



Beech Green News

Issue 5

Thursday 1st December

Celebration of Work and Achievement



Our Year 2 violinists performed for the whole school on Monday; all the children and adults were impressed with their achievement, in just one term. Very well done to all our Year 2 pupils!

Every child is looking back through their books this week, finding pieces of work they have enjoyed or feel proud of. Revisiting and remembering what they found out, practised or understood is important. Seeing progress children recognise they are able to learn; this instils a greater belief in their own ability. Knowing they can achieve is motivating.

When you arrive today, children will be sent out to you in the playground; please come back into the classrooms and look through books with your child. The adults will have stickers for parents and carers to identify great pieces of work; it might not be beautifully presented or even all right, it might be something your child has really enjoyed or worked hard at.

Classrooms and books will stay out ready for the next open session tomorrow morning. Parents and carers whose children go to Wild Woods breakfast club can drop into the classroom at 8am; for everyone else **the gates will be open early at 8:20am**. You are welcome to leave your child here to start their day.

We look forward to seeing you all later.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

School News



A huge thank you for all of the lovely donations for our Christmas Hampers this year. We hope the children enjoyed having a dress down day! Tickets for the raffle and a chance to win a hamper, will be on sale from the 5th to the 9th of December, the winner from each class will be announced during the last week of term. For more information, please see the poster within the Community News section.

FABG Christmas Fayre on Thursday 8th December - please can we have **donations of cakes, sweets and any new item by Wednesday 7th December**.

Year 1 and 2 have planned a surprise tombola and will take any new item you're happy to donate. This can be a tin of beans, a bottle of shower gel, stationery, candles, cups or anything else you can think of.

Carol Service

We're looking forward to getting into the Christmas spirit this year as we gather together for our carol concerts. This year they will be taking place at St James Church, Quedgeley on Monday 12th December. Parents and carers of children in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2), will be asked to accompany their children to church at 9am, for a simple service and carols, parents and carers are welcome to stay to join in! KS1 children who attend breakfast club will be brought over by members of staff. Year 3 and 4 will be sending out an invitation for their Carol Concert at 2pm and a repeat performance at 6pm. Space for both events will be limited to two places per family, please talk to us if you need specific access. Year 5 and 6 will also be learning some carols and festive songs, these will be performed in Tesco and other community spaces (times and dates to be confirmed).

Reception classes will be asking parents and carers to join them for a Christmas Workshop on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th December.

Winter Menu

Caterlink have now published their winter menu for January to March 2023. They have worked hard with Gloucestershire County Council to ensure the nutritional content complies with the School food guidelines and contains food children will enjoy eating. We will also have some paper copies of the menu in the office if you'd like to call into collect one. Meals are priced at £2.36 and are payable in advance via Parent pay.

[School GCC Winter Spring 2023 Menu.pdf](#)

Teams 4 U Shoebox Appeal

Shoe boxes are a lovely way of giving a gift to someone who might not otherwise receive anything at Christmas. Teams 4 U run a nationwide shoebox appeal each year to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families. This year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.

We had decided as a school that we wouldn't participate in the shoebox scheme this year. Given the current economic situation, we wanted to limit the amount of demands we were placing on our families, however a few parents have asked if we can arrange a collection. Jenny Frost has worked with the shoebox appeal for a number of years and has kindly said that if anyone wants to make or has already made a Shoebox or would like to donate any items she'd be happy to come and collect it from school, ideally on or before Thursday 8th December at the latest.

If you would like to make a box, shoeboxes can contain practical gifts such as toothpaste, stationary or gloves as well as small gifts like games, puzzles and balls. A full list can be found in the link attached.

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/>

Opal Play

Our latest OPAL project has been supporting our Play Makers with their leadership responsibilities they carry out during lunchtimes. Peer Mediation is a conflict resolution technique that supports children who are volunteer mediators to work with their peers. Our Play Makers have been receiving specific training in how to manage and support low-level conflicts with younger children. Ruby, one of our Play Makers, says "Peer mediation has really helped with my lunchtime job; the training is really useful and lots of fun!"

The KS1 Roof!

Finally, we can confirm that the scaffolding will be installed tomorrow (Friday 2nd December). The lorry will arrive between 9:15 and 9:30am. This will obstruct the path around the back of KS1, which means parents and carers will not be able to walk from the back playground to the front. Please talk to someone if you would like to know more.



Times Table Rockstars

At Beech Green, we believe that a secure knowledge of times table facts helps children to be more successful and confident in maths. For example, if your child knows their 5x table, they will find it easier when learning to tell the time (5 past, 10 past, etc). Further up the school, times table knowledge is essential when completing challenging arithmetic calculations or working with fractions, factors and square numbers.

With this in mind, please make use of the fantastic Times Table Rockstars app which the school subscribes too. There are a number of different games and challenges which are fun and engaging. If your child has forgotten their user name or password, please let their class teacher know.

