



Beech Green News

Thursday 13th February

School News



Message from Mrs P

Dear families,

It has been a busy half term at Beech Green with lots of interesting things going on in school. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Campbell on Friday. She is taking up a role as a health and wellbeing coach, which is a passion of hers. We would like to thank her for all of her work at Beech Green and wish her every happiness. Some parents have asked about our progress

towards OFSTED improvement so I thought that I would share some of the things that we have been working together on (among others):

- We have had a maths focus – and a re-visit from Steve Lomax (advisor) who was really pleased with our progress
- New behaviour policy in place – an external advisor commented on as to how it had had a positive impact in the corridors and classes
- New reward system of marbles in a jar (class rewards) and house points
- We have kept the Beech Green values but added clear rules of ‘Ready, Respectful and Safe’
- Timetabling in classes has changed to get the optimum learning time
- We are working to improve attendance – Mrs Collins is leading this
- Staff have undertaken more safeguarding training
- We have purchased a new French scheme of work
- We are working closely with the community social worker and early help coordinator
- We have had a visit from an LA school advisor

The staff have worked so hard to make Beech Green the best it can be. They are a super team of people.

We hope that you have a great half term. School starts on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes.

Mrs Pope





News from Beech Green School Council!

On Monday 10th February, Beech Green School Council had a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind. Kate and Sue came in with beautiful Bella the retriever. Kate told us all about the benefits of having Bella, to help with her being deaf and blind. The children all listened carefully and asked some super questions. I had wonderful feedback from Kate and Sue about how lovely the children were. Well done team! After the kind donations made by Poppy's family, of our daffodil bulbs and soil, we decided to donate the money we raised at the Christmas fair, to Guide Dogs for the Blind. We are hoping to perhaps sponsor a puppy's training in the future, through more fund raising.

Thank you everyone for all of your support!





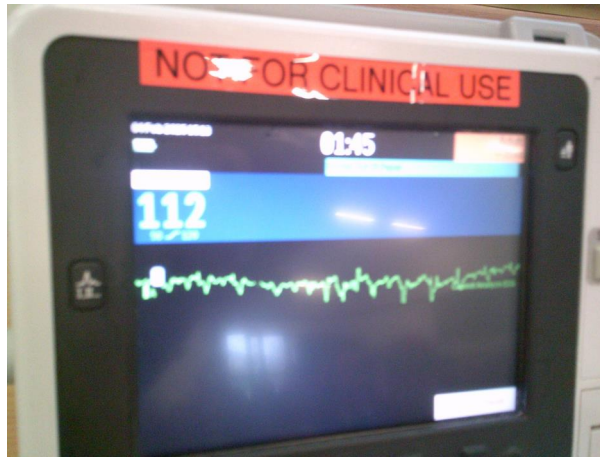
Look who's Talking Competition

Freddie (Yr1,) Ettie (yr4,) and Julia (Yr5) recently took part in the final of a oracy competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary schools called "Look who's Talking!"

The aim of the competition was to develop children's oracy skills across the curriculum. Oracy is both learning *to* talk and learning *through* talk. Each child delivered a two-minute talk on their chosen subject in front of a large audience of parents and fellow competitors. We are so proud of all of them. They spoke clearly, confidently and fluently. Well done to all three!

Julia said, "I went to Dinglewell School. I enjoyed talking to everyone there. This experience will help me in the future when I do presentations in secondary school."





First aid talk

Years 5 and 6 have been learning about the human body in their science lessons this term. To strengthen their knowledge in this topic, they were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from Mrs Wilkinson, a parent and paramedic.

She spoke to them about the workings of the circulatory system and how to keep themselves healthy. The teachers were wired up to an electrocardiogram, (ECG) machine, before the children took it in turns to use stethoscopes to listen to each others heartbeats.

It's lovely to have parents visit to enhance our curriculum.

