



Friday 24 January 2020

Etiquette Supper

The difficult world of social etiquette can be a potential minefield for those unsuspecting souls that venture out into the world of dinner parties and corporate entertaining. Fortunately members of the Sixth Form took their first steps in preparing themselves for just such eventualities culminating in the annual Etiquette Supper held last Friday evening. They were treated to a four course meal, which included such delights as deep fried breaded Brie and roasted duck breast. The staff played their part as waiters and a splendid evening was had by all. A huge thank you must go to our catering staff; whose assistance was essential in making the evening a success.



Message from the Acting Head

My thanks to those parents who were able to complete the questionnaire in association with the school's Diocesan Denominational Inspection last Thursday and Friday. We are not allowed to say anything about the final judgements until the report is received at the end of this month. However, the Lead Inspector was very impressed with the engagement, articulation and enthusiasm of our students. Inspectors attended assemblies in the Prep and Senior Schools, and listened to a wide range of staff, governors and the UK Sacred Heart Network Goals link coordinator. Because of the trust I placed in key staff here at the school (always a good sign for the Inspection Team), I was able to attend CISC (Catholic Independent Schools Conference) in Glasgow. This proved a very worthwhile experience, particularly networking and sharing good practice with a range of other independent schools and receiving sector advice and research trends from the conference partners such as legal firms, accountants, school suppliers and facilities specialists.

Wishing you all a very fruitful weekend with your friends and families.

Paul Kershaw

PARENTMAIL

Junior Division - Journal
Prep School - Mr Coakley's Weekly Letter
Year 9 - Soap Box Challenge
Year 5-10 - Netball Club
Senior School - Hockey Match
Prep School - Sickness in the Prep School
Year 1 & 2 - Cake Sale
Whole School - Next Monday

News

STEM Club

This week the STEM club learnt about programming and robotics through an 'unplugged' session. They had a go at controlling each other and then, using the same techniques, controlled a robot - that is until our programmed robot turned on sentry mode and started attacking us! The next session will give the pupils some experience of programming where we will reprogram our attack robot for good deeds!



Chinese New Year

Reception have been celebrating the Chinese New Year by making their own dragon masks. They carefully cut out the eyes, nose, mouth and horns to position on their dragons face. They all completed a further challenge by cutting around the whole mask using their cutting skills independently. Excellent work Reception.



PTA

There is a meeting on Thursday 6 February at 8.30am in the Parlour to discuss the Christmas Fair. If anyone is interested in helping or has any good ideas please come along, we will be very pleased to see you.

Office 365

Please note all students have free access to download Office 365 for up to five devices via their school login. Windows 10 and Mac versions are supported.

WEEK 4

SUN 26	
MON 27	
TUES 28	9.00 Year 10 Retreat to Aylesford Priory 4.00 U18 Netball v Kent College (H)
WED 29	2.30 U13 Rugby v Radnor House (A)
THUR 30	2.00 Elevate Workshops Year 10 & 11 2.30 U8/U9 Tag Rugby v Vinehall (A) 2.30 U8/U9 Netball v Skippers Hill (H) 4.00 U18 Netball v Claremont (H) 4.00 Elevate Workshop Year 10 & 11 Parents 5.00 Year 12 & 13 Parents' Consultation Evening
FRI 31	
SAT 1	

Sport News

Netball

Our U10 team played two matches on Wednesday against The Mead - A and B. Their A team took a strong lead early on so we had to constantly fight back. Mistakes, particularly with the timing of our passes were made and resulted in us losing possession of the ball. The final was 2-7. Against their B team we were much more evenly matched. The girls corrected their previous mistakes which greatly improved their game. The final score was 2-2.

On Thursday our Year 3 and 4 girls played against two older and more experienced teams from St James's, who rarely have fixtures and we were able to welcome them to Beechwood as we had a cancellation. It gave our girls an opportunity to learn through playing a game. Despite not winning, they played well and continue to make good progress in their game play.

Rugby

On Wednesday our U11 Rugby contact team travelled to Skippers Hill for their first match of the season. We started well and opened the scoring after making heavy hitting tackles. We extended our lead before the end of the first third. Beechwood came out in the second third ready to play but Skippers clearly had a game plan and soon they were tied. We continued to press and restored our lead until the dying moments of the final third when Skippers scored on the last play of the game to tie the match. A very good game and an enjoyable afternoon.

Hockey

On Thursday our U15 team faced Kent College in a hockey fixture. Knowing that Kent College have a strong side the girls went out with determination. Alexis was stepping in as our goalie for the first time and put in some excellent saves. Kent College were able to score a couple of sneaky goals before the half way point and despite some excellent runs and passing between our forwards we were unable to convert any of our pressure. Having lost heavily to Kent College in our last match the girls certainly showed massive improvement this week and have some solid foundations now that we can work on.

Agility Competition

On Thursday morning, five boys and girls from Year 1 and 2 took part in an exciting Agility Competition held at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge. Ten schools took part in the morning and a further ten in the afternoon. Each school rotated around a number of activity stations, some of which were scoring stations and some simply fun. These included: bouncer, bowler, jumper, stepper, thrower, launcher, sprinting, balancing and relay. We did exceptionally well in all of the events and won stickers throughout the morning; these were given out to competitors for showing showmanship, being well behaved and to winners of each event. As we took part in the morning session we are yet to be told the results. Watch this space!

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 30 January
Year 12 & 13 Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 6 February
Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 13 February
Sixth Form Open Evening