

# Beechwood Primary Academy

## Newsletter



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## 22nd November 2021

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

• Non Pupil Day

### PARENT UPDATE

We had such a lovely week of learning last week. The children participated in STEM week, with a focus on Climate Change, COP26 and participated in different workshops designed to develop the children's understanding of the role they can play in changing the future with regards to the science of global warming. Please see below for some photographs of our learning. It was the last week of swimming for Year 5. I have been extremely proud of how your children conducted themselves in public and that they have really improved their swimming skills.



Thank you for your generous donations for Children in Need. The children really enjoyed their biscuits which were expertly crafted by Claire and her team in the kitchen – thank you so much they were delicious! Thank you to Mr Hocking who organised a giant Pudsey Bear in the library which was covered in donations. We are still busy counting the money and will update you on how much Beechwood raised for Children In Need which all of our community will benefit from. There were some lovely photos on Facebook celebrating your support for this charity.



You may be aware that last week was also National Anti-Bullying Week. We are saving our activities for this very important week for later in the term as we are training some of our older children to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors with support of the Diana Award. Once the children have received their training, we will have a whole school Anti-Bullying week so that the Ambassadors can be introduced to the school. If you would like more information about the Diana Award, please visit their website. [Anti-Bullying - From The Diana Award - The Diana Award \(diana-award.org.uk\)](http://diana-award.org.uk) The newsletter will hold more details about this important initiative later this term.



This week, staff are focusing on the developments from Pupil Progress meetings and the leadership team will be looking at the classrooms and how classroom environments support learning. The children will have lots of opportunities to recap and retrieve their learning so far, so that they can add new learning to what they know already.

**Please be aware that there is a non-pupil day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** Staff will be taking part in refresher training for Read Write Inc (RWI), they will be learning new skills on our Interactive Whiteboards and developing classroom strategies for supporting children with Autism Spectrum Condition. A busy day of learning for our staff that will be of huge benefit to our children as we move forward with our learning.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Have a lovely week.

Mrs Bailey  
Senior Head of School

## DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



### 2021/2022

Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 3rd Dec	Yr6 Skylark Assembly
Fri 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13th Dec	Buddies Xmas Disco
Wed 15th Dec	Reception Christmas Show - 9.30
Wed 15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 17th Dec	Class Parties
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLS
Weds 16th Feb	Buddies Red Disco
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Mon 7th Mar	Nethercott Farm (All week)
Friday 8th April	Non Pupil Day
Mon 11th April to	Fri 22nd April – EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 31st May to	Fri 3rd June – HALF TERM
Mon 27th June	NPD - In lieu of Jubilee
26th July	Last Day of Term

## ATTENDANCE CUP

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **15th November 2021**.

Robin	97.0%
Starling	85.4%
Chaffinch	94.3%
Dove	93.2%
Chough	95.5%
Swallow	91.1%
Goldfinch	96.9%
Sparrow	93.7%
Wren	93.0%
Woodpecker	93.9%
Raven	87.9%
Nightingale	91.1%
Skylark	84.4%

**Well done!**

**The winners this week were Robin class. They will receive the Attendance Cup**



## UNIFORM INFORMATION

**WANTED** Good quality Second Hand Beechwood Primary Academy School Uniform, PE kit and shoes.

If you have any unwanted, good quality school uniform, shoes or PE kit, please can you bring it to the office in a bag? We will quarantine it for at least 48 hours before sorting it and donating it to our families.

If you have any questions or queries about School Uniform, including receiving some of our donated uniform, please let Jenny Oliver know or leave a message with the office and we will do our very best to help.

Thank you.



## NETHERCOTT FARM - YEAR 4

There are still a few spaces available on the Nethercott Farm trip for Year 4 children.

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend this trip. The trip letter can be found on the school website for more details.

Thank you



## ABSENCE REQUEST

Please provide proof of any medical appointments before they occur. For any other absences, please complete an absence request form in advance to allow authorisation by the Head of School. Please attempt to make all appointments out of school time. Thank you.



