

Beechwood News

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Welcome back to the start of a new year. It always seems strange that we have a new academic year in September and then a new year on the 1st January. I hope that you had a really enjoyable and restful Christmas. I know we are going to have an exciting Spring term and I look forward to all of the excellent work that the children are going to produce. Have a very happy new year.

Sue Rees

Beechwood's website is now home to the schools letters portal, where you can find all of the schools letters available for you to download and print.

Go to: www.beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk/category/letters/

Or click the letters link on the homepage. They are updated weekly so check back regularly. Paper copies are available from the folder in Reception if you cannot access the internet.

It's a Cracker!

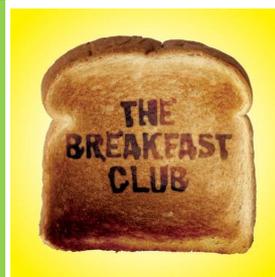
On the 12th December Year's 3 and 4 put on two performances of the Christmas Show 'It's a Cracker'. The children sang, acted and danced their socks off. I was so proud of them. Their behaviour during the rehearsals was exemplary and they performed with such enthusiasm that they were a joy to work with. Both audiences were full of praise for the children's efforts. Well done Lower School!



Half Termly Attendance Figures

Lower School	Upper School
3R = 91.16%	5A = 95.98%
3W = 96.00%	5W = 93.44%
4B = 97.36%	6T = 97.25%
4D = 96.59%	6B = 94.85%

Our school overall target is 96%. Weekly winners receive a 5 minute extra playtime each week. Half term winners receive an extra break time. Autumn 2 winners are 4B and 6T, many congratulations to both classes!! Enjoy your playtime.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open again starting at 7.30 till 8.30, £2.50 per child. We cannot take responsibility for your child before 7.30 so please wait with them until breakfast club opens. Don't forget you have to book your child's place using the booking grid on the website or email: breakfastclub@beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk.

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Reminders

Trips

We really enjoy giving the children the chance to go on school trips to aid all aspects of their learning. The school are reliant on parental contributions to enable trips to go ahead. Please do contribute if you can!.

Parking

Could I please remind parents regarding parking in Huntly Way. We are continually receiving complaints about parents parking across people's drive ways. This is illegal and I have urged the neighbours to take number plates and report them directly to the police if this happens. Unfortunately on the last day of term a parent parked across a neighbour's drive way. When they were asked to move, they laughed at the lady and made a rude hand gesture. I know you will agree this is not the type of behaviour we want to instil in our children and sends completely the wrong message. The car in question was a small red car and the number plate has been passed to the police.

Admissions Policy

The governors are now consulting on the academy's admissions policy for 2015/16. The draft policy is available on the school website. If you would like to make any comments about the draft policy, please e-mail them to the academy's admissions consultant, Mrs Jo Glenton, at jo.glenton@googlemail.com or put your comments in writing, marked for the attention of Mrs Jo Glenton to the school office.

The Marlands Charity Christmas Tree Project

For taking part in the Marlands Charity Xmas Tree project Beechwood were awarded a £50 cheque for our designated charity Naomi House & Jackspace. Well done to all those involved!

P.E Kits

Please ensure your child always has their P.E kit in school and kit, plimsoll's and bag are all clearly named. If children are without their P.E kit a letter will be sent home



and we will ask you to provide them with something suitable to wear. Finding spare P.E kit for children wastes a lot of office and staff time, and means the children miss out on some of their lesson. Children should have their PE kits in school all the time. They should only go home for washing each half term. If your child needs new kit it is available from Skoolkit.

Wacky Races

Years 6 spent two days learning all about different forces. They carried out observations and investigations of different forces in action and then used their learning to design and build their own cars! The task was to create a moving vehicle that could travel off road, had an on/off switch and could carry a passenger (an egg!) safely. The finishing touches added some style to the various vehicles. When the cars were complete we held our own 'wacky races' event to test their speed. We had great fun and, most importantly, learned a lot about the forces around us!



