



Beech Green News

School News

Time for Change



Ofsted Report

We are pleased to share the report following our recent inspection. Reassuringly the report matches our school self-evaluation. The HMI identified many strengths across the school she praised our approach to safeguarding; the way we work with families and the specialist support for pupils.

Over the two days the inspector noticed that children behave well and interact with other age groups positively. The report also identifies aspects that we have prioritized for improvement the curriculum and assessment of non-core subjects as well further development and support for pupils specifically in maths lessons. It was helpful to have affirmation that the changes to the reading and English curriculum have had an extremely positive impact.

I would like to thank all our families for your overwhelming support throughout the visit. Much has been reported about the stress around Ofsted following the horrific death of fellow Headteacher Ruth Perry. Your recognition and appreciation of Beech Green staff was clearly communicated to the inspector.

Any carers or parents who would like to find out more about the Ofsted feedback and contribute to the plans for future improvement might like to attend the end of year Family Voice Group on Monday 3 July at 2:30 or 6:00pm. If you like to know more but can not attend either session please contact the school office admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Reception Trip to Redwood

Reception were very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Redwood centre. The children (and adults) were extremely excited about being able to spend the whole day in an established woodland site. There were many highlights of the day ranging from hunting for woodland animals, (and of course getting to carry the found cuddly woodland animal toy around), hunting for mini beasts, building shelters for the three little pigs (which of course had to pass the 'huff and puff' test from the big, bad wolf!), running, climbing and rolling in the meadow and having a picnic outside!

We had such a fun day, and even learnt some facts. Did you know that the Tawny old does not actually say "Twit Twoo?" The female says "Twit" and the male replies "Twoo"

This was such an important trip for us as Forest School is an important part of our curriculum. I felt extremely proud when one of the leaders commented on how well the children had engaged and that she could tell that they are used to being outside and getting stuck in!





Thank you for asking about the plans for next year, we can now share all the information with you, hooray! Hopefully you will be able to access the table to find out which class your child is moving to. At this stage I have only listed the teachers. I will be able to confirm allocation of whole staff teams in the next newsletter. You will also notice that we have not yet filled a teaching vacancy; we have re-advertised this post, please share it with anyone you think might be interested.

Children come first, we aim to ensure pupils receive the right support and challenge in the year ahead. Further changes are planned to the curriculum and the way we teach across the whole school. Being happy and feeling safe are fundamental, we have tried to ensure there are enough adults to meet the needs of the children, and hopefully some who are already known by your child as they move up.

You play a vital role in helping your child settle into a new class; this starts with positive messages about the year ahead. Should you have any concerns, please don't show any signs of this to the children but come and talk to us immediately.

Transition

21 June - teachers will visit classes to read a story at 2:40pm

5 July - teachers will visit children in their current classroom to tell them about what they will be learning next year.

All parents or carers are invited to meet their child's new teacher in their current classroom after school on 5 July. Teaching staff will stay in the class at the end of the day for you to meet them. Packs of information will be available for you to take home. The information includes timetables, curriculum overviews and year group expectations. Please make every effort to make time for this. If you would like to meet separately on an individual basis please tell us.

11 July - children will visit their new classroom for the afternoon to work through some Thrive, team work activities.

After they have spent the day in their new class, please talk to your child about the autumn term and what they'll be learning. Some children find transition particularly difficult, contact your child's teacher or the school office if you think they would benefit from additional help.

Finally, for children who need to revisit before the start of term you can request an individual classroom visit during the INSET day on Monday 4 September email admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk **Please do let us know if you can not access this information.**

Staff Changes

Inevitably there are a number of staff changes; we are both pleased and sad to be saying goodbye to:

Miss Fiona Westcott who has secured a job at Upton-St-Leonard's working with the EYFS team as a full-time teacher. Fiona has brought so much to Beech Green; an excellent teacher, thoughtful friend, pragmatic problem solver and awesome choreographer.

We are also saying à bientôt to Julie Gittings after 34 + years at Beech Green. Mrs Gittings made the decision to retire after realising that she' taught all three generations of one family; what an incredible length of service and dedication to our school! A lifetime of support for others: countless

lessons, activities, netball matches and playground duties. Working across the school Julie's kind and gentle approach has benefitted thousands of pupils.

