

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

*Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve*

Issue 20 Week Ending 1st March 2019

## Internet Safety

We have been alerted to a particular Internet safety issue that may have been affecting children recently. Various news outlets are now reporting that this was a hoax, but it is a timely reminder to us all, as school staff and as parents, to be extremely vigilant about our children's use of technology. Next week, we will be talking to children about threats in general, and the key message we will give them is that if they feel uncomfortable about anything, they should always tell a grown-up - either a parent or a member of school staff or preferably both. A key aspect of this is for them to have the confidence, as with all aspects of their own safety, if they are told that they mustn't tell anyone, they should ignore that and they should always tell. Please talk to your child regularly about these issues, as we will continue to do, please be vigilant and please come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

## World Book Day

Don't forget we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children can come to school dressed up as any character from Narnia. They should bring a favourite book with them to read during the day. There's still time to enter our Beeches Brilliant Book Backdrop photo competition. Just choose a book & create a backdrop from it using characters or props from the story then take a photo of your child reading their book with their backdrop. Email entries to:

**m.widdows@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk**

Closing date: Tuesday 5th March. Good luck!

## Mother's Day Afternoon

Advance notice that we are planning a Mother's Day afternoon on Thursday 28th March. More details to follow.

## Comic Relief

Our initial supply of red noses has sold out, but we are looking to get some more in soon, so we'll keep you posted on that. Red Nose Day is Friday 15th March and we are inviting children to bring a pound for Comic Relief in exchange for wearing non-uniform (red if possible).

## Easter Competition

Advance notice that we are, as usual, holding an Easter competition. On Thursday 11th April, we will be looking for the best decorated eggs in each year group. Children are invited to bring in an egg on that day, decorated in any way they wish. This could be a real egg (hard boiled, or with the contents removed) or one that is made, e.g. by papier mâché. The egg can be on its own, or it can be part of a scene of some sort. The only stipulation is that there is an egg involved! Please do not bring your eggs in before the 11th. They are to be brought to the hall that morning. Everyone who enters the competition will win a small prize, with bigger prizes for the winners. Get to it - no eggscuses! (Sorry...)

## Secondary School Notifications

Today, most of the Year 6 children will find out which secondary school they have been allocated. This can be a very stressful time for them for a number of reasons: they may not have got their preferred choice or they may be realising they will soon be leaving this school and their friends. We will be doing our utmost to alleviate any issues caused from this but it is definitely worth a discussion with your child, regardless of the outcome. If you are not happy with the secondary school you have been given, there is an appeals process that can be followed to pursue a satisfactory outcome. Even if you are not happy, we advise you to accept the school's offer before appealing as it is imperative that your child has a school for September even if it might not be the school they end up at.

## Pen Licence This Week

Amanah (Magnolias)

## Beeches Brilliant Writers

This week's prompt: Greedy Goblins

## Whole School Attendance

This Week: 96.1%

Year So Far: 96.8%

## This Week's Team Points

1. Red Phoenix	597
2=. Yellow Unicorns	509
2=. Blue Dragons	509
4. Green Griffins	475

## Pupil of the Week

Elms: Taeveon	Cedars: Orin
Firs: Sienna-Mai	Pines: Rajveer
Oaks: Izzy	Sycamores: Jamari
Birches: Aimee	Chestnuts: Finley
Palms: Erin	Magnolias: Ayanna
Spruces: Inaaya	Willows: Humza

## Diary Dates

Tue 5 Mar	Year 6 visit to Botanical Gardens
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day
Thu 7 Mar	Woodlands visit parents' meeting
Thu 14 Mar	Year 3 Roman Day
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day - non-uniform
Thu 21 Mar	Year 4 fire service visit
Thu 28 Mar	Mother's Day afternoon
Wed 3 - Wed 10 Apr	Book fair in school
Mon 8 - Wed 10 Apr	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Thu 11 Apr	Easter Egg competition
Fri 12 Apr	Break up for Easter

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