



Beechwood Newsletter

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SOUND HOUSE BRASS – VISIT TO BEECHWOOD



Tuba



Cornet



Trombone

This week Sound House Brass Youth Band visited Beechwood, they are a highly successful band, encouraging members of all ages and abilities to learn to play a brass instrument in a friendly, fun and challenging environment.

The enthusiastic Musical Director, Gary Thompson is a playing member of the senior band, and has the support and encouragement of a great team of senior players and parents, all helping to make the band one of the most successful in Devon!

Anyone wishing to learn a brass instrument is welcome to come along and give it a try, they offer free instrument loan and a great social environment to learn something new. Any age, any ability – everyone is welcome.

The training band rehearse once a week:

Thursday Evening- 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Rehearsal takes place at The Soundhouse, Tor Bridge High Community College, Estover. KS2 children were given a leaflet this week about how to contact the Band.

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2018/2019

Mon 22nd Oct to	Fri 26th Oct	HALF TERM
Thurs 8th Nov	Grandparent's Remembrance Lunch	
Fri 9th Nov	Grandparent's Remembrance Lunch	
Fri 9th Nov	Curie Class Assembly - 9am	
Fri 16th Nov	Children in Need Mufti	
Fri 16th Nov	Franklin Class Assembly - 9am	
Mon 19th Nov	School Photographs	
Fri 23rd Nov	Mufti - Sweet Donation for the Fayre	
Fri 23rd Nov	Newton Class Assembly - 9am	
Wed 28th Nov	Buddies Fayre - 3.30 to 5.30pm	
Fri 30th Nov	Dalton Class Assembly - 9am	
Fri 3rd Dec	Tesla Class Assembly - 9am	
Mon 17th Dec	Decorations Afternoon	
Tues 18th Dec	Christmas Lunch	
Wed 19th Dec	KS1 Carol Concert - 2.00pm	
Thurs 20th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert - 2.00pm	
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Jumper Mufti	
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Carols - 2.00pm	
Fri 21st Dec	School closes for Christmas	
Mon 7th Jan	School re-opens at 8.45am	
Fri 8th Feb to	Fri 15th Feb - Nethercott Farm Yr 4	
Mon 18th Feb to	Fri 22nd Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 25th Feb	School re-opens at 8.45am	
Mon 25th & 26th	Feb - London Trip - Yr 6	
Mon 11th Mar	Bikeability - Year 5	
Mon 18th Mar	Balancability - Rec	
Thurs 4th April	School closes for Easter	
Fri 5th Apr	Non-pupil Day	
Tues 23rd Apr	School re-opens at 8.45am	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th May to	Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Tues 23rd July	School closes for Summer Holidays	
Wed 24th July	Non-pupil Day	

YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN & PARENTS

Please be aware that all Year 6 parents will need to apply for their child's secondary school place no later than **Wednesday 31st October 2018**.



Please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions for information on how to apply and understand the admission criteria for individual schools. "The Next Step Parent's Guide" is available from the School Admission Team in Windsor House. If you require any assistance,

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER

The position of School Crossing Patroller will become vacant after Half Term. If you would be interested in applying for this position, please contact Theresa Blake at Plymouth City Council on 01752 307076 or apply on-line on the Plymouth City Council website.

The hours are 8.25am to 8.55am and 3.05pm to 3.35pm - Term time.

Keeping our children safe!



MENUS

Your child would have recently been sent home with the new Winter Dinner Menu. These menus will start on **Monday 29th October 2018**



ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **8th October 2018**.

Sun	96.0%
Moon	90.0%
Hubble	93.4%
Newton	91.7%
Brunkel	95.9%
Curie	91.1%
Jenner	91.9%
Anning	99.3%
Sharmen	90.0%
Tesla	98.1%
Hawking	94.5%
Franklin	91.7%
Dalton	90.4%
Da Vinci	96.7%

WINNERS

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



BOCCIA FESTIVAL

Boccia is such a great game! A bit like bowls but played with soft balls and everyone has to sit when launching at the target. Plympton Academy hosted our team in a closely fought series of games in which the emphasis was on the playing rather than the winning. Everybody had a fantastic time and represented the school superbly.



Beechwood Buddies

Autumn Fayre

Wednesday 28th November
3.30pm to 5.30pm



Come along & support the school at the Buddies Autumn Fayre.

We have lots of stalls - The ever popular tombola, raffle, Jewellery, Glitter Tattoos, Face Painting, refreshments and much more.

Mufti Information

Friday 23rd November - Sweet Donation

MOON WALK CHALLENGE

As you may already know Beechwood are taking part in the classroom to the moon challenge. Last week we did really well, but were not top school. However, we only need 2000 more minutes to be winning, which is about 5 more minutes per person. Last Thursday, some of the children walked to Oakwood with the flag we designed. Our goal for next week is to move up on the leader board. Key Stage 2 could help with this by joining our walking club. Congratulations to Anning class who were top of Beechwood's leader board last week.



CHILDREN'S YOUTH COUNCIL VISIT

On Tuesday two of our Year 6 School Champions joined 35 other local Primary and Secondary schools at the Children's Youth Council.

Sessions included: An inspirational talk from Mr James Brent current Chairman of PAFC. Mr Brent talked about his life and how bringing PAFC into the community (raising £2 million per year for local projects) has been a highlight. He also talked to the children about the downside of social media and how his family have suffered from cyber bullying. He gave words of advice about dealing with these issues and gave a question and answer session..



Environmental issues : Councillor Darren talked about how our City Council are planning to tackle the ever increasing problems of recycling and the disposing of single use plastics.

Helping Service Families MKC Heroes, RBL, RN/RM welfare and Councillor Pauline Murphy talked about how they help our service families.

Our School Champions suggested a Childline style helpline specifically for Service Children which was voted in by the CYC. Watch this space

Well done to Branden and Cicely, our school champions for being amazing!

FLU VACCINATIONS—ELECTRONIC CONSENT

On **Wednesday 14th November** the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all **Beechwood Primary Academy Children from Reception to Year 5**. This year the Immunisation Team are adopting electronic consent. In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please can we request that you access the consent portal via the following link below and follow instructions.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/?h=b27d633e55af1a35b3e632045e49c4e60326445fa9da02f8bb1b34bd8311ce09>

Please register your child as soon as possible. This is to ensure our nurses have sufficient time to clinically assess the information. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



YEAR 3 - LOCAL AREA WALK

Southway has a range of landscapes to explore and Year 3 spent a busy day using their observation skills to find things out and about in their local environment. This investigation is part of our topic 'Urban Pioneers' and fitted nicely when passing near Alger Walk (named after a Lord Mayor) and Bonville Road (named after a wealthy family). The area has certainly changed in recent years and the children took time to question residents in the local shopping centre ('The Keys' as some remembered when it first opened in the 1960s) about the changes. We trekked through the beautiful Southway Valley reserve and visited Oakwood on our way back. The children were great ambassadors for our school and really enjoyed the chance to explore their local area. Many thanks to all the adult helpers who contributed local knowledge along the way.



BOOK SALE



We would like to thank all the families that supported the Book Fayre this week. We have managed to sell an amazing amount of books – which has helped the school get new books for our library. We are hoping to hold the next book fayre near World Book day in March 2019.



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.



FIRE BRIGADE VISIT TO EDISON



Mylo C said that he wants to be a fireman following a visit from Paul Elsey of Green Watch today. We are hoping Mylo fill one day fill those very big boots!

*Have a great Half Term!
Mrs Evans - Head of School*