

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 22nd April 2021

Welcome back to Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

My thanks to all the staff who have worked hard to make changes which have added a buzz of enjoyment to our school this week. The simple joy of putting bare feet in warm sand has made us all smile. Some of our pupils have never experienced such a large expanse of sand and beach holidays seem like a long time ago. With everything new or different we always complete a risk/benefit analysis, supported by OPAL <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>

Inside the classrooms the children are working hard and learning, it is a delight to work with them. We have carefully narrowed the focus on key areas that we think will help them in their next year or phase. The maths and English team have evaluated achievement across the school, so that we can give all children some extra support and challenge.

Beech Green is a bustle of work and play; there is so much going on. I will try to keep you updated with all the activity and excellent work over the next few months.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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OPAL play at Beech Green



Since returning to school on March 8th, the children have loved being able to play with their friends using a wide range of resources. All classes recently completed an annual play survey, and their views on play and ideas for the future were inspiring – I'm not sure we can build a swimming pool (!!) but some of their other suggestions have certainly given us some creative ideas about how we can develop their outdoor play and learning further. Here is a selection of what we have been getting up to since our return to school:



We are always looking for ways to improve and extend our school grounds, and would welcome the help of some experts! If there are any parents or carers who are landscape gardeners (or just keen gardeners and could offer some support with an exciting upcoming project), we'd love to hear from you.

Our current **wish list** of donations includes:



- Summer shade – picnic table umbrellas/parasols or gazebos. If anyone has a link to a local pub/restaurant who have recently renovated their outdoor areas and have unwanted shade items, please let us know
- Beach toys
- Large suitcases/travel bags with wheels (not hard cases please)
- Prams (both toy and real-size)
- Scooters
- Old phones and keyboards

Thank you for your continued support in helping to create wonderful play opportunities for our children every day!

From Mrs Hart & the OPAL Play Team

Thank you Sand Pit Team

Many thanks to all the staff who came in over the holiday to help with the construction of the sandpit. Some of you may have seen the digger and 4 chunky lorries, digging out the 300 sq. metre pit and unloading the 64 tonnes of beach sand. The staff then raked it all into position and turfed the bank.



The cover nets have been delivered and the children will be able to enjoy this new area one bubble at a time. The guidance say that we do not need to allow 72 hours between uses, as viral load disperses almost instantly on natural resources, such as sand. Each bubble has their own play toys.

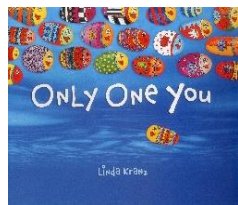
Thank you Mr Morris

Thank you to Mr Morris who was also very busy re-decorating the school hall, which now looks beautifully bright and cheerful.

Summer and Autumn Uniform

We have experienced longer lead times on the delivery of school uniform, so we are trying to get organised with our uniform orders. If you are able to plan ahead and can order uniform for the summer and September, then please send or email in your order asap. For guaranteed supply by the end of the summer term, we need all orders in by Friday 28th May 2021 please.

Only One You (Linda Kranz)



Just before we broke up for the Easter holidays the children watched a video from our resident artist Mrs Weinsweig, reading the story 'Only One You' (please find the link below). https://1drv.ms/v/s!AnWi0cLmGOOMheAf1Gu26LdOSVW0_w?e=LhJs5l

As part of a whole school art project, based on the story, all the children were asked to bring a pebble in when they come back after Easter.

This is just reminder to please bring a pebble in by Friday 30th April. If you have any spare they would also be gratefully received. Mrs Weinsweig explains in the video what kind/size of pebble to bring in.

Family Thrive

On the 11th May, for six weeks myself and Mrs Weeks will be running a Family Thrive course. It will take place either via Zoom, or if restrictions allow, in school from 1.30pm until 3pm.

Throughout the course we will cover the following:

- The Thrive approach
- How our brains develop
- How your right brain talks to your left brain
- Why play and creativity are so important to you and your child
- How to support your child at times of change and difficulty
- Everyday triggers and how to keep calm
- How to be a behaviour detective

If you are interested in taking part in this course, please email me on the address below.

