

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES



*Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve*

Issue 8 Week Ending 9th November 2018



## Play In A Day

Year 4 and some Year 5 and 6 children have learned and performed a "Play In A Day" which some of you came to see performed. Evie (Birches) has written about it:

*Yesterday, we were taught a play by Patrick about E-Safety. It was very fun because we had to work as a team. We only had one morning to prepare but we got the job done by listening really well. I enjoyed it because Patrick was really nice and he helped us if we were stuck. At the end of the performance, the majority of parents had huge, proud smiles across their faces from ear to ear. It was quite hard just before the start of the performance because it was the first time Birches and Palms combined their own parts of the play. It was quite fun to perform for the first time in Year 4.*

## Non-Uniform Days

As well as today's non-uniform day in aid of Help for Heroes, we will be having non-uniform days on the next two Fridays too. Next week, the 16th November, it is in aid of Children In Need; we are asking you to bring in a minimum £1 donation once again. On Friday 23rd November, we are asking for donations of drinks bottles from Years 5 and 6 and chocolate items from Years 3 and 4 for our Christmas Fayre. These items should be unopened and in-date. We welcome donations of alcoholic drinks for the fayre, but we ask that you bring them to the office yourself, and do not send them in with your child. Please be assured that alcoholic prizes will only be given to adults at the fayre.

## Parent View

At our recent Parents' Evenings, we gave parents and carers the opportunity to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey. The outcomes of this are on the back of the newsletter. It is a positive picture once again and we thank you for your support. It makes a world of difference to our team to hear that parents and carers appreciate the things we do. Likewise, if there is anything that is on your mind that concerns you regarding the school, it is important that you feel able to let us know. Please come and talk to us if you have any suggestions that could make things even better.

## Some Happy News...

Congratulations to Miss Surplice... or, to give her her correct name, Mrs. O'Rourke, who got married during the half term break. We wish Mr. & Mrs. O'Rourke many years of happiness together.

## And Some Less Happy News

After more than 12 years' service at our school, today is Mr. Bickley's last day at Beeches Junior School as he will be moving onto pastures new. Mr. Bickley has worked as a General Assistant and a Play Co-ordinator and has always worked very hard for our children. We wish him all the very best for the future.

## Diwali

Many of our families have been celebrating Diwali this week, and on Tuesday, Year 5 led us in a Diwali assembly. We hope that everyone celebrating has had a wonderful time.

## Uniform Policy

We would like to thank you for your overwhelming support for our new uniform policy, which came into force this week. The children look very smart! There have been very few issues we've needed to address, and when we have had to speak to any of you, the conversations have been positive and the situation has swiftly been rectified. Many of you have told us how pleased you are about the policy and we thank you for your support.

## Newsletters By E-mail

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### Beeches Brilliant Writers

This week's prompt: The Hat That Was Much Too Big

### Whole School Attendance

This Week: 95%

Year So Far: 97.7%

### This Week's Team Points

1. Red Phoenix	859
2. Blue Dragons	712
3. Green Griffins	670
4. Yellow Unicorns	522

### Pupil of the Week

Elms: Ellie	Cedars: Wilson
Firs: Kian	Pines: Jada
Oaks: Dylan	Sycamores: Caitlin
Birches: Junnat	Chestnuts: Tyler
Palms: Andiana	Magnolias: Tosin
Spruces: Tieasha	Willows: Layla

### Diary Dates

Tue 13 Nov, 9.00am	Year 5 Inspire Workshop
Wed 28 Nov	Year 4 theatre visit
Thu 29 Nov - Wed 5th Dec	Book fair in school
Tue 4 Dec	Year 5 at Arena Academy
Wed 5 Dec, 3.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Thu 13 Dec, 9.30am & 3.00pm	Year 3 Christmas show
Thu 20 Dec	Year 6 World War II Day
Fri 21 Dec	Break up for Christmas holiday
Mon 7 Jan 2019	Teacher Day - school closed
Tue 8 Jan	School reopens

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