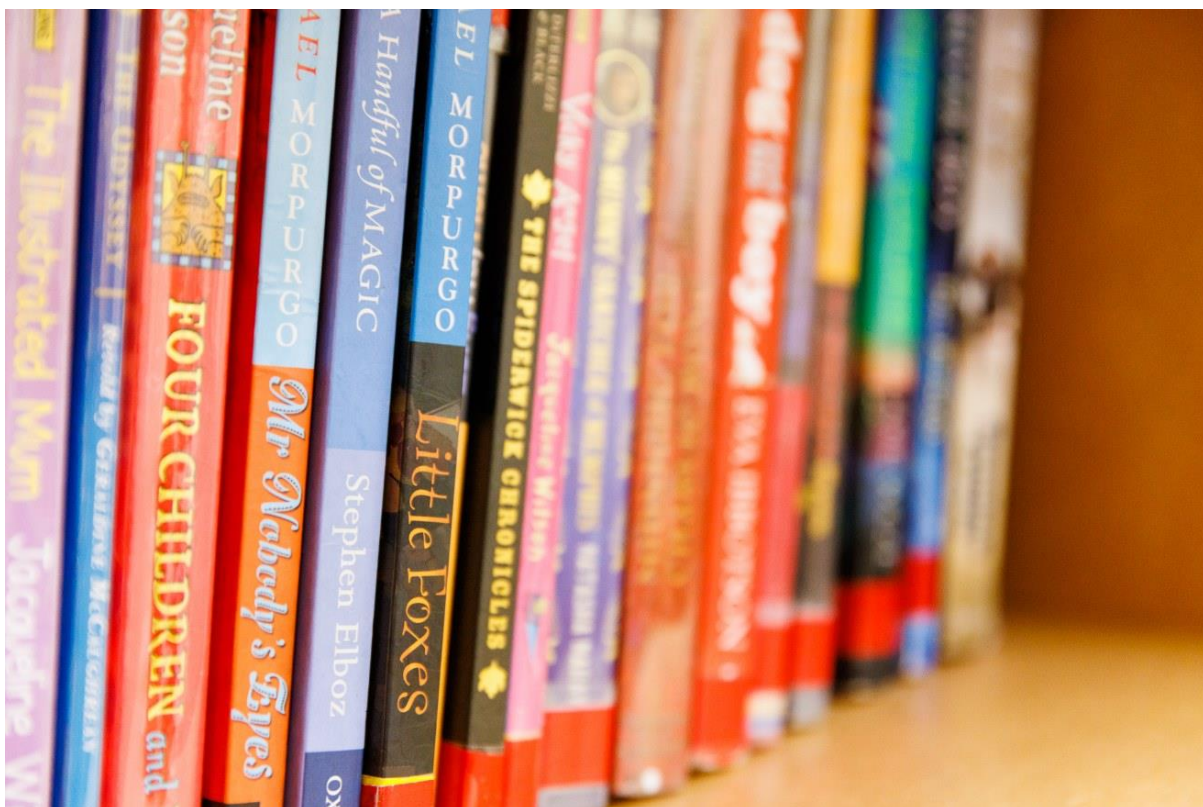




Beech Green News

Thursday 18th January

School News



Oh Yes It Is!



The children loved watching the pantomime this afternoon; M&M theatre productions have created a brilliant show that entertained everyone. Thank you for supporting us to make this happen; we

think it is important to offer as many different experiences as possible. Children in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) also enjoyed the bus ride this week. It took a bit of organising but a trip around Quedgeley uncovered some interesting facts about our locality. These learning hooks help children enjoy school and access an enriched curriculum.

Achievement is the Values Award focus this term. All year groups are already considering a collaborative project towards an outcome linked to the theme achieve. Friday's assembly is an introduction to the new value; I will be inviting children to also think about their achievements outside of school.

Outside of school Achievement Award:

1 - if your child wins an award, scores a goal, earns a badge, is recognised for their effort or achievement, then we would like to know.

2 - If you'd like to take part with your own individual or family achievement project; you'll need to set and work towards a goal, then tell us when you've achieved it!

You can email the office admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or your child's class teacher to tell us about any out of school achievements. Every child who takes part will receive a certificate, any photos you send will be included in the newsletter (with permission of course).

Please ask if you'd like more information.

Winter Reading Challenge

KS1 would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all the children who completed the Winter Reading Challenge - we really hope you enjoyed it. Everyone who returned their completed forms were entered into a lucky dip. Mrs Poulson selected the winners. Congratulations to Rowan in Year 1 and Alisha in Year 2. We hope you have fun selecting some interesting books with your voucher!

Look Who's Talking Competition

Last month, every child was asked prepare a two-minute presentation on a topic of their choosing. We were so proud of our children who conquered their fears and delivered their presentations to their peers. There was such a wide range of subjects and we all learnt some fascinating facts! A winner was chosen from each class, they were:

Elder – Smilte G	Maple - Ruhara K
Willow - Arlo T	Birch - Holly D
Rowan - Aurora S	Hawthorn - Poppy G
Dogwood - Willow T	Hornbeam - Mia M
Frisia - Tilly W	Whitebeam - William H
Sycamore - Freddie	Acacia - Charlie G

Each class winner will receive a prize.

