

Beechwood Newsletter

Friday 8 March 2019

World Book Day

Thursday was World Book Day when the whole school dressed up, including staff, as a character from a book. Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 watched 'What you Will' an introduction to Shakespeare. Year 9 and 10 also watched a production of 'An Inspector Calls' which is part of their coursework for GCSE. Pupils also were able to take part in a book swop. There was much hilarity from everyone taking part.





ECO Club

Next week is 'Waste Week' when the Eco Club is trying to get pupils and staff to produce less waste. We are concentrating on food waste, single-use plastic, paper and cardboard. Pupils will be able to take part in a fact-finding questionnaire and we will be weighing and looking at the food waste we produce at lunchtime on Wednesday. We want to encourage all members of the school to refuse, reduce, re-use and recycle as much of the waste we produce as possible.

Brain Day!

On Tuesday the Year 13 Biology and Psychology

students joined forces for Brain Day; this was a chance for them to share their knowledge of the brain and nervous system, and to revise in preparation for



their A level exams. We were lucky to be joined by Mr Damien Lake, the father of one of our Year 13 Psychology students, who as worked previously as a neurosurgeon. He gave a very informative demonstration of a brain dissection and answered their questions. The students were then able to get stuck in with their own brain dissections, followed by a series of activities aiming to revise neurone structure, synapse transmission and brain structure. The students really enjoyed the day and gave a lot of positive feedback.

PARENTMAIL

Whole School - Letter from the Head Senior School - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Whole School - Cultural Showcase Year 6 - Parents' Consultation Evening Year 5 - PGL Medical Form Year 6 - JCA Medical Form Sixth Form - Parking Reception - Afternoons for Reception **Nursery - Sessions Summer Term** Year 4 - Sevenoaks School U15 - Boys Fixture Whole School - Teenage Anxiety Senior School - World Book Day Senior School - Lima Charity Week Junior Division - Journal Whole School - Update on MUGA Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekley Letter Whole School - Celebration of Song

News

New York Trip

Over half term a group of Year 11-13 students went on a cultural visit to New York City. After a very early start on the Saturday morning they arrived at their hotel and had some time to relax before heading out to explore Times Square. Over the course of the trip they visited NBC Studios, Ellis and Liberty Island, Top of the Rock, Intrepid Air and Space Museum, 911 Memorial, Little Italy, Macys, Central Park, Fifth Avenue, went to see an Ice Hockey match in Newark and many other sites. They walked on average a staggering 20,000 steps a day and despite the cold weather and some heavy snow on the last day they all had a fabulous time. Mrs Smith is now beginning to look into another US trip (possibly Boston) in 2021.



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

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

The next Friends of Beechwood meeting will be on Monday 18 March at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Teenage Anxiety Thursday 14 March at 7pm

Tickets £5 per person on the door Parents and young adults are invited to an evening with Jenny Langley, who will speak on the topic of teenage anxiety and how we can best support young people.

All proceeds go to the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust. To reserve your tickets please email: beech-talks@beechwood.org.uk

Thursday 21 March Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture 1.30pm in the Chapel

Mrs Ribbon is giving a talk on travelling/taking a gap year

| WEEK 9 | |
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| SUN | |
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| MON 11 | |
| TUES 12 | 3.50 U15 Netball v Battle Abbey (A) |
| WED 13 | 9.30-12.00 Open Morning |
| THUR 14 | 9.00 Year 8 Geography trip to Seven Sisters Country Park 3.30 U16 Netball v Battle Abbey (H) 4.00 U15 Rugby v Farringtons (H) 7.00 Teenage Anxiety Talk |
| FRI 15 | |
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Sport News

Netball

On 28 February the U10/11 team played Hilden Oaks on a glorious afternoon. Both teams fought hard throughout the ten minute quarters and kept each other on their toes. It was a fiercely competitive game, with a high level of skill demonstrated by both teams. Beechwood were fortunate to be one step ahead with a well deserved 7-3 win.

The U15 to U13 players took on Kent College last Thursday. The match was an end to end thriller. Our opponents gained an early 2-0 lead, however, Lucie and Eva began to dominate the defence. This allowed us to produce some skilful attacking moves through to our shooters. The score at the end of the first quarter was 2-2 and then 3-3 going into half time. With Zoe leading the way, Edie, Millie and Emma continued to maintain the pressure in the centre third. Unfortunately despite some tremendous efforts from Hanah, Grace and Edie, it was our opponents who had better fortune in the D. The final score was 8-4 to Kent College. This Wednesday the U12 and U13 teams travelled to Radnor House. The U12s started well but faced a much taller and more experienced side. Despite some lovely shooting from Bianca and great defending from Tiffany and Connie in the D, Radnor proved to be too strong and with their own very competent shooters, they managed to seal the victory. The U13 team played an extremely close match with the lead changing hands every quarter. Heading into the final quarter two goals down, it was clear that Beechwood were there to win. Their hunger and tenacity paid off and with excellent shooting and centre court passing the girls celebrated a 2-16 victory.

Rugby

Last Wednesday our U10/11s welcomed The Mead for a contact rugby match. It was an extremely tight, tense and even match with both teams demonstrating excellent running and tackling techniques. The score ebbed and flowed resulting in a 7-7 draw.

This Wednesday our U12/13 boys travelled to Radnor House for a match against two sides. We started well and were able to cut through their defensive line and once the boys had identified the try line, managed to score six tries. The second half started how the first ended, with Beechwood on top for the majority of the half. We managed to work the ball into three more scoring opportunities to extend our lead. However, towards the latter stages of the match Radnor increased the pressure on our defensive line, scoring twice. An emphatic victory for Beechwood, well done. On Thursday our U8/9 boys also travelled to Radnor House for a tag rugby match. Both teams had a nervous start, making mistakes as they were moving forward in attack. However, towards the end of the half both teams started to create opportunities. Radnor lead at half time. In the second half both teams played extremely well demonstrating fast and powerful running to score tries. Both teams shared the scoring in the second period, causing a narrow defeat for our boys.

| WEEK 10 | | |
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| SUN 17 | 10-4.00 A Level Drama Technical Rehearsal | |
| MON 18 | 4.00 U13 Hockey v Kent College (A) 7.00 Friends of Beechwood Meeting in Parlour | |
| TUES 19 | 7.00 Celebration of Song | |
| WED 20 | 2.30 U13 Rugby v Sackville (A) | |
| THUR 21 | 9.00 A Level Drama Rehearsal 1.30 Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture 2.00 Prep Inter-House 4.00 U14/U15 Netball v Radnor House (A) 7.30 A Level Drama Performance | |
| FRI 22 | | |
| SAT 23 | | |