

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

*Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve*

Issue 3 Week Ending 28th September 2018

## Black History Month

During next week, the whole school will be celebrating Black History Month. The week will be started by Mrs. Whittingham telling us about the Windrush journey and how people in her family were part of this. Each year group has a different focus: Year 6 will be looking at leading black figures within WW2 and the important role they played, Year 5 are focusing on the anti-slavery movement in the Victorian times from different sides of the story; Year 4 will look in more detail at the Windrush generation and Year 3 are looking at individuals (Ian Wright, Lenny Henry and Trevor McDonald). It would be lovely if your child could do some research on the areas covered or anything else linked that interests them.

## Year 3 Tootoot Logins

Tootoot is an online platform for children to use to raise concerns about any aspect of their life. It provides an alternative way for children to get advice and support if they struggle to vocalise their worries. Every child has their own login for this; Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the same logins as last year and Year 3 children will be given one to bring home shortly. If your child has lost their login or would like support with accessing Tootoot, please contact Mrs. Liddington who will be able to help.

## Term Time Leave

There has been an increase in parents taking their children out of school during the school term. We must insist that children are not taken out of school unnecessarily because of the adverse affect it has on their learning. Statistics show that missed learning greatly affects a child's ability to achieve to their full potential and where unnecessary absences occur, the Local Authority can prosecute parents. This can result in parents receiving a fine of up to £1000 per parent, per child as well as a criminal record. It could also mean that your child will be considered as a vulnerable child. With this in mind, we strongly advise that you do not take your child out of school as it may prompt the prosecution process. All requests should be made by completing the relevant forms available from the school office.

## Secondary School Applications (Year 6 Parents Only)

We have been advised by Birmingham City Council that the application for secondary school places is an online only process. We appreciate that this may cause problems for some of our families, so there will be the opportunity to apply for your child's secondary school place during both parents' evenings, at which computer access as well as support will be available. If this is something you require, it will be helpful for you to have an email account and an idea of which schools you would like to apply for. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact us and we will be able to assist you further. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 31st October.

## Peace Pole

Syanne and Dallas from Cedars have written about a very special event that they went to last week to celebrate peace: *Last Friday, Syanne, Dallas, Sid, Ayanna, Nathaniel, Adam and Millie went to the governor Mr. Coles' house because he was planting a pole into his garden to celebrate peace. The Peace Pole had writing on it saying "May Peace be on Earth" in different languages. We sang a couple of songs ("Bella Mama" and "Heal the World") and it was lots of fun! Next, we read some things that we had written that were going in the pole, and we went outside and planted it. When we got back inside we had some things to eat. Before we left we thanked Mr. Coles for inviting us.*

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended or sent cakes in for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday. We are delighted to have raised £402.66, all of which will be given to Macmillan.

## Uniform Policy

Thank you for your comments about the draft uniform policy. We will update you when it has been discussed by governors.

## Whole School Attendance

This Week: 98.3% Year So Far: 98.5%

## This Week's Team Points

1. Red Phoenix	1013
2. Yellow Unicorns	873
3. Green Griffins	783
4. Blue Dragons	698

## Pupil of the Week - Last Two Weeks

Elms: Jessica & Ellie	Cedars: Janiah & Deen
Firs: Shia & Mahira	Pines: Lilly-May & Mya
Oaks: Caiden & Lilly	Sycamores: William & Josh
Birches: Adam & Evie	Chestnuts: Hennessy & Taylor
Palms: Somaiya	Magnolias: Isla & Jimmy
Spruces: Amy & Amelie	Willows: Millie & Taylor

## Diary Dates

Thu 4 Oct, 9.00am	Year 3 Inspire Workshop (Maths)
Tue 9 Oct, 9.00am	Year 4 Inspire Workshop
Wed 10 & Thu 11 Oct	Year 6 visits to Cannock Chase
Thu 18 Oct	Year 5 "Wonderdome" in school
Wed 24 & Thu 25 Oct	Parents' Evenings
Fri 26 Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 5 Nov	School reopens
Tue 6 Nov	Photographer in school
Tue 13 Nov, 9.00am	Year 5 Inspire Workshop

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