



Beech Green News

Thursday 7th December

What it means to belong



Last Friday each year group presented their project linked to our school value Belong. It was a joy to hear that Year 1 and 2 had made the residents of Chestnut Court smile by delivering hand made cards and singing, 'This Little Light of Mine'. Year 4 have worked to help our youngest children feel welcome; they have secretly made friends, invited them to join in games and looked out for them at break and lunchtime. Year 5 celebrated with a Be Yourself Day; they added extra value by planting flower pots outside the classroom. Year 6 have also helped the younger children feel at home; every day a small group have worked to support Reception in the hall at lunchtime. Finally, Year 3 presented their bug hotels. The children in Hawthorn and Rowan have recycled materials to create beautiful places for insects.

The school council had the difficult job of voting for the year group whose project is likely to have the biggest impact. It was close, but Year 3's work to develop our school environment and give bugs a place to belong was judged to be worthy of the platinum award. This means children in Year 3 will present their project again in the New Year. Parents and carers of children in Year 3 will receive a separate Parent Mail. Each year group has also identified individual children who have gone above and beyond, those parents will also receive a separate email.

Over the last three weeks subject leaders and governors have reviewed the curriculum. This is important work; we need to be sure the children at Beech Green have a broad and balanced curriculum. At the family voice group next week I will be sharing the findings and asking for parents

to help write a summary improvement plan. Please do come along if you can, there will be cake. The informal meetings are at school on Monday 11 December at 2pm or 6pm.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

School News



Atlas Camps Christmas Camps (www.atlascamps.co.uk)

Christmas is just around the corner! Full of festive cheer, our award-winning camps will be back with a bang over the Christmas period, with a selection of spaces still available to book.

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 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.

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

- Camps running both pre and post-Christmas period

For further information, please watch [this video](#) or check out the attached poster. Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.

Holiday Food Vouchers

For the Winter school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with 1 week of vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays which will complement the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) taking place over the Christmas Holidays.

The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2023 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the Winter holiday are open from midday 28 November until midday 12 December. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 18 December.



Beech Green Nursery

The Beech Green Nursery Team have spent the past three weeks walking 500 miles to fundraise for a very special little girl who was in their care last year. Daisy has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia and was only a couple of months away from being 'cancer free'. Unfortunately Daisy is in the 2% of the population where the Cancer returns. The team actually walked 592.2 miles in the end, and have so far raised an impressive £1,594 for Daisy and her family. The team will still be collecting donations up until Christmas, so would be grateful for any spare pennies you may have. Thank you to all those who have sponsored, supported, made cakes and have generally been amazing these last three weeks. Beech Green nursery team would like to say thank you to you all!



Thank you from Gloucester Food Bank

Last week the school council helped Teresa and Gloucester Food Bank to collect money and encourage donations. The staff and volunteers in Tesco were so impressed with the way the children enthusiastically helped out. Teresa is coming over to school tomorrow to meet the school council and tell us how much money and food was collected.



Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Miss Gwatkin who graduated last Friday and enjoyed a ceremony at Cheltenham racecourse.



1 - Congratulations! Miss McEvoy and Mr Smith tied the knot at the end of November.



Hedgehog Litter Pick

A big thank you to our wonderful litter pickers! Great job everyone!





Lay-by Parking

We have had some complaints about the amount of parents in cars that park in the layby but keep the engine running whilst they either take the children into school, or are waiting to go into school at drop off and pick up time. Please show consideration when using the layby, or consider parking at Tesco and using the zebra crossing. Thank you.

Adult Education Courses

Mrs Ogden has organised some adult education courses for our parents. The courses will take place in January with the dates and times to be confirmed. If you would like more information, or be signed up to a course, please email Mrs Ogden on:

dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

CREATIVE SKILLS

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Unleash Your Creativity!

Explore, different forms of art, artists, and different creation methods.

We'll work with you to create artwork that will then be showcased in your very own exhibition. Let your imagination flourish and be part of a amazing art journey!

Course Duration: Six weeks
Morning and afternoon sessions available.

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- Available to ages 19+
- Work on employability skills like teamwork.
- Learn a new techniques each week with chances to practice.

Course Duration: Six weeks
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Learn about communities, health services near you, financial services and your rights.

- No qualifications needed
- Available to ages 19+
- Are currently unemployed and in receipt of benefits.

