

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all at the upcoming Beechwood Christmas Fair on Saturday 07 December, 2-5pm.

To help make the fair a success, we are once again asking for your help with donations for the various Tombola stalls. We would be extremely grateful if you are able to contribute to the following:

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

- Spirits; Gin, Vodka, Whisky, Rum etc
- Sparkling wines; Champagne, Cremant, Prosecco, Cava etc
- Wine, beer, lager, cider, Guinness, liqueurs, Port
- non-alcoholic drinks

CONFECTIONARY TOMBOLA

- Boxes of biscuits, chocolates, sweets
- Jolly Jam Jars - please could each child fill an old (clean) glass jar with sweets of any description (but no nuts) and decorate the jars in any way they'd like. A message from class reps will be sent out regarding the Jolly Jam Jars.

TOY TOMBOLA

We are looking for donations of new or 'as new' condition toys. Items can include; books, games, stationary, puzzles, Lego and soft toys.

PRESENT WRAP STALL

Gifts of any description that would be suitable for children to purchase for friends and family. Some examples are books, new toiletries, socks and games.

All items can be handed in with Reception from Monday 18th November.

Prep School News!

Dear Parents,

This week, our school was filled with the sound of laughter—a reminder of the simple yet profound joy it brings to our lives. Whether it's the giggle of Reception children discovering a funny story on their return from the theatre, the roar of laughter during a lively day as a Viking or the chuckles shared among friends at break time, laughter truly is contagious. Laughter helps us connect, brightens our days, and even supports our well-being. Research shows that laughter reduces stress, boosts our mood and creates stronger bonds between people—something we see every day in our classrooms and at playtime.

The Prep children had a great week last week while also successfully completing their standardised assessments. Well done, Prep! As we look ahead, it's a very busy few weeks in the lead-up to Christmas, and I wanted to give a shout-out for the reminders that were sent out via parentmail this week. We have the whole school Flu Jab on Wednesday (20/11) and families are being asked to contribute to the various tombolas. We have the Preschool Nativity on 29 November, the Bop on the 6th, the Christmas Fair on 07 December and our Toy and Shoe Box Appeals (letters attached) for the last week of school. Charity and being charitable is very much part of our discussions with the children throughout the year, but more importantly, at this time. Thank you in advance for all your contributions to our community endeavours.

We will continue to nurture this joyful spirit, though I have thrown down the gauntlet on any carolling or chatter about mince pies before December comes around! Tomorrow's assembly is about celebrating joy around the world. Here's to more happy, laughter-filled days at school!

Have a wonderful week!

Years Three and Four Viking Day

The children learned so much. They played a true or false game based on Viking food and drink: cake is a Viking word and yes, they ate it! They also learned that they travelled extensively in their longboats: from Istanbul to Newfoundland. They were particularly excited by handling weapons, learning that many were tools as well as weapons. A shoutout to Abdul who particularly enjoyed playing the role of a deceased Viking being buried with Florence (sacrificed) and animals for the afterlife! Positively frightful, but what a fabulous experience for all!









World Nursery Rhyme Week

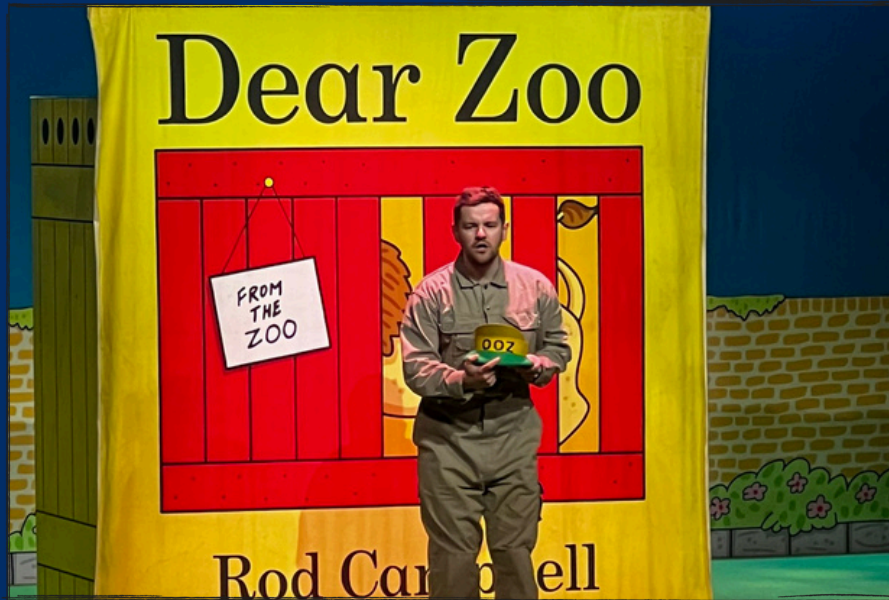
This week in Reception, we've had a fantastic time celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week! The children have embraced the fun by using puppets to sing their favourite nursery rhymes, bringing each rhyme to life with their delightful performances.

