

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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18th October 2021

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| • Assessment week | • Assessment week | • Assessment week | • Assessment week | • School Ends 3.15pm. • Buddies Mufti |

PARENT UPDATE

I can hardly believe we are nearly at the end of this half term. Thank you to everyone who has made this term such a success for the children – they have learnt an amazing amount about a wide variety of different topics and have taken great pride in showcasing their work in their new books. Last week, the children took part in the first House Day of this school year, Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day. It was a pleasure to see children of different ages working together, showing kindness and support to others and celebrating music, food and traditions from around the world. Thank you to the staff who made it possible, it was a particular highlight of this term. Last week was also NSPCC Pants week, teaching children about their bodies and keeping safe.

Last weekend, KS1 children had the opportunity to visit Theatre Royal Plymouth to watch a special recording of CBeebies Nightmare Before Christmas which will be shown on the BBC later in the year. Beechwood was recommended to the BBC as a good school in the area to choose for the recording – a real honour - and I know the children who were able to go had a fantastic afternoon.

This week, the children can look forward to the first Beechwood Buddies event, a non-uniform day on Friday. All donations will be collected on the day. The children will also be completing some assessments to share their learning and importantly to shape the teaching and learning to prioritise what the children need to succeed over the next few terms. This week we have also invited two Head Teachers to our school to share the teaching and learning that takes place at Beechwood and to gather ideas from our support processes, like the HUT and what we offer our children. This is an exciting opportunity and we are looking forward to it. This is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of the values of the Trust – Democratic, Inclusive, Collaborative and Excelling.

As the weather begins to get colder, we will still be keeping the windows and doors open as much as possible to allow a flow of fresh air into the classrooms. Please consider white vests or t-shirts under polo shirts or shirts, tights or long socks and as an extra layer, children may wear navy blue fleeces over their school jumper or cardigan.

Have a fantastic last week of term and enjoy your half term break.

Tamsin Bailey

Head of School



BUDDIES MUFTI

Don't Forget ! This Friday 22nd October is Mufti Day.
Please give all donations to your child's teacher on the day.
Remember children must wear sensible shoes (no Heels Or heelies) and dress appropriately for the weather



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can you PAY IN ADVANCE for all lunches.

ALL outstanding dinner and breakfast club accounts must be cleared as soon as possible for the end of term.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance. Thank you.



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

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| Fri 22nd Oct | Buddies Mufti |
| Mon 25th Oct to | Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM |
| Fri 12th Nov | Yr2 Dove Assembly |
| Fri 26th Nov | Non Pupil Day |
| Fri 3rd Dec | Yr6 Skylark assembly |
| Mon 13th Dec | Buddies Xmas disco |
| Mon 20th Dec to | Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK |
| Weds 16th Feb | Buddies Red Disco |
| Mon 21st Feb to | Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM |
| Mon 28th Feb | Non Pupil Day |
| 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 | Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM |

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.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Please visit the following website for information and guidance on applying for your child's secondary school for September 2022

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions
(from Monday 6th September 2021)

The deadline to apply is
31st October 2021

ATTENDANCE CUP

Week beginning 11/10/21

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| Robin | 91.7% |
| Starling | 84.6% |
| Chaffinch | 91.7% |
| Dove | 99.0% |
| Chough | 94.0% |
| Swallow | 95.6% |
| Goldfinch | 94.6% |
| Sparrow | 97.7% |
| Wren | 94.4% |
| Woodpecker | 93.0% |
| Raven | 92.3% |
| Nightingale | 87.7% |
| Skylark | 95.2% |

Well done!
DOVE Class

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



WELLBEING

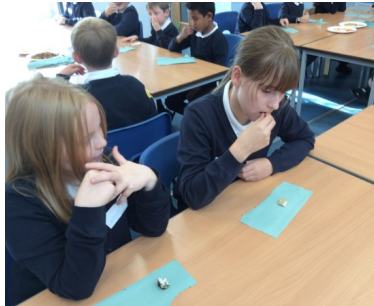
As we are more settled into term, this is sometimes the time that children and families can find that tiredness can affect their wellbeing. The NHS provides free, lifetime access to In Our Place, a parenting website that supports adults and families with advice and free courses to support you with children from birth to teenagers www.inourplace.co.uk The code is TAMAR and it will give you free access to these wonderful resources. Please speak to Jenny Oliver if you would like any more advice. For primary children, we recommend 3a Understanding Your Child as a good place to start. Jenny Oliver also takes lots of parents walking every Wednesday morning, meet at 9.00 outside the front of school, they leave around 9.15 and stop for coffee on the way. It is a fantastic way to meet new parents and also to seek advice about any aspect of parenting or family life.

Have a lovely week— Mrs Bailey

BEECHWOOD HOUSE DAY

Our children took part in their first house day ,celebrating cultural diversity. They took part in many different activities and worked together in different age groups, working well as teams and showing each other kindness and respect.

