

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Monday 2nd October saw the beginning of Black History Month at Beeches Junior School. This year we are celebrating and highlighting the achievements of black women. The children watched a presentation featuring many black women, some of whom were already known to them and some that stirred curiosity for them. Throughout October, the children will also be learning about a historical black woman every day in class. We would like the children to complete a research project on a black woman of their choice, either well-known or someone they would like to learn about. The projects should be brought into school the week beginning 23rd October, where they will be judged by members of the staff Anti-Racism Group. We are hoping that the children will enjoy educating themselves about the many accomplishments of black women during our Black History Month.

BOOSTER GROUPS

If your child is invited to attend a before-school booster group, please take this opportunity and ensure they attend on time if you possibly can. Children are selected for these groups for a variety of reasons; it does not mean that your child isn't working hard, but the booster groups are an opportunity to boost children's progress, sometimes recapping prior learning and sometimes setting them up for future learning. Have a chat with your child's teacher if you have any concerns. Unfortunately, if a child does not attend their group without a reason, they may lose their place to another child. Thank you for your support.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Save the date - our friends at M&M Productions are coming back to perform "A Christmas Carol" at 4.30pm on Tuesday 7th November. Details on ticket sales will come out soon. M&M always put on a very entertaining show and we recommend this to you.

PRIESTLEY SMITH EQUIPMENT

A further reminder - please do not allow your child to go on the equipment in Priestley Smith's playground. Priestley Smith have spent a lot of money on this for their children - it does not belong to us, and the equipment is not suitable for younger children. Thank you for your support.

HARVEST COLLECTION

On Monday, our friend Tim Watson will be leading a special Harvest assembly. We will also begin our Harvest collection. We are very aware that times are difficult for many people, and we do not expect every family to donate items. If you are in a position to send any items in, please help by donating non-perishable food items and toiletries, for example: coffee, tea & hot chocolate; milk (UHT or powdered) & sugar; tinned vegetables; pasta, rice & noodles; tinned spaghetti hoops & baked beans; tinned meat & fish; tinned fruit, rice pudding & custard; cereals & biscuits; jam & marmalade; toothpaste, soap, shower gel & shampoo; toilet rolls & nappies; deodorant & sanitary products. All items should be in-date and unopened. We will be collecting over the next 2 weeks. Children should bring any items into their classroom by Friday 20th October. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Dorcas and Toby (3P) have written about our Stone Age visitor:

On Thursday, we had a visitor from the Stone Age. His name was Ogabaga and he told us about Stone Age life. He let us touch flints, arrowheads and weapons from the Stone Age. Ogabaga was really funny and he split us into groups to pretend to hunt animals. We learnt that they killed animals for their clothes.

BOYS' FOOTBALL

Our season has started! Dhillon and Luca have written about yesterday's action:

Yesterday the boys participated in 7-a-side matches against Greenholm and Glenmead. The first match we won 4-1 with a great performance, scoring four goals, one from Eli, one from Cassius and two from Ezekial. For the second match against Glenmead we ended up having rough start but as soon as Talvyn scored the first goal we gained confidence and it ended 2-1 to Beeches.

Great start, boys - well done to Adam, Blake, Cassius, Dhillon, Eli, Ezekial, Fletcher, Luca and Talvyn.

DIARY DATES

Sat 14 Oct	Beeches does Parkrun!
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct	Book fair in school
Tue 24 & Wed 25 Oct	Parents' evenings
Fri 27 Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 6 Nov	School reopens
Tue 7 Nov	Professor McGinty visiting Year 4
Tue 7 Nov, 4.30pm	"A Christmas Carol" pantomime
Wed 8 Nov	Professor McGinty visiting Year 5
Thu 9 Nov	Photographer in school
Fri 17 Nov	Flu immunisations
Tue 21 Nov	Year 5 cinema visit

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Roman	4B: Willow	5A: Jasmine	6IS: Asher
3L: Anaiya	4F: Amrit	5P: Umaiza	6MS: Kyan
3P: Heavenly	4L: Sienna-Rose	5W: Ella	6SM: Zoya
3W: Inaaya			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Ameena (3W)
Year 4: Isaac (4B)
Year 5: Molly (5P)
Year 6: Lena (6IS)

TEAM POINTS

1. Team Cadbury 715
2. Team Zephaniah 686
3. Team Malala 685
4. Team Lewis 602

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