Willow T, Charlie G and Ruhara have also been chosen as overall winners and will go forward to take part in a Gloucestershire competition later this month.

Young Photographer of the Year Competition

Once again the Cheltenham Camera Club is holding a Young Photographer of the year competition. Pupils are invited to submit one image that they have taken themselves along with a title for their composition and their name. Please email your entries to the school office for submission. Winners will be announced in April. Here are a list of the competition rules:



Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2024

Rules

1. This Competition is open to pupils attending Gloucestershire Schools only.
2. Each pupil may submit **one digital image**, via their School Representative, either in colour or monochrome with resolution of 1920px wide x 1200px high.
3. **The whole picture must have been photographed by the entrant and therefore be their copyright.**
4. All entries will need to be uploaded onto the website by **Wednesday 20th March 2024 23.59, including the name of pupil and the title of the image.**
5. The photographs will be judged by a panel of three judges chosen by Cheltenham Camera Club.
6. Winners will be notified during April, and the results published on the Club's website www.cheltenhamcameraclub.uk.
7. The Judges' decision is final.
8. Awards will be made for individual photographs, as well as for best overall School entries in Primary and Secondary school categories (see 10. Below for details)
9. The Winning entries, and all the other photographs selected by the judges, will be projected in an Audio-Visual Presentation at the Awards Evening at Cheltenham Playhouse 47-53 Bath Road, GL53 7HG, on Thursday 25th April at 6.30pm.
10. The prizes will be presented at this Awards Evening. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed photographs in both the Primary and Secondary categories; other photographs may receive Highly Commended and Commended Certificates. Trophies will be awarded to the Primary and Secondary Schools with the best overall entries.
11. Any photograph may be shown on the Club's website, displayed in other exhibitions and used for publicity purposes by Cheltenham Camera Club, complying with GDPR where appropriate.
12. **A Presentation of the selected images, with titles and authors names will be made available to all participating Schools for showing to their pupils. School names will not be displayed alongside photographs but listed at the end of the Presentation.**
13. Whilst every care will be taken, the Club cannot accept responsibility for the infringement of copyright.



Beech Green Nursery

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE - The total for our little Daisy is a phenomenal £2183!! Thank you to everyone who has donated and thank you to Beech Green School for using their Christmas activities this week to raise more money for such an amazing little girl and her family. We are all so so grateful for your generosity.





FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
Friday 2nd February
Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm



Phone mast instillation

We have been notified about the new 5G mast which will be situated on the outside of our school and are aware of the Facebook campaign to remove it. Notification of installation was made through planning application over a year ago; the initial position appeared to be further away. Gloucestershire County Council, if you would like to complain or have any concerns you can contact them here <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/complaints-and-feedback/>

Lost Gloves

We are looking for a pair of plain black Under Armour gloves. If your child has picked them up by mistake, please drop them into the office.

New Phone System

We have had a new phone system installed in school today. There will now be options to choose from, including one to report an absence. Please bear with us while we get use to how it all works!

A Message from Gloucestershire County Council

For the February 2024 half-term 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. 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 February 2024 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 February 2024 half-term are open from midday 16 January until midday 30 January. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 05 February. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 07 February, please encourage them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Vacancy for a Play Team Member

We have a vacancy for someone to join our lunchtime Play Team. If you are interested in this term time only position and would like more details, then please contact: Amy Bancroft sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or phone 01452 722363



Litter Picking

Well done to Lucrezia and Ariadne who did a litter pick around their local area following the recent storm.

Moving around school

You may have noticed that we have had security doors fitted either side of the main entrance hall. Obviously, these are to keep the children safe and help us to keep a check on visitors moving around school. Parents will only be allowed through the doors when accompanied by a member of staff or with special permission.

Sports News



Football

In our first fixture of the new year we travelled to Hunts Grove. In the return fixture we picked up a 3-2 win so we arrived with lots of hope for a good game of football. Sadly, this quickly disappeared! Hunts Grove started well, Beech Green started slowly, and before we knew it we were 4-0 down before half time. After a halftime team talk asking to see some spirit, desire and pride in the second half, this is exactly what the boys came out with. A much more positive second half performance leading to no further goals from the home side but also sadly no goals from us. The game ended in a 4-0 defeat and we now look ahead to our final league fixture of the season.

Community News



Help if we can quiz

Help if we can are holding a quiz night on Saturday 27th January. You can enter a team of 4 or less. The event is being held at Quedgeley Community Centre starting at 7.00pm. There will be a raffle and a bar, a team entry is just £6.

Book in with your team name by emailing: bulldog.smith@btinternet.com

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LCS CHEERLEADING CAMP 2024

BOOK NOW

DATES: Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February

PRICING: £25 a day, £15 for half day. Discount Available for Block or Sibling bookings. @Brimscombe Primary School

Ages 4-14

9am-3pm

To book please contact 07462464246 / email bethsweetland2002@gmail.com

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Term dates this term

Please see school website

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

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