



Beech Green News

Issue 3

Thursday 17th November

A Real Author!



It has been a fabulous festival of reading this week, every child has met a real author; they have asked questions, listened to extracts and demonstrated excellent behaviour in and out of our school.

This week we have started to think about Christmas events; FABG Christmas Fayre on Thursday 8th December will start at 3:15pm and end at around 5:30pm. Refreshments will be available, the activities will be centred around the front of the school: hall, entrance, outside shelters and library. Each year group has taken responsibility for creating a stall and will be sending an email out asking for your support. Wednesday 7th December is also the date for Christmas jumpers and lunch.

Monday 12th December is our Christmas Service and Carol Concert at St. James' Church. Parents and carers of children in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be asked to accompany children to church, for a

simple service and carols, parents and carers are welcome to stay to join in! Year 3 and 4 will be sending out an invitation for their Carol Concert at 2pm or 6pm. Space for both events will be limited, please talk to us if you need specific access. Year 5 and 6 will also be learning some carols and festive songs, these will be performed in Tesco and other community spaces (times and dates to be confirmed).

Reception classes will be asking parents and carers to join them for a Christmas Workshop on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th December.

It is such a joy to be able to run whole school events again. We look forward to seeing you at an event, there are quite a few, over the next four weeks. As always, if you're not sure what is happening talk to someone at the gate, look at our website or phone us.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

School News





Forest School

Reception were grateful for the mild weather and sunshine last week as they enjoyed their first forest school session with Miss Whitfield. The children deepened their understanding of the world around them by observing and thinking about the ways that the seasons effect nature, especially the

leaves on the trees. The children collected the fallen leaves before using their creative skills to turn them into a gorgeous, autumnal rainbow. Forest school is a learner-led initiative, so next the children decided they wanted to give themselves, (and Miss Whitfield,) a mud-makeover to become mud monsters!! We think you all look fabulous!



Reception

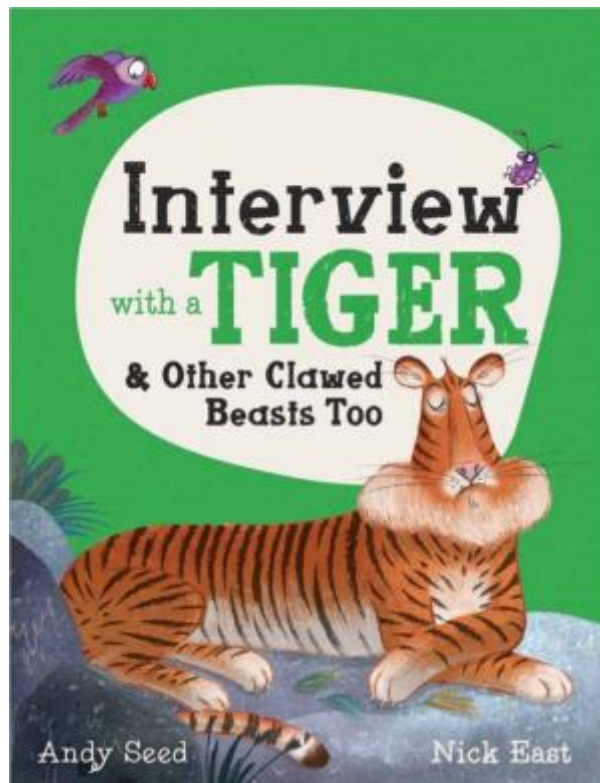
Apple and Cherry class have been learning about people who help us. Mrs Poulson visited the classes to talk about her role in school, Mr Luke Thompson, a governor on the school's education and development committee, took time out of his busy day to introduce himself and share a story with the classes and Mrs Sarah Chester, our cook, also paid reception a visit to explain her role in the kitchen preparing our delicious school dinners.

