

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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28th March 2022

Monday

- Easter Competition Entries due

Tuesday

- Adult Learning Courses
- Eden Project Trip

Wednesday

- Wellbeing Walkers Grp
- Class Photos
- Eden Project

Thursday

- Coffee and chat
- Wren Class Assembly - 2.45
- Eden Project

Friday

- Eden Project Trip

PARENT UPDATE

The children have enjoyed another House Day, this time focusing on Historical time periods. This was important as teachers wanted to develop the children's understanding of time and recap and revisit some of the time periods already studied in school. The children looked fantastic, thank you to everyone who helped them create their costumes and we really enjoyed watching the children work together with different children and adults, a key element of House Day. The children worked together, often with their siblings and it was so lovely to be able to see the older children taking responsibility for the younger children, sharing their ideas and knowledge. Thank you also to the staff who made the whole day possible, making dinosaur poo and activities that helped the children to research, develop and understand the time periods in history.

Some Year 5 children took part in a Dance Festival at Sir John Hunt. They learnt a dance in school and went to perform it in front of lots of other schools. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, respectful, polite and great sports people. I was proud to see them represent us. Well done!



This week, Year 6 are visiting the Eden Project as part of their topic Biomes. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to understand how different climates affect plants and food production as well as how different communities live. They will experience how climate affects every part of our life and get to see and share many different regions around the world. We are really lucky to live in the place where the Eden Project is based and that the teachers have created this opportunity to take the children so they can add this valuable knowledge to their learning. This is a key part of the

Science curriculum encompassing many different area of the curriculum and an opportunity to develop their STEM skills of creativity, flexibility, problem solving.

Please can I remind everyone that attendance at school is extremely important. For every day missed, a child misses out on a day of learning which in turn means that they have more learning to find out about and it affects their relationships and friendships when they miss those common experiences in class.



Covid is still a concern and I know that children still need to isolate as a result of a positive test. Other illnesses are also very common in children and can result in time off school. This is a normal part of childhood and it is unlikely that anyone will avoid all illnesses! However, it is important to consider how much time off a child is having and the impact of that on their education, friendships and keeping up with school events.



On Wednesday we are having class photos for the children who have photo permission.

Please make sure the children are wearing full, smart school uniform, with black shoes. If you would like any assistance with school uniform, please ask at the office or Mrs Oliver and we can generally find what you may need. School uniform helps us to be a community, to be respectful and dressed for school and the activities we take part in. Uniform also means that we come together as a community in school, sharing together. It is an expectation about presentation for the future, both looking forward to secondary school and beyond, into the workplace. We have lots of uniform available, we hold fortnightly uniform sales (please see the newsletter for dates), which are donation based and we will always provide uniform where it is needed.

PARENT UPDATE



We have been lucky that the weather has been so lovely recently, it feels a bit like summer, however it is still early Spring and children do need to bring coats to school please as the weather can be colder than it looks, our school is very windy on top of the hill and the weather can change in a moment .

Thank you for all the entries to the Easter Bonnet and Egg Competition, the library is looking amazing and there are so many fantastic entries. I can see that the children have worked hard to make them and I hope it was an enjoyable experience at home. They look like so much fun!



Have a lovely week

Mrs T Bailey

REMEMBERING LYME BAY



22nd March 1993 Simon Dunne, Claire Langley, Dean Sayer & Rachel Walker sadly lost their lives in Lyme Bay.

Beechwood Primary Academy staff, children and community would like to remember the children and families of the Lyme Bay canoeing accident in March 1993. The memorial on our grounds is a place of beauty and remembrance and we send our thoughts in memory of those affected.

RED NOSE DAY AND UNIFORM SALES

The total raised for Red Nose day was £225.

The total raised so far for Books & uniform sales is now £72.18p

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.

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

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| Mon 28th March | Easter Competition Entries due |
| Tues 29th March | Fri 1st April - Yr6 Trip Eden Project |
| Wed 30th March | Class Photos |
| Thur 31st March | Wren Class Assembly - 2.45pm |
| 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

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **21/03/2022**



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| Robin | 92.6% |
| Swift | 75.9% |
| Starling | 80.0% |
| Chaffinch | 91.5% |
| Dove | 90.5% |
| Chough | 74.7% |
| Swallow | 86.9% |
| Goldfinch | 94.0% |
| Sparrow | 96.0% |
| Wren | 93.7% |
| Woodpecker | 90.4% |
| Raven | 93.2% |
| Nightingale | 93.6% |
| Skylark | 89.6% |

Well done!

The winners this week are :-

KS1— Robin Class

KS2— Sparrow 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

EASTER BONNET AND EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The Buddies we will be holding an Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg decorating competition in school this Easter.



KS1 - Children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet.



KS2 - Children are invited to decorate a hardboiled egg.

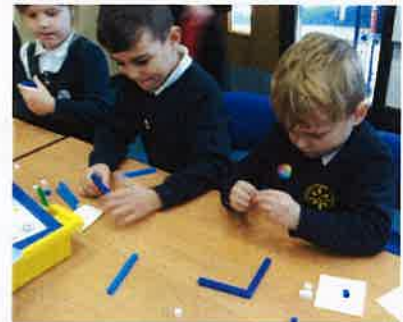
Please bring your bonnets and eggs into school on **Monday 28th March** in preparation for judging.

All entries will receive a small prize. But a larger prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both KS1 and KS2.

WREN CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Starling Class are invited to their class assembly this **Thursday at 2.45pm**. Please wait by the black gates outside the dinner hall. Thank you.

LEARNING MATHS WITH YEAR 1



Chaffinch class have been learning about place value to 50 this week in Maths. Last week the children used manipulatives to represent tens and ones, exploring and creating 2 digit numbers.