## RECEPTION SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open. Applications need to be made by **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

Please see the link below:-

[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouth.gov.uk/school-admissions)

Thank you



## BOOK FAIR

The Book fair its running from 6th December until the 11th December from 3.15 - 3.45 in the community area. Cash payment only on the day please.



## SKYLARK CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Skylark Class are invited to their class assembly on **Friday 3rd December at 9.15am**. Please wait by the black gates to sign in.

Parents are asked to wear a mask and use sanitiser before entry. Thank you.



*Have a great week - Mrs Bailey*

## CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

**Friday 10th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school Jumpers. All donations towards Save the Children

**Monday 13th December**

Buddies Disco with Santa

**Wednesday 15th December**

**9.30am**

Reception Christmas Performance

Parents Welcome

**Reception Christmas Performance**

**pm**

To Whole School

**Wednesday 15th December**

**Christmas Lunch**

Lunch can be booked on the day

More details to follow

**Friday 17th December**

**Class Parties**

More details to follow



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Wednesday 15th December**

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Vegetarian option

Selection of puddings

Christmas meals can be booked on the day with children's class teachers

Please ensure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up if they are in Year 3 to Year 6.

All meals need to be paid for in advance.

Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Upcycle last year's jumper - don't buy new!



On Friday 10th December pupils at Beechwood will be able to put on their warmest, wackiest and most wonderful festive woollies for Christmas Jumper Day.

Children will be joining millions of people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country as they don their daftest festive knits for the day and donate £1, or whatever they can give. We would particularly like to see upcycled jumpers .... rather than buying new ones.

All monies raised will be donated to 'Save the Children'.

### BEECHWOOD BUDDIES

#### DISCO WITH SANTA

YOUR CHILD IS INVITED TO THE BEECHWOOD BUDDIES

#### DISCO WITH SANTA

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

FOUNDATION & KS1 - 4.15PM - 5.15PM

KS2 - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT (OVER 18).

ENTRY IS £4.50 TO BE PAID ON PARENT PAY ONLY

BY TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER NO CASH PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED

THERE WILL BE NO TUCK SHOP

THIS INCLUDES A GIFT FROM SANTA & A DRINK.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

In reception we did an experiment. We had two hot water bottles (our bears!). One bear made himself a nice warm bed out of foliage we collected from the school grounds and one did not. We predicted which bear would stay the warmest. Most of us thought that the bear with the nest of leaves would stay the warmest.

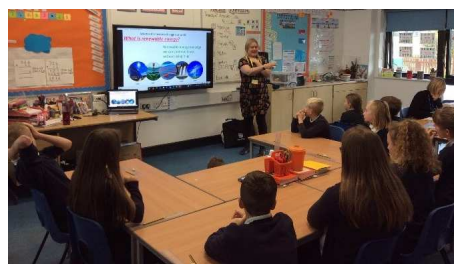
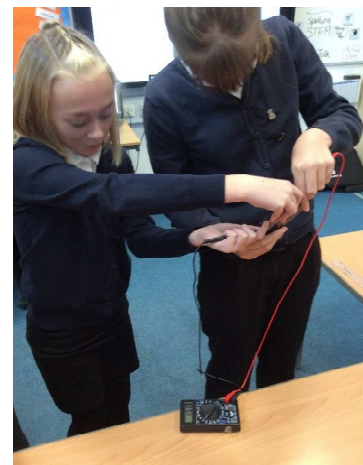
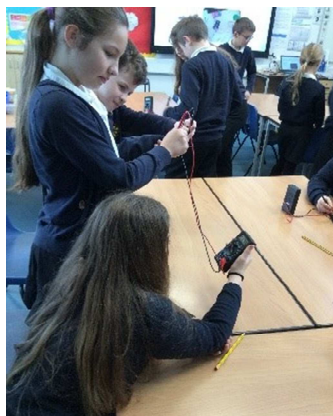
We discussed what helps to keep us warm; blankets, duvet, jumpers, coats, socks, gloves and hats. We checked the hot water bottles at the end of the day and we were right, the bear that was all snuggly under the leaves was still very warm, the other one had gone cold!