Thank you Sarah Williams (INCO) - sarahwilliams@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk



Beech Green SWEAT

I am really pleased to announce the return of Beech Green SWEAT for Term 5 - our whole-school initiative to encourage our children and families to be active! This will begin next week and run over 5 weeks until half-term. Please look out for a separate Parent Mail explaining a new way to record your family's miles. Below are the journeys each year group are hoping to compete:

	Journey	Distance	Topic link
Rec	Beat own PBs for running non-stop on school track!	N/A	Characteristics for effective learning - Perseverance
Y1	Quedgeley to Quito, Ecuador	5649 m	Geography: Climate - the Poles and the Equator
Y2	Quedgeley to Tokyo (Term 6 also)	5967 m	PE: Athletics / The Olympics
Y3	Quedgeley to Seville (and back)	2924 m	Science: Animals including Humans - Nutrition
Y4	Quedgeley to Scandinavia (and back)	2720 m	History: Anglo Saxons & Vikings
Y5	Length of River Severn (seeing how many lengths they can do)	220 m	Geography: Rivers
Y6	Quedgeley to Baghdad	3,113 m	History: early Islamic civilisation

Again, extended families are included and your family's weekly total can be added to each of your children's classes. It would be wonderful if as many of you as possible can help complete our journeys! And don't forget, it'd be great if you can share more of your photos of walking/jogging/cycling/canoeing (etc) on Twitter under #beechgreensweat. Happy SWEATing!

Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos

We have booked Kittle Photography to come and take class and Year 6 leavers photos on Thursday 17th June. Fingers crossed for this year!

School Reading Books - Reminder

We are still waiting for some reading books to be returned to school. If you still have any books we lent out, then please return them as we need all our books for the whole school learning. Many thanks.

Beech Green Football Boot Swap

As I'm sure you all know, our children can grow very quickly at times - they often out-grow things before they've had a chance to get your money's worth! Therefore, at the suggestion of one of our parents, we are starting-up a football boot swap. If you have any football boots your children have grown out of which you would be happy to donate, please bring them into school to your child's class teacher, who will then pass them to me in Year 6 (where they will be quarantined for 72 hours). Hopefully after a little while we will have enough to allow people to bring in an old pair and swap them for some bigger ones. Any queries, feel free to email bendawson@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you very much in advance!

Quedgeley Library

We've been told that Gloucestershire Libraries are open again and list below the current opening hours for Quedgeley library. These are almost back to normal opening hours, with customers welcome to go in and choose their own books if they wish, or of course you are still able to order specific items online and just pop in when they are ready to collect. Computers are also available to book during opening hours. Quedgeley Library looks forward to welcoming customers old and new in the coming weeks!

Opening Hours

Monday 10.00-1.00 and 2.00-5.00

Tuesday 10.00-1.00 and 2.00-5.00 Click & Collect only

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10.00-1.00 and 2.00-5.00

Friday 10.00-1.00

Saturday 10.00-1.00

Sunday Closed

Please see their website for information about all services: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Time Out For Parents – Children with special/additional needs parenting course

In partnership with 'Care for the Family', Kingfisher Treasure Seekers are able to offer their next course to support those parenting children with special/additional needs.

This course is available to anyone who thinks they would benefit from additional parenting support.

No formal diagnosis of children's needs is necessary.

Starts Wednesday May 19th 2021

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 7 sessions (not running half term week) Online £21

To **book a place on the course**, or for further information, visit the Kingfisher Treasure Seekers website at www.kftseekers.org.uk and look under the 'What's On - Events' tab, or contact Gill Parkinson (Course Facilitator) on 01452 307201 or email gill@kftseekers.org.uk.

admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Beech Green Careline – 24-hour answerphone – 01452 722697

Website – www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Uniform Order Form

Child's Name: (PRINT)

Class:

Beech Green SWEATSHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	9.50		
26"	9.50		
28"	9.50		
30"/32"	9.50		
34"	9.50		
Small adult	9.50		

Beech Green COSY CARDI with logo: (sweatshirt fabric)

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	10.50		
26"	10.50		
28"	10.50		
30"/32"	10.50		
34"	10.50		
Small adult 34/36"	10.50		

Beech Green KNITWEAR CARDIGAN with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	14.50		
26"	14.50		
28"	14.50		
30"	14.50		
32"	14.50		
34"	16.50		
36"	16.50		

Beech Green POLO SHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	7.50		
26"	7.50		
28"	7.50		
30"/32"	7.50		
34"	7.50		
Small adult	7.50		

Beech Green P.E. BAGS with logo:

Colour	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
PE bag	4.00		

Beech Green P.E. KIT:

Garment	Unit price £	Quantity and size	Total price £
PE Black Shorts – Waist 14/16" (3-4 yrs) or 18/20" (5-6 yrs) or 22/24" or 26/28" or 30/32"	5.50		
PE White T-Shirt with logo 24"/26"/28"/30"/32"/XS/S	5.50		

**Cheques to be made payable to 'Beech Green Primary School'
or you can send in cash with your order**

TOTAL VALUE £