Course Duration: Six weeks
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Level: Level 1, Entry Level 3
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Sorry no card payments available for this one

£1 per ticket ABC Christmas Hampers

One hamper per class to be won

£1 per ticket

No limit to how many tickets you can buy

Please send your ticket money into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name & class plus how many tickets you would like from Monday 11 th December
The Teachers will collect and pass on to us

Tickets will also be available at our school events Wed 13th & Wed 20th December is your last opportunity
No physical tickets will be issued names will be added to a raffle generator

Draw will take place on the 21st December



Sports News



Netball

On Friday 1st December we played our 3rd Netball match. It was amazing! Both teams played well. In the last quarter one of our players, Hollie, was injured but she continued playing! The final score was 6-2 to Beech Green! Lily scored 3, Sophia scored 1 and Laila scored 2. We all had lots of fun playing against Willow Primary and were extremely happy when we won. At the end, after all the cheers, Hollie was chosen to be the player of the match for our team. Hopefully we play just as well in our next match - whenever that is!

Evie H

Football

The B team had a tough game last Tuesday at Oxstalls. Even though they didn't manage to score, their passion, drive and support for each other was amazing! They had a couple of amazing goal keepers too! Mx Moylan was very proud of them.

Community News



FREE! We are back for our 2nd year running!

Saint James'

For a   **CRAFT**

Messy Christmas

 **Saturday 9th December**
1pm - 3pm

Saint James' Church
School Lane
Quedgeley
GL2 4PN

FUN **SNACK provided!**

Registered Charity Number: 1035546

SPRING CENTRE ACTIVITIES



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YOUNG ADULTS - AGE 16-35

MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | FRIDAY - 09:15 - 15:45

We timetable a range of activities in the centre and in the community, including swimming, bowling, shopping, baking or socialising with other groups and communities or day trips out.

OVER 8'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

MONDAY - THURSDAY 15:15 - 17:45

We provide a meal and a range of activities in a fun, friendly place with opportunity to interact with their peers. Children are supported by staff and can enjoy indoor and outdoor activities in a safe and caring environment that supports their physical, emotional and psychological needs.

FAMILY STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10:00 - 12:00 - TERM-TIME ONLY

An opportunity for parents to access support services, to meet others and to provide play and social opportunities for preschool children and their siblings.

AUTISM/OUT OF SCHOOL SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 10:00-12:00 - TERM-TIME ONLY

Aimed at supporting families with children who have autism and currently out of education or on a reduced timetable. We can offer sessions to access our facilities including the playroom, sensory room and our outdoor play area as well as to socialise with others.

COMMUNITY SENSORY SESSIONS

MONDAY 10:30 - 12:30 & TUESDAY 12:00 - 14:00 TERM-TIME ONLY

An opportunity for community groups/ schools wishing to use our facilities with their own support workers. (other times might be available, please contact us for further information)

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SPRING CENTRE FAMILY SESSIONS



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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
PLEASE CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE!

FAMILY STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS (0-5 YEARS)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:00 TO 12:00
TERM-TIME ONLY

An opportunity for parents to access support services, to meet others and to provide play and social opportunities for preschool children and their siblings.

We have some lovely facilities for your children to enjoy including a sensory room, 3 play rooms and an outdoor enclosed play area.

Tea/ coffee and biscuits provided for the parents/carers and a light snack for the children.

**Please call or email us to
book a place**

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We provide a meal and a range of activities in a fun, friendly place with opportunity to interact with their peers. This includes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities in a safe and caring environment that supports their physical, emotional and psychological needs. We currently offer transport from Milestones School.

OVER 8'S HOLIDAY CLUB 3/4 DAYS PER WEEK DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A variety of in-house and off-site activities, themed to the relevant holiday. We offer a range of sensory activities, art & craft, messy play whilst promoting physical activities such as jumping on the trampoline, playing ball games or using trikes/ride on toys.

We organise trips to farms or take them out to skittles. Sometimes we invite special guests such as a magician to enhance their experience.

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO BOOK A PLACE**



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After costs, Longfield Community Hospice receive 90% and up to 10% will be distributed by Just Helping to other local charities. More information on where your donation goes can be found on our website.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from the 13th to the 16th January 2024.
Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.



Dates for this Term

Please see school website

<https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/calendar-dates>

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