

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES



*Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve*

*Issue 19 Week Ending 15th February 2019*



## Half Term

As we have a Teacher Day tomorrow (Friday), today the children break up for half term. We wish you all a happy, restful week and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 25th February.

## Wishing you all the best!

Today is the final day for Mrs O'Rourke and Miss Moriarty who are off to begin new adventures. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them the very best in the future.

## Science Afternoon

On Monday, we had our Science Afternoon across the whole school. Children took part in a variety of activities, carrying out a range of activities focused on their science learning. Among other things, they explored electricity, magnetism, friction, properties of materials, aerodynamics and floating and sinking. It was lovely to see all our children enjoying their learning and co-operating together. Thank you to Mrs. Pereira and Mrs. Colling who organised the afternoon. There are a few photos on the back to give you a flavour of what we were up to.

## Time Off In Term Time

We have recently experienced a rise in the number of requests for leave of absence for children. Please note that the law states that we can only grant such requests in exceptional circumstances, and some things that you may think would be exceptional are actually quite common requests; in particular, time off for visiting elderly/sick relatives or for funerals abroad is requested very often. While we understand that such situations can be difficult and distressing, we are usually unable to grant these requests. We ask you, as much as possible, to plan your family activities in weekends and school holidays. This is crucial in all year groups, but particularly in Year 6, where disruption in the run up to SATs can have a detrimental effect on children's results. Thank you for your support.

## Replacement Pens

For those children who have a pen licence, we have replacement pens and refills available to buy should you need one. However, due to the costs going up, we are having to increase the amount we charge. Please note that we are not making a profit on sales of pens and refills - we charge at our cost price. From now on, a replacement pen will cost £1.25 and a refill will cost £1.10.

## Volunteers Wanted!

Calling parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles! It is vital that our children are given the opportunity to read aloud to an adult for their progress. Also, they really love someone giving them 1:1 attention! If you could offer a regular afternoon or an hour in the afternoon to listen to readers, we would really appreciate it. You would need to have a DBS check, which the school would pay for. Please come to the office if you think you might be able to help.

## Cakes and Sweets for Birthdays

We always enjoy helping children celebrate their birthdays and we are happy to give out individually wrapped shop-bought sweets or cakes. However, we cannot accept large cakes that require cutting up. We don't like to be "party poopers" but these cakes take time to cut up and make quite a mess! We also can't accept anything home made; we have to consider allergies, so having items that are individually wrapped allows us to be in no doubt about the contents. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Genre Awards This Week

Silver: Adanna (Cedars)

### Pen Licences This Week

Gursharan (Cedars)

Freya (Birches)

Aleks, Adam, Erin, Logan (Palms)

Imogen, Simrita, Tiesha (Spruces)

Emily B, Hanna, Jaya, Je'nae & Zara (Firs)

Lexi (Oaks)

### Beeches Brilliant Writers

Last week's winner: Tarikul (Willows)

### Whole School Attendance

This Week: 96%

Year So Far: 96.9%

### This Week's Team Points

1. Blue Dragons	789
2. Green Griffins	746
3. Red Phoenix	668
4. Yellow Unicorns	623

### Pupil of the Week

Elms: Ayat	Cedars: Bilal
Firs: Emily M	Pines: Alfie
Oaks: Lexie	Sycamores: Rhia
Birches: Lewi	Chestnuts: James W
Palms: Adam	Magnolias: Jaiya
Spruces: Ryan	Willows: Layla

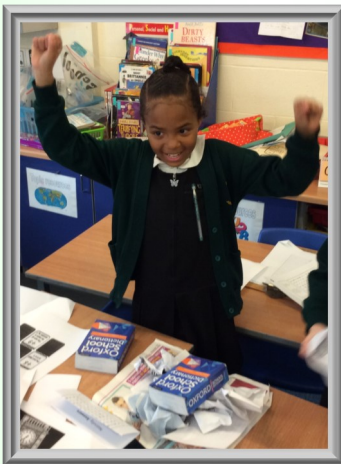
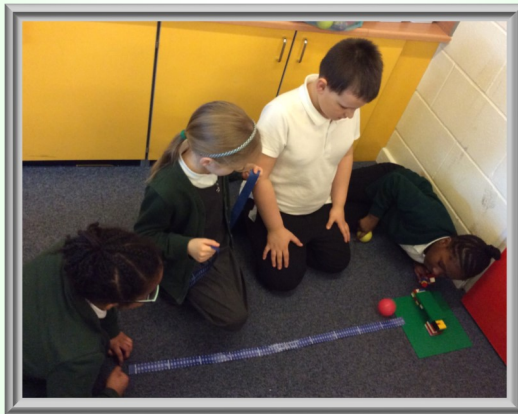
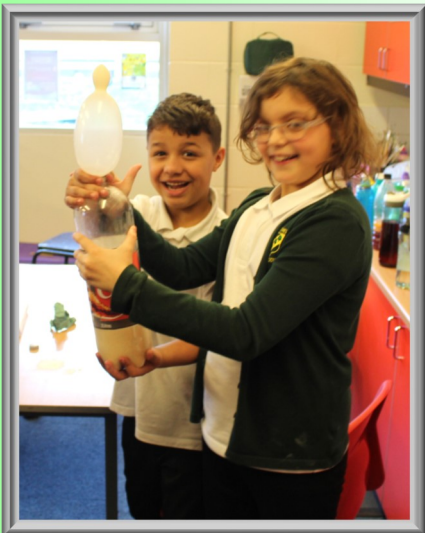
### Diary Dates

Fri 15 Feb	Teacher Day - school closed
Mon 25 Feb	School reopens
Tue 5 Mar	Year 6 visit to Botanical Gardens
Thu 14 Mar	Year 3 Roman Day
Mon 8 - Wed 10 Apr	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Fri 12 Apr	Break up for Easter
Mon 29 Apr	School reopens

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# SCIENCE AFTERNOON

## 11TH FEBRUARY 2019

