

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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4th April 2022

Monday

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Tuesday

- Ukraine Fundraiser Mufti
- Rec/Yr6 Weights and Measures

Wednesday

- Woodpecker Class Plymouth Energy Trip

Thursday

- Raven Class Plymouth Energy Trip
- Yr1 Easter Assembly 2.45pm

Friday

- Non-Pupil Day

PARENT UPDATE

What a lovely, sunny, but very cold week last week! Please remember to send children into school with coats, it is extremely cold outside but lovely to have such dry weather.

We have had a very exciting week; the minibus has been very busy travelling to the Eden Project all week with the Year 6 children who have had an amazing learning experience that links perfectly with their topic. The Y3 children also visited The Soapbox in Devonport Park and watched a show, including finding out about the puppets they will be making. Some of the Year 3 and 4 children have been to Sir John Hunt for a sports festival and really enjoyed their time together. All of the children have been fantastic ambassadors for the school, enjoying their learning and experiences whilst remembering to show their fantastic manners and interest with others. I am always proud of our children, and it is important to me that the children are recognized for this in other areas of school life, especially when out in public.

This term we have been focusing particularly on the STEM skills in class and through our learning, the children have loved using these to find out more about the way they learn. I am also delighted that they have been so proactive in recognising when these skills are used in learning. We have also focused on Reading Comprehension and the children are really beginning to show their skills in this area, being part of Reading Clubs and the focus on Reading Comprehension in class has really allowed them to show how they understand texts and reading and develop a broad vocabulary. We have also been focusing on attendance, with rewards and stickers and supporting children to be in school each day. Next week we will celebrate attendance in assembly.



Mrs Oliver is running a Solihull Approach workshop for parents starting after Easter. Many of you will have heard about this, it is one of the best courses in the UK that focuses on relationships between adults and children and develops skills and knowledge to support your child from their youngest years to teenager and beyond. It supports all aspects of relationships with children and it is so important that the teachers and staff at Beechwood will be receiving the Solihull Approach training later in the year. It is important to us that we learn from the course to support the children in our care, whether or not we have our own children and I am delighted that the teachers have requested to be part of the course so they can further their understanding in this area. If you would like any information, please ask your class teacher.

On Tuesday, we have a non-uniform day to raise some donations for the humanitarian response in Ukraine. We will be sending the money raised to the Disasters Emergency Committee, who will distribute funds to charities working in Ukraine. Please do wear your school uniform to school if you do not wish to donate.

On Thursday Year 1 will be performing their Easter production to the school and their parents in the afternoon at 2.45pm. These children did not have a Reception Christmas Production last year as restrictions were in place, so the children are together for an Easter production instead. We are really looking forward to seeing what they have been doing, as is the tradition, the children are very excitedly keeping their production a secret until the unveiling on Thursday. If you are a parent or carer of a Year 1 child, we welcome you to school at 2.45pm, please enter through the dining hall.

PARENT UPDATE

Next week, Year 5 are out for a visit to the Incinerator to complement their recent work on waste, particularly food waste. This is an exciting opportunity and I look forward to finding out what they learn. On Thursday, school reports will be coming home to parents and we will also be sending a special newsletter with a Celebration of Learning for the school from this term, as well as the winners from the fantastic Easter competition.

This week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Wilkins and Miss Davis. They will be leaving us to take on exciting new ventures. We wish them both good luck for the future and thank them for all the support they have given during their time at Beechwood.

Have a lovely week

Mrs T Bailey

NEW GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19)

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, but have not taken a test, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

For children:

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

LEARNING DECIMALS WITH YEAR 5

Year 5 have been using bead strings to support their understanding of decimals. They represented numbers to 1 and wrote down the corresponding decimals. Excellent learning, Year 5!



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

Tues 5th April	Ukraine Fundraiser Mufti
Tues 5th April	Rec/Yr6 - Weights & Measures
Wed 6th April	Woodpecker Plymouth Energy Trip
Thurs 7th April	Raven Class Plymouth Energy Trip
Thurs 7th April	Yr 1 Easter Assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 8th April	Non Pupil Day
Mon 11th April -	Fri 22nd April – EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wed 11th May -	Fri 13th May - Barton Hall - Yr 5
Mon 30th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 31st May -	Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM
Thurs 9th June	To Fri 10th June - Bristol/Bath Trip
Mon 27th June	NPD - In lieu of Jubilee
Tues 26th July	Last Day of Term

2022/2023

Wed 7th Sept **Return After Summer Term**

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **28/03/2022**



Robin	90.5%
Swift	83.1%
Starling	80.4%
Chaffinch	88.9%
Dove	92.6%
Chough	85.3%
Swallow	76.9%
Goldfinch	77.6%
Sparrow	88.8%
Wren	94.4%
Woodpecker	85.6%
Raven	92.3%
Nightingale	90.7%
Skylark	94.8%

Well done!

