

# **Beech Green News**

Thursday 3rd October

# **School News**



Our School Values are really important to us here at Beech Green: Respect, Achieve, Belong underpin everything that we do. There are some events coming up which we hope will further develop our sense of belonging – to our school community, and to the wider community of Quedgeley. See the section below about our Harvest assembly and the collection for the wonderful Quedgeley Community Pantry. We also want you, our parents and carers, to feel a part of our school community too, which is why we are very excited to opening the Family Tree Café doors once again. For those of you have never been, it's a friendly space where you can come to meet with other parents from the school, enjoy a REALLY good cup of coffee (or a latte, or a cappuccino, or a tea or hot chocolate...!) and, more often than not, a slice of cake or two. Mrs Ogden is arranging different speakers to come in to talk to you, but for now, we'd love for you to come in to just say hello and have a chat. Dates for year groups are below – it would be lovely to see you there.

### **Harvest Assembly**

To celebrate harvest, we would like to donate as many food items to Quedgeley Community Pantry as possible. Given the ever-changing circumstances we are living in, we know that there are many families in our community who need some extra support. Year 3 and 4 are collecting donations, and are asking that any families who can and would like to give any, non-perishable food items, (please see list,) to bring them into school between Monday 7th October and Friday 11th October. Mrs Judges from the Quedgeley Community Pantry will be joining Rev Mark on Thursday for our Harvest assembly.



### We would be happy to collect:

Shower gel Shampoo/conditioner Deodorant

Toilet rolls Washing up liquid Laundry detergent pods UHT milk

Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.)

Tinned fish

**Tinned fruit** 

Sponge/rice puddings

Coffee (small jars)

Long-life juice

Pasta sauce

Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, beans, tomatoes)

Tinned meals (spaghetti, chilli)

Tinned soup

Jam and spreads

#### **Every Day Counts**

Attendance is a high priority for us at Beech Green, aiming for all children to be in school all of the time so that they can learn and we can help and support them. However, we also understand that, especially at this time of the year, children can become ill. The NHS have produced some really helpful guidance which explains when you should and shouldn't keep your child at home, which is available <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. To enable us to monitor attendance across the school, we use a banding system:

97% and above = GREEN BAND

90.1 - 96.9% = AMBER BAND

90% and below = RED BAND.

Each week, we look at the attendance of all children in the school, so that we can identify where families might need some support in improving their punctuality or attendance. At the end of term, we will be sending home letters to all families to let you know which attendance band your child is in. However, please be assured that we look carefully at each individual child. If you receive a letter in the amber or red band, we may get in touch to see if we can help you, but we will of course consider each child's circumstances. We feel that it is really important to work together with you: if you feel that you would like some support or advice around your child's attendance, please do get in touch – you can contact your child's class teacher directly, speak to Emma. in the school office or contact me via email <a href="mailto:hayleyearl@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk">hayleyearl@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk</a>.

Thank you.

### The Family Tree Café

The Family Tree café is reopening and we would like to invite you to join us in the entrance hall at 9am-10.30. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate is £1 a cup which includes a slice of homemade cake. You will receive a warm welcome and have the opportunity to meet other parents. To include everyone, we have allocated sessions:

Tuesday 8th October- Reception Parents

Wednesday 16th October- Year 1 and 2 Parents

Tuesday 22nd October - Year 3 and 4 Parents

Tuesday 5th November- Year 5 and 6 Parents

#### **Parents Evening**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with their child's teacher at parents' evening. You should all have received a link to our online booking system on Wednesday evening. Please use this to request a time slot. Children who have had a review with Mrs Thorne need not book, these families have been notified separately.

### **School Photos**

On Thursday 10th October photographers from Colorfoto will be in school to take individual portrait photographs. Time allowing, they will also take sibling group photos as long as all siblings attend Beech Green. If you would like a sibling photograph, please email the school office, <a href="mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk">admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk</a>, with the names and classes of all children, by Tuesday 8th October.

### **Secondary Applications**

Thursday 31st October, is the last day for year 6 pupils to submit their preferences for secondary school. If you do not submit a preference, you will be allocated any school in Gloucestershire that has space. Year 6 staff will be more than happy to help with applications for anyone who is unsure.



# **Play Team Vacancy**

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, <a href="mailto:sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk">sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk</a> or phone 01452 722363, option 5.

# **Sports News**



#### **Boys' Football**

The second round of the National ESFA Boys tournament saw us travel to Upton St Leonards Primary School. Coming up against them, alongside Longlevens Junior School and Heron Primary School, we knew going into it there were four good footballing sides, and so it proved on the night.

In our first game we took on the hosts with both sides playing some flowing football but neither creating any big chances in the early stages. Midway through, Upton put together a string of passes which undid our defences and they went 1-0 up. Undeterred, our boys battled on still playing some lovely football. Eventually, we created a chance, but unfortunately couldn't take it. Final score Upton 1-0 BG.

Our second match was against Heron and from the outset, Beech Green again were playing some lovely football. Link up play between William, Jayden, Aiden and Luis left the ball at Hadley's feet for him to score the opener. A carbon copy second quickly followed, again with Hadley getting on the end of some good build play. 2-0 quickly became 3-0 when William got on the end of some good play from Luis. Final Score BG 3-0 Heron.

Our final game brought our biggest defensive test. Longlevens had a strong squad and coming off the back of a Wembley final were full of confidence. They created plenty of chances but Ousman, Mason in defence and Kobi with some show stopping saves in goal kept them at bay. Amongst the waves of attack, we created some good chances of our own but nothing was hitting the back of the net. As the tiredness started to set in, Longlevens managed to score the opening goal of the game and quickly made it 2-0 with some slick football. Final score Longlevens 1-0 BG.

Overall we finished 3rd on the night, achieving the best finish the school has seen. A final congratulations to Luis who was named school captain for the coming school season.

#### Girls' Football

On a very (very) wet Wednesday evening we hosted the first round of the National ESFA Girls' Tournament. Welcoming Field court and Grange to the playing field we kicked off the first game against our nearest neighbour. In very tricky conditions both teams endeavoured to play some football and there were moments of shine if only on the pitch. A midfield frenzy lead to neither team being able to break the deadlock. Final score BG 0-0 Field Court. After watching Field Court beat Grange, it was our turn to take the field. Needing four goals to qualify we quickly took a 1-0 then 2-0 lead. As the weather continued to get worse, and the referee (Mr Greensweig) continued to get wetter, the girls continued to battle hard and a 3rd goal was inevitable. With time running out for the final goal, the girls continued to press the Grange defence into mistakes. As the buzzer went Lillie R stuck the ball from the halfway line in a hopeful attempt to score the 4th. A fine strike headed towards the goal and went into the top corner to make it 4-0 in the final moment and meaning qualification for the finals!

# **Community News**





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# **Message From Gloucestershire County Council**

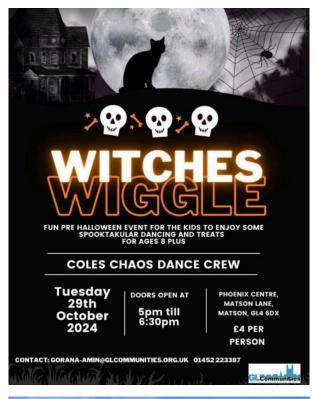
We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council

Many thanks





Dates for this Term

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

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