



Beech Green News

Thursday 30th March

School News



Making a Real Difference

Working with Families

Thank you for coming to parent's evening last week. It might seem obvious, your interest in education is good, working in partnership with us is great; the positive effects include:

- positive behaviour and attitude to learning
- increased confidence and greater self-esteem

- higher attendance rates
- a lower risk of exclusion
- more enthusiasm about learning
- better outcomes

We think the three things you can do to help your child is:

Reading – hear them read, talk and ask them questions about the characters, plot or ask them to predict the ending; you could read the same book and discuss it with them.

Help them learn all times tables (Year 2 upwards).

Use their homework to ask them what they've learned.

The pupils across Beech Green have made a real difference to our school and local community:

Reception children have picked up litter around the school; it looks so much better, thank you everyone.

Year 1 and Year 2 raised a whopping £232 which they will spend on plants and flowers to make our litter free grounds look beautiful.

Year 3 have made posters reminding people to recycle, they plan to continue this campaign through the summer term.

On a similar theme Year 4 have put together a rota to collect and recycle plastics across the school; this will also continue in the summer term. They have also campaigned for some new recycling bins for the playground.

Armed with freshly baked biscuits and cakes Year 5 delivered a little bit of joy to our neighbours. They knew they had made a difference when someone, 'cried happy tears'.

Finally Year 6 raised £45 which they would like to donate to cancer research; the second clothes sale was a win-win; reducing the impact on the environment and providing an opportunity for people to buy cheaper clothes. The left over items will be sent to Gloucestershire Bundles.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make a positive impact. Everyone who took part will receive a Beech Green values award certificate. The school council judged Year 4 to have made the most difference, they will present their work in a special assembly on Friday 21st April at 2:40pm.

Over to you; an Easter challenge

The focused value this term was 'belong', over the holidays can you make a difference at home or in your local community. Send us a photo or brief explanation to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable two week break.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

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Message from Mrs Cherrington

This summer I will be running a half marathon to raise money for a little boy in my home community. His name is Asger, and he has diplegic cerebral palsy. Without life changing surgery, which is time critical, he will never be able to walk. Doctors have said that the NHS waiting list is so long that without these funds the surgery will not go ahead in time to help him. Please support me if you can to raise vital funds and help Asger to walk.

<https://www.justgiving.com>

Spring Holiday Meals

During the spring holiday, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme.

These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2), as they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child, for 1 week of the spring holiday, whilst the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) provides for the second week of the holiday. For more information on the HAF programme, you can visit Gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf or see the poster below.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>>.

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Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Phonics Meetings for Year 1 parents

Next term Year 1 staff will be holding two phonics meetings to give essential information about the phonics screening tests. These will be on Monday 17th April at 5.30pm and Tuesday 18th April at 9.00am. You can attend either meeting. More details will be sent to you via parentmail, but please reserve the dates in your diaries.

Cake Sale for the Anthony Nolan Trust

On Friday 31st March, one of our former parents will be holding cake sale on the front playground to raise funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust. Stop by for a last day of term treat when school finishes at 1.30!

Vacancy for a Play Team Member

We have a vacancy for someone to join our lunchtime Play Team. If you are interested in this term time only position and would like more details, then please contact: Amy Bancroft on sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or phone 01452 722363

Our Train Trip

At the end of February Year 3 went on a railway trip. We caught the train from Gloucester train station to Worcester train station. There was a lovely view on the train, we saw lots of fields, animals and nature. We stopped at Cheltenham train station to pick up and drop off more passengers. When we got to Worcester we walked down the river. We saw swans, including a rare black one, and played an eye-spy game to find things along the river bank. We also saw how high the river had flooded in the past. We ate lunch in the centre of Worcester before going back to the station to catch the train home. We really enjoyed the trip and can't wait to go again! By Zoe W and Ella S.

BBC Gloucestershire accompanied the children to make a news report of their trip. Take a look at the video below.

https://www.facebook.com/bbcgloucestershire/videos/206310185339471/?extid=NS-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&mibextid=1Yhcl9R

Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 finished their Forest School sessions yesterday with a campfire, viking style flatbreads and fruit jam, as well as not-so-viking marshmallows on a stick! For many of the pupils this was their first experience of a campfire and cooking outdoors; great fun for everyone!



Coronation Competitions

A reminder of three competitions you can enter for the King's Coronation.

All local schoolchildren have been asked to design a poster to advertise the Quedgeley Community Parade and Coronation Celebrations. Entries can be submitted to the school office by Friday 21st April. All the details you need are on the attached poster.

There is also another competition to make your very own portrait of our King! You can use whatever materials you like, be as creative as you can and have all entries into school by April 28th. Again, more details can be found on the attached poster.

A third competition has just been announced! This one is to design a plate commemorating the Coronation. This could be a paper plate or a real one using any medium you like.



