

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Whole School Notices

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Not that we could tell by the weather this weekend, but that too shall pass! So much of this season is about giving, and we are so fortunate to have a community that comes together and contributes to each others' success. As the year starts to come to an end, we are reminded of the incredible strength that comes from being part of a community. In a world where individual schedules often pull us in many directions, taking a moment to connect with one another can make all the difference—not only for parents but for the children too. Events such as the Christmas Fair take an enormous amount of organising but in all honesty, they don't really take on a meaningful backdrop without parental engagement and generosity. For all those who have contributed and signed up to help for a few minutes on the day- Thank you!

Please take a moment to see the volunteer opportunities for the 'Beechwood Christmas Fair'. Click on the web link below to go to the signup sheet.

<https://volunteersignup.org/KC4X9>

Thank you for volunteering and helping us with our Christmas fundraising. It's greatly appreciated.

Yours festively,
BPAC

BREAKING NEWS



Santa will be paying a visit to this year's Christmas fair 🎅. Booking slots went live yesterday, please see the link for more details and to secure tickets!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/73160>

Prep School News!

Dear Parents,

What a week it has been! The gale-force winds sweeping through our area have certainly made their presence known. I hope you've all been staying safe and warm amid the blustery weather. It's moments like these that remind us of the resilience of our community and the warmth we bring to one another, no matter how wild the weather gets outside. As the winds settle, we can shift our focus to something far more fun—the festive season ahead! The holidays are a time of joy, connection and celebration and we are thrilled to share the exciting events planned in the coming weeks.

Here's a quick preview of the magical moments ahead:

- 🎄 Fri 29th Nov - jolly jam jars due. Fill an empty, clean jar with sweets (no nuts) and decorate the jar. Please bring them to your classroom.
- 🎄 Fri 29th Nov - Pre School Nativity at 2 pm
- 🎄 Mon 02 Dec - Reception and KS1 Nativity at 2.15 pm
- 🎄 Tues 03 Dec - Year 5 Trip to the Natural History Museum
- 🎄 Thurs 5th Dec - KS1 Fearless Fox trip (pay via school money)
- 🎄 Fri 6th Dec - Beechwood Bop - Link below to purchase tickets if you haven't already <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/69951>
- 🎄 Sat 7th Dec - Christmas Fair (Raffle tickets for you to purchase were sent home with your children; pls send them back, or alternatively, tickets can be purchased at the fair, too. There are some great prizes up for grabs!)
- 🎄 Mon 9th Dec - Parents' Evening - Link via Parentmail from 12 pm today
- 🎄 Wed 11th Dec - Carol Service at 3.30 pm (compulsory for all pupils. See link below to complete if you or any relatives plan to attend <https://forms.office.com/e/4t27iPX3BQ>)
- 🎄 Thu 12th Dec - Xmas Jumper/lunch day. Please bring in a new toy for the Mayors Christmas toy appeal 🎁
- 🎄 Fri 13th Dec - term ends 12.30 (Prep)

Have a spectacular week!

Thank You, Tunbridge Wells Fire & Rescue!

We had an extraordinary visit from the Fire Brigade last week. The children learned about a fire person's job and all the cool things they carry in the fire truck, what gear they need to wear and why! There was much excitement about the visit. What a treat!



