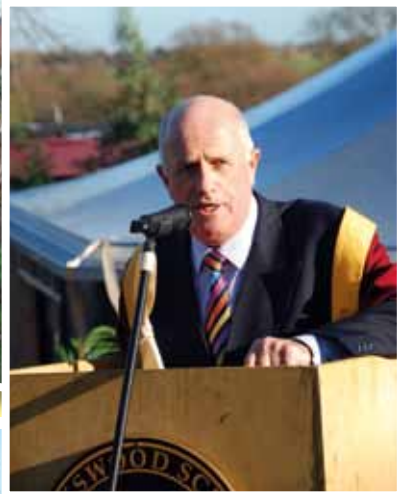


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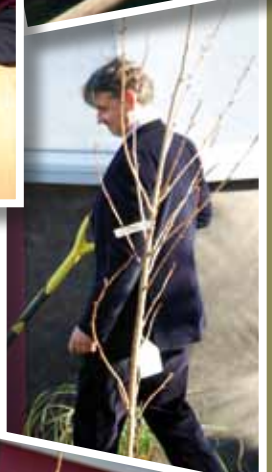
Tim Fish

Buckswood said a fond farewell to Tim Fish at the close of the Winter term.



Staff Christmas

As you are able to see from these pictures the staff had a fun time at their annual Christmas event..





Buckswood School take part in a Christmas Carol fund-raising event for St Michael's Hospice

Mr Wade, Mr Kay-Bradley and Sacha Trochetle with twenty-six Buckswood choristers and technicians took part in a Christmas Carol fund-raising event, in aid of St Michael's Hospice held in Priory Meadow Shopping Centre, before Christmas.

This was a real showcase for Buckswood. Conducted by Mr Wade and accompanied by Mr Kay-Bradley on the piano, students sang with vibrancy and reflected the atmosphere usually generated in the best cathedrals; it was only natural for families to stop and listen. Many watched in awe and were impressed with the way the pupils behaved and sang. The bagpipe band led by Mr Reid added that extra factor. During the short interval. Many parents were intrigued and wanted to know if bagpipes is offered as a subject at the school.

Julie Brett, the Community Fundraiser for St Michaels Hospice, suggested that Buckswood sing again next year. I told her that our students and the bagpipe band are willing to perform at any other fundraising event or carnival etc. and that we do not have to wait for another year as Buckswood encourages community participation wherever possible.



School House Juniors and Seniors decorate the Christmas Tree



Christmas

Christmas at Buckswood School is a very special time of year. It may sound strange but you can feel the house smiling as the tree goes up and the festivities start. The building comes alight as the children become excited. It is all a bit Downton Abbey-like, as the gardening staff bring the tree and greenery in. The kitchen staff make the mince pies and mulled wine and Wisdom has the time of his life pulling the decorations off the tree – the Christmas parties start!

The IB group were charged with organising the Christmas parties as part of the CAS course. Tommy and his team did a fantastic job. Parents and staff were invited on the Tuesday evening, Junior School on Wednesday and The Senior School on the Thursday. All were greeted with snow and a red carpet!



Hockey

National Indoor Hockey Championships (South Division) Under 18 Boys held at Whitgift School in London on Sunday 27th November 2011. Buckswood School in the big leagues! This was not a competition against local rivals. This was a tournament full of English Internationals and County players from across the South of England. Reeds, Tonbridge, Portsmouth Grammar, Bedales and Sir John Hampton.

With a Buckswood team that has never competed at this level, a great chance to show the more established hockey schools that Buckswood can play this game.

The umpires were not reading the same script and without sounding like "sour grapes" probably cost us a crack at the Nationals in Birmingham.

Without the injured goal machine Shane Hart Jones and a very ill defender Alexey Vasiliev this was always going to be tough. But credit to the squad for fighting and playing with great passion. The two youngest members of the squad still just 15 years old, Anton Schumacher and Will Orr both having an exceptional tournament. Anton scoring 7 goals in 5 games.

Goalkeeper George Williams made some big saves all afternoon and captain Linus Schumacher created and lead well. Anton Schumacher was fantastic. The Under 16 German student showed why Germany are such a formidable hockey nation. Anton was by far the best player at this star studded tournament.

Results:

Buckswood 2 Bedales 0
(A. Schumacher, Moloi)

Buckswood 1-3 PGS
(A. Schumacher)

Buckswood 3 Tonbridge 4
(A. Schumacher 3 goals, *F. Moloi yellow card)

Buckswood 2 Reeds 2
(L. Schumacher, A. Schumacher & L. Schumacher *yellow card)

Buckswood 1 Sir John Hampton 1
(A. Schumacher)

SQUAD: George Williams (GK), Alexey Vasiliev, William Orr, Anton Schumacher Linus Schumacher (Capt), Fidel Moloi, Edward Avann, Calvin Crosby Clarke, Sam Neville, Shane Hart Jones, Wayne Callaghan (Coach) and David Draper (Manager).

Rugby

The last Rugby match of the term!

U19 match report Weds 7th December 2011
COULD WE DO IT?

Beacon College 1 v 6 Buckswood

Four goals from Shaun Okojie one from Julio and a debut first team goal from Anton saw Buckswood home to an easy league win today and kept our place at the top of the Eastern Division.

Our normal passing game was hard to play as the pitch was not in a good way but we stuck with it and went one up early on courtesy of a wonderstrike from the boot of Shaun Okojie claiming his fifth goal of the season.

Many chances came and many were wasted as we failed to finish off a resilient Beacon side.

Before long the Buckswood pressure told and we were two nil up then three and by this time Beacon had given up as we helped ourselves to goal after goal, taking our tally to 13 goals in two games. Shaun helped himself to four but Fernando Perello was given man of the match for his control of the midfield throughout the game.

The situation as it stands with one game left to play.

1. Buckswood
2. BHASVIC
3. Bexhill
4. St Bedes
5. Beacon
6. Plumpton
7. Hastings

If we beat Bexhill away in January we are guaranteed at least runners up, however, if our friends at St Bedes can beat BHASVIC and we beat Bexhill we will be champions! Little Buckswood, champions of East Sussex? What an achievement! Watch this space

The future is so bright it's like looking at the sun

