



Beech Green News

Thursday 21st December

School News



Merry Christmas from Everyone at Beech Green



Dear Families

I am very proud of all our children, Santa has told them they're all on the 'good' list, throughout this long autumn term they have worked hard, shown resilience, a determined approach and tried to do everything we have asked. The last two weeks have been particularly busy, but so worth it. It has been a delight to hear children singing together; it is great to see children enjoying a bit of limelight. They needed this little opportunity to shine. Thank you for being there to share the joy and appreciate their performance. We are grateful to all our families; thanks to your generous donations we raised £690 for charity and with excellent FABG support, over £2500 for our school.

The staff have also worked incredibly hard; I would like to thank them all; many of you know and appreciate the effort and care taken to make school as positive a place as possible. We have made a few staff changes at the end of this term; Mrs Lynn-Webb is moving on to fulfil her dream of working for a football coaching company. Many of you will know how much she has done to for sport at Beech Green we wish her the very best for her future. From January Rachel Gray is joining the Year 4 team as a new teaching partner and KS1 are welcoming Sophie Barton.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the New Year and I hope you have an enjoyable holiday we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 8th January.

Merry Christmas everyone

No Pens Day

On Wednesday 29th November, we had a no pens day in school, with our silver coins, we raised and donated £45.88.

Speech and language UK have said, the money you helped to raise will help to fund our vital work, supporting young people who struggle with talking and understanding words.

For those young people, learning to talk and understand words can feel like an impossible hurdle, but we believe that every child should be able to face the future with confidence. We're sure you do too – and the good news is you're now helping to make it happen.

Thanks to your support, we can help to provide young people with the skills they need so they aren't left behind, waiting to be understood. We can create innovative tools for nurseries and schools, offer guidance to families and put pressure on politicians to make much-needed improvements happen.

Here is the link for any further donations parents may wish to make: https://donate.speechandlanguage.org.uk/NPD23/~my-donation?utm_source=2023+No+Pens+Day&utm_campaign=313a5e4202-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_12_05_11_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-313a5e4202-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D



Yr 5 Topic Work

Year 5 made Egyptian cuffs. Their sewing skills were very impressive!!! They hand sewed the pattern and then used a sewing machine to join it together.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2024

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

WHAT IS ORACY AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WORK?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. Those winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition, with lots of other local schools!

WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT?

Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoints please.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AT HOME?

- * First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It can be anything at all!
- * They will need to plan and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practice and give them lots of encouragement!
- * Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Look who's talking Competition 2024

Gloucestershire Speech Competition for Year 1 to 6

From now until January, we would like your child to prepare a two-minute presentation on a topic of their choosing.

For example: their pet, a holiday, favourite football team, something that inspires them.

No technology is allowed so please do not make PowerPoint presentations etc.

Props are allowed, such as; photos, objects and equipment.

The first week back after Christmas (w/c 8th January), everyone will present their presentation to their class. From this a class winner will be chosen.

Once class winners are decided:

The Year 1 and 2 class winners will present their presentation again, so we get an overall winner for KS1.

Year 3 and 4 class winners will present to get an overall winner for Lower KS2.

Year 5 and 6 class winners will present to get an overall winner for Upper KS2.

The 3 Key stage winners will then compete against other schools in Gloucestershire. If they get through this stage they will go on to compete in the Final on the 12th April.

The overall winner of the competition will win £150 for their school and the runner-up will win £50 for their school.

We look forward to hearing the presentations.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

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'

- 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.



There is a large amount of lost property in the café in the entrance hall. If you're missing anything, please call in and take a look as anything left will be recycled over the holidays

Cherry R - Ella Watola
Apple R - Aeryn Henry
Maple 1 - Ruhara Kuruppu
Elder 1 - Ayden-Jay Edginton
Willow 2 - Ettie Boon
Birch 2 - Luna Hutt



Rowan 3 - Olivia Mutch
Hawthorn 3 - Serenity Mason
Hornbeam 4 - Ethan Jones
Dogwood 4 - Skylar Morgan
Frisia 5 - Lily-Ella Murphy
Whitebeam 5 - Olivia Matthews
Sycamore 6 - Laila Cook
Acacia 6 - Emily Tarr

Congratulations to our hamper winners! Please call into the office before the end of term to collect your prize. A big thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, your generosity and support are much appreciated!

Sports News



Football

On 7th December Beech Green were in action against Waterwells at home. After a slow start we found a rhythm. Two great goals from Isaac H, 1 great effort from Luis W and an own goal meant the boys won 4-1 and currently top the table.

By Luis

Netball

This week we played away at a Kingsway Primary School. As we arrived, the rain started but luckily we were able to continue our match. We lost 4-1 but we played well as a team and had lots of fun. Olivia managed to score our only goal and Alfie was player of the match.



Snowball Fight Festival

Teddy and Heath from year 3 played their socks off at Sundays, With the Ball, Snowball Fight Festival, and won Gold!

Newton and Cece from Reception also played for the school in the KS1 tournament and got medals for their achievements!

An amazing outcome all round and a real show of team work and collaboration throughout every game. They really did Beech Green proud!





Staff V Pupils Football

This morning we held a Staff V Pupils football match on the field to say goodbye to Mrs Lynn-Webb, who is leaving us today. Both teams were well supported by the rest of the school and both sides played magnificently. Mr Ouadi, Miss Murain and Miss Gwatkin scored for the staff team and Luis scored for the Pupils. The final score was 4-1 to the staff.

[Community News](#)



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Registered charity number 1140958

Recycle your Tree!

In aid of



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

Registration closes Tuesday, 9th January, 2024



www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

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.



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Community Hospice

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.



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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.

Date for this Term

Please see school website

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

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