The winners this week are :-

KS1— Dove Class

KS2— Skylark-Class

They will receive the Attendance Cup

YEAR 1 EASTER ASSEMBLY

The Chaffinch class assembly will be moved to next term (date to follow). This will be replaced by a Year 1 Easter Assembly. This will be held on **Thursday 7th April at 2.45pm**. Parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.



UKRAINE DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE - FUNDRAISING MUFTI



Children are invited to come to school in mufti clothes on **Tuesday 5th April** to help raise funds and support the citizens of Ukraine. All monies raised will be given to the Disasters Emergency Committee.. If you would prefer not to donate, your child is welcome to wear their school uniform. Thank you.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

BARTON HALL RESIDENTIAL - YEAR 5

Polite reminder that the last payment for this residential is due on 31st March 2022. Thank you.

BRISTOL / BATH TRIP - YEAR 6

We have a few remaining places still available on this trip. Deposits can be made on Parent Pay. Next payment is due on 4th April 2022. Thank you.

Please speak to the office if you would like to discuss your payment or require a Parent Pay Bar Code letter.



Thank you.

PLYMOUTH ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY TRIP

As part of our Year 5 topic of 'Our Changing World', they will be visiting Plymouth Energy From Waste facility.

Woodpecker class will visit on **Wednesday 6th April**

Raven Class will visit on **Thursday 7th April**

Our children will travel on the school minibus .
Please complete and return the permission slip to your child's class teacher asap.
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.

CHOUGH CLASS

We would like to welcome Miss Brocklesby and Miss Blakeston to Chough Class . They are taking over from Miss Durber who is expecting her baby very soon.

EXCAVATIONS– ROCKFIELD AVENUE

We have been made aware that over the coming weeks Kier Utilities will be laying new electricity cables in Rockfield Avenue.

The new cables will be laid in a trench in the road ,therefore roadside parking will not be available. This should not affect entrance and departure to the car park on the school site.,

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Paul.horrell@kier.co.uk or telephone 07896 279134

YEAR 2 PSHE

In Starling Class in PSHE we have been learning all about how to look after ourselves, including how to keep ourselves clean.

This week we learnt all about how to wash our hands correctly.

Miss Humphries (pretend) sneezed into her hands and showed us all her germs (red glitter). We then all (pretend) sneezed into our hands and were given some germs (red glitter), then we touched the person next to us and could see all the germs being passed round the whole class.

We were amazed how quickly germs pass from one person to another. We found it really fun but also a bit yuck! We then went and washed our hands to get all our germs off.



DOJO REWARD DAY

Ellie is sitting in Mrs Francis's chair because she has earnt a staggering 75 Class Dojos! Fantastic effort, Ellie.



YEAR 1 GROWING SUNFLOWERS

In Year 1 this week we have been planting sunflowers! We put the compost in the pot, planted our seed and gave it water. We are hoping they grow to be really tall. Look out over the next few months outside Year 1, we might have huge sunflowers growing very soon!



MATHS WITH YEAR 6

Nightingale class loved investigating volume this week in maths .



EXPLORER VISIT - YEAR 2

Year two were lucky enough to be visited by a real life explorer. After researching local and historical adventurers it was great to meet and talk to someone who has experienced it themselves.

Ed is the first Cornishman to summit the seven highest peaks in the world.

The children were excited to hear about his preparations and see the actual equipment used for his polar expeditions. They listened inquisitively and asked some very clever and delving questions. To develop this we then made lists of equipment we would need and explained why they were necessary. They then drew and labelled the clothing that we would need to visit these places.

We really feel that there could be some future explorers in year two !





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Understanding
your child

Solihull Approach

Where does it come from?

The Solihull Approach was first developed in Solihull in 1996 by Health Visitors and Psychotherapists working with families whose children were having feeding, sleeping, toileting and/or had behaviour difficulties. It has since been developed further and is now used by a wide range of professionals from different agencies who work with families. The Solihull Approach Model provides a framework for thinking about children's behaviour



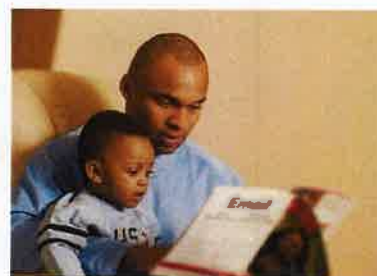
The Solihull Approach - Parenting Programme

The programme is based on the Solihull Approach to parenting and focuses on the parent/child relationship.