KS1 CHANGE FOR LIFE



On Monday 21st, some of our KS1 children got to take part in a Change4Life event at Marjon university. They took part in a range of activities including balance bikes, target toss and learning about healthy eating. Throughout the activities, the children earned stickers representing a good sports person. They had a great time and were fantastic representatives for Beechwood.



STEM ADULT LEARNERS



This week our STEM Adult learners designed their own fairground rides & games made out of Lego, the children loved coming in and learning all about it.

HOW PLANTS GROW - YEAR 3



Thursday 22nd March
 This is our investigation about plants and so
 far.
 We are putting a plant in a glass and water
 and a glass.
 We are putting one plant in the cupboard
 to see if it gets light.
 We are putting one plant in the glass
 to see if it gets water.
 We are up going to plant some water
 to see what will happen.
 I think the plant in the cupboard
 will grow.
 I think the plant in the glass
 will grow.
 I predict that the plant that
 gets no water will die.

In Year 3 we have been learning all about the things a plant needs to grow. We designed our own investigation and made predictions about what's going to happen to our plants.



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.

DANCE FESTIVAL - YEAR 5



Year 5 children attended the dance festival held at SJH this week.

They performed three routines - one which was choreographed, and the others created by themselves.

The children did amazingly well and got to perform all their routines twice! It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their performances in a safe space and build on their confidence each time. Well done.

LEARNING TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT



On Wednesday afternoons Year 3 have been learning all about how to play the ukulele! We're really enjoying creating tunes and using the instruments to create different sounds.

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



Just an update from our SEND Newsletter that Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) are holding their SEND and Celebration 2022 event for the next two weeks for parents, carers, professionals and anyone with an interest in SEND in Plymouth.

Every weekday evening from Monday 14 March – Friday 25 March 2022 there will be an online presentation or workshop to take part in.

How to Book

Register with PPCV at: <https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/join/>

You will be sent an email with a link to join the meetings.

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| Monday 14th March @ 7pm Round Table: Event with local MPs and Plymouth Stakeholders to discuss SEND in Plymouth |
| Tuesday 15th March @ 7pm Chris Bonello: Autistic Author and Advocate. Founder of www.autisticnotweird.co.uk |
| Wednesday 16th March @ 8pm Dr Naomi Fisher: Won't Go or Can't Go? When your child refuses school |
| Thursday 17th March @ 7pm Carol Robins: Preparing for Adulthood |
| Friday 18th March @ 7pm Young Person's Event |
| How to book Register with PPCV: www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/join/ You will be sent an email with a link to the meeting |



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| Monday 21st March @ 7pm Catherine Gulliver - Williams Syndrome |
| Tuesday 22nd March @ 7pm Harry Thompson: PDA Extraordinaire |
| Wednesday 23rd March @ 8pm Dr Naomi Fisher: Home Ed |
| Thursday 24th March @ 7pm Jess Thompson: Vulnerable Person's Trust |
| Friday 25th March @ 7pm TBC |
| How to book Register with PPCV: www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/join/ You will be sent an email with a link to the meeting |



BEECHWOOD HOUSE DAY

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Information for Parents

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

What is Phonics?

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in EYFS. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words. They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words. For this reason, the first initial sounds that are taught are 'm', 'a', 's', 'd', 't', 'l', 'n'. These can immediately be blended for reading to make simple CVC words e.g. sat, tin. Children then develop segmenting for writing skills; breaking the word into sounds to spell it out.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 across England will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What Happens During the Screening?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 5-10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.

The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 alien words (nonsense words).

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Alien Words (Nonsense Words)

The alien words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the alien word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. 'Alien' words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

Reporting to Parents

By the end of the summer term all schools will report each child's results to their parents. They will also confirm if the child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

How Can I Help My Child at Home?

- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- Year 1 Teachers will be sending home a Read Write Inc pack for you to use at home.



5-star Holiday Camps

To put a spring in their step this Easter.

With action-packed sessions available throughout the school holidays, our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

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Holiday camps near you

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| Venue: | Widewell Primary School |
| Dates: | Mon-Thurs 11th-14th & Tues-Fri 19th-22nd April (8 Days) |
| Times: | 9am - 4pm |
| Price: | £60.00 |
| Ages: | 5 - 12 years old |
| Additional info: | Dodgeball, Football and many more sports! |

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

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Please bring:

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

FSA Termly News

| Day | Time | Event & place | Staff | Additional information |
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| Monday 28th March - 4th & 25th April | 2.45-3.30pm | School uniform & old books sale School Dining hall | Jenny Oliver | We have had lots of used school uniform 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 1st May. Booking required | 9.15-11.15am | Barrardo's Southall course STEM room | Kelly Beaumont | This is a course to help with relationships between parent & children. More information below or see Jenny Oliver. |
| Wednesday (Every week) | 9-10.15am | Well-being walkers Group Southway & surrounding areas | Jersey Oliver | This is a walking group for all abilities and is aimed at improving mental and physical health & wellbeing we finish at the Swan Cafe at the Handwell centre. |
| Thursday 10 weeks starting 28th May - 7th July Booking required | 9.15-11.15am | Well-being Art & crafts | Yaz | We are going to be holding Adult learning courses Next term its Well-being arts & crafts, to Booking use the information below. Or contact Jenny for more information. A creche can be provided for siblings 12m & over but needs prior booking. Also if you can make Jenny aware when you have booked & which child you would like join 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: **W14BF41Y**

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

On Course South West - join course with course code W14BF41Y

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**

Key Facts

+ Open to parents of children aged 5-15.

+ 10 week course & each week 1 hour session.

+ Free to attend & no booking fee. Free refreshments provided.

+ Can be booked online via the link below or by email to parenting@beechwoodprimary.co.uk or by phone on 0121 717 1111.