



Friday 28 February 2020

Message from the Acting Head

It is so refreshing to see some signs of Spring, early blossom and lighter evenings, but February still managed to stay true to form with some snow flurries. We hope to be able to start to make more use of our outdoor facilities, but we also need the rain to calm down! I hope that many of you have been able to complete the Parent Survey; the deadline for this is Tuesday 3 March. This will be invaluable feedback for the school going forward. This is the same day as our Open Morning. I would be grateful if you could make a special effort as parents to send your children into school as smart as possible to reinforce the good impression we hope to make on prospective parents. That afternoon, the Senior School shifts its focus to the next Inter-House competition, the upscaling recycling event, and I look forward to seeing some very creative and colourful designs. We have World Book Day events next week, with a storyteller, John Harris, in school on Monday (Senior School dressing up as characters) with the Prep School character dressing-up on Thursday. The PTA will meet next Wednesday. Please feel free to come along, and details of the committee members and upcoming events can be found at <https://beechwood.org.uk/about-us/parents-association/>. On the same evening, talented musicians from the school will be taking part in a Battle of the Bands competition at Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School. If you have the time, please pop along and support our school band. Please also buy your tickets for High School Musical on the 12-14 March if you have not already done so. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beechwood-sacred-heart-school/e-drgorg>. This promises to be an excellent production showcasing dance, drama and musical theatre!

Paul Kershaw



Pancake Day

Early Years had fun making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, they enjoyed eating them for their morning snack.

Vikings!

Year 4 have spent this term's art lessons making Viking helmets using papier mache, faux fur and card. You can see it's really brought out the wild Viking in them!



PARENTMAIL

- Year 7 & 8 - Lecture
- Year 6 - Bikeability Consent Forms
- Prep School - Reminder from Mr Coakley
- Senior School - World Book Day
- Year 10 - History Trip
- Senior School - High School Musical Rehearsal
- Senior School - Flights to Toronto
- Whole School - Coronavirus Update
- Year 12 - Theatre Trip

News

ISSP Lectures

This term sees the ISSP Lectures and Masterclasses that Beechwood runs in conjunction with seven (soon to be eight) local schools. The Year 7 and 8 Lectures took place on Monday 24 February and there were fascinating talks from Trevor Cox from Salford University on using the Human Voice as an Instrument, and Anna Louise Walter from BBC Radio who talked about how she got into broadcasting, how to reach a target audience and the future of radio. This was followed by questions from the floor. Our next event is the Saturday Masterclasses which will run, for Years 7 & 8 on Saturday 28 March at Skinners Kent Academy. More details will be coming soon on the details of each of the classes, and students will be making a podcast of their experiences throughout the day with Anna Louise Walter.

These events are open to all students in Years 7 and 8, and provides an opportunity for stretch and challenge for our most able students, as well as giving students the opportunities to develop their skills in working with others and making links across schools.

Tasty Food!

The GCSE students completed their Practical Assessment culminating in a 3 hour practical where they produced three dishes. They all did excellently and served up sour cream blueberry cake, Creamy Ham Tagliatelle, Brushcetta, Caramel Eclairs, Beef Wellington, Fish Cakes with Chilli Salsa. All the tasters enjoyed sampling their delights. Another big well done to these students.



PTA

Next Event

Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 30 March 2020
More details to follow shortly
The next PTA Meeting is on
Wednesday 4 March 6.30pm in the Parlour

High School Musical

Tickets are now on sale for Beechwood's performance of Disney's High School Musical. The PTA will be running a bar on the performance evenings, if you are willing to help please let either Joanne Paine or Rebecca Smith know.

Please follow the web link to book tickets.

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

WEEK 8

SUN 1	
MON 2	World Book Day 9.00 Year 13 Biology Trip to Wakehurst Place 9.00 Year 10 History Trip to London 4.00 HSM Rehearsal
TUES 3	Open Morning 2.00 Senior School Inter-House Competition 4.00 HSM Rehearsal
WED 4	2.00 Year 5-8 Netball Coaching 2.30 U13 Netball v Skippers Hill (H) 5.00 Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening 6.25 Year 12 Drama Theatre Trip 6.30 'Battle of the Bands' TWBGS 6.30 PTA Meeting in Parlour
THUR 5	Prep World Book Day Dressing Up 2.00 Year 3 & 4 Netball Coaching
FRI 6	
SAT 7	12.00-6.00 HSM Rehearsal

Sport News

Netball

On Tuesday our U15 girls faced Claremont School in a Netball fixture. The A team had an extremely competitive game with the score remaining very close throughout the game. Beechwood sadly made more passing errors on the day and lost by two goals. It was a well fought game though and well done to Grace for getting player of the match. The B team battled valiantly despite it being the first ever match for many of the girls. They lost on the day, but it was a great learning experience and well done to Zeina getting player of the match.

Our U10/11 team got off to a magnificent start in their match against Fosse Bank, our shooters, Rubani and Georgina, were on top form. It was 5-2 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Year 6 trio changed to being defenders and stopped the opposition from scoring any further goals. Xanthe was a key player in the centre of the court and she helped Esme and Haniel who were in the 'D' score a goal each. In the third quarter, the girls returned to their starting positions and we flew ahead once more with five more goals being scored. Fosse Bank's strongest player was their shooter and she wasn't giving up; she deserved to get her next goal. The final score was 13-3 and Players of the Match were Rubani and Haniel. Well done to all the girls.

Within the first two minutes of the U8/9 match against The Mead, Noe scored the first goal of the game; however by the end of the quarter, the Mead had managed to equalise. In the second quarter, the game continued in a similar way and ended 2-2. In the third quarter, the girls really tried hard to move into space and signal for the ball on their free side. Beechwood then crept ahead with a third goal and managed to maintain this score right up until the end of the game, giving us a 3-2 win. Player of the Match - Rabia. Well done to all the girls.

Football

On Wednesday the U14 girls played Radnor House in a football fixture. The girls have had very little training but they fought well. Making excellent use of the MUGA in poor weather conditions the girls showed excellent competitive spirit. With a hat trick from Izzy and a goal from Layla, Beechwood won 4-2. An excellent victory girls and well done to Izzy getting player of the match.

Rugby

On Wednesday the U11 rugby team hosted The Mead. Due to the weather all the boys played Tag on the MUGA. Beechwood fielded two teams and both performed exceptionally well, the Pink team played first and showed some excellent rugby skills passing and support play as well as direct running. We built a healthy lead and won the game 12 tries to 8. The yellow team were under pressure from the start and conceded 2 early tries, and at half time Beechwood were 4 tries to 2 down. In the second half the tagging and direct running was much improved and we began to claw our way back into the game. With the last play approaching Beechwood had earned a 7 tries to 6 lead, however the Mead put together an excellent play which resulted in a 7-7 draw. Well played to all involved.

For Sale

3/4 Guitar with case and stand in good condition £45 or nearest offer. Please contact Ms Harland email gtmharland@hotmail.com



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17 March 2020

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

18-20 March 2020

Year 10 & 12 Geography Field Trip to Dorset

31 March 2020

Celebration of Song