



# Beech Green News

Thursday 9th February

## School News



## We are all learning about learning



This week the adults at Beech Green met to talk about the next whole school learning focus. We believe it is our responsibility to remain interested and informed about educational research. Over the last year teachers gained a greater understanding of the importance of retrieval practice. This led to a change in how often children revisit topics; we think this has made a huge difference to what they can remember in all areas of the curriculum.

Understanding how all children learn informs what we do every day; it is our job to try to cater for individual needs. Throughout the rest of this academic year teachers and teaching partners will research ways to work with pupils that find learning difficult. We take our jobs seriously, as dedicated professionals everyone wants every child to achieve their best. We are determined to seek out strategies that enable the most reluctant learners to work hard and make progress.

Working with parents and carers is one way we can make a bigger difference. This week the EYFS team shared their survey results with us; published below, it clearly shows that in many ways our communication with you is effective. There is always more we can do and so I would like to once again invite you to attend a family voice meeting on Tuesday 7th March 2pm or 6pm. Please join me if you can to have your say about the planned changes to our school.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

#### Reception Questionnaire Results (24 responses)

| Transition at the start of the year.   | How effective/useful was this 1 = not at all to 5 = very |           |            |            |            |             |
|--|--|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|  | No score   | 1         | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5           |
| New Parent's Meeting   |  | 1<br>4.2% |            | 1<br>4.2%  | 3<br>12.5% | 19<br>79.2% |
| Phone call with staff  | 2<br>8.3%  | 1<br>4.2% |            | 1<br>4.2%  | 3<br>12.5% | 17<br>70.8% |
| Family Picnic & visit to the Reception Unit (before the holiday)                 | 3<br>12.5%   | 1<br>4.2% | 2<br>8.3%  |            | 1<br>4.2%  | 17<br>70.8% |
| 'Stay & Play' visits in September with parents & then the children on their own. |  |           |            | 1<br>4.2%  | 2<br>8.3%  | 21<br>87.5% |
| Part-time sessions as half a class Part-time sessions as a whole class           |  |           | 3<br>12.5% | 7<br>29.2% | 4<br>16.7% | 10<br>41.7% |
| How happy are you with how your child has settled at school?                     |  |           |            | 1<br>4.2%  | 2<br>8.3%  | 21<br>87.5% |

| Your child's learning  | How effective/useful was this 1 = not at all to 5 = very |               |   |            |            |                |
|--|--|---------------|---|------------|------------|----------------|
|  | No score   | 1             | 2 | 3          | 4          | 5              |
| Information on the weeks learning and activities on the Friday homework Tapestry |  |               |   | 1<br>4.2%  | 6<br>25%   | 17<br>70.8%    |
| Tapestry posts including 'Next Steps'  |  |               |   |            | 3<br>12.5% | 21<br>87.5%    |
| Tapestry information video clips eg RWI & Maths information.                     |  |               |   |            | 3<br>12.5% | 21<br>87.5%    |
| Parents meeting (3 times a year)   |  |               |   | 2<br>8.3%  |            | 22<br>91.7%    |
| Staff being available for informal chats eg drop off & pick up times.            |  |               |   | 7<br>29.2% | 4<br>16.7% | 13<br>54.2%    |
| Sharing assessments  |  |               |   | 2<br>8.3%  | 1<br>4.2%  | 21<br>87.5%    |
| Packs of resources eg RWI folders  |  |               |   |            | 1<br>4.2%  | 23<br>95.8%    |
| How happy are you with your child's progress?                                    | No score   | Not satisfied |   | Satisfied  |            | Very satisfied |
| Personal, Social & Emotional development   |  |               |   | 5<br>20.8% |            | 19<br>79.2%    |
| Phonics & Reading  |  |               |   | 2<br>8.3%  |            | 22<br>91.7%    |
| Writing  |  |               |   | 4<br>16.7% |            | 20<br>83.3%    |
| Maths  |  |               |   | 5<br>20.8% |            | 19<br>79.2%    |
| Other Areas  | 4<br>16.7%   |               |   | 7<br>29.2% |            | 13<br>54.2%    |

|  | No | Sometimes  | Yes         |
|--|----|------------|-------------|
| Do you feel that you are able to approach/contact any member of the Reception Team if you have a question, concern or need to pass on any information? |    | 7<br>29.2% | 17<br>70.8% |

1 - Thank you to all the Reception parents and carers who completed the survey.

### Opal Stay and Play Session

Tomorrow afternoon brings another opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and share an opal session with the children. Gates will open at 2.40 and the children will be brought out at 2.45. Following our last parent survey, we have decided it would be nice if there were a few staff led pop up play stations during the session, these will be predominantly led by the play team and will include necklace making and chalking, look out for them as you move around the site!