For a bit of STEM adventure, we took inspiration from "Incy Wincy Spider". The children demonstrated amazing teamwork and problem-solving skills as they worked together to wash the spider down the drain using the drainpipes and stands in our outdoor area. It was wonderful to see everyone collaborating and having fun. Well done, Reception!



Reception and KS1 Go To the “Zoo”

Reception and KS1 children had a truly delightful time at the assembly hall as they watched Dear Zoo come to life on stage! The classic story, beloved for its playful charm and interactive surprises, captured the children’s imaginations with colourful sets, lively performances and a little touch of magic. Laughter and excitement filled the hall as the children eagerly anticipated which animal would be revealed next. It was a wonderful experience that brought smiles to every face and left the children buzzing with stories to share.



Year Three Science

Year Three tested a selection of sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks to see which could be scratched with a coin. They discovered that some rocks are weak and break easily and some require more force!



Mindfulness Club

Mindfulness Club went outside to appreciate our beautiful grounds in autumn. Having fun in the fallen leaves gave us lots of joy!



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

- 18 Mo Fire Engine Visit - KS1
- 19 Tu Year 5 Cake Sale
- 20 We Whole school Flu Jabs
U10/11 Boys Football v Battle Abbey (A)
- 21 Th U8/9 Girls Hockey v Claremont (A)
U8/9 Boys Football v Sacred Heart Wadhurst (A)
- 22 Fr Reception to Year 4 + Year 6 Swimming

Next Week

- 25 Mo
- 26 Tu
- 27 We U10/11 Girls Netball v Claremont (A)
- 28 Th Yrs 3 & 4 House Hockey & Football Competition
- 29 Fr Preschool Nativity 2.30 pm

Stars of the Week

- Year Six: **Dakota** - For always striving to be a model student.
- 5H: **Bella** - For being such a kind and thoughtful friend.
- 5R: **Phoebe** – For working hard to show she can confidently switch between the active and passive voice in English.
- Year Four: **Helena** - For using her initiative and showing strong leadership skills.
- Year Three: **Alessandro** - for his retained knowledge about the Beaker People and for following instructions to build a coil pot out of clay.
- Year Two: **Marylou** - For her fantastic performance and stage management skills during the cultural showcase. Well done!
- Year One: **Elin** - For always trying her hardest with her work and being a role model to her peers.
- Reception: **Millie** - For enthusiasm in everything she does. Well done, Millie!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school day at Beechwood begins promptly at 8:30, and being on time is essential for setting the tone for a productive and successful day. I have written too often about timeliness, but sadly, we still have a large number of pupils not in their Form Rooms before the "gong is struck" at 8.30. Arriving late with no plausible reason or email/phone call from parents now accrues a centralised lunch detention.

Being punctual is more than just following the clock—it reflects respect, responsibility and reliability. People who are on time show that they value their commitments and the time of others, traits that are important for success in school and in life. When children arrive on time, they are ready to engage fully with the morning activities, fostering a calm and focused start. This routine not only helps build good habits but also instils a sense of discipline and accountability. I kindly ask all parents and carers to support us in promoting punctuality by ensuring pupils arrive between 8:15 and 8:20. Thank you for your cooperation in prioritising punctuality.

As we move through this busy term, our Year 11 and Year 13 students are hard at work preparing for their mock exams. This is an important time for them as they practice for their final assessments, gain valuable experience under exam conditions and identify areas to focus on in the months ahead. Mock exams can be a challenging period, so it's a great opportunity for us as a school community to show compassion and understanding.

To our Year 11 and Year 13 students, we are proud of your dedication and effort. Remember, this is a chance to learn and grow, not just academically but in resilience and confidence, too! To the rest of our school family, thank you for creating an environment where everyone feels supported and cared for. Please ensure you walk past the auditorium and Mater Square in silence. Here's to a positive experience for everyone involved!

Yesterday, I cooked some Brazilian food for the boarders. I hope they enjoyed the chicken stroganoff, Brazilian rice, Guarana (soft drink), Pao de Queijo (cheese bread) and Brigadeiro (chocolate and condensed milk). I had a great time with the chefs in the school kitchen and want to give a shout out to our chefs Bis and Aimee for all their patience and help. Apparently it may make an appearance in the school lunches!

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing Year 12 parents at Parent's Evening on Thursday.

My best,

Dani Saffer



Senior School News!

Crafts

CLUB

Year Sevens and Eights were working hard to create gifts for the Beechwood Christmas Market in their chosen pursuit: Christmas Crafts



**Wishing all Year
11's and 13's
Good Luck on your
Mocks!**