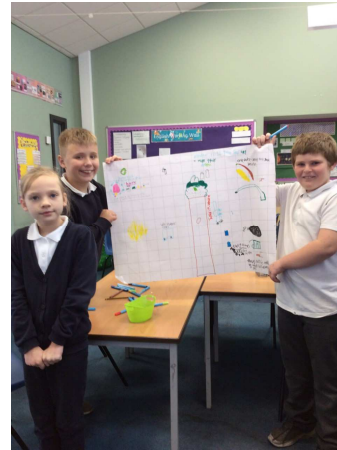
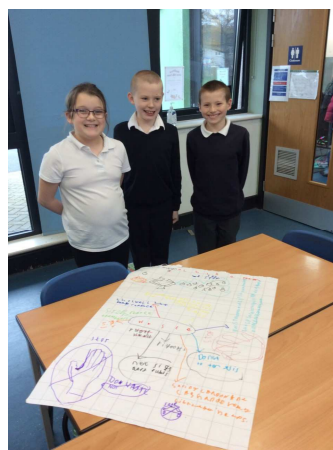


## STEM Week - Renewable Energy Workshop

This week, Year 6 were able to participate in a workshop all about renewable energy. This was facilitated by Dr Juliette Jackson from Seadream Education. The children were very lucky to be able to meet and work with such an interesting scientist. They discussed and explored different forms of renewable energy as alternatives to burning fossil fuels. They investigated the power of solar panels and white light by looking through glasses that bend the light and reveal the colours of the rainbow that are there – this was an amazing experience for the children and they enjoyed the practical activities as well as having the opportunity to work with a real life scientist!



## COP 26



Year 5 have been learning about COP 26 and how we can do our bit to help tackle climate change.



## PARENTS / CARERS - Courses Information

As one of our school priorities is to share and support our learning with our community, we are delighted to have the opportunity to offer you some free Level 2 courses with the AIM group to help better understand some key issues around neurodiversity, young people's mental health and wellbeing. Please see below:-

The Aim Group are able to support **Discovery Multi Academy Trust Schools** with several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited Courses available to Parents and Families to help better understand some key issues around neurodiversity, young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Here's some of our most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (tailored to understand how separation, divorce and death in a family can influence a child's mental health) **three week course**
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties).
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism).
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behavior, effective communication and how to manage challenging behaviour).
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues).

We also have some other fantastic courses around areas such as **Safeguarding and Prevent, Equality and Diversity, Business Admin, plus many more.** All courses are accessed online within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams or end point assessments are involved, and the courses are purely detailed Q&A based with all the information needed provided, which is available to you 24/7. Once finished **You can do as many as you like**, however you can just do one course at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government-funded course (Apprenticeship for example)



The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event a learner enrolls but then drops out without providing a reason. **That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a reason as to why they won't be able to complete it with in the allocated time.**

Please note: under the college request you will need to attend a short zoom induction to ensure we get you successfully enrolled onto the correct course.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. This will then allow me to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details and of course, answer any questions you have.

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000dfT1K>

There are also some courses from the NSPCC to support language and communication from your children. The opportunities to develop early language skills support your children for the rest of their lives and it is never too late to begin these conversations that build and extend language skills.

[Responsive relationships builds strong brains](#) | [Serve & Return](#) | [NSPCC - YouTube](#)



# Climbing wall taster sessions!

Does your children want to try climbing? Why not book them on to one of our climbing taster sessions happening on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

Just £6 for a 1 hour session

## Session times!!

Time	age
10-11am	5-11 years
11.15 - 12.15pm	12-17 year
12.40 – 1.45pm	5-11 years
2– 3pm	12-17 year
3.15 – 4.15pm	5-11 years
4.30 - 5.30pm	15-17 year

Book online or at the climbing wall reception or call us on:  
01752 606900 option 4



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