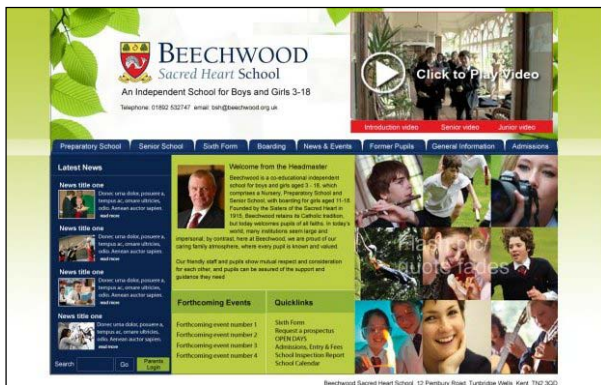




Friday 30th April 2010

## New website goes live!



Our new website became live on the Internet this week at [www.beechwood.org.uk](http://www.beechwood.org.uk). As well as reading the news headlines, you can now view the school's promotional videos on the homepage. The inside pages have been arranged into new sections which we hope will allow you to find information more easily. There are separate sections for Prep School, Senior School, Boarding, Sixth Form and Admissions, with School Information, News and Events, and Former Pupils also having their own areas. Please visit the new website and see for yourself and if you have any comments or suggestions, we would like to hear from you - please email the Marketing Manager, Patricia Findley on [marketing@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:marketing@beechwood.org.uk)

## Reminders

### Parentmail Letters Sent Out This Week

- Prep - After-School Car Form
- Years R-6 - Clash of Dates- Swimming Gala
- Year 12 & 13 - Sixth Form Ball
- Year 5 - Visit to Swattenden
- Prep - Prep Activities
- Year 7-11 - Second Hand Uniform
- Year 4-11- Glynebourne Festival
- Year 4 - Head Lice
- Whole School - School Photo
- Whole School - PA Minutes
- Year 11 - Study Leave & Social
- Whole School - Beechwood Website
- Whole School - Gift Aid for PA
- Year 2-6 - Assessment for Summer Term
- Whole School - Gift Aid Declaration Form & New PA Committee

### Summer Uniform

All pupils can start to wear summer uniform from next week, they should all be in it by 10 May.

**Prep New House PE shirts arrive**  
Children in KS2 appeared in their games lessons this week wearing their new colourful House PE shirts. They are now available in Simmonds for all houses for pupils in Years 3-6.

### Pyjama Day



On the 26 March the Prep School had a PJ day for charity when they wore their night clothes into school. They raised an astonishing £188.37 for their link school Heartland Children's Academy (HCA) in Nepal.

### Head Girls 2010

Head Girl Fafa with her two deputies Antonia and Bethany.



### Next Week

SUN	
MON	BANK HOLIDAY
TUES	2.00 Years 12 & 13 Theatre Studies Exam
WED	
THUR	4.15 Prefect Induction Senior School
FRI	
SAT	9.30-12 A-level GCSE Art Weekend Workshop

# SPORTS REPORT

## Rounders

Our U15 Rounders team played an evenly fought game against St Leonards-Mayfield 'B' team on Wednesday. Mayfield proved that they had some big hitters and Emma and Harriet were kept busy as deeps. Some good catching and run outs allowed us to eliminate 6 of the opposition keeping their score to 9½ in the first innings. Our success came with persistent half and sporadic rounders in the first innings especially by Alex and Emma A. Mayfield batted very well in the second innings and Megan C and Alex were also kept very busy. We hung on to our first innings lead with a final score of 25-23½ to Beechwood. Special mention to Dara who flew in from her exchange in America and despite suffering from jet lag still managed to score a rounder and take a catch. Well done to all who played.

The U13/12's had a very exciting game against Skippers Hill on Wednesday. We lost the toss and were put into bat first. With some great hits by Zoe, scoring a rounder with each of her hits and backed up by Olivia, Isobel and Megan, we went into field with a total of 6½ rounders. Skippers Hill had some good hitters but we restricted the number of whole rounders they scored. We were a little slow getting the ball to second post allowing them a number of half rounders which gave them a 2½ rounder lead. Our second innings saw some super hits by Zoe and Chelsea scored 3½ rounders. Our final total was 14½ but our lack of confidence fielding gave Skippers Hill the advantage scoring 17. Well played girls, a very positive first game.

## Stranded on Bangkok

Spending the night sleeping on a cardboard box in the basement of Bangkok airport was not how I had imagined my holiday to Cambodia and Thailand would end. However, after the Icelandic volcanic eruption caused havoc to flight patterns all over the world, I found myself stranded in Bangkok along with several thousand other travelers. Faced with the very real prospect of not being able to travel home before the beginning of May, my friend and I decided we would do something positive to broadcast our plight, and, given the worsening unrest in Bangkok, we also hoped it might encourage British authorities to bring pressure to bear on Thai airways to provide extra flights to bring us all home. A quick e-mail to a contact in the UK was forwarded to the press, and we soon found ourselves giving telephone interviews to The Times, The Sunday Times, the London Metro, and The Sun newspaper, who even sent a photographer to the airport. We appeared the following day on page 11, not page 3! We also appeared on the Guardian blog, and gave a live interview to LBC radio. We finally came home on Saturday, almost a week late, after a very kind Thai airways official helped us to get on a flight. To say we were grateful for his kindness was an understatement as the cardboard box had definitely lost its appeal!

*Mrs Kennedy*

## Small Ads

### Love is Boutique Fashion Show

in aid of Demelza Hospice Care for Children

Thursday 13th May 2010

7.00-9.00pm

Hyundai, North Farm, Tunbridge Wells

Tickets £5 per person

Includes a welcome drink

For more details call: 01892 549665

[www.loveisboutique.co.uk](http://www.loveisboutique.co.uk)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### PA News

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to everyone who came, we made a profit of £240. The giant Easter egg was won by the Ugarow family.``

#### Barn Dance

Friday 25 June 2010

Tickets will go on sale soon

#### Gift Aid

Please return your forms as soon as possible

#### Second Hand Uniform Shop

will be open after half-term  
Please leave good quality uniform at the Front Office

#### Next PA Meeting

27 May at 8.30 am when the new committee will be voted in

#### Diary Amendment

Due to a clash of dates the Swimming Galas for KS1 & 2 will now be on Friday 25 June. KS1 gala will be at 10.30am and KS2 at 2.00pm.

#### Mrs Goodley's Adventure

As I watched the sun setting in northern Colombia, two days before my London bound flight was cancelled, I had no idea of my forthcoming 'adventure'. The airline flew me from Bogota to Newark, New Jersey where I joined a queue of Europeans trying to get home. I managed to get a flight to Madrid, and on arrival I found that the first available seat on a bus or train heading to France was 28 April. I caught a bus to Bilbao but all the ferries to Portsmouth were full. A guardian 'angel' in the form of an English coach driver offered me a seat on a coach travelling all the way to Epsom. After 21 hours I arrived in Sevenoaks exhausted but happy to be home.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Next Week

Wednesday 5 May

2.00 U11 Tag Rugby Festival

4.30 U12 & U13 Rounders v Combe Bank (A)

4.00 U14 Rounders v

Bethany (H)