Year Three Iron Man Drama

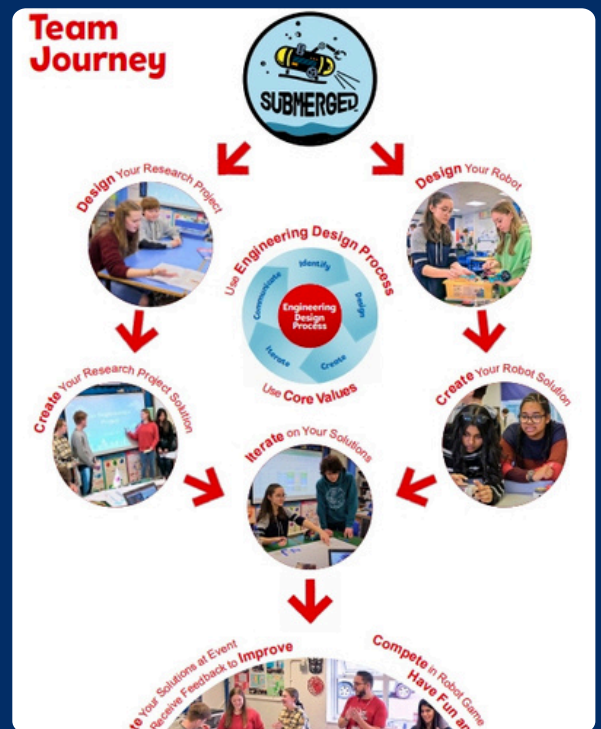
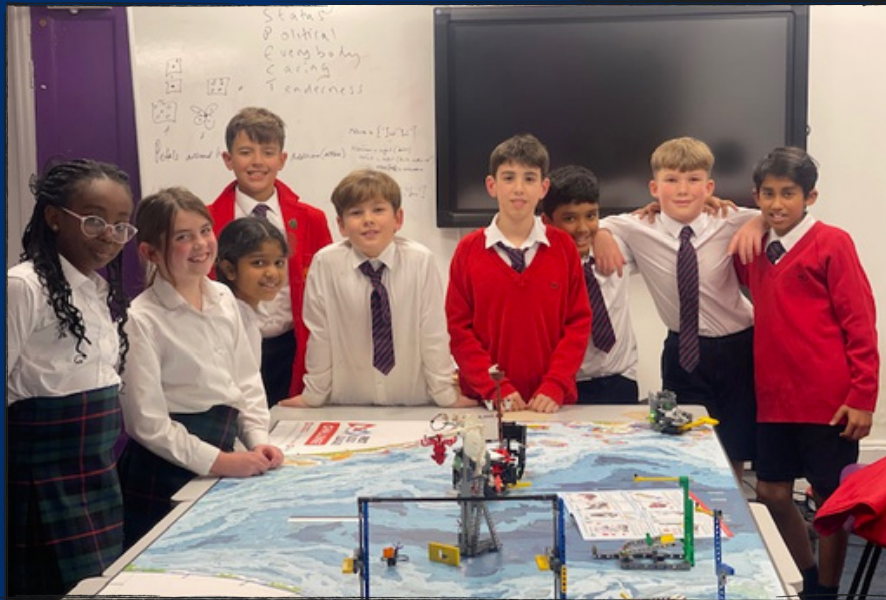
Year Three unleashed their inner seagulls and reassembly skills as they acted out witnessing the Iron Man rebuilding himself on the beach!



Dive Into Innovation with FIRST LEGO League Challenge: Submerged!

The new FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge for this season, Submerged, challenges kids to dive deep into the wonders of underwater exploration. Participants will tackle real-world challenges inspired by the mysteries and marvels of the ocean, creating innovative solutions through teamwork, creativity and robotics.

What is FIRST LEGO League? FIRST LEGO League is a global robotics program designed to ignite curiosity and foster problem-solving in students aged 9-16. Combining LEGO robotics, hands-on STEM learning, and real-world challenges, FLL inspires the next generation of leaders, engineers, and innovators. Teams use LEGO Education's SPIKE Prime sets to build and program robots while exploring a central theme—in this case, the vast underwater world. I have been involved in FLL for over 16 years and I cannot quite convey what each team truly takes home from this experience! Watch out, here come the Beechwood Leviathan's! None of this would have been possible without the help of BPAC - Thank you!!



Beechwood Prep Week in Sports

Last week I missed sharing about the U10 success, so here it is.