Mr Ben Dawson has also secured a full-time teaching post at Gardner's Lane school in Cheltenham. Many of you will know that this makes his journey to and from work a lot shorter giving him time to go to the gym: win/win! Ben has been a big part of the BG team since 2008. He has added so much value across the school through his work developing PE, many a sporting competition has been attended thanks to his dedication to our school teams.

Finally, Kate Hart has also secured a new post; from September Kate will be the assistant Headteacher at Longlevens. With many strengths Kate has added great value and been an important part of the team at Beech Green. Our school certainly looks different and lunchtimes have been transmogrified thanks to her determination and drive.

Like me, many of you we be sorry to see our colleagues move on. It will feel like a different place in September, they will all be sorely missed. Everyone makes a contribution, adds value in their own way, it really is time for change.

An Amazing Mistake

I mistakenly thought we'd told you about Miss Jen Thomas' wedding to Mr Ouardi; sincere apologies to the parent who pointed this out, you were right! Miss Fran Griffin also tied the knot, she is not changing her name or title. Congratulations to them both. Please do always tell someone if you notice an amazing mistake, we all make them.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

Snacks and Drinks at School

We try to encourage our children to lead a healthy lifestyle. Fruit and vegetables are a suitable snack at breaktime and water a suitable drink. Recently we have noticed a rise of children bringing energy drinks to school, these drinks are banned at school as they contain high amounts of sugar and caffeine as well as other additives. Energy drinks will be confiscated and water offered as an alternative.



12 Hour Dance-A-Thon

Friday 16th June 9.30am to 9.30pm

CGT Lettings, 104 Bristol Road GL2 4NA

Kerry and Hannah from CGT Quedgeley Kingsway Branch will be dancing for 12 hours to raise money for local schools Beech Green Primary School and Meadowside. We will also be donating to Emily's Gift.

Come along and help them out by joining in or just to cheer them on! There must be 2 people dancing at all times so they need your help!

Please help us reach our goal of £1000 by donating here:



https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cgt-dance-a-thon?utm_term=2Mp5EKD5v



Dance-a-thon

The team at CGT letting are staging a 12 hour dance-a-thon on June 16th to raise money for both Beech Green and Meadowside schools. During the day our children will be taking it in turns to join the team at their Bristol Road premises to demonstrate their own dance moves and help them to raise much needed funds for our school.



From the team at Rocksteady

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are reaching out to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your children at Beech Green Primary with Rocksteady Music School.

Since 2019 Rocksteady has been turning the children at school into Rockstars!

Working every week, putting children into bands, and bringing music education to life. They embark on an awe-inspiring journey, culminating in an end-of-term concert that will blow you away. Rocksteady has the opportunity to teach even more children at school. However, to proceed with this plan, we need your help!

To gauge the level of interest and ensure we have enough participants, we kindly request that you register your child's interest by signing up for their waiting list. By doing so, you will help us demonstrate to Rocksteady that there is significant demand within our school community for this program. If we receive enough sign-ups, Rocksteady has agreed to visit Beech Green Primary and provide an additional slot.

To sign up, please follow these simple steps:

Visit the school's sign-up page [HERE](#)

Fill out the online form with your child's name, year group, preferred instrument choice, and your contact information.

Submit the form to complete your registration.

In the event that Rocksteady's visit is confirmed, they will reach out to you with further details regarding program specifics, scheduling, and any associated costs.

Daniel Mills

School Experience Specialist



HAF is returning this Summer!

Children and young people can make new friends, try new foods and learn new skills.

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme offers a wide range of fun activities during the summer holidays – all for free.

Online bookings go live from 5 July 2023 at 12pm.

To find out more about and check eligibility:

Email: HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Visit: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF



SCAN ME



The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is returning this summer for children and young people in reception to year 11, who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

The programme runs during the summer holidays but we're contacting you now to let you know the key dates and information to pass onto families.

Online activity bookings for the HAF programme **open at 12pm 5 July**. Bookings usually go very fast after launch, so it is important to ensure families are informed of this before the date. Families can make sure they are HAF ready by [registering on our Children's Activity Booking System \(CABS\)](#).

