

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 3rd December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Einstein was right about many things, including how to ride a bike – stop moving and you fall off. The same can be said for learning – you can't stop pedalling. Mrs Weeks, Mrs Earl and I have started a leadership course. With all three of us out of school for the day, other senior leaders can step up and see what it's like to run a school.

Mrs McGill and Mrs Williams took the reins on Friday; as well as trying to co-ordinate the hamper prizes they also took 24 pieces of art over to Chestnut Court. The Christmas themed scenes, created by pupils in Year 6 are displayed as a large advent calendar, you are welcome to walk past for a closer look.

Finally, a thought about Christmas cards that children give to each other. We would like to make this year as festive as possible so we think Christmas cards can go ahead as long as they stay within the year group bubble; please see below...

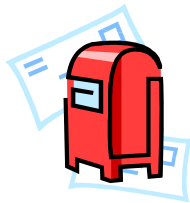
Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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Beech Green Christmas Post

This year we are unable to offer our normal school postal service, but it is OK for children to send Christmas cards, **only to the children in their own bubble/Year group.**



From Friday 4th December until Friday 11th December (last post), there will be a collection point in each class. The cards will be left in school for 72 hours before sending home.

☞ Please remember to write clearly on the envelope, the full name of the child to receive your card. Thank you.

Christmas Card Front Cover Competition

We are cheered each morning to see the delightful entries being emailed in to school. Thank you children. A reminder - next Monday is the closing date for our school competition.

How to Enter

Children - draw or paint a cheerful Christmas picture and then take a photo of it.

Please then email the photo of your artwork to Mrs Simmonds at admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 7th December. Please give your name and year group – subject 'Christmas Card'

FABG Hampers – Raffle Tickets – Now on Sale

Thank you to everyone who last Friday, donated goodies for the FABG Christmas Hampers.

Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 each – Please send money in an envelope with your child's name, class and the number of raffle tickets you would like to buy clearly written on the front.

Thank You from Gloucester Foodbank

We've received a thank you certificate from Gloucester Foodbank to confirm your generous Harvest donations, weighed in at 226.55kg + 21.2kg from Nursery. Another amazing Beech Green effort. Thank you everyone.

Thank You from The Royal British Legion

We have also received a Certificate of Appreciation, awarded to our school in appreciation of the excellent work carried out in support of the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

From the Governing Body



My name is **Jo White** and I am a parent governor. I have a daughter in year 2 and I have been a governor for just over a year. I am new to school governance, having never had a role before, but I have a good professional understanding of healthcare governance where the themes are often similar. Outside of governing, I am a Speech and Language Therapist which explains my specific role in school as the governor for Special Educational Needs; I am also responsible for disadvantaged children and pupil premium. I became interested in governance as I am passionate about ensuring best outcomes (both educational and social) for all children and I believe that governance gives me a unique opportunity to both support and challenge the strategic direction that the school is taking to achieve these aims.

I sit on the Resources committee, which has really challenged me to develop an understanding of school budgets and the huge demands placed upon the School Business Manager, Mrs Phillips, to balance it all. It has been a steep learning curve for me but I have been well supported with training. If you have an interest in supporting the school to develop and improve further, I would encourage you to come and join us!



My name is **Andrea Webb**. I'm new to being a governor, but not new to the school. My three children (who are now all grown up) attended Beech Green and were extremely happy. I have been the cleaner in charge for 22 years and know the hard work that's put in behind the scenes... I'm the one that had to make the teachers go home at night. I have recently retired and I am now enjoying being at home and sitting down for tea at a reasonable time. I'm on the resources committee and I am excited for the challenges ahead. Beech Green is an amazing school and I feel very lucky to be part of the Beech Green family. It's now time for me to give something back so that every child has the same amazing experience as mine did.

Beech Green SWEAT

A massive well done and thank you again to all of you who have contributed to #beechgreensweat. Lots of pictures and distances again on Twitter; it's really great to see! Here are the totals so far for Week 2:

	Virtual Journey	Distance (miles)	Week 2 (miles)	% completed
Rec (combined)	Land's End to John O'Groats	837 m	112 m	33 %
Yr 1 (combined)	Quedgeley to Crimea	2,030 m	380 m	24 %
Yr 2 (combined)	Trans-Atlantic flight	2,208 m	1286 m	ACHIEVED! 100 %
Yr 3 (combined)	Quedgeley to Mt Vesuvius	1,400 m	521.5 m	70 %
Dogwood 4	Quedgeley to Rome	1,276 m	708 m	78 %
Hornbeam 4			705 m	85 %
Frisia 5	Alexandria to Abu Simbel	792 m	607 m	ACHIEVED! 110 %
Whitebeam 5			438 m	97 %
Sycamore 6	Quedgeley to Berlin	728 m	429 m	77 %
Acacia 6			445 m	76 %

Well done to Frisia 5 and Year 2, and everyone who has contributed to those classes! Frisia 5 have collectively travelled the length of Egypt, and Year 2 have made it across the Atlantic and are now going to keep going and see where they end up! Everyone else has made excellent progress too, lots nearly there, and it's super-tight between the Year 6 classes.

Keep it up this week and this weekend - Week 3 finishes Sunday evening. Happy SWEATING!!!