Perhaps you could challenge yourself to be the top TTRS player at Beech Green? Currently, this is held by a pupil in Sycamore 6, with an impressive speed of 0.72 seconds per answer! Sycamore are also the class with the most active players in the last two weeks, followed by Hornbeam then Acacia.





We're very pleased to announce that Fun Science UK is coming to run their 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!

Chief Fun Scientist

Questions? Email cheltenham@fun-science.org.uk, or telephone 07894440519.

For more about our awe-inspiring parties, see <https://tinyurl.com/fscparties>.

Sports News



Free Football tickets!

Tomorrow (Friday 2nd,) is the last opportunity to request free tickets for the Forest Green Rovers match against MK Dons. Mr Dawson will be sorting through the requests over the weekend and submitting them to the club. As a reminder, we are able to offer **EVERY CHILD** in school a **FREE TICKET** to watch a live game at the New Lawn! As a partner school, every Beech Green child is entitled to 1 FREE CHILD ticket plus 1 FREE ACCOMPANYING ADULT ticket to a designated match this season. The match we have been invited to attend is against MK Dons, scheduled for Saturday 21st January 2023, 3:00pm kick-off. I have been told that tickets should be distributed in time for Christmas, therefore, as well as being an AMAZING OPPORTUNITY to watch a live football match, this could be an excellent way of obtaining a FANTASTIC FREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!!

If you would like to request tickets, please remember that each child is entitled to ONE free child ticket and ONE free accompanying adult ticket - additional tickets can be purchased directly with the club online or with the FGR ticket office (Tel: 0333 123 1889). Also, please note that tickets will be situated in the Community Stand which is standing only.

To request tickets... please email the office ASAP on admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk stating your **child's name, year group, number of child tickets** required and number of free accompanying **adult tickets** required. Also, if you would like to order any pre-paid £5 food vouchers for half-time, then please stipulate this. If you would be more comfortable speaking directly to Mr Dawson rather than emailing, you can catch him outside Year 3 on a Thursday or Friday.

Please rest assured, if you have emailed in already, we do have your request and tickets will be issued to you.

Netball News

Mrs Hart had the privilege of taking ten Y6 pupils to The Crypt School on Wednesday afternoon for a mixed netball tournament. Despite the chilly weather, everyone had an amazing time. The children were trained by Year 11 Crypt students, who offered coaching and support to improve everyone's netball knowledge and skills. Our Y6 pupils played several other Gloucester schools and despite being one player short, we placed 3rd overall after playing 4 games back-to-back. The team were hugely satisfied to win 3 games and get one draw. Exemplary behaviour was displayed by all pupils. Special mention to Ezri Sunter - player of the tournament as she was noticed and congratulated on her netball skills by every teacher from the other schools we played.





Community News

FREE! Come and join us
at Saint James'

For a

Messy Christmas

SNACK provided

Wednesday 21st December

1pm - 3pm

CRAFT

FUN

Saint James' Church
School Lane
Quedgeley
GL2 4PN

Sorry no card payments available for this one

FABG Christmas Hampers

One hamper per class to be won

£1 per ticket

No limit to how many tickets you can buy

Tickets available from Mon 5th - Fri 9th December

Please send your ticket money into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name & class plus how many tickets you would like

The Teachers will collect and pass on to us

Draw will be in the last week of term (exact day to be confirmed)



Mrs Hamblin's Little Artists

CHRISTMAS HALF TERM CLUB
19TH - 23RD DECEMBER

Longlevens Infant School
Paygrove Lane, Longlevens
Gloucester, GL2 0BG

For ages 4 - 11 years old

Join us at Mrs Hamblin's Little Artists!

We have a week full of festive fun for every Little Artist!

Monday 19th - Christmas baubles and treat pots
Tuesday 20th - Christmas plates, wreaths and decorations
Wednesday 21st - Large Christmas canvas bags, clay gingerbread house
Thursday 22nd - Christmas baubles, plates and clay decorations
Friday 23rd - Christmas mugs, angels and reindeer treat pots

Book online using the booking link in Mrs Hamblin's Little Artists Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you!



StJ's Family Worship

King Christmas

Sunday 4th December, 10.30 until 11.15am, St James' Church,
School Ln, Quedgeley, GL2 4PN

Family fun, laughter and worship, snacks, coffee/tea
after

Dates for this Term

2023 Reception Intake We are offering the following tours for families to visit our school.

Friday 2nd December - 10.40 - 11.40

Monday 5th December - 1.40 - 2.40

Tuesday 3rd January - 1.40 - 2.40

Closing date for school applications is 15 January 2023

2nd December - 8:00am open classrooms for parents dropping off to Wild Woods and 8:20am for everyone else

7th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

8th December - FABG Christmas Fayre after school; all year groups will be running a stall or Christmas activity see separate Parent Mail

12th December - Carols at St James' Church. Years 1 and 2 - 9am, KS2 - 2pm and 6pm

16th December - End of term 2 at 1:30pm

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