

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 16th July 2020

School to Home – Week 17



Some of us have worked here at Beech Green since around the time it opened in 1986; others have been in the teaching profession for many years, but none of us have ever experienced times like the past four months. It was Friday 20th March when we were forced into lockdown and here we are now seventeen weeks later at what is the end of the academic year 2019/2020. One none of us will ever forget!

As is the spirit of our school, the staff have worked tirelessly to try to give the children and our families the support they need and the children, parents and carers have all been super stars in supporting our efforts. We know it's been tough and we cannot thank you enough for bearing with it and doing whatever has best suited your family circumstances. Thank you from all of us.

At this time of year, we would normally be celebrating achievements and we still must, albeit in a different way. We have all achieved a lot together and we feel this experience has reinforced our relationships between school and home.

It's time to say goodbye to some of our families, so if you are moving on then please know we wish you all the very best for the future.



We need to say a special farewell to our fabulous Year 6, who we are all very proud of and will miss. Your final year at primary school has been one that will go down in history and will be something to tell your own families about in years ahead. You have achieved such a lot – please know and focus on that. Please remember all the fun and positive times we've shared here at Beech Green – these will be different and personal to each of you. Good luck with your transition to secondary school and please leave Beech Green with happy memories.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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A message from our dear Tally School Dog

"Hello everyone.... I have recorded a little message for my friends."



Beech Green Tally on Twitter

"<https://t.co/k68GtWmoL4>"

twitter.com

<https://twitter.com/BeechedgreenTally/status/1283346542473117697?s=20>

I also have my own facebook page...

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Beech Green's Got Talent (BGGT)

We know our wonderful children at Beech Green love our annual talent show, normally held in school, so the staff at school were determined to try and bring you the show in some way this year.

We thank each and every child who sent in an act. It was, as usual, difficult for the judges, who Zoomed in from their tropical island retreat, to choose between the varied and entertaining acts, but finally a decision was made!

Joint 1st place went to **Evie Nicholson of Y5** who stunned us all with her amazing singing voice **and Jayla-Mai Butt of Y4** with her poignant and beautiful sign song to We'll Meet Again, which truly sums up the times we are going through. Such a talent to be able to sign language! Well done to both girls. You are both worthy winners.

3rd place went to the amazing football skills and dance combo by **Will Hine and Max Withers**, both of Year 6. Well done boys, you certainly have some great ball skills.

Extra-Ordinary Talent Award... *It was after evening meal, whilst out on the judge's mega yacht, that another act was emailed in!... It too was so incredible that another special merit was awarded. **Henry Ball of Y4** entertained us and the crew with his drumming. It really did complete our special day out at sea!.. You need to have watched BGGT to understand this!*

Message from Chair of Governors

"Well it has certainly been a different year this year and one that won't be forgotten. I am so proud of the way that everyone has managed it, as to be honest sometimes it has been unbelievably hard, particularly for those who have lost loved ones at this time.

I am so impressed by the way that everyone at Beech Green has pulled together to make the best of a horrible situation. The video from the staff to the children and then batted back to the staff with one from the children; what amazing talent there is in the school.

It has been fantastic to see the children back at school, admittedly on a reduced day, but their faces have been so happy when I have been on gate duty. There have been a lot of smiling parents too!

I would like to wish Year 6 all the very best in the next part of life's adventure. I know that it was not quite the end of term that you were expecting, but your teachers have worked hard and managed to still make it special for you.

So all that is left for me to say is, a huge "THANK YOU" once again to everyone, you are truly AMAZING. Have a great summer holiday and be ready for whatever September may bring.

Happy holidays – Sarah Costello-Byrne"

COVID-19 Tests during the holidays

If your child should have a confirmed (positive test) case of Covid-19 **in the first 2 weeks** of the summer holiday and your child has been attending school this term, you should let the school know immediately so that the families of the other children in that bubble can be informed. You should email covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk immediately. Thank you.

Gloucester School Sport Network's Virtual Summer Games Festival

A big 'well done' to all the children in bubbles who took part in the Gloucester School Sport Network's 'Virtual Summer Games Festival' during this week. There were messages of encouragement from locally-based Olympic and Paralympic athletes as part of the online Opening Ceremony, as well as the official warm-up led by local favourite, Tweedy the Clown!

Children then competed in three activities: Speed Bounce, Clap & Catch and Shuttle Runs. Although relatively simple, these activities were ideal for abiding by distancing and safety measures, but at the same time gave our pupils an opportunity for some much-needed group fun and essential physical activity.

Thank you

Many thanks from all the staff for the cards, messages and gifts you have sent in. It really is very kind of you and we would all like to say a big THANK YOU! We have known some of our families for many years; if this is your last year, then thank you for all your support over the years.

September 2020

The links below will take you to a short PowerPoint presentation about your child's next class. The informal presentations include photos of the teacher and a bit of information about each class.

Welcome Videos - Please click on the link and watch it with your child.

Year 1	Elder	https://youtu.be/LubF25hMD3k
	Maple	https://youtu.be/VcFGj4e5xuY
Year 2	Willow	https://youtu.be/WxcWMWG5UKQ
	Birch	https://youtu.be/07hU5VY_ZS0
Year 3	Rowan	https://youtu.be/2IRmhkjNc_E
	Hawthorn	https://youtu.be/J20cuuWXyPU
Year 4	Dogwood	https://youtu.be/IQUkeuaWBSg
	Hornbeam	https://youtu.be/p519VEqyPfM
Year 5	Frisia	https://youtu.be/B7sBkPL4-w4
	Whitebeam	https://youtu.be/TFdVxcY-FI0
Year 6	Sycamore	https://youtu.be/k76AZA8P7qI
	Acacia	https://youtu.be/4Wni2vIYC58

Individual Transition Visit INSET Day Tuesday 1st September 2020

Every year we offer a chance for children who might be worried about returning to a new class a chance to call in on the INSET day, when there is nobody else here. This gives them a bit of time to familiarise themselves with the classroom and prepare for a return. We realise there may be a lot more people concerned about returning this year, especially those children who have not been able to come in part-time. Staff will be at school during the last week of the holidays (week beginning 24th August) if you think your child would benefit from a 20 minute visit please email covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk with your contact information. This email address is checked weekly, please be patient if we do not reply immediately.

School Summer Holidays

Today is the last day of term. We wish you all a good break and hope you enjoy some relaxing time and fun. School, home learning and the key worker facility finishes today, 16th July. We are not able to offer any childcare during the summer holidays.

The COVID19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk email will be checked every week, please contact us if you need help.

Finally,

If you are moving away or moving up to secondary school, we really do wish you every success for the future. We know it's been a tricky year, but we are so proud of how the school has embraced the challenges we have faced and worked together. Good luck Year 6 – we are and will be thinking of you! Schools are Out for Summer. Take care, stay safe, enjoy!