### World Book Day

At Beech Green, we are celebrating World book day on Wednesday 1st March. This year, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, if they wish. However, if they don't have a costume they can come to school in their pyjamas, ready for a bedtime read! Quedgeley, Tuffley and Matson libraries are also offering a costume swap, so is a good place to go if you've

outgrown your costume from last year! We are not asking for any donations, this is just a celebration of books and reading.

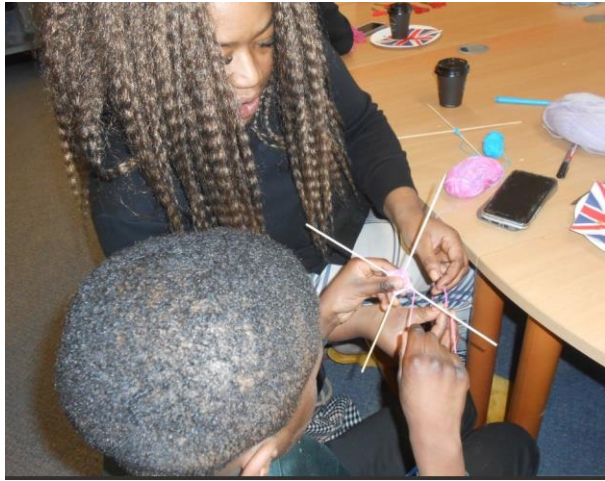
This is due to the potential industrial action, we will inform you as soon as possible if any year groups are closed on Thursday 2nd March.

### **Craft Sessions**

The first in our series of adult education sessions took place earlier in the month and was enjoyed by both adult and children alike. They worked together to construct some magnificent paper stars, which are now displayed in the entrance hall and also some yarn weaving using sticks. The next course is Well being and Yoga, which starts on February 28th and will run for 5 weeks. If you're interested, please contact Mrs Ogden on [dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)









## Wellbeing & Yoga at Beech Green Primary School



This is a 5-week course where you will enjoy wonderful wellbeing practise whilst incorporating yoga.

You will learn skills to support your whole family's wellbeing whilst improving your own wellbeing.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**1.15pm – 3.15pm**

**Beech Green Primary School**

To book a place, please contact the school office

\* The course is free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK/ EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £18,525.00 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.



**PEN RECYCLING**

Another FOUR BOXES full of pens which have stopped working, ready to be dropped off for recycling with Terracycle! Each of our classrooms has a shoebox which children and teachers pop their old pens into when they have run out. If you would like to bring pens in from home or work to be recycled, then you can either send them in with your child for them to put in the box in their classroom, or drop them at the school office FAO Mr Dawson. (Please no pencil or glue sticks or tip-ex bottles etc, just any type of plastic pen).



### **Lost Property**

There is a substantial amount of lost items currently in our parent's cafe area, come and have a look if you're missing anything. Please remember to name your child's possessions as they can then be swiftly returned to the classrooms when found.















### **Atlas Camps**

It's just 2 weeks to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this February half term at Beech Green, with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

For further information, please watch this video <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at [www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk) to book.





### Meal Vouchers

There is still time to apply for meal vouchers for February half term. Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme.

These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and they are separate to that of term time free school meals. For more information, visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>

### Winter/Spring Menu

Here is an updated version of the Winter/Spring menu. Following feedback from parents and children, we have asked Caterlink to put soup and baguettes back on the menu on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the rest of the menu will stay the same until Easter.

