

BEECHES GREEN PAGES



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Christmas Fayre

What a wonderful time we had at the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday! Thank you to everyone who came along. There were games, prizes, gifts, food and lots and lots of happy little faces. Father Christmas said he had a great time meeting some of our children and he enjoyed giving out presents. All the money raised goes into our school fund, which is all used for the benefit of our children, so whatever you spent on Wednesday, even if you didn't win one of the major prizes, was well worth it. Thank you to the brilliant staff team who made it all happen and tidied up afterwards, and special thanks to Mrs. Whittingham, who once again masterminded the whole thing.

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, the 14th December, will be Christmas Jumper Day. We are asking for a minimum £1 donation to Save the Children. Don't worry if your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper - it can just be a normal non-uniform day.

Last Day of Term

A reminder that on the last day of term there will be an optional 1.15pm finish. Don't worry if you can't collect your child early - school will remain open as usual until 3.20pm.

Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree stands proudly in the hall, but as of 21st December, we will have no use for it. If you would like it, and you are able to collect it from us on the last day of term, please get in touch - it is free to a loving home!

Athletics

Some of our children have written about an athletics event they went to this week:

On Tuesday 4th December, 19 children from Years 5 and 6 went to a sports event. There were seven schools at the event. We did a number of races and we did brilliantly! In the next main event, we took part in javelin throws, chest passes and long jumps. It was fun and the atmosphere was great. Everyone was cheering for their school. Out of seven different schools, we came third and the joy of coming third is that we get to go to the final on Monday!

Amelia, Ismail, Jamie and Tionne

Building Update

We are nearing the completion of our building project, which is very exciting! It is due to complete on Friday 14th December. The plan is for Pines to move into the new classroom at the start of the new term, and the current Pines classroom will be converted into a dual purpose room, to be used for meetings and for children working in small groups. There will be a new office for Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Yoshida and a new girls' toilet block. The children have been excellent during the project and have never complained. Special mention to Willows and Sycamores, who have taken the brunt of the noise!

Acknowledgments

We have several organisations to thank for their support with various things in the run up to Christmas:

Priestley Smith School continue to allow our staff the use of their toilets, meaning that the girls in our school still have plenty of facilities while the building work is going on.

Koboca is an online survey company we work with, and they donated the Apple Watch for the raffle.

Aspire People is a teaching agency we work with and they provided the bike.

The Ramada hotel in Sutton Coldfield donated an afternoon tea for two for the raffle.

Our beautiful Christmas tree was purchased from Farmer John's, and they gave us a generous discount, as they do every year. If you haven't got yours yet, it's well worth a visit.

Genre Award This Week

Bronze: Ellie Mae (Birches)

Beeches Brilliant Writers

Last week's winners: Mya (Pines) and Zarai (Spruces)

This week's prompt: Trapped

Whole School Attendance

This Week: 96.1%

Year So Far: 97.4%

This Week's Team Points

1. Blue Dragons	686
2. Yellow Unicorns	613
3. Green Griffins	528
4. Red Phoenix	526

Pupil of the Week

Elms: Tehzeeb	Cedars: Bryony
Firs: Xiyan	Pines: Erum
Oaks: Leah-Maree	Sycamores: Isabel
Birches: Micah	Chestnuts: Bruce
Palms: Miah	Magnolias: Sidney
Spruces: Poppy	Willows: Summerlea

Diary Dates

Thu 13 Dec, 9.30am & 2.00pm	Year 3 Christmas show
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas jumper day
Thu 20 Dec	Year 6 World War II Day
Thu 20 Dec	Christmas discos
Fri 21 Dec (optional 1.15 finish)	Break up for Christmas
Mon 7 Jan 2019	Teacher Day - school closed
Tue 8 Jan	School reopens
Thu 14 Feb	Break up for half term
Fri 15 Feb	Teacher Day - school closed

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