Yr 5 Boys Football v Rose Hill

We enjoyed a great game against Rose Hill winning well, 3-1. The Rose Hill keeper very much kept them in the game with some outstanding saves; the scoreline not reflecting our dominance. We rotated the players' positions so each had a turn in goal and also 'up front.' Though the grass was quite long, we put together some good passing movements which allowed us to open the defence. All the boys contributed well with Ollie being as busy and dynamic as usual and Lucas displaying some excellent close control skills. Nemitha continues to prove himself a doughty defender and Flynn and Fikayomi proving effective in midfield. Jasper worked earnestly in all the positions he found himself. Rayyan, having been injured, was left to give encouragement from the side of the pitch. Well played Yr 5s!

U8/9 Girls Hockey v Claremont

It was the last hockey match of the season for the U8/9 girls and they certainly saved their best to last. What an improvement from last week. We played 4 - aside indoors, which was most welcome on such a cold day. The girls played an attacking game with all teams scoring and their defensive play was so much better, circling free hits and making strong clearances. Well done to all of them for a fun season.

Star players: Naomi, Emelia, Mbali, Florence, Clementine, Diya

This Week

25 Mo

26 Tu

27 We U10/11 Girls Netball v Claremont (A)

28 Th Yr 3 & 4 House Hockey & Football Competition

29 Fr Reception to Year 4 + Year 6 Swimming
Preschool Nativity

Next Week

02 Mo Reception & KS1 Nativity

03 Tu Year 5 to Natural History Museum

04 We U10/11 Girls Netball v Radnor House (A)

05 Th Reception and KS1 Fearless Fox Trip

06 Fr Beechwood Bop!!!!

Saturday 07 December - Christmas Fair

Stars of the Week

- Year Six: **Zac** - For taking steps to boost his independence in the classroom
- 5H: **Jessica** - For working so diligently in Maths; learning how to exchange improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- 5R: **Rayyan**— For being a supportive member of the class and guiding a visitor throughout the day.
- Year Four: **Emilia** - For working very hard in every lesson and making great progress. Well done!
- Year Three: **Phoebe** - For her excellent coil rolling and decorative marking of her Beaker Pot in Art.
- Year Two: **Arthur** - For his detailed, independent writing about Fantastic Mr Fox.
- Year One: **Polly** - For being incredibly helpful in class and always using her initiative. She's quick to spot when someone needs support or when something needs doing, and she steps up without being asked.
- Reception: **Artie** - For being kind and a really good friend. Well done Artie!

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to express my sincere thanks for your ongoing efforts to ensure your children arrive at school on time, looking smart and ready to learn.

It's encouraging to see how pupils are following routines and rules, contributing to a vibrant and focused school environment. Your support at home plays a pivotal role in this progress—thank you!

Last week was a milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils as they sat their mock exams. These assessments are filled with valuable challenges that not only highlight their strengths but also provide crucial insights into areas for improvement. I am excited to celebrate their successes and, equally importantly, to help them hone in on the opportunities for marginal gains that will set them up for future success. I believe in steady, incremental improvement that stands the test of time!

With just three weeks of school left, our calendar is brimming with events and activities. However, this is not the time to rest on one's laurels! We will keep encouraging our pupils to maintain their momentum, seize every opportunity and continue giving their best effort right up to the last day of term.

Thank you for being such an integral part of your child's journey.

I joined the boarders' activity on Saturday as we watched the much-awaited *Wicked* the movie. It had been 20 years since I first saw it on stage, and Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo did it proud. I didn't think the girls would appreciate me breaking out in song or coming along in full garb (photo from Book Day this year) so all efforts we made to keep it together! We had a great time; boys, you definitely missed out!

My best,

Dani Saffer



Cultural

SHOWCASE

I should have added the tremendously successful Cultural Showcase that occurred two weeks ago in last week's edition. I was very impressed with all our pupils' talent, creativity, perseverance and courage. We had excellent food prepared by Food Tech pupils, quite remarkable dresses from textiles and an incredible display of musical and dancing talent throughout evening. Superb effort!



