



Beech Green News

Thursday 9th November

School News



Be Yourself



We are really pleased Cain and Helen are joining us tomorrow afternoon to share their story, 'Racing Through the Barriers of Disability'. This a great opportunity for us all to learn more about a different perspective and challenge any stereotypical views we might have. Cain and Helen's visit is the start of series of assemblies throughout November about diversity and belonging. The themes link with anti-bullying messages and will hopefully help children to find out more about the people in our community.

Belonging was most evident in Year 5 this week; 'Be Yourself Day' gave children and staff permission to wear clothes that might communicate something about their character or values. They all seemed to enjoy dressing differently. Year 5 pupils told me they thought it was a good way to develop their self-confidence about who they are, without feeling judged. They loved having an opportunity to surprise people, that dressing to express made them feel empowered and more self-assured. Teachers planned activities around the theme and they have planted bulbs as a way to mark this distinctive day.

Our School Council visited St James' Church to lay a wreath for Armistice Day this morning. All of KS2 will stand for a minute's silence at 11am.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

The Hedgehog Litter Pick Challenge

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society are challenging our school to collect the most litter from around our school and local community. The winner of each category receives a free Hedgehog House complete with a bag of hedgehog food from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

Wildlife often gets trapped in litter, leading to injury or even death. Taking part in the challenge helps wildlife, cleans up your community and helps you complete your Hedgehog Friendly Campus award!

The School Council will be handing out bin bags at the gate next week, but you can also use normal bin bags from home. We would love to see any photos of you on your litter pick. Please send them into admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk



Children In Need 2023 is happening next week on Friday 17th November.

This year BBC Children In Need are focussing on the challenges children are facing with their mental health and the impact of positive relationships in helping children through these challenges.

At Beech Green we also strongly believe in supporting children's mental health and recognise how important it is for children's development now and for their futures. We know that building positive relationships with trusted and inspirational adults in and out of school is at the heart of this. Sometimes just that one positive, inspirational adult can bring a smile, listen and ultimately make the world of difference to a child's mental health.

So for this year's Children In Need we are asking children to think about inspirational adults in their lives. This could be a family member, an adult from school or an adult from the wider community, such as a sports club or family friend. For some it may even be a specific adult such as a nurse that helped them during a hospital visit or someone from the local supermarket! It does just need to be someone they know and have a relationship with (this means footballers and TV stars don't count, sorry!)

On Friday 17th children can either come dressed as their inspirational person (we know this might be tricky but might be fun if they dress as their nan or an adult from school for instance!) or they can

come dressed in their own clothes. We are asking for a £1 donation which will all go to BBC Children In Need to support the work they are already doing for Children's mental health.

During the day the children will be thinking about their positive inspirational adult in their classes and asking them to share all about that person and all about the positive relationship they share with that person.

There is some great stuff on the BBC Children In Need website that tells you more about the importance of supporting children's mental health and how positive relationships are a huge part of this.



Remembrance at St James

Our School Councillors went to the War memorial this morning for a short service and wreath laying, lead by Rev Mark Siddall. They represented the school to a high standard and Miss Mulrain and Mrs Layhe were very proud of them.



Emotion Coaching at Beech Green

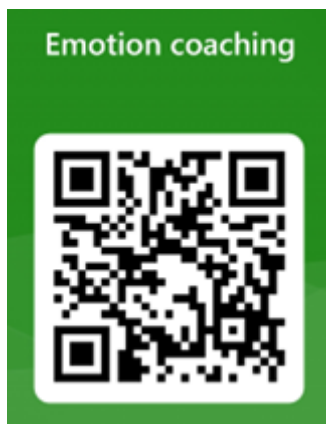
What is Emotion Coaching?

Emotion coaching is about helping children to become more aware of their emotions and to support them to manage their own feelings.

At Beech Green we are committed to supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental health of all our children. Over the last couple of years, we have successfully run Emotion Coaching workshops for parents. These sessions are designed to empower parents to use positive strategies when engaging with their children's emotional health and wellbeing.

This year we are offering the following dates and times.

There are four sessions in each block, so just choose which days and times suit you best and sign up for that term (4 sessions). Please either click on [this link](#) or use the QR code below:



Term 2 Monday afternoons 1.45pm – 3.15pm			
13 th November	20 th November	27 th November	4 th December
Term 4 Tuesday mornings 9.00am – 10.30am			
27 th February	5 th March	12 th March	19 th March
Term 5 Wednesday evenings 6.00pm – 7.30pm			
1 st May	8 th May	15 th May	22 nd May

Parent Governor vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for our parents to join our governing board. We are looking for a parent who can bring a rich variety of skills and experience to our school, if you have a passion for education and believe in Beech Greens vision and ethos this could be the role for you. Fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by 9.30am on Friday 24th November 2023 . Alternately collect a paper copy from the school office if required.

If more than 2 parents apply we will run our own election.

<https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>

Donations for Opal Play

In order to keep our Opal play sessions interesting and fresh for the children, we are in need of some donations. Currently, we are looking for:

Children's Builders hard hats

Baby dolls

Baby clothes

Push chairs and prams

Any shop items - till, play money, plastic food items

If you have any of the above listed items that you'd like to donate, please either drop them to the school office, Mr Greensweig in Y2 or Mrs Layhe in Y4.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Reminder

We are planning on holding a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale in school on December 5th. We would appreciate any donations of good quality Christmas jumpers or Christmas clothing for donation! BUT please don't send them in yet, we will let you know when to bring them into school. Thank you!

Lost Keyrings

Three Prime keyrings have been handed into the office. If your child has misplaced them, please call into the office and let me know the colour of the ones that are missing.

Sports News



Football

The girls played in their final league game of the season in the last week of term, welcoming Huntley to the school. A great game of football had by all with Beech Green almost scoring every time they attacked the Huntley goal. Taking an early lead we continued to build on it throughout the first half. At the beginning of the second half Huntley came out strong scoring twice to narrow the deficit. This was no problem for our girls who got themselves back in the scoring ways before the end of the game.

FT Beech Green 6-2 Huntley.

Goal scorers: Promise x2

Tilly x2

Lily-Ella x2

Community News



Quedgeley Firework

Fireworks this Saturday starting 7.00pm at Fishers Meadow .. just past Severn Vale School. Advice is to be there very early as there are queues to get in and the gates close at 7.00pm. There is also a Fun Fair on site.

Dates for this Term

Please see school website

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

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