

Beechwood Newsletter "Living, learning and thriving"

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BEAM HOUSE RESIDENTIAL - YEAR 5

The children from Year 5 visited Beam House last week. Their residential lasted for two nights and the children had a fantastic time completing many challenging activities. They also had the opportunity to make friends with children from the two other schools in our Multi-Academy Trust. We had a brilliant few days and the children have written several extracts below explaining all about what we got up to!



Challenge Course

In one of our challenges we were asked to complete lots of mud challenges. As you can see we got very muddy! We had to crawl through mud and enter a mud pit at the end of the challenge! The leaders even made us shout 'I love Challenge Course!' whilst hosing us off at the end! - Archie

I loved being at Beam House because it was so much fun. Our rooms were nice and I loved the high ropes! The food was so good that I always wanted more! I loved learning all the songs and going to the campfire. The people were so lovely. It was the best school trip ever!

Quad Biking

First we had to complete a driving test with the leader. When everybody had had a go we could go around the tracks on the quadbikes all on our own! We had to wear a big helmet and googles for safety—along with long sleeves. It was great fun!



Zip Wire Challenge

This activity was very fun! You had to put a harness on. At first the zip wire felt really high, but it was definitely not as high as the high ropes! Although I was scared at first it was actually so much fun! I definitely want to do it again" - Daisy.

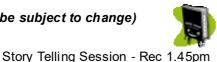




STORY TELLING SESSIONS - RECEPTION - Parents of children in Reception Classes are invited to their Story Telling Sessions on **and Tuesday 9th and 16th October 2018 at 1.45pm**. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2018/2019

Tues 9th Oct Fri 12th Oct Tues 16th Oct Wed 17th Oct Fri 19th Oct Mon 22nd Oct to Thurs 8th Nov Fri 9th Nov Fri 9th Nov Fri 16th Nov Mon 19th Nov Fri 23rd Nov Fri 30th Nov Fri 3rd Dec Mon 17th Dec Tues 18th Dec Wed 19th Dec Thurs 20th Dec Fri 21st Dec Fri 21st Dec Fri 21st Dec Mon 7th Jan Fri 8th Feb to Mon 18th Feb to Mon 25th Feb Mon 25th & 26th Mon 11th Mar Mon 18th Mar Thurs 4th April Fri 5th Apr Tues 23rd Apr Mon 6th May Mon 27th May to Tues 23rd July Wed 24th July

Sharman Class Assembly - 9am Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm **Buddies Disco** Anning Class Assembly - 9am HALF TERM Fri 26th Oct Grandparent's Remembrance Lunch Grandparent's Remembrance Lunch Curie Class Assembly - 9am Franklin Class Assembly - 9am School Photographs Newton Class Assembly - 9am Dalton Class Assembly - 9am Tesla Class Assembly - 9am Decorations Afternoon Christmas Lunch KS1 Carol Concert - 2.00pm KS2 Carol Concert - 2.00pm Christmas Jumper Mufti Christmas Carols - 2.00pm School closes for Christmas School re-opens at 8.45am Fri 15th Feb - Nethercott Farm Yr 4 HALF TERM Fri 22nd Feb School re-opens at 8.45am Feb - London Trip - Yr 6 Bikeability - Year 5 Balancability - Rec School closes for Easter Non-pupil Day School re-opens at 8.45am Bank Holiday HALF TERM Friday 31st May School closes for Summer Holidays Non-pupil Day

CHANGE OF MENU

WORLD SPACE WEEK Wednesday 10th October

Shuttle Burgers or Nasa Cheese Wheels

Apollo Brownies



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.



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

Keeping our children safe!



ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning 24th September 2018.

WINNERS

90.8%

99.5%

95.6%

96.3%

98.5%

94.5%

98.5%

91.1%

95.0%

97.1%

97.2%

97.9%

95.6%

93.7%

Sun
Moon
Hubble
Newton
Brunel
Curie
Jenner
Anning
Sharmen
Tesla
Hawking
Franklin
Dalton
Da Vinci

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



BECHWOOD BUDDIES DISCO

Wednesday 17th October

KS1 and KS2 Disco 4.15 to 5.30pm

(A Disco for all age groups)

SHARMAN CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Sharman Class are invited to their assembly on Friday 12th October at 9.00am.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please use the black gate entrance by the main entrance. Thank you.





At Beechwood Primary Academy we are proud of our on-going commitment to maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of our children.

Please refer to the letter, which has been sent home with your child today with information about the healthy lunch box project .



Well done!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



On Tuesday, we were visited by teachers from various countries in Europe, including Germany and Portugal. They were interested in the British education system and especially in the way we teach maths. They had a tour of the school and were treated to a Year 4 maths lesson taught by Miss Warren. Afterwards, they visited the STEM centre and our outdoor learning areas. They were very impressed!



We have also been reaccredited with the International School Award. This award is in recognition of our efforts to develop and maintain links with partners with other schools from different countries. Last year, we wrote to various schools across Europe and we enjoyed reading their responses. We also hosted Chinese students who taught us how to play the Chinese whistle, amongst many other things. We also enjoyed learning about musical instruments from around the world. We will be continuing to keep up these links and work on new projects with schools from different countries.

FAREWELL ALI AND JULIE!

IT IS WITH SADNESS WE SAY FAREWELL TO OUR LONG SERVING CLEANERS JULIE BRYANT AND ALI MARSDEN.

Following over thirty years working for the children of Southway keeping everything spic and span, Ali and Julie will put down their dusters and hoovers in school for the last time this week. We will all miss their laughter and end of day chats and I know the days ahead will be filled with entertaining Grandchildren and wine! (but not at the same time!). Ali will continue her lunchtime MTA support; for which are very grateful.

May you always have work for your hands to do. May your pockets hold always a coin or two. May the sun shine bright on your windowpane. May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. And may your heart be filled with gladness and good cheer.



Happy Retirement from the staff and children at Beechwood school!



Vaccinations will take place in school on **Wednesday 14th November**. Letters of consent will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Evans- Head of School