



Friday 24 May 2019

Drusillas!

On Tuesday Year 6 went to Drusillas. They had a fantastic time in the workshops which served as revision for their test on habitats, adaptations and characteristics of living things. The best part of the trip was being able to 'get up close and personal' with some of the park's animals. The pupils were able to stroke a snake, a rat, a cockroach, a chinchilla, a bearded dragon and a meerkat! They also had animal encounters in Lory Landing with the Lorikeets and the Lemurland with the brown and ring-tailed lemurs. What an amazing day!



Eco-Garden

There are exciting new developments in the school's Eco-Garden. This is a lovely walled garden space behind Prep Hall, and we have a number of enthusiastic young Senior School gardeners helping to transform the space, with some generous donations from parents and local businesses. In addition to this space, green-fingered Prep pupils are growing a variety of fruits and flowers in a new 'garden' by The Paddock behind Rose Walk, and in pots around the Centenary classroom.



Year 13 are Leaving!

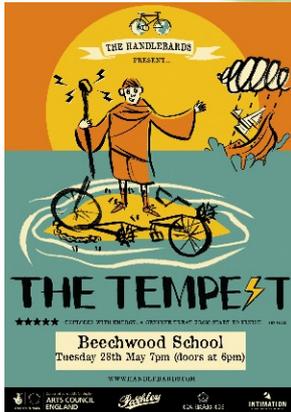
The Year 13 Leavers' liturgy was held last Friday, an event when our departing pupils invite the staff to join them in prayer and light hearted thanks for their time at the School. The event, entirely organised by the pupils included Bible passages, prayers and reflection before concluding in an enthusiastic rendition of 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'. They then adjourned to the terrace for a Barbeque before retiring to get ready for the Sixth Form Ball that evening at Salomons. The Headmistress was on hand to greet the guests with Bucks Fizz and once again our gentlemen were resplendent in their Dinner Suites and the ladies in a myriad of beautiful ball gowns and dresses. After a sumptuous three course meal the room was cleared, allowing guests to dance the night away, pausing only to make a record of the event in the Photo Booth. Good luck Year 13 in your exams.



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News



Tuesday 28 May 7pm (doors at 6pm)

We are excited to bring to you a fantastic performance by the world's first cycling theatre 'Handlebards'. This is an outdoor production, suitable for all ages, please bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. To book tickets visit www.handlebards.com, or tickets will be available on the door at £12.

FRIENDS OF BEECHWOOD

The Friends of Beechwood met in the Parlour on Tuesday evening along with Mr Kershaw (Deputy Head) and Mr Coakley (Head of Prep) for drinks and nibbles. They discussed the afternoon events to be held on Beechwood Day (raffle, face painting, inflatable assault course, staff v parents rounders, Sankey's paella and Pimms, Prosecco and Strawberries refreshment stalls). A poster showcasing the afternoon's entertainment will be sent out very soon by Parentmail. Please contact the school if you have any ideas or know of anyone who would donate a raffle prize. Bottles, toys/teddies would be welcome for the tombolas.

Date For your Diary

The Annual Learning Development Day 14 June 2019

Appointment letters will be sent out via email after half term. This is a chance to discuss your child's current Learning Development support and provision for the next school year.

Maths Challenge

On Wednesday four Year 5 boys represented Beechwood in the Somerhill Maths Challenge. Sixteen schools took part with the boys split into teams to two. Ben and Raj came sixth overall with Ribhav and Noah a couple of marks behind in eleventh place. If we combined our two scores then we would have been placed third of the 16 schools - very creditable, well done.



Twitter

Please make sure you follow Beechwood on Twitter as well as Facebook:

[@BeechwoodSHSchool@SchoolBsh](https://twitter.com/BeechwoodSHSchool)

We have 145 followers and we really want to promote the wonderful events and activities to as wide a following as possible in the local area. Please follow, like and share our Tweets. Local people and local business networks can pick up on what we are doing, we pick up on their initiatives and more community link opportunities will open up for our staff and students. Items being Tweeted today:

Year 5 Maths Team Success

Early Years are looking after new chicks

Prep May Procession.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture 6 June at 1.30pm

The 6 June marks the 75 anniversary of the D-Day landings, the largest seaborne invasion in history. The landings heralded the start of the liberation of Europe that would ultimately bring about the end of World War II. Mr Walter's presentation will focus on one crucially important operation, codenamed 'Deadstick', its role in the wider operation and what lessons can be learnt from such endeavours.

New Arrivals!



The eggs that Early Years have had in an incubator have finally hatched.

Sport News

Cricket

The U10s had a very enjoyable cricket match with Hilden Grange (B) on Monday. Our boys demonstrated improved bowling and fielding skills and restricted their opponents to a low score. Ben was especially effective with the ball. Our batting is still a work in progress but at least we are now looking for more quick singles. Hilden Grange took regular wickets but we just managed to edge home by two runs. Well played.

Girls Cricket

Blue skies and sunshine were perfect weather for the U8/9 cricket match on our MUGA against The Mead. Beechwood batted first and Ella-Rose got us off to a promising start by scoring 8 runs. Our other big scorers during the afternoon were Aliya with 10 runs and Olive with 14 runs. We finishing our batting innings with a score of 243 runs. The Mead batted well but failed to hit the ball away from our fielders so we managed to prevent quite a few runs being scored. The girls worked well together to stop the ball from going outside of the boundary. Despite a good effort from The Mead with a score of 229 runs, they could not quite catch us so it was a wonderful victory for the U8/9 girls.

Cricket

On a beautifully warm Thursday afternoon our U8/9's travelled to Bricklehurst Manor for a cricket match. Bricklehurst won the toss and elected to field, putting Beechwood into bat. Our boys did very well to get bat on ball, however they struggled to find gaps in a very organised Bricklehurst field in the early exchanges. Towards the end of the innings we managed to find boundaries, with fours from Jack, Henry, and James. James also advanced down the wicket to strike a six, and collectively we set a target of 143 runs for Bricklehurst to chase. Our bowling innings started strongly, with us taking two wickets in the first two overs; however a few dropped catches prevented more. Bricklehurst settled into their batting and began to chip away at the lead with boundaries of their own to set up a tight ending. Two wickets in the final two overs, from Henry and Jack, disrupted the Bricklehurst rhythm and left them six runs short of our total at the end. Fantastic victory boys!

Prep May Procession

The annual May Procession to crown the statue of Mary with flowers took place today. We were blessed with good weather and grateful that Fr Peter came to lead the ceremony. There were some lovely readings, drama and singing from the pupils



WEEK 6

SUN 2	4.00 Boarders Return
MON 3	8.30 Classes Begin After Half Term
TUES 4	8.15/3.15 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 4.00 U18 Rounders v Kent College (H)
WED 5	8.30 ECO Committee Meeting 9.00 Year 6 Junior Enterprise 9.30 Year 8 Girls HPV 2 Vaccination 2.30 U10 Boys Cricket v Bricklehurst H 7.00 Year 9 Parents' Social in the Parlour
THUR 6	Year 6 Junior Enterprise 1.30 Sacred Heart Lunchtime Lecture 2.30 U15 Cricket v Bethany (A) 4.00 U14 Girls Cricket v Kent College (A)
FRI 7	Year 6 Junior Enterprise
SAT 8	8.30 DofE Bronze Award Practice 8.30 First Certificate in English Exam 12.30 U11 Girls Cricket Festival at Rose Hill