Remembrance Day

On Friday the nation came together to remember all those who gave their lives serving our country. As a school, we assembled on the playground at 11am to observe the silence together. A delegation of school councillors went to Tesco to pay their respects with the community and another group went with Mrs Poulson to St James' Church to join representatives from the armed services to pay their respects at the war memorial, you may have spotted some of them on Friday evening's edition of BBC Points West. We were very proud of all our children.







Really wild Reading Festival

At Beech Green school we passionately believe in developing a lifelong love of reading in our children that stays with them long beyond their time in our school. This doesn't just stop at the mechanics of learning to read, but also hearing stories read and understanding where the stories we love originate from. With this in mind, the whole school had the opportunity this week to meet a real-life author! In a collaboration with other schools in the area, Key Stage 1 met Hannah Shaw at Meadowside school, Year 3 welcomed Andy Seed to Beech Green, Year 4 met Tola Okogwu at Fieldcourt Juniors and Years 5 and 6 had the pleasure of an audience with Fleur Hitchcock. The children really enjoyed hearing the authors read their books and finding out about where they got the inspiration for their stories from.

Children in Need - TOMORROW!

Don't forget that tomorrow all the children can wear pyjamas, because we all need sleep; bring a teddy or something that offers comfort, because we need to feel loved. As usual, water and a healthy snack. Every child should also bring a donation which will be collected at the gate, £1 or whatever you can afford please.

Every year the BBC's Children in Need appeal raises much needed funds to support grassroots organisations and project workers in every corner of the UK, who provide the vital relationships and support to help the children who need it most.



Vacancy for a Cleaner

Vacancy for a Cleaner Monday to Friday - 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Term time plus three weeks in the holidays. If you are interested and would like more details, then please contact Miss Amy Bancroft on bursar@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or phone 01452 722363.

Roof Repairs

We have been notified by the local authority that the much delayed roof repairs may start in the next few weeks. Unfortunately we cannot give you a start date, but we are doing our best to find out and will let you know as soon as we know.

Sports News



Netball

Our fantastic netball team were in action again on Monday, at home against Hardwicke. They worked hard to put their training into practice, displaying some exceptional defending and marking skills. Despite creating lots of goal-scoring opportunities, it wasn't to be this time and the team conceded 5-3 to Hardwicke.





Football at Beech Green, the World Cup... AND FREE FGR TICKETS!!!

With the World Cup beginning this Sunday, all the children in infants and juniors have been getting to grips with football in their PE lessons either last term or this term. Our girls and boys league campaigns are successfully underway, and a team from the junior football after-school club are due to compete in a tournament at Oxstalls Sports Park this evening.

All children will be able to participate in a World Cup sweepstake within their class, and classes will be showing highlights (come on England and Wales!) throughout the tournament, as well as finding out a little more about the tournament itself, the host nation and what they think of it all through class discussions.

In addition to all of this, in collaboration with our partner club Forest Green Rovers, we are able to offer **EVERY CHILD** in school a **FREE TICKET** to watch a live game at the New Lawn! As a partner school, every Beech Green child is entitled to 1 FREE CHILD ticket plus 1 FREE ACCOMPANYING ADULT ticket to a designated match this season. The match we have been invited to attend is against MK Dons, scheduled for Saturday 21st January 2023, 3:00pm kick-off. I have been told that tickets should be distributed in time for Christmas, therefore, as well as being an AMAZING OPPORTUNITY to watch a live football match, this could be an excellent way of obtaining a FANTASTIC FREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!!

If you would like to request tickets, please remember that each child is entitled to ONE free child ticket and ONE free accompanying adult ticket - additional tickets can be purchased directly with the club online or with the FGR ticket office (Tel: 0333 123 1889). Also, please note that tickets will be situated in the Community Stand which is standing only.

To request tickets... please email the office ASAP on admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk stating your **child's name**, **year group**, **number of child tickets** required and number of free accompanying **adult tickets** required. Also, if you would like to order any pre-paid £5 food vouchers for half-time, then please stipulate this. If you would be more comfortable speaking directly to Mr Dawson rather than emailing, you can catch him outside Year 3 on a Thursday or Friday.

