hosted the second concert as part of the Lunchtime Recital Series. The programme showcased a huge variety of repertoire of vocal and instrumental works at an exceptional standard. Highlights included piano performances from Elliot Christmas and Simren Mangat and songs by Sullivan and Schwartz performed by Gratsiela Haribiyani and Tabby Betts. Gessica Garcia performed Dvorak's Romantic Piece No 1 beautifully on the violin and Miranda Buser played a stunning rendition of Vivaldi's Largo. Tim Richardson dazzled on his electric guitar with his rendition of Pearl Jam's 'Alive'. All the performers were very professional and the audience were highly appreciative of the outstanding concert. A special thank you to all those who attended and we look forward to the Cultural Showcase on 29 March.

PARENTMAIL

Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
 Senior School - Lunchtime Recital
 Junior Division - Journal
 Senior School - New York Trip
 Year 7 & 8 - Sacred Heart Feast Day
 Whole School - Friends of Beechwood Meeting
 Year 6 - Bikeability Course
 Senior School - Anxiety Talk
 Year 1 - Mrs Dinnage
 Junior Division - Journal
 Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
 Prep School - Art Club
 Senior School - Inter-House Art Competition
 Whole School - World Book Day
 Year 9 & 10 - Sacred Heart Feast Day
 Year 9 - GCSE Options Evening
 Senior School - GCSE & A level Drama Practical
 Whole School - Chocolatier Event
 Junior Division - Journal

News

Bronze/Silver Training Day

Our Duke of Edinburgh season got off to a good start on Saturday 9 February with a training day for bronze and silver participants, luckily for us the day was bright if a little chilly. The students worked in small teams to erect the tents, which they will use on the expedition part of the award. This proved to be a lot trickier than it looked in the demonstration! Perseverance prevailed and all the teams were eventually successful. Lunchtime arrived and the students were shown how to safely put together the Trangia cooking stoves. A choice of pasta, rice and sauces were available to cook for lunch. The afternoon session consisted of map reading, compass work and the pacing of 100 metres. We then put these new found skills into practice on a short walk going through Dunorlan Park, then joining part of the Tunbridge Wells Circular walk. We arrived back at school shortly before the 4.00pm pick up time.



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.

Valentine Day

Early Years have been busy making beautiful Valentine cards recently, to show their Mummy and Daddy how much they love them, by rolling up tissue paper to stick on their hearts.



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

WEEK 7

SUN 24	
MON 25	9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling 1.20 Year 9 Teachers' Meeting
TUES 26	8.15/3.15 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling
WED 27	8.30 ECO Committee Meeting 9.00 Year 6 Safer Cycling 2.30 U11/U10 Rugby v The Mead (H) 2.30 U11/U10 Netball v Hilden Oaks H 2.30 U18 Football v Farringtons (A)
THUR 28	2.30 U15 Rugby v Farringtons (A) 4.00 U15 Netball v Kent College (H) 6.30 Year 9 Options Evening
FRI 1	
SAT 2	9.00 The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation Flame Event

Sport News

Netball

The past two Tuesdays have seen the U18 netball team travel to Kent College and host Radnor House. The match against Kent College was our first in a while and the team were slow to settle into a rhythm meaning that the opposition built up a lead over the first quarter. We fought back and closed the gap but were never able to overcome that initial deficit. The game against Radnor House was a very evenly fought match heading into the final quarter at 13 all. Sadly just at the start of the quarter Kendra took a nasty fall and was unable to continue. Radnor were able to sneak a few goals past us and just held onto their lead. A huge well done to Zoe in Year 10 and Grace in Year 8 who both stepped into the U18 team. A great effort girls. Well done.

Tag Rugby

Last Wednesday, two teams from our U10/11s travelled away to play The Mead at Tag Rugby. Team 1 started slowly and found themselves considerably down at half time. After a team talk the boys started to play the rugby that they are capable of, winning the half. Unfortunately a slow start to the match left the boys too much to do, with The Mead victorious. Team 2 tried exceptionally hard throughout the match but could not settle into their attacking rhythm. The Mead capitalised on our mistakes in defence to lead comprehensively at half time. Team 2 managed to get themselves on the score sheet in the second half, but The Mead proved too strong. We look forward to taking them on again after half term in a contact match.

Mamma Mia

Last Thursday the Music Department took students from the Senior School on a musical trip to see 'Mamma Mia' at the Novello Theatre, London. This exciting performance filled with Abba's iconic songs inspired a fantastic sing along to hits including 'Dancing Queen' and 'Waterloo'. The students behaved impeccably and showed some excellent dance moves in the audience. They were also treated to an informative tour of London from our excellent coach driver Bob.



World Book Day - 7 March

On World Book Day we are going to run a swap shop for books. If you have any books for all ages please send them into school with your son/daughter so pupils can take part in the swap. Pupils who don't bring in books will have an opportunity to buy a book for 50p.

WEEK 8

SUN 3	3.00 TW Symphony Orchestra Concert at the Assembly Halls
MON 4	All Day GCSE & A level Music Exam Performance Recordings 1.20 Year 10 Teachers' Meeting
TUES 5	4.00 Year 6 Parents' Consultation Evening 5.00 Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening
WED 6	2.30 U12/U13 Netball v Radnor House (A) 2.30 U13 Rugby v Radnor House (A)
THUR 7	World Book Day 2.15 U9/U8 Netball v SH Wadhurst (A) 2.30 U9/U8 Tag Rugby v Radnor House (A)
FRI 8	
SAT 9	