



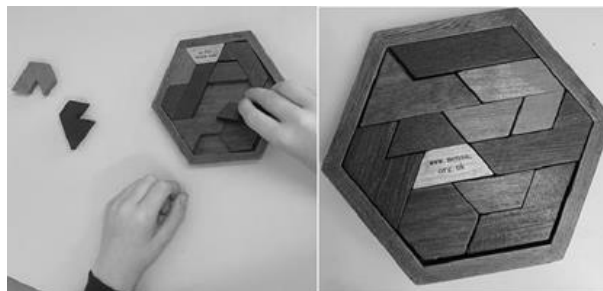
Beech Green News

Thursday 5th January

School News



The best thing to do with a puddle is splash in it!



Tuesday presented us with an interesting start to the new term and year. At the beginning of the day we had no electricity, broken heating and a leaking roof! Although no actual puddles, some classrooms definitely had soggy patches of carpet. Thankfully, with expert people willing to help the problems were quickly resolved. Overcoming difficulties is such an important skill for our children to learn; resilience and perseverance are characteristics of good learners. That stick-ability and willingness to keep on trying is often what makes the difference.

Learning to swim is also an important life skill especially in an area with so many waterways; the playground pool seems to have made a big splash! The children in Yr3 gave it a 10 out 10 and told me they have enjoyed the lessons, the swimming teachers are impressed by well polite, confident pupils. Thank you all for your support in this new venture. We'll ask for your opinion at the end.

Last term I held three family voice meetings, attend by a total of four parents. Although a small response the information and discussion was useful. One of the suggestions was a fortnightly, rather than weekly newsletter. We will make the change to bimonthly publication in February as follows: 9.2.23, 02.03.23 (allowing for the half term holiday) then every other week thereafter.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

Advice from NHS Gloucestershire

With lots of common winter bugs and viruses circulating at the moment, the NHS in Gloucestershire, including the Paediatric consultant team, has developed advice for parents and carers of children to help care for them at home or know when health advice may be needed.

There is understandable concern amongst the public following reports of children and young people with Strep A or Scarlet Fever going on to develop serious illness. However, health leaders are reassuring people that Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics, and it is very rare for children to go on to develop the more serious illness known as invasive group A strep (iGAS).

Please do read and bookmark the advice and share with friends and family: <https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/scarlet-fever-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

Extra Curricular Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has requested a place at an extra-curricular club this term. You will have confirmation of a space this Friday and clubs will begin next week.



There are spaces still available for the Fun Science Club taking place at school this term. This is bookable directly with the club, details below.

We're very pleased to announce that Fun Science UK is coming to run our award-winning after-school STEM clubs at Beech Green Primary School during **January and February 2023!**

Each session will last for **one hour from 3.15pm to 4.15pm** and will again be filled with action-packed, hands-on science experiments and activities supporting the National Curriculum.

The cost of this award-winning five-week programme is just £35 per child, which often includes something to make and/or take home with them so the experiments can continue!

There will be two blocks run concurrently, for KS1 (Year 1-2) on Tuesdays and KS2 (Year 3-6) on Thursdays. To book your child on a club, please see below:

- **For the KS1 (Year 1-2) club (Tuesdays, 10 January-7 February), please visit this link:** <https://tinyurl.com/beecks1>.
- **For the KS2 (Year 3-6) club (Thursdays, 12 January-9 February), please visit this link:** <https://tinyurl.com/beecks2>.

Places are limited to 20 per club and will be awarded on a first paid, first served basis. Places not paid for **within 5 days** of booking will be reallocated.

Please make sure you read the full T&Cs when booking. They can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/funsciterms>. Hope to see your child there!

Sports News



Swimming at Beech Green

Not a headline I'd ever thought I'd type, but year 3 have been enjoying an amazing week swimming in our on-site pool situated on the back playground! Even the most reluctant swimmer has embraced the challenge and entered the lovely warm water with Lesley and her team. Swimming is an important part of the PE curriculum and it is fantastic that we can offer KS2 this amazing opportunity to build confidence in the water and develop their technique. Year 4 take their turn next week, followed by years 5 and 6.

Community News



Do you love to sing?
We are a friendly community choir based in Kingsway with mixed ability and experience.
All Welcome. No Auditions



Come and join us!
Monday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Kingsway Community Centre, Thatcham Avenue
Email: love2singcommunitychoir@gmail.com
Website: love2singchoir.co.uk





Dates for this Term

January 10th - Yrs 5 and 6 to Young Voices concert at Resorts World Arena

January 15th - Closing date for applications for reception 2023

January 16th - Year 6 cycling proficiency week

February 17th - End of term 3

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