



Friday 14

Message from the Acting Head

It has been a very busy end to the half term. Following the Year 9 retreat to Aylesford Priory, Year 3-7 French Day has been followed by the Senior School non-uniform day for charity. Earlier today, you will have received a ParentMail detailing the arrangements for the parent survey immediately after half-term. Please take the time to read through this introduction which outlines the reasons for conducting this survey with parents. Some of you might be familiar with 'Kirkland Rowell' which is a nationally recognised survey platform administered by GL assessment already used by over 3,000 state and independent schools in the UK and abroad. I have some good news regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Mrs Rebecca Husarz has stepped up in her first year here at Beechwood to coordinate this extra-curricular activity. We have had some informative meetings with the Duke of Edinburgh local licensing office, and we hope to be able to 'roll-out' the programme in school after Easter. This will involve gaining expressions of interest from pupils and arranging for a parent information evening. I will send out more details later in the Spring Term. You may have noticed some maintenance work to the school car park this week. As well as trying to sort out the drainage in some areas (no more massive puddles hopefully!), we are also creating some more parking spaces and will be moving the parent drop-off parking to the other side, closer to the School Reception and Chapel wall. I have been very concerned (as a Prep parent myself) that children are often getting out of vehicles very close to the main vehicle entrance as cars 'swing-in' to the car park and there is no designated pedestrian lane on that side. This change will lead to a safer route for pupils walking/being escorted to and from the Prep School in particular. Finally, I wish you all a restful half term break; I'm looking forward to one or two mornings sampling breakfast pastries in town at one of our excellent bakeries!

Paul Kershaw

Lunchtime Recital

On Thursday the Music Department hosted the second concert in their Lunchtime Recital Series. Students from all years had the opportunity to perform in the intimate setting of the Chapel in front of students, staff and parents. The wonderfully electric programme opened with a beautiful vocal performance of Vivaldi's *Vieni Vieni* by Gratsiela, followed by Evie singing *Hostage* by Billy Eilish. This was contrasted with a quirky piece by Kurt Weill called *My Ship*, performed by Freya. Kristian dazzled with his performance of *Freedom* by George Michael and the concert was concluded with Tim rocking Muse's *Stockholm Syndrome* on the electric guitar. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the concert and we look forward to the next concert in the series next term.



PARENTMAIL

Whole School - Battle of the Bands
Junior Division - Journal
Senior School - HSM Rehearsal
Prep School - Mr Coakley Weekly Letter
Year 5 -10 - Games Kit
Senior School - Christmas Markets Trip
Year 5- Commonwealth Day
Year 6 - Bikeability Cycle Training
Year 7 - Parents' Consultation Evening
Year 11 & 13 - External Examinations
Prep School - Rugby Match
Whole School - Coronavirus
Year 11 - Sixth Form Evening
Year 10 - Form Reps
Whole School - PTA Meeting
Year 8 & 9 - Geography Classes
Whole School - Parental Survey

News

French Day in the Prep School

On Thursday all the pupils in the Prep School enjoyed 'une journée française' devoted to French culture and language. Pupils came dressed for the day wearing the red, white and blue of the 'Tricolore' and many sported berets which all contributed to the Gallic flavour of the day. After a special French Assembly where the pupils competed in a quiz to demonstrate their knowledge, the French theme continued across the curriculum with the children taking part in a range of exciting French activities. These included cookery lessons making such delights as Cherry clafoutis and crème brûlée, a study of the French artist Matisse and an innovative 'tour de France' in PE to name but a few. Years 5 & 6 practised their skills in some role-play activities shopping, ordering from a French café and savouring some French delicacies. The dining room was suitably decorated in red, white and blue for a French-themed lunch with a delicious beef bourgignon and mousse au chocolat for dessert. In the afternoon, the pupils were entertained by 'Écris-moi', a highly amusing performance from the Onatti French Theatre Company followed by a 'goûter', a traditional French tea with hot chocolate and cakes back in the dining room. The day ended with prizes and certificates for all the amazing achievements throughout the day. Bravo! Merci beaucoup to Madame Leyburn for organising the day and to the amazing Prep School staff and Mmes Morriss and Jenner for contributing to make the day such a success.



PTA

Next Event

Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 30 March 2020
More details to follow shortly

High School Musical

Tickets are now on sale for Beechwood's performance of Disney's High School Musical. Please follow the web link to book tickets.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beechnwood-sacred-heart-school>

WEEK 7

SUN 23	
MON 24	7.00pm Year 7 & 8 ISSP Lecture- Beechwood Adventures of Sound
TUES 25	8.15/3/15 PTA Second-Hand Uniform Shop Ope 2.30 Year 3 & 4 Cross Country at Hilden Grange 2.30 U15 Rugby v Sackville (A) 2.30 U15 Netball v Claremont (H)
WED 26	8.40 Senior Ash Wednesday Liturgy 11.00 Year 13 Theatre Trip to London 11.10 Prep Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2.30 U10/U11 Netball v Fosse Bank (A) 2.30 U11 Rugby v The Mead (H) 2.30 U13 Hockey v Battle Abbey at Horntyre Sports Park 4.00 U13 Football v Radnor House (H) 4.00 U15 Football v Radnor House (H)
THUR 27	2.30 U8/U9 Tag Rugby v The Mead (A) 2.30 U8/U9 Netball v The Mead (H) 4.00 U15 Netball v Kent College (A)
FRI 28	10.45 Year 4 & 5 Cake Sale
SAT 29	

Sport News

Rugby

On Wednesday our contact rugby team travelled to Bricklehurst Manor on what was a very blustery day/ We began the game strongly, showing excellent tackling and defending, without touching the ball we were able to push the Bricklehurst attack back towards their try line. This pressure led to Beechwood opening the scoring. We were relentless in our rucking and counter rucking, showing desire to get to the break down first. We built up a commanding first half lead which continued in the second half and free flowing rugby was the order of the day. We scored an impressive 11 tries to 0, a fantastic afternoons rugby.

The U13 team travelled to Sackville on Wednesday for a rugby match. They started extremely well and demonstrated fast, strong and dynamic running to get two early tries. Sackville responded and halved the deficit, but at this stage we started to dominate the ball and increased our lead by adding further tries to the scoreboard. In the final stages of the match, Sackville scored two more tries but we kept our cool and managed to score again twice, giving us a convincing victory.

Netball

The U10/U11 girls played a super game of netball against Skippers Hill. Our training before school on the day focused on passing to the free side and this is something the girls did extremely well. Every player played their position with confidence, even if it was one they were not used to. The three Year 6 girls dominated the game when they were on the attack and were hard to beat. The final score was a whopping 15-0, a fantastic game and a well deserved win for the girls.

Mosques!

For their homework Year 8 have been creating their very own mosques. Below are some of them



Butterflies!

Early Years have been learning about the lifecycle of the butterfly and they have made their own butterfly to put on the board. They painted on one side of the paper before folding this over to reveal a 'symmetrical' pattern on the wings.



STEM Club

STEM Club Chromatography have been sketching the Eiffel Tower for French Day.



Cake Sale!

Last week Year 3 pupils had a super cake sale to raise money for Life & Soul, a local Tunbridge Wells charity that supports disadvantaged children

