

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**BPAC
NEWS**

**BEECHWOOD SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE TO BUY NOW!**

**Spectacular Prizes
including...**

- Hoopers Beauty Hamper
- The Secret Cellar
- Trinity Theatre
- Natural Fit
- Clip 'n' Climb
- Immersive Gamebox
- Mathnasium
- Sankey's
- Plum Travel
- La Petite France
- Paul Barsby Photography
- BPAC - M&S Christmas Food Hamper
- AND MANY MORE

Tickets £1 each

Tickets available on the day or from the
Beechwood Parent Association
beechwoodbpacevents@gmail.com

The draw will take place on
Sat 7 December 2024 at 16:30 during our
Christmas Fair at Beechwood School,
Tunbridge Wells

Prizes include;

- A luxurious Hoopers Beauty Hamper
- A relaxing spa experience for two at Natural Fit
- Exciting theater tickets for Trinity Theatre
- A thrilling Clip 'n' Climb experience
- A fun-filled Immersive Gamebox adventure
- A beautiful family photo session with Paul Barsby Photography
- 2 x £40 Sankey's gift vouchers
- Exciting travel opportunities with a Plum Travel gift voucher
- 2 x £20 La Petite France Delicatessen vouchers
- One month's free math tuition voucher (worth over £250) with Mathnasium Tunbridge Wells
- M&S Luxury Christmas Food Hamper courtesy of the BPAC
- And many more prizes!

Tickets cost £1 each. We will be sending ten tickets home with every child. If you wish to purchase them please return part of the ticket with your name and phone number on the back of each ticket, and include the correct money in the enclosed envelope. We kindly ask that any unused tickets are also returned, so they may be offered to others.

Tickets will also be available to purchase at the following events;

Cultural Showcase- Wednesday 13 November & Christmas Fair - Saturday 7 December

Prep School News!

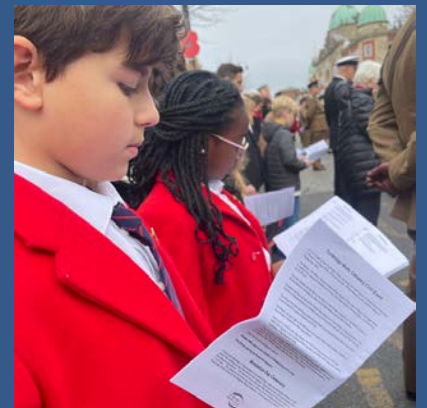
Dear Parents,

This month, we are focusing on the importance of civic duty and helping the children understand the ways they can make a positive impact on our community and beyond. Civic duty is a cornerstone of a thriving and giving community and is a lesson that stays with us for life. By learning early on that their voices, actions and care matter, children grow into engaged and responsible adults. When we model positive civic engagement children see how they can help others, stand up for fairness and contribute to their community while developing confidence, empathy and a stronger sense of purpose. Last week we welcomed Mary's Meals to assembly and they explained how the contributions they receive go almost fully to feeding children. We learned that every 10p gives a child a meal and our Year Four cake sale raised £70 for Mary's Meals. Well done, Year Four!

Tomorrow, along with many across the world, we come together to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms. It is a meaningful community assembly, offering pupils a chance to learn about and reflect on the courage and dedication of those who have contributed to our peace and security. This morning the head boy and girl from the Prep and the Senior school and I attended the Remembrance Service in Tunbridge Wells, where we also laid a wreath in all of your names.

It is a very busy week, particularly on Wednesday!

Have a wonderful week ahead!



Preschool Remembers

The Pre-School children have got off to a flying start full of excitement and enthusiasm for the coming term. This week they have been learning all about remembrance and making beautiful poppies for our door display.



Beechwood Prep Week in Sports

U11 v Somerhill L 4-1

The girls learnt a valuable lesson today; it is essential to keep playing at maximum effort right to the final whistle. 1-0 up, from a great goal by Ruby, with 7 minutes to play and they lost 4-1. The score certainly did not reflect how close the game was and how well the girls played but it shows how quickly a game can turn around. Even so, it was the best game they have played all season. The girls played to their positions working together as a team, making some excellent decisions. One area that does need some work is our strength of passing as Somerhill were able to make too many interceptions. However, the girls should be proud of their performance.

Star Players: Dakota & Ruby

U8/9 Mini Festival v Kent College & Hlden Oaks

On Thursday, the girls enjoyed a great afternoon of hockey at Kent College. They played small-sided games thus enabling everyone to be involved and participate. In total they played about 8 mini matches each. It was lovely to see the girls getting stuck in and trying hard to use the skills they have learnt, improving with each game they played. There was some excellent tackling and stronger passing. Better looking up will make those passes more accurate too. Overall, it was a fun afternoon of hockey.

