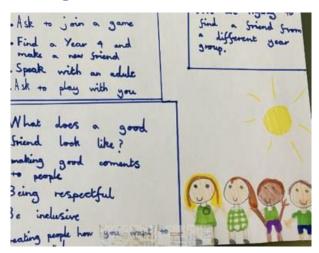


Beech Green News

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.

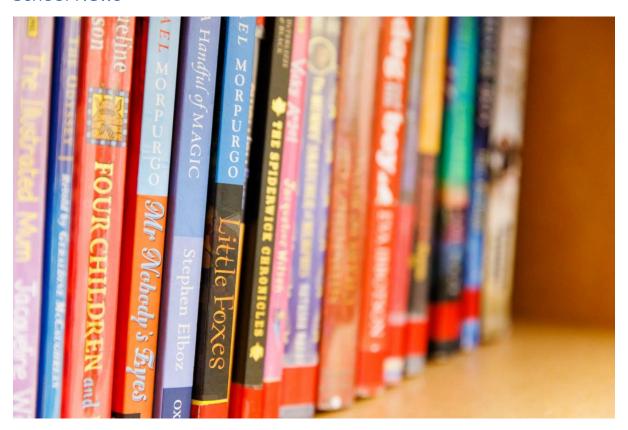
Over the last three weeks subject leaders and governors have reviewed the curriculum. This is important work; we need to be sure the children at Beech Green have a broad and balanced curriculum. At the family voice group next week I will be sharing the findings and asking for parents

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 <u>this video</u> or check out the attached poster. Head to the Atlas Camps website at <u>www.atlascamps.co.uk</u> 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



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.



Contact:

01452501008 getinvolved@youngglos.org.uk www.youngglos.org.uk





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

Course Duration: Six weeks Morning and afternoon sessions available.

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INDEPENDENT

NOCN Accredited

Learn about communities, health services near you, financial services and your rights.

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

Course Duration: Six weeks Morning and afternoon sessions available.

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PERSONAL

NOCN Accredited



Understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle and improving mental & physical wellbeing.

- Available to ages 19+
- · Participants must be currently unemployed and receiving benefits.
- · No previous qualifications are required.

Course Duration: Six weeks Morning and afternoon sessions available.



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Education & Skills Funding Agency





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













Longfield Community Hospice provides free care, 365 days a year for adults in Gloucestershire living with a life-limiting illness and support for their loved ones and carers. We believe everyone should have the best care, enabling to people to live well and die comfortably. As well as providing Hospice at Home care during the precious last days, weeks and months of someone's life, Longfield also offers help and support to patients, families and carers through a range of wellbeing services at the hospice in Minchinhampton. It costs around £4.5 million to run the hospice every year. 85% of funds come from the generosity of the public, generously donating to appeals such as this.



Your local, family-run and Gloucestershire's leading independent Garden Centre.





Just Helping supports charities, volunteers and business to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for life limiting condition charities and communities. Last year we operated in 30 counties and raised over £1,000,000 for 123 local charities.



Dates for this Term

Please see school website

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

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