Tasting New Foods

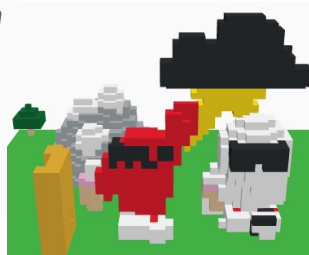
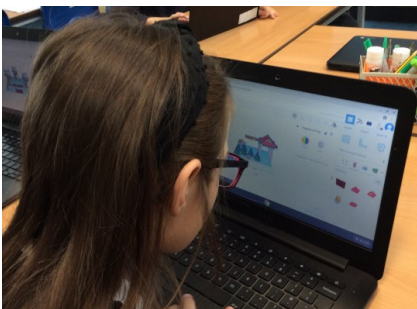


Jewellery Making



LEARNING ABOUT 3D MODELLING

Last week in Year 5, we started using 3D modelling software. We tinkered with it and shared our discoveries with the rest of the class. We could use lots of different shapes to design whatever we wanted, changing the size and shape of each one and viewing our designs from different angles. Next week, we will be ready to build Roman ruins using it!



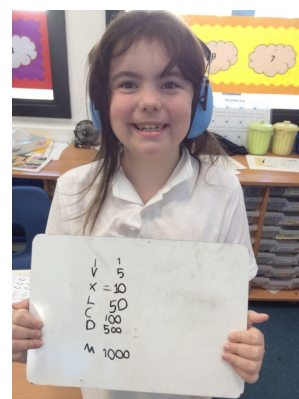
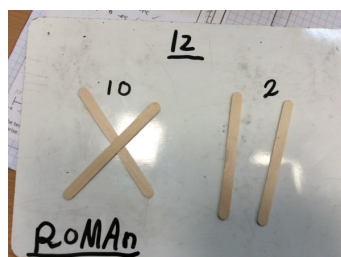
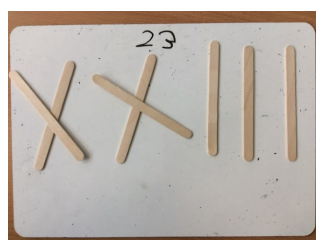
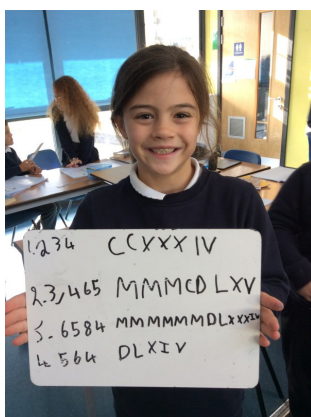
LEARNING ABOUT THE STONE AGE

Year 3 have been enjoying lots of art as part of our Stone Age topic! We have designed and made clay jewellery, created cave paintings with our hands and cave paintings with a brush.



ROMAN NUMERALS

Year 4 classes have been creating Roman numerals with lollypop sticks in Maths!



ROUTINES UPDATE REMINDER

As you will be aware, we are not using the bubble system anymore and we have been able to have assemblies again! However, with the current numbers higher in the South West, we are still remaining as vigilant as we can and children and staff will still be sanitising/washing their hands through the day and respecting the space between one another.

We ask that our school community continue to respect distance when dropping off and collecting your children with all adults on our site. Any messages can be emailed, phoned into Reception or passed to the class teacher on the Pod door. If you are invited for an essential meeting, please wear a mask on entry to the school building and throughout your time in the school building.

Where to find us in October

- 07th October - The Plot 1.30pm-3.30pm
80/84 Union Street, PL1 3EZ
- 12th October - The Village Hub 10am-12pm
Devonport Road, PL3 4DL
- 18th October - Jan Cutting Centre 11am-1pm
Scott Business Park, PL2 2PQ
- 18th October - Keyham Green Places 1.30pm - 3.30pm
163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
- 21st October - The Plot 1.30pm-3.30pm
80/84 Union Street, PL1 3EZ
- 26th October - Tamar Resource Centre 10am - 12am
Poole Park Rd, Plymouth PL5 1DD
- 27th October - Oasis Cafe 1.30pm - 3.30pm
28 Manor Street, PL1 1TW

Behind on energy bills?
Cold damp home?
Broken boiler?
Using too much energy?

Contact our friendly team
Plymouth Energy Community
01752 477117
energyteam@plymouthenergycommunity.com
www.plymouthenergycommunity.com



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COMMUNITY**

Moth making with
#MothsToAFire

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.

**Free
School
Meals**



Are you entitled?

Plymouth Science

Spooky Science Camp



Scan here to book your place

Venue: St Peters Primary School,
Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD
Days: Mon 25th-Fri 29th
Timings: 9am-3pm
Age: 6-11 years

£20 per day
(bring your own lunch)
£23 per day
(lunch provided)



To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.

Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk

Email: plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com

Plymouth Science

Lego Robotics



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