This Week

11 Mo Remembrance Assembly

12 Tu

13 We Year 3 and 4 Viking Day

Reception-Yr2 Dear Zoo Trip (Assembly Halls)

U10/11 Girls Hockey v Skipper's Hill (H)

U10/11 Boys Football v RoseHill & Sacred Heart Wadhurst (A)

Cultural Showcase

14 Th U8/9 Girls Hockey v Somerhill (H)

15 Fr Reception to Year 4 + Year 6 Swimming

Next Week

18 Mo

19 Tu

20 We Flu Jabs

U10/11 Boys Football v Battle Abbey (A)

14 Th U8/9 Girls Hockey v Claremont (A)

U8/9 Boys Football v Sacred Heart Wadhurst (A)

15 Fr Reception to Year 4 + Year 6 Swimming

Stars of the Week

- Year 6: **Antonio** -For being so impressive with his knowledge and enthusiasm around British history.
- 5H: **Lucas** - For making excellent progress with his handwriting and punctuation.
- 5R: **Oliver** – For his solid understanding of forces and gravity in Science this week.
- Year Four: **Fletcher** - For working with great determination and showing a positive attitude to learning.
- Year Three: **Luis** - For listening well in English and answering questions about Stig of the Dump.
- Year Two: **Vinuthi** - For working writing an interesting fact file about foxes and using technical language.
- Year One: **Callum** - For being super helpful around the classroom and tidying up when asked.
- Reception: **Ara** - For her fantastic progress in reading.

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Dear Parents,

I think it is fair to say that drop-off and collection are much improved after the recent changes in timings. However, as we work together to keep our school community safe and running smoothly, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of following car parking guidelines and ensuring timely arrival each morning. Adhering to these rules not only keeps our drop-off area safe but also sets our pupils up for a positive, productive day. Our parking lot can be busy, especially during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. To ensure the safety of all pupils, please remember to follow these guidelines:

- Please drop off only in the designated areas (near the front entrance or along the pedestrian walkway). This reduces congestion and ensures that children are entering the building from safe areas.
- Speed limits and signs are posted to keep everyone safe. Following these rules ensures a smooth and safe flow of traffic.
- Double parking can obstruct visibility and slow down traffic, increasing the risk of accidents.
- Reminder: ALL 6th formers who drive to school need to ask permission and register their cars with Juliet, the school secretary.

Arriving on time sets the tone for a successful day. Our school registers are legal documents and it is essential that all pupils are sitting at their desks in their form rooms by 8.30. Being a few minutes late may seem minor, but it can disrupt both the pupil's day and that of the class. A timely start ensures that everyone is ready and focused for a full day of learning- thank you!

This morning Ben, Luna and the Prep head boy and girl and I, attended the Tunbridge Wells Remembrance service. I was overjoyed to see so many Beechwood pupils involved in the event. Tomorrow, we will mark the occasion with our community Remembrance Service just before 11 am.

I hope to see many of you at the cultural showcase on Wednesday and at the Year Ten Parents Evening on Thursday.

Have a wonderful week,



Senior School News!

Poland

TRIP

Senior school pupils visited Krakow last week and enjoyed the delights of an ancient and beautiful city, as well as encountering more sobering visits to places of historical interest at Auschwitz.

The beautiful ancient city of Krakow with its craft and art shops, its china and chocolate specialties were immediately attractive to all as were its restaurants and boutiques all readily stocked for the Christmas markets. The horse drawn carriages trotting by and the bells of churches gave the city a magical quality only surpassed by its twinkling lights. We visited Oscar Schindler's factory, now a compelling museum of how the Polish nation was impacted by World War II. Our visit was followed by a meeting with the daughter of a local resident whose own mother saved a Jewish school friend of hers from the ghetto and death camps. There was a tour of the local Jewish quarter, including a visit to the Remu Synagogue and cemetery, and an evening meal in a Jewish restaurant with traditional folk music. The next day's visit to Auschwitz concentration camp, and Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camp were sobering and solemn reminders of the terrible inhumanities that are too often inflicted by ideologically driven people whose power and forces, coerce individuals to permit and commit such terrifying atrocities. The trip also included a meal at the Hard Rock Café in the city centre and the final day's visit included a tour of the "Wieliczka" Salt Mine. We descended over 60 metres deep into the rock and trekked over two km, exploring only 1% of the actual mines, to see ancient workings, carved statues of Polish dignitaries such as Copernicus, and Pope John Paul II, alongside spectacular chapels fashioned in the mine's cavernous underground hollows.