It aims to support parents in building positive and responsive relationships with their children.

Key Facts

- Open to parents of children aged 0-16.
- 10 week course, 2 hours a week, term time only.
- Focus on building a positive relationship between parents and children.
- Open to all parents regardless of their situation who want to look at building or maintaining good relationships within the family.



FSA INFORMATION - The Solihull Course will be coming soon every Tuesday from the 3rd May -13th July at Beechwood. Please contact Jenny Oliver for a referral form or more information. Thank you.

LEARNING ABOUT JUDAISM

In RE, Year 5 have been learning about Judaism. On Friday, they made their own scrolls and tried writing Hebrew words to get an idea how much work goes into creating a Torah.

Did you know that it takes about a year to make a Torah?

It is entirely written by hand, and each of the 304,805 letters is inscribed with a quill and specially prepared ink.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE DURING EASTER HALF TERM 2022



MARKS AND SPENCER

Kids eat free in the M&S Cafe if you spend £5. One free children's meal per transaction. Between 4th April and 22nd April.

MORRISONS

Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide with one paying adult. Plus they have the feed the family for £10 deal running at Easter

YO! SUSHI

Pick any main, a side of edamame beans and drink and you'll get it free with a £10 adult spend throughout half term.

ASDA

Kids eat free in Asda's cafes after 3pm Monday - Friday.

GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

BELLA ITALIA

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid from 1st April - 24th April 2022

TABLE TABLE, BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children get free breakfast with one paying adult! It has also been reported that if you sign up to their newsletter they send out a code for kids eat free, but I haven't personally tried this.

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

DUNELM CAFE-PAUSA

Kids eat FREE when adults spend just £4 or more at Pausa cafes which you will find inside Dunelm stores.

PRETO

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free when accompanied by a paying adult, all day every day through the Easter holidays from 9am - 12pm.

FARMHOUSE INNS

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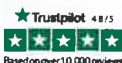
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- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
- Lots of energy!



FSA Termly News



DISCOVERY

Day	Time	Event & place	Staff	Additional information
Monday 28th March - 4th & 25th April	2.45-3.10pm	School uniform & old books sale School Dining hall	Jenny Oliver	We have had lots of used school uniforms donated & we have lots of old used school reading books for sale. All proceeds will go back into buying new school reading books.
Tuesday Starting 3rd May Booking required	9.15-11.15am	Baron's Solihull course STEM room	Kelly Resumovic	This is a course to help with relationships between parents & children. More information below or see Jenny Oliver.
Wednesday (Every week)	9.10-11.15am	Well-being walkers Group Southway & sun-riding area	Jenny Oliver	This is a walking group for all abilities and is aimed at improving mental and physical health & wellbeing we finish at the Sassy Cafe at the Handwell centre.
Thursday 1st week starting 28th May - 7th July Booking required	9.15-11.15am	Well-being Art & crafts	Yas	We are going to be having Adult learning courses Next term is Well-being arts & crafts, so Booking use the information below. Or contact Jenny for more information. A certificate can be provided for siblings 11m & over but needs prior booking. Also if you can make Jenny aware when you have booked & which child you would like your learning with so we can arrange with the class teachers - thank you.

Adult Learning information

Well-being arts & crafts This is a 10 week course where you can take part in different activities like jewelry making, Glass painting & more. If you are interested you can enroll with the link below & use the course number: **W14EF41Y**

If you feel you may like to do more than one course with On course you can go to :-

[On Course South West - How to use the course booking](#)

Register as a learner, then each time you want to join a new course just login & just enter the code.

**Coming soon to Beechwood :-The Solihull Approach -Parenting Programme
From 3rd May-12th July 9.15-11.15am**

May Parents

Open to parents of children aged 0-15

1st week: 9.15-11.15am, 2nd week: 10.15-12.15pm, 3rd week: 11.15-1.15pm, 4th week: 12.15-2.15pm, 5th week: 1.15-3.15pm, 6th week: 2.15-4.15pm, 7th week: 3.15-5.15pm, 8th week: 4.15-6.15pm, 9th week: 5.15-7.15pm, 10th week: 6.15-8.15pm

Cost: £10 per session, £100 per course. If you are interested please contact Jenny Oliver on 0121 717 1111 or jenny.oliver@widewellprimary.co.uk



MARINE ACADEMY
PLYMOUTH

EASTER SOCCER CAMP

Ages 6-11 9.30am-3.30pm (doors open 9am)
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Week 1: Tues 12th Weds 13th Thurs 14th

Week 2: Tues 19th Weds 20th Thurs 21st

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New!

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