Community News



Do you love to sing?

We are a friendly community choir based in Kingsway with mixed ability and experience.

All Welcome. No Auditions



Come and join us!

Monday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Kingsway Community Centre, Thatcham Avenue

Email: love2singcommunitychoir@gmail.com

 Website: love2singchoir.co.uk

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SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

£10 a car limited to 15 cars

£6 per table

Refreshments will be available
Cake Donations welcome

Set up 9 - 10 Buyers 10 - 12

Email to secure your space
Email: fabg@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Postponed till 2023

Beech Green Carboot and Tabletop sale

It is with regret we have decided to postpone the car boot and table top sale to spring 2023 due to the weather forecast. Lets hope for better weather in the new year.

Help with Budgeting

At Beech Green we understand this is a worrying time economically for many of our families and we have been investigating the possibility of getting a financial expert to come in to school to give some advice. Unfortunately, (and unsurprisingly,) there is a very high demand for their services at present and we haven't been able to secure anyone to come it. However, Mrs Ogden has been in touch with CAP, Christians against Poverty, who have kindly sent an invitation for our families to attend their money management course in Alvin Street, Gloucester. Please see the information below for times and sign up details.

Thursday 24th November 2022 at 7.30pm

Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7.30pm

Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7.30pm

At Alvin Street Gloucester GL1 3EH

Sign up on line Capuk.org or Neil Douglas 07526780801

There is also a help line for Debt:08003280006 (free from landlines and mobiles)



Family Cafe News

In the Family Tree Cafe on Tuesday morning the parents were joined by Jasmine Pugh, a learning coordinator from Adult Education in Gloucestershire. Jasmine would like to offer our parents the opportunity to participate in a range of courses, to be held at school, in the new year.

There may be a cost for people in work, but this is assessed on an individual basis.

- Participants must be over the age of 19 and a UK/EEU resident in the last 3 years

To qualify for a free place, participants must be or have one of the following;

1. Unemployed
2. Earning below £18,525.00
3. Retired
4. Learning Disability, Learning Difficulty, Mental health difficulty
5. Qualified below level 2 (less than 5 GCSES)

If for whatever reason a parent/carer doesn't meet the eligibility criteria, then there is usually a charge of £5 per adult per session.

Check out the link below for the full list of courses, then email dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk with your name, course choice and eligibility status.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/adult-education-in-gloucestershire/our-courses/>

Dates for this Term

2023 Reception Intake We are offering the following tours for families to visit our school.

Friday 2nd December - 10.40 - 11.40

Monday 5th December - 1.40 - 2.40

Tuesday 3rd January - 1.40 - 2.40

Closing date for school applications is 15 January 2023

14th November - Anti-bullying week and GSP Really Wild Reading Festival (look out for information on Parent Mail)

17th November - Education Psychologist, Emily Vincent in the Family Tree Café 9am to 10:30am
2:40pm assembly for parents or carers to attend - Year 6 House Captains (you should have a Parent Mail - please ask if unsure)

18th November - Children in Need What do we all need? Wear your Pyjamas, bring a teddy and a donation

20th November - FABG car boot sale in the school car park 24th November - School Disco

28th November - Recto Y2 NHS nasal flu immunisation programme

29th November - Y3 to Y6 NHS nasal flu immunisation programme

(Please return the NHS form even if you wish to decline the immunisation.)

2pm or 6pm - Family voice group please email head@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk if you can attend

1st December - 3:15pm open classrooms 2pm or 6pm - Family voice group (as above) 2nd December - 8:00am open classrooms

7th December - Christmas dinner (See above for ordering information)

8th December - FABG Christmas Fayre after school; all year groups will be running a stall or Christmas activity see separate Parent Mail and above

12th December - We are working with Reverend Mark to plan a Christmas event in St James' church, for a few classes, look out for more information next week.

16th December - End of term 2 at 1:30pm

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