Chestnut Court

The week beginning 26th June is Care Home Open Week. The residents of Chestnut Court have formed a choir and have invited some of our children to come to the home on Tuesday 27th June and listen to the residents sing and join in with them and also sing some of their own songs.

Outstanding debt

Please can you take a moment to check your ParentPay accounts. The amount of parents currently owing dinner money is creeping up, and there are also some monies owing for both the year1/2 trip to All things Wild and the Reception trip to Redwood that took place recently. We would really appreciate accounts being brought up to date, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office to see if there is anyway we can help. Thank you.

Headlice

We have had a couple of cases of headlice reported in KS1. Please can you check your children's hair regularly and treat accordingly. Many thanks.



FAMILY Quiz Night

Time to pick your team name

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

Door open at 6.30, Quiz starts at 7pm

£10.00 per team (Max 6 adults per team)

Children not included in team members but quiz is a mix of questions you may need your child's help



Raffle

Prize for 1st & 2nd place winning teams

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Atlas Camps

Our Summer camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this Summer 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 to book.



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The poster features two photographs of children: a boy in a green t-shirt jumping in the air and a girl in a pink hoodie running. The design is colorful with blue, pink, and white geometric shapes.

Sports News



Year 3 Cricket Inter-house

The Year 3s have completed their cricket lessons last term (learning how to catch, bowl, bat and cooperate together) and have all now used their new skills to compete in their culminating inter-house matches on Thursday 8th June.

Two Ash teams (one of whom didn't quite finish their innings) played two Elm teams, and (due to absences on the day) one Oak team played against one Pine team. The results were:

Ash 1 **V** Elm 1

14 12

Ash 2 **V** Elm

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Oak **V** Pine

6 5

All the children did AMAZINGLY well – there was some fantastic bowling and fielding, and even a few 6s and 4s scored in the batting! All cooperated really well during their turns to field, and every single one seemed to really enjoy their afternoon.

Quick Fire rounders festival

One of our extra-curricular clubs last term was quick fire rounders, lead by Laura from 'On the Ball'. The club concluded with a rounders festival during May half term. Children from schools all over the

county took part including five children from Beech Green. Daisy, Joshua - Blue team and Samuel and Heath - Green Team were mixed with children from other schools. The Green team ended up winning the festival! With the Blues finishing 4th.

All children (& parents) did a fantastic job of representing the school.

Also, a special mention to Hollie, who filled in for us on the Blue team after one of their players didn't show up (despite having never played the game).

Daisy and Heath also won one of the special awards - their attitude was outstanding!

Community News



SCRATCH

3:45 – 4:45pm

Fridays

Quedgeley Library

9-11 years old

Come if interested!

Book up essential. Please email:

gylib@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Scratch Club at Quedgeley Library

Quedgeley library have a young man volunteering for his Duke of Edinburgh award who has set up a Code Club which will run every Friday afternoon between 3.30 and 4.30.

They are taking bookings for half hour slots, please contact the library to book a slot.



Dates for this Term

JUNE

Friday 16th June - Dance-a-thon in association with CGT Lettings

Tuesday 20th June – Year 4 Trip to The Living Rainforest

Wednesday 21st June – Transition 1 (see above)

Friday 23rd June – FABG Family Quiz Night

Wednesday 28th June – Sports Day – 9.15 - 10.45 - Years 3 and 4

11.00 - 12.30 - Reception, Years 1 and 2

1.15 - 2.25 - Years 5 and 6

JULY

Monday 3rd July - Family Voice 2.30 or 6.00pm

Tuesday 4th July – Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 5th July – Transition 2 **Please come to meet child's new teacher at the end of the day**

Friday 6th – Disco – (times to follow)

Tuesday 11th July – Transition 3

Monday 17th July – Reports sent home

Tuesday 18th July- Yr 6 Play Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 18th July - Teddy Bears' Picnic for new reception starters

Wednesday 19th July – Yr 6 Performance 6pm

Wednesday 19th July - Yr 5 Trip to Slimbridge WWT

Friday 21st July - Race for Life

Tuesday 25th July – End of Summer Term. School closes at 1.30pm

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