



Friday 22 March 2019

## Dorset Geography Trip

The Year 10 and 12 Geography students have enjoyed the Dorset fresh air as they collected primary data using a range of fieldwork techniques. They have been inspired by some amazing views of Old Harry, Chesil Beach and Lulworth Cove. Swanage and Studland beaches provided a different working environment and they also explored the residential area of Sandbanks. Year 10 have now collected all the essential data for their GCSE Paper 3 examination. Year 12 have acquired new skills and are ready to embark upon their Non Examined Assessment. As a bonus they saw the 'Flying Scotsman' in Swanage. The group were great ambassadors for the school and they returned enriched and enthused.



## Tunbridge Wells Mosque

On Tuesday Year 8 visited the Mosque in Tunbridge Wells. We saw a board with the five prayer times on it and heard the live 'Call to Prayer' broadcast. The Imam answered our questions such as 'which was his favourite festival and why?' and 'what he found most difficult about fasting during the month of Ramadan?' Our visit was very poignant as there were flowers outside and the Imam explained how the people of our town have supported the local Islamic community after the terrorist attack in New Zealand. He said 'we must meet hatred with love' which was a wonderful message for us to take away.



## Waddle of Penguins!

Early Years have been making their own 'waddle' of penguins for the classroom as part of our 'Amazing Animal Kingdom' topic this term.



## PARENTMAIL

- Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
- Year 10 & 12 - Drama Trip
- Year 5 - Secondary Schools Open Days
- Whole School - Friends of Beechwood Meeting
- Junior Division - Journal
- Whole School - Mamma Mia Night
- Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
- Year 12 - Parents' Consultation Evening
- Prep School - Inter-House Competition
- Year 11 - Science Revision Class
- Whole School - Minibus Code of Conduct

# News

## Paul Kershaw



We are delighted to announce that Mr Paul Kershaw, our new Deputy Head, will be in school to work with the Senior Leadership Team on Wednesday next week. Paul joins us from St Catherine's School in Bexleyheath and if you are at the Cultural Showcase please do introduce yourself to him. We look forward to him starting at the beginning of the summer term.

## Beech Talks Success

Last Thursday Learning Development organised the first in a series of Beech Talks. Jenny Langley, from the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust came into school and talked about 'Teenage Anxiety'. Her personal experience and engaging presentation meant the evening was a huge success, with over 160 attendees from both the school and wider community. The entrance fee raised a staggering £696.10, all of which is going directly to the charity.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### A Cultural Showcase Friday 29 March

Doors open at 6pm with an Exhibition  
 Art - showing Year 7, 8 & 9 GCSE & A Level work  
 Photography - Year 12 & 13 students will be exhibiting a selection of images  
 Design Technology & Media - GCSE & A Level  
 6.45 is the Fashion Show from Textiles  
 7pm the concert starts with performances from students. Canapés will be served by Food Technology students throughout the evening.  
 Please book your free tickets through the Front Office [secretary@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:secretary@beechwood.org.uk)

## FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

The meetings for the summer term are as follows:

Tuesday 30 April at 8.30am

Tuesday 21 May at 7pm

Thursday 20 June at 8.30am

All meetings are in the Parlour and new members are always welcome. If you would like to find out more about what we do, please email Rebecca Smith on [r.smith@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:r.smith@beechwood.org.uk)

## The Celebration of Song

On Tuesday the Music Department hosted the annual 'Celebration of Song'. The informal evening concert showcased solo performers who have singing lessons under the tutorage of Mr Jozik Kotz. It was a wonderful event with songs from classical, pop and musical theatre genres performed to an excellent standard by the pupils. The event was hugely successful, well done to all those involved.

## WEEK 11

SUN 24	
MON 25	9.30 GCSE PE Football/Netball
TUES 26	9.00 Year 10 & 12 Textile Trip to V & A 9.00 GCSE Drama Rehearsal 11.00 GCSE PE Badminton 2.30 U15 Football v Bethany (A) 7.30 GCSE Drama Performance
WED 27	2.30 Beechwood Netball Tournamnet 2.30 U11/10 Rugby v Hilden Oaks (A) 4.15 Years 7-9 Girls Football v Radnor House (H) 7.00 Chocolatier Event in Auditorium
THUR 28	3.30 U16 Netball v Battle Abbey (A) 5.00 Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening
FRI 29	Senior Charity Non-Uniform Day 6.00 Cultural Showcase
SAT 30	

# Sport News

## Netball

The U11s last fixtures of the season consisted of four games against: two Skippers teams and two Bricklehurst teams. The netball displayed was of an exceptionally high standard and after two terms of being completely unbeatable, the girls continued this record for their last games. We won every game with the scores as follows: 5-0, 9-4, 3-0 and 5-0. Well done girls.

The U8/9 girls had a very successful afternoon away at SH Wadhurst where they played two matches against their U8s and U9s. Beechwood won 5-3 in the U9 match and 4-0 in the U8.

Our U14s travelled to Radnor House on Thursday. Our opponents started strongly in what was to become a very physical match and at the end of the first quarter they led 5 – 2. The second quarter, was extremely close. Our resistance to our opponents' attacks grew and we showed how proficient we can be within the centre third, with Emma and Maria feeding the ball up to our shooters off successive centre passes. Unfortunately, the third quarter did not reflect our possession of the ball and it was our opponents who went into the final quarter with a commanding lead. This did not deter us; Grace and Eva scored some outstanding goals between them enabling us to win the final quarter. A victory to Radnor House today, but an extremely positive game for the U14s development as a team.

## Hockey

On Monday the U13 girls played Kent College and it was clear from the start that they were a more experienced team. We showed improvement throughout the game and started to find more space to open the game up, but we were unable to catch the lead that KC had built.

## Rugby

On Wednesday the U12/13 team travelled to Sackville for their last match of the year. We started quickly and by half time the score was 6 tries to 2. We continued to dominate in the second half adding a further 5 tries but conceding another 2. This gave us an 11-4 victory.

## Tag Rugby

The U8/9 team played three teams from Sacred Heart Wadhurst on Thursday. In game one we won 5-3 with excellent tagging and dynamic running being the difference between the two sides. Games two and three were slightly closer with both teams attacking effectively. Unfortunately in both games the final play allowed Wadhurst to snatch victory in closely contested matches.

## Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lectures

This week we were treated to a wonderful presentation from Mrs Ribbon on the benefits of taking a gap year. Drawing on her own amazing adventures travelling through the Holy Land and down the Nile to Malawi at a time of civil unrest, Mrs Ribbon expertly extolled the benefits of taking time to really appreciate what it is you really want to do with your life. Packed with many amusing and fascinating anecdotes, Mrs Ribbon's journey was truly inspirational and we thank her for sharing it with us.

## Update on the Eco Garden

We have found a suitable patch of land on which to start our Eco Garden. We are excited about digging over the soil and cultivating a variety of vegetables, herbs and fruits.

## Waste Week

We aim to create as little food waste as possible, pupils had to put their uneaten food into food recycling bins and at the end of lunchtime the waste was weighed.

## WEEK 12

SUN 31	
MON 1	8.30 Prep School Easter Activities Day 4.00 Minibuses Leave Early
TUES 2	U18 Football v Sackville (A) 4.00 Minibuses leave early
WED 3	12.00 KS1 & Nursery Term Ends 12.30 KS2 Term Ends 1.00 Senior School Term Ends
THUR 4	
FRI 5	
SAT 6	