Year 4 Residential

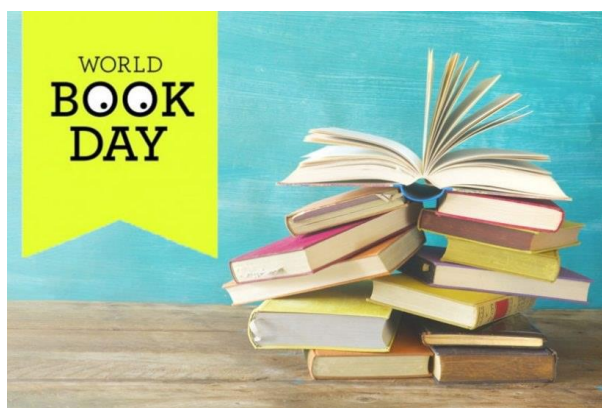
Year 4 is planning a residential trip in May. The visit is to Hill End in Oxford, which is an outdoor education centre <https://hill-end.org/>. During their time there, the Year 4 children will actively participate in a range of activities, including a Roman workshop, and there will be a barbeque in the evening. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to bond, and experience a night away from home with people that they are familiar with. There is a parents meeting on Monday 24th February at 3.30pm if parents require more information.

The dates for the trip are 12th-13th May 2025. Leaving school on Monday morning and arriving back Tuesday afternoon.

Year 4 Into the Net.

On Wednesday, Beech Green hosted "Into the Net" - a fun and engaging performance which taught children about the importance of using the internet safely. We were joined in the hall by other year 4 children from local primary schools. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and went away with some key lessons:

Being unkind on the internet is just as bad as being unkind in the real world. Don't share personal information online. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult. Be careful about making friends online - you do not know who they really are.

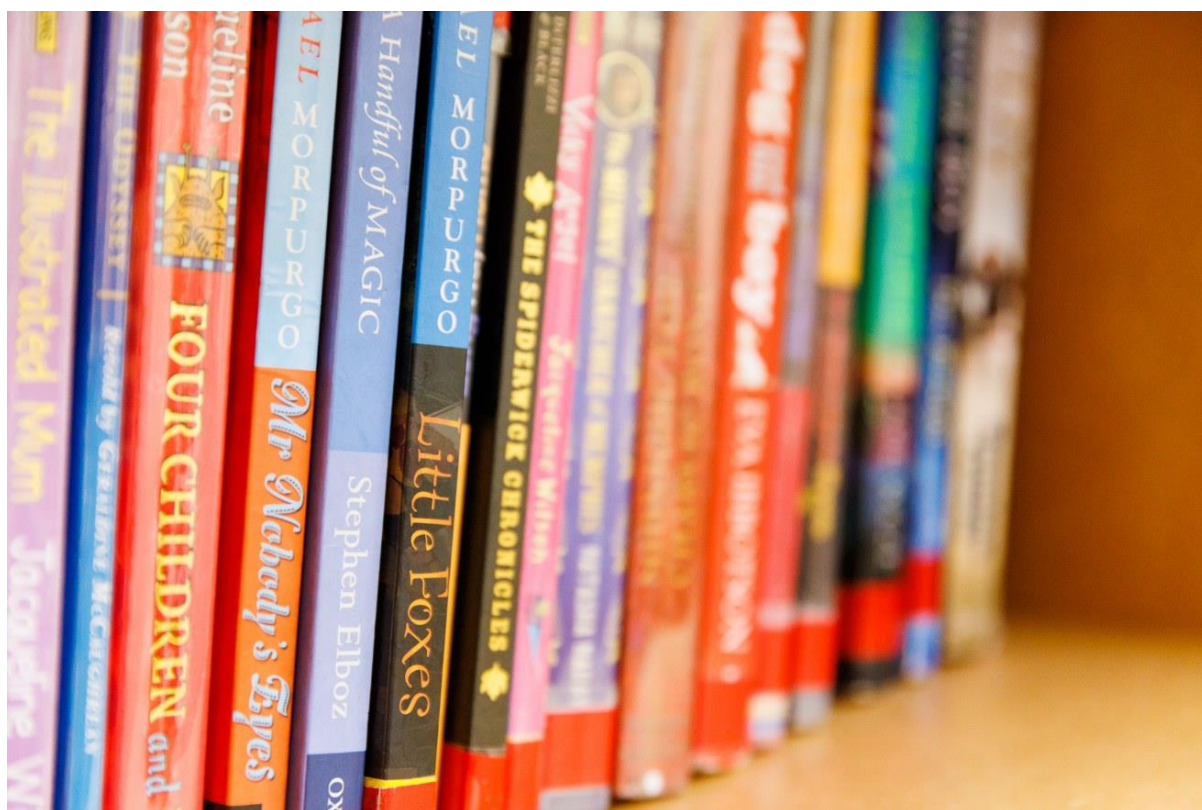


World Book Day

World Book Day 2025 will take place on Thursday 6 March 2025. This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on [reading for pleasure](#), supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