Poster Competition

All children in Quedgeley aged 3 to 11 can enter

Design a poster to advertise the Quedgeley Community Parade and Coronation celebrations on Sunday May 7th 2023

What you need to know

The parade starts 1pm on Sunday 7th May 2023 at The Q Club

Roads will be closed at 12:45pm to 1:30pm

The field in Severn Vale School will have stalls, food and entertainment including a community choir of adults and children, a fancy-dress competition, Last Night of the Proms in the school hall, Trouping of the Colour.

What you need to do

Design a poster to inform people about the Quedgeley parade; give your poster to your school office by. The posters will be collected on Friday 21st April

The winning poster will be displayed in our local community and the artist will receive a £10 book voucher



Atlas Camps

Easter camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this Easter, with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

For further information, please watch this video <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlas camps.co.uk to book.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN ★ ★ ★

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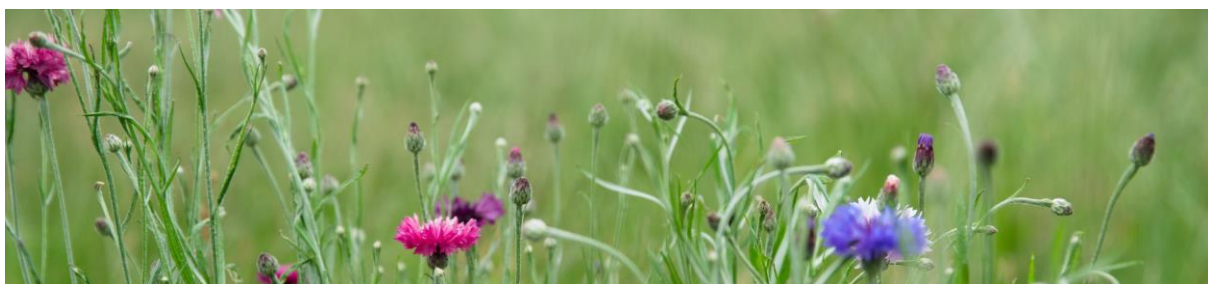
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School Meals

The price of hot meals at school is set to rise after the Spring break. A meal will now cost £2.54. Thank you to all those parents who keep their child's account topped up. If you are in debt at the moment, please could you clear the outstanding balance as soon as possible. Caterlink have been slow getting the spring/summer menu out to us, we will parentmail it out as soon as it arrives.

Community News



News from Quedgeley Library

It's been lovely to see so many local pupils at Quedgeley Library this term, and I just wanted to let you know about the various FREE activities that we have available to book during the Easter holidays. It would be wonderful if you could share this with your families, as we'd love to have as many people attending as possible!

Thursday 6th April: 10.30 – 11.30am 'A Knight's Journey' with Explore Learning - *All knights go through many quests and this journey to the king's throne is no different. We travel back to medieval times and children will joust their way through many grammar tournaments. Suitable for ages 5 – 11.*

2.15 – 3.30pm Craft with Tesco – *suitable for ages 3+*

Thursday 13th April: 2.30pm - Children's Author Visit – *We are excited to be hosting the children's author **Tracey Corderoy** at Quedgeley Library for an interactive session on her 'Story Shop' series – it promises to be lots of fun! Suitable for ages around 5 – 8.*

Spaces are limited, so please pop in or contact the library on 01452 721233 for more information and to book your place!

We also have drop-in activities available throughout the year, including Lego Club (Thursday 3.30 – 5.30pm), Junk Modelling and Crafts (alternate Saturdays 11am – 3pm).

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF will be returning this spring for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Click [here](#) to watch our latest HAF video to get a taste of what you can expect this spring!

Between 3-14 April.
HAF eligible families will be able to access up to 4 days of free, fun activities in their district. To find out what days your district is delivering HAF, you can follow your [HAF district lead](#) on social media.

What will be available at HAF this spring?

- Family days out
- Football, basketball, cricket and more
- Forest skills
- Gymnastics
- Music production
- Sensory play
- Delicious food
- And more!

Bookings open 16 March- Make sure you're HAF ready!
Sign up to our HAF booking system.

To stay up to date on all HAF news...
Visit Gloucestershire's HAF website: Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF
or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

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Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL

FREE! Come to play and explore with
Saint James'
For a   

Messy Easter

 **Tuesday 4th April**
1pm - 3pm **Saint James' Church**
School Lane
Quedgeley
GL2 4PN

FUN **SNACK provided!**

 **FREE EVENT**

Vulnerable children and young people in your area need safe and loving homes

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR FOSTERING EVENT

Sunday 26th March 10am – 2pm
Unit A5 | Elmbridge Court | Cheltenham Road East | Gloucester | GL3 1JZ

Whether you're an individual, a couple or family, you can train to be a foster carer and change your life and the lives of children near you.
Enjoy some refreshments while having an informal chat with our carers and team.

For more information call:
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Can't join us? Enquire at:
nexusfostering.co.uk



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Dates for Next Term

Monday 17th April - Return to school after Spring break

Monday 17th April - 5.30pm - Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Tuesday 18th April - 9.00am - Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Friday 28th April - FABG Family Bingo Night

Tuesday 16th May - Year 6 Residential Trip

Friday 19th May - Opal Stay and Play Session

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