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Head Teachers Awards

The following children were nominated for a Head Teacher Award this month for outstanding work and behaviour.



3R: Luca Willis, Lily Farminer, Ellis Brett, Maia Decu, Evan Dunn, Sophie Woolgar



3W: Lee Webb, Nikola Jarmal, Joshua Mckereth, Sarah Deacon, Susan Ahmadi, Keidon Dawson



4D: Ewan Hunt, Ben Collins, Floyd Jenkins, Jakob Pardoe-Matthews, Zahir Ayoubi, Nikola Bielarz



4B: Dylan Winch, Parviz Shovkatov, Ben Schofield, Jessica Green, Zain Dad, Saphire Wellstood.



5W: Hannah Blandford, Vitolet Bundzsak, Olympia Akhamrich, Lavinia Dowling, Chloe Mullen, Beth Stirrat



5A: Annie West, Lania Rashid, Layla Cook, Natasha Noble, Tanya Deacon, Aryan Nandha



6B: Mackenzie Amies, Thomas Blake, Kasia Bober, Oskar Strumidel, Holly Dale, Maddie Garrett



6T: Lucy Hunt, Ben Hunt, Lewis Crudgington, Declan Ryves, Shane Alders, Summer Crane

Communication

We always try to accommodate you if you would like to speak to someone about your child. You can email your child's class teacher or myself through our website at any time. We will get back to you within 24 hours during the week and on a Monday if you email during the weekend. We are also very happy to see you, if we can, if you feel there is an urgent problem. Please come into reception and they will see if the teacher or myself is available. Please do not, under any circumstances, make your own way up to the classroom as this is a safeguarding issue. Unfortunately sometimes teachers are very busy e.g. first thing in the morning and although they will see you if they can may need to ask you to make an appointment for later in the day. If you have any concerns at all regarding your child or their education/behaviour then the first point of contact is your child's teacher or myself. If it is a financial issue then please speak to Miss Mephram or Mrs. Fowler.

Many thanks for your understanding

Mrs. Rees

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Important Dates

06/01/14 15:05—16:00	IXL After School Club
07/01/14 08:40—09:40	Lorraine's Coffee Morning
09/01/14	Newsletter
13/01/14 15:05—16:00	IXL After School Club
13/01/14 15:10—16:10	Fencing Club
14/01/14 08:40—09:40	Lorraine's Coffee Morning
14/01/14 15:10—16:10	Dance Club
14/01/14 15:10—16:10	Y3&4 Homework Club
15/01/14 15:10—16:10	Y5&6 Homework Club
15/01/14 15:10—16:10	Football Coaching
16/01/14 15:10—16:10	Multisports Club
20/01/14	Inset Day – School will be closed
21/01/14 08:40—09:40	Lorraine's Coffee Morning
21/01/14 15:10—16:10	Dance Club
21/01/14 15:10—16:10	Y3&4 Homework Club
22/01/14 15:10—16:10	Y5&6 Homework Club
23/01/14 09:00—09:30	6T Ancient Greek Assembly
23/01/14 15:10—16:10	Multisports Club
22/01/14 15:10—16:10	Football Coaching
27/01/14	Attendance and Punctuality Week
27/01/14 15:05—16:00	IXL After School Club
27/01/14 15:10—16:10	Fencing Club
28/01/14 08:40—09:40	Lorraine's Coffee Morning
28/01/14 15:10—16:10	Y3&4 Homework Club
29/01/14 15:10—16:10	Y5&6 Homework Club
29/01/14 15:10—16:10	Football Coaching
30/01/14 09:00—09:30	Attendance and Punctuality Assembly
30/01/14 15:10—16:10	Multisports Club
31/01/14	Non-School Uniform Day
03/02/14	Open Week– details sent nearer the time
04/02/14 15:10—16:10	Y3&4 Homework Club Final Session
05/02/14 15:10—16:10	Y5&6 Homework Club Final Session