This year, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book in exchange for a £1 donation.

Welcome to the Book Corner



Thank you by Jarvis

A book of gratitude which will inspire children to think about what they would like to give thanks for. It is a lovely reminder to be grateful for even the smallest things. The vibrant collage art brings the story to life and carries you through the book from the moon to an elephant and back to the moon again.

A calming, rhyming story with a little humour thrown in for good measure. We love the front and end page spreads with thank you in many different languages. The randomness of the things the boy is thankful for is reflective of the mind of a child! From a plant to hide in, to a bowl for the jelly.



Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q Rauf

Having upset most of his family and classmates, 10-year-old bully and narrator of the story, Hector, fixes his hatred on a local homeless man, who he assumes is responsible for a series of thefts from London landmarks. When Hector discovers he is mistaken, he sets out to track down the true thief, finding help and learning life lessons along the way from the homeless community he previously held in such disdain, as well as from his arch-enemy, the class swot Mei-Li. Deftly tackling bullying, homelessness and the redemptive power of kindness all in one swoop, this story also delivers enough intrigue to interest older readers, whilst the clear language makes it accessible to all.

Sports News



Football Trophy

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

After playing our last league game of the season the Boys Football Team have secured the league title!

They played Kingsway at home and needed at least a draw to confirm the championship, but that wasn't ever going to be good enough for them. They went into the game wanting to win and finish the league unbeaten winning 6 from 6 which is exactly what they achieved. It was a tense first half, where the nerves were clear from the start, which finished 0-0. The boys knew they were playing well and spoke about continuing in the same vain. They started the

second half well and the first goal of the game quickly came. Aiden nodding in a good cross from Jayden to give Beech Green a 1-0 lead. Despite being the better side we struggled to beat the Kingsway goalkeeper who was on top form but just before the end team captain Luis scored our second of the game and secured us the win. Beech Green 2 - 0 Kingsway.

Well done to all the boys involved, they have done the school proud!

If you would like to view the league table, please click this link

<https://www.gpsfa.com/gloucester-inter-school-leagues/>

Community News





FEBRUARY CAMP

DODGEBALL **NERF WARS**

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Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Hungry Birds!

Wild Workshop

Spread your wings this half term and discover how birds' brilliant beaks and fancy feet help them to find their favourite foods! Follow a trail, play games and take part in fun activities to discover which beaks and claws perform the best! Create your own feathered friend and make a bird food kebab to feed the birds.

Led session, suitable for ages 8-11

10am - 12pm

Thursday 20th February

Robinswood Hill

£6 per child

accompanied by an adult

To book visit:

<https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/events>





Get your thinking caps on this half-term...
and you could secure £500 from Gloucester City Council to make your idea, for your community happen!



Is there somewhere near your home or school that you would like to enjoy more? Maybe it needs a bit of brightening up, or you think you could use it with your friends?

The Knife Angel Legacy Fund and Gloucester City Council's Safer Spaces programme are investing up to £500 in 10 projects across the city - £5,000 in total - which are created and led by young people who are 8 to 25 years old and live in Gloucester.

Whatever your idea is, share it with us!

Ask an adult to help you to...

1. Pin the space on our [Safer Spaces map](#) by clicking on the link or scanning in the QR Code and answer a few simple questions.
2. Send an email, video or poster that answers these four questions to rachel.key@gloucester.gov.uk
Question 1: **What's your project?**
Question 2: **How do you know it's needed?**
Question 3: **What difference will it make?**
Question 4: **What will you spend the money on?**



Dates for this Term

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

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