| GCC – Beech Green Winter Spring Menu 2023                         |            |  |   |  |   |  |
|---|------------|--|---|--|---|--|
|   |            | Monday (MFM)                               | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
| <b>Week One</b><br>02/01/23<br>23/01/23<br>13/02/23<br>13/03/23   | Option 1   | Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges          | Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread                  | Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy                   | Chicken Enchiladas with Rice                    | Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce                       |
|   | Option 2   | Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with Rice         | Creamy Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes          | Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy                    | Vegetable Hotpot with Rice                      | Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce                  |
|   | Option 3   | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily | Tomato Soup with a Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily                 | Tomato Soup with a Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily                   |
|   | Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables                        | Seasonal Vegetables                             | Seasonal Vegetables  | Seasonal Vegetables                             | Peas Baked Beans   |
|   | Dessert    | Syrup Snap Biscuit                         | Eves Pudding with Custard                       | Fruit Jelly with Mandarins                                 | Vanilla Sponge with Custard                     | Oaty Cookie  |
| Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily              |            |  |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Week Two</b><br>09/01/23<br>30/01/23<br>27/02/23<br>20/03/23   | Option 1   | Vegetable Pasta Bake                       | Spaghetti Bolognese                             | Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy         | Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice          | Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce |
|   | Option 2   | Sweet Potato Curry with Rice               | Cheesy Bean Pasty with Cajun Wedges             | Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy | Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese                       | Beetroot Burger in a Bun with Chips                          |
|   | Option 3   | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily | Tomato Soup with a Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily                 | Tomato Soup with a Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily                   |
|   | Vegetables | Seasonal Salad Bar                         | Seasonal Vegetables                             | Seasonal Vegetables  | Seasonal Vegetables                             | Peas Baked Beans   |
|   | Dessert    | Orange Drizzle Cake                        | Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard        | Peaches and Ice Cream                                      | Apple Flapjack                                  | Vanilla Shortbread   |
| Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily              |            |  |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Week Three</b><br>16/01/23<br>06/02/23<br>06/03/23<br>27/03/23 | Option 1   | Macaroni Cheese                            | Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges         | Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy                  | Chicken Casserole with Rice                     | Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce                       |
|   | Option 2   | Vegetable Hot Dog with Potato Wedges       | Vegan Pasta Bake                                | Vegetable Gratin with Roast Potatoes & Gravy               | Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta  | Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce       |
|   | Option 3   | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily | Tomato Soup with a Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily                 | Tomato Soup with a Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato with Filling available daily                   |
|   | Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables                        | Seasonal Vegetables                             | Seasonal Vegetables  | Seasonal Vegetables                             | Peas Baked Beans   |
|   | Dessert    | Orange & Lemon Shortbread                  | Carrot Cake with Custard                        | Apple, Cheese and Crackers                                 | Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard                | Chocolate Shortbread   |
| Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily              |            |  |   |  |   |  |

Added Plant Power  
 Vegan  
 Wholemeal  
 Chef's Special

#### Available Daily:

Bread freshly baked on site daily

Daily salad selection

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:**  
 If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

## Sports News



## Football Results

The Boy's team have been in action recently in the Gloucester Interschools Football League. Two very solid performances were given in their matches between Waterwells and Widden schools. The Boys were victorious in both matches,

Beech Green 2 - 1 Waterwells (*Cameron Robinson, Jensen Price*)

Beech Green 9 - 1 Widden (*Shaun Robinson 3, Tom Hewer 2, Oskar Allen 2, Harry Bolton 1, + 1 og*)

Last week saw three more matches:

Linden 1 - 1 Beech Green

(*Scorer: Tom Hewer*)

Beech Green 1 - 3 Linden

(*Scorer: Harry Bolton*)

Beech Green 1 - 0 Hunts Grove

(*Scorer: Sean Robinson*)

These last matches bring this year's league season to a close. A fantastic effort from all the boys who have taken part throughout, with clear progression in terms of team-play and understanding of each other displayed as the season progressed. A very respectable joint second-place finish overall - well done Team Beech Green!

### **Football Results**

The girls team played on Monday at home against Elmbridge Juniors. The score was 1 -1 at full time, then Beech Green won 4 - 2 on penalties! Player of the match was Emily Williams who played her position skilfully.

### **QLC Cross-country competition**

On Monday Beech Green hosted the annual Cross-country competition for all the local primary schools in the Quedgeley Learning Community. Five schools (ourselves, Field Court Jnr, Meadowside, Clearwater and Longney) participated in six races: girls and then boys in the Y1 & 2 races over 600 m, the Y3 & 4 races over 1.2 km and the Y5 & 6 races over 1.8 km. With the top five finishers in each race earning points for their schools, there were tremendous efforts from all the children, some of whom were so determined that they even managed sprint finishes! In the end, Beech Green ran-out event winners on 53 points, 14 points ahead of the second-placed school. Well done to all our fantastic runners!







### **Netball news**

The netball team have been in action tonight at home against Kingsway. It was a closely contested match with both sides playing brilliantly.

The final result was 4-3 to Beech Green!

Player of the match was Ellie Wyatt who demonstrated great skill during the match.

## **Community News**



### **Community Achievements**

Year 3 sisters, Sophie and Lucy have received the highest Award that a Beaver Scout can get! They both achieved the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. This is the top award for Beaver scouts. To achieve this award a Beaver Scout must show that they have made friends, explored the outdoors, learnt about the world and completed 6 Beaver Scout Challenge Badges and 4 Activity Badges. They got a certificate, medal and a badge to sew on their uniform. Well done girls, we are proud of you!







## Dates for this Term

**February 10th** - Opal stay and play session 2.45 to 3:10

**February 17th** - End of term 3

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