



# Beech Green Primary

Thursday 1st February

## School News



## Lunchtimes Matter



Unbelievably it has been almost three years since we achieved an OPAL Platinum Award. Whilst there are still a number of challenges, mostly related to mud, we think OPAL continues to make lunchtimes interesting and active for most of the children. Since the introduction of this approach we have seen a significant improvement in the level of activity, creativity and independence. The children learn about taking risks, collaboration and leadership. The Year 6 play makers and our play team do a great job of encouraging positive play.

So, what next? We never stop trying to develop all aspects of our school; we plan to further improve lunchtimes with the introduction of a shop, small world play and building zone. The weekly OPAL assemblies celebrate legendary lunchtimes; we encourage children to talk about what is working and what they'd like to improve so that everyone recognises they are collectively responsible, because lunchtime really matters.

We've already had a generous donation of toys from Skyla Morgan, if you have any good quality, unwanted play items we'll gladly reuse them.

Finally, a reminder about the Love Your School Day on 24th February. Lots of small maintenance jobs to do around the school. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



### **Keeping children Safe Online**

PC Simon Williams from Gloucestershire Constabulary was in school this afternoon to give a presentation titled "Keeping Children Safe Online." The presentation was very well attended and there was lots of positive feedback from the parents that attended.

The talk will be repeated tonight in the school hall at 6pm. There is no need to pre-book, so if you would like to attend, please come to school for 6pm.





### **Achievement Celebration**

On Sunday 21st of January, Smilte and Willow from Elder class participated in the annual Ambitions Street dance competition at St.Peter's High School, Gloucester. They both danced as a duo in the beginners 6 years and under and with their team in the beginners group 9years and under. They both won 2nd place as beginners duo and their team also won 2nd place within beginners teams. What a fantastic achievement!



### **Achievement Celebration**

Ariadne in Dogwood class has completed her Level 1 Aerial Circus skills (hoop and silks) on Monday and received a medal for her efforts! She already has her sights set on completing Level 2 by the end of this year!







### **Look Who's Talking**

Well done to Charlie (year 6), Willow (year 4) and Ruhara (year 1) for representing our school in the Look Who's Talking speech competition this week. They all did an amazing job and we are all extremely proud of you! Unfortunately, we didn't get through to the next round, but there is always next year...watch this space!

### **Missing Shoe**

If your child has a pair of these Adidas school shoes, please can you check the sizes. A child in year 4 has gone home in one shoe size 3 and the other size 2.





### Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

**Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 12:30 to 13:30**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 12:30 to 13:30**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 12:30 to 13:30**

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

**The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!**

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: [www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training](http://www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training)

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."  
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)



### Atlas Camps February Half-Term Camps ([www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk))

With half-term now just a week away, Atlas Camps will be back with a bang with our award-winning multi-activity camps running every day during the February break! Joining them will be two fantastic



new Atlas Camps Sports Academies, too – ideal for football and netball lovers – allowing sports-mad All-Stars aged 7-14 to hone their sporting skills over a fun-filled two day camp session.

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
- Multi-activity and sport-specific camps available

For further information, please watch [this video](#) or check out the attached poster. Head to the Atlas Camps website at [www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk) to book our multi-activity camps. Atlas Camps Academies can be found at <https://www.atlascamps.co.uk/sports-camps>.



### 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

## Sports News



### **Football**

In our last league game of the season, we took the short trip to Kingsway Primary. Still fighting for position in the league the boys were excited to end the season on a high note. Unfortunately, we came up against the champions elect, a very strong Kingsway side and this excitement quickly drained away. Kingsway started quickly and scored a couple of goals in the opening stages. As the goals continued to flow, our boys didn't get their heads down and battled hard throughout the rest of the game. Once again the boys showed spirit and pride in the second half of a match with no rewards. We now look forward to our KO cup competition beginning just before half term.

### **Football**

The girls KO cup began with a trip to our local rivals Kingsway Primary. They turned up in great spirits looking forward to the game. They warmed up well, and got stuck into the game from the start. Kingsway provided a physical challenge and our struggle to put the ball in the opposition net quickly became our downfall as they managed three quick goals before half time. During the second half the girls continued to create chances but couldn't beat the Kingsway goalkeeper. That was until Tilly went one on one with her and managed to smash it into the bottom corner. The game finished 3-1 to Kingsway and sadly our cup run has ended for another year.

## Community News



**Fund Raiser**   
For Families in Ukraine  
**Saturday 3rd February**  
**10.00am - 12.00pm**  
St. James' Church  
School Lane  
Quedgeley  
GL2 4PN

**Stalls**  
**Refreshments**  
**Raffle—Great Prizes!**  
**Tombola**

  
**TESCO**  





## **GLOUCESTER CITY** **SWIMMING CLUB** **SWIM SCHOOL**

Swim England Learn to Swim Stages 1-7  
£7 for 30min lesson, £10.50 for 45min lesson  
Sunday mornings 9.00-12.00 starting in Feb  
Children aged 5-9yrs  
For times and to reserve a place please email  
[gcscswimschool@gmail.com](mailto:gcscswimschool@gmail.com)

Beaudesert Park School  
Minchinhampton  
Stroud  
GL6 9AF



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## **CHRISTINGLE**

**MAKE and LIGHT your own**  
**Christingle for candle-lit prayers.**



Sunday 4 February, 10.30 until 11.30am  
St James' Church, School Lane, GL2 4PN

**Family fun, laughter and worship,**  
**snacks, coffee/tea after**



## Dates for this Term

Please see school website

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

## Contact Us

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