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Year 6 SATs Week

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for the way they have gone about their tests this week. Regardless of the outcomes - which we'll know in July - we are immensely proud of the way they have applied themselves this week in getting the six tests done. The hard work doesn't stop here, as we will be submitting writing teacher assessments in June and we are determined to ensure the children are fully ready for secondary school, but the Year 6 staff might be willing to ease up, just a little bit! Thank you to you all for supporting us and your child throughout the build up to this week and throughout the week. And hey - it *did* go to extra time and penalties, and everyone still made it in on time!

Father's Day Breakfast

We intend to repeat our Father's Day breakfast which was such a success last year. More details to follow, but it will take place on Thursday 13th June and Friday 14th June at 8.00am, lasting no more than an hour. Please keep one of the dates free.

Priestley Smith Playground

Next week our neighbours at Priestley Smith are having work done on their playground equipment. This is on the middle playground that we share with them. Please be careful when walking past the equipment as work is being carried out, and please, as always, make sure that your children (including any younger ones you bring with you) stay off their equipment. Many thanks.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 6 have had letters about leavers' hoodies. Please ensure you send these back promptly; without your consent, we won't include your child's name on the back, and it would be a shame for them to miss out. Likewise, please ensure all orders are made by the deadline. This is a strict deadline, and no orders can be taken once it has passed as this deadline comes from our supplier.

Year Group Information Sheets

Your child's information sheet for this term is on the back of this newsletter. It contains lots of key information for the term, specific to your child's year group. Please have a good look so you know everything you need to about your child's term at school.

Parent Access to School Building

Please remember that, unless you have a special arrangement, you and your child should not be using the main entrance at the start and end of the school day. Please enter the site via the side gate and walk up past the infant school and Priestley Smith playgrounds. Likewise, on your way off the site, please use the same route. You should only use the main entrance if you are visiting the school during the school day or for an evening event. Thank you for your co-operation.

Another Week, Another Football Trophy

Congratulations boys! Adam and Aleks have written a report: *We went on a Year 3&4 football tournament. Our team was Adam, Aleks, Alieu, Ashleigh, Dylan, Ethan, Thomas and Zarai. We went through our group stage by coming first and winning every game. Then we went to the semi - final against Calshot. We beat them 1-0. Next, we went through to the final against Great Barr. We had a comfortable 3-0 lead but they didn't give up and they scored 2 goals but the full time whistle went and we won the cup!*

Beeches Brilliant Writers

Last week's winner: Rayyan (Firs)
This week's prompt: The Badger Band

Whole School Attendance

This Week: 97.8% Year So Far: 96.7%

This Week's Team Points

1. Blue Dragons	522
2. Red Phoenix	502
3. Yellow Unicorns	470
4. Green Griffins	433

Pupil of the Week

Elms: Kayci	Cedars: Syanne
Firs: Husam	Pines: Simrit
Oaks: Junaid	Sycamores: Alicia
Birches: Maymunah	Chestnuts: Maddison
Palms: Vinnie	Magnolias: Jimmy
Spruces: Aaliyah	Willows: Jessica & Thomas

Diary Dates

Tue 21 - Thu 23 May	Year 3 visits to Mount Pleasant Farm
Fri 24 May	Break up for half term
Mon 3rd Jun	School reopens
Fri 7th Jun, 9.15am	Year 4 Eid assembly
Tue 11th Jun, 9.30am	Year 5 Inspire Workshop
Thu 13th Jun & Fri 14th Jun, 8.00am	Father's Day breakfast
Wed 26th Jun, 6.00pm	New Year 3 parents' meeting
Fri 28th Jun, 3.35pm	Summer Fayre
Mon 1st Jul	Year 5 Greek Day
Tue 2nd Jul	Number Day
Wed 3rd Jul, pm	Children visit new classes
Wed 10th Jul, 1.30pm & Thu 11th Jul, 9am	Year 6 leavers' show
Tue 16th Jul, 6.00pm	Beeches Has Got Talent
Fri 19th Jul	Children break up for summer

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We hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter Break. The children have returned to school this term with a superb hard-working attitude. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

Staff Team			
<u>Teachers & e-mail addresses</u>		<u>Teaching Assistants</u>	
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P.E. days this term Elms: Indoor PE – Tuesday Outdoor PE - Wednesday Firs: Indoor PE – Thursday Outdoor PE - Wednesday Oaks: Indoor PE – Thursday Outdoor PE - Monday Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any jewellery, this is at your own risk.			Key Dates Mount Pleasant Farm Visit Tuesday 21 st May. Elms Wednesday 22 nd May. Firs Thursday 23 rd May. Oaks. 13 th June Father’s Day breakfast 28 th June: Summer Fayre 2 nd July Number Day 10 th July : Book Bus 16 th July: Talent Show
Homework The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to read with someone every day , learn their weekly spellings and they continue to learn the times tables . <u>Reading Books</u> It is really important that home reading books are in school every day. Although we would like this to be your child’s responsibility, we would be very grateful if you could support us and check that this happens. <u>Homework</u> The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday.		Concerns Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor team of Mrs. Liddington and Miss Lodge are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am.	
Curriculum Overview Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:			
English Esio Trot Poetry		Computing Scratch	
Maths Place value, mental addition and subtraction, inverse operations, data handling.		P.E. Cricket Swimming Athletics O.D.A	
Science Sowing Seeds Food Groups and Skeletons		Topic (inc. Geography and History) Europe	
P.S.H.E. Feelings and Emotions	R.E. Exploring truth Fairness		Music Music from Europe
Art Kandinsky Leonardo da Vinci	Design & Technology Designing Flags		French Numbers Responding to instructions



Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break. We are looking forward to a brilliant final term in Year 4 with lots of exciting, new topics to learn about. Here's to a fabulous summer term!

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P.E. days this term Spruces: Tues (indoor)/Thurs (outdoor) Palms: Mon (outdoor)/Tues (indoor) Birches: Wed (indoor)/Mon (outdoor) Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any jewellery, this is at your own risk. Please ensure inhalers are in school.		Key Dates Cricket morning: 17 th May Eid Assembly: 7 th June Half-Term: 27 th May– 3rd June Number Day: 2 nd July
Homework The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to read with someone every day , learn their weekly spellings and they continue to learn the times tables . Maths homework is set on the Active Learn Abacus site. The children are very excited about the home reading scheme in school and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and diary come to school every day. The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday unless otherwise stated.	Concerns Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor team of Mrs. Liddington and Miss Lodge are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am.	
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English We are reading Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter and other African Tales. In the second half term, our communication topic will be based on 'Nim's Island'.		Computing We will be having a fun day in developing our word processing skills.
Maths We will be identifying and estimating using measure, deepening our understanding of fractions and decimals as well as learning Roman Numerals and negative numbers. We will also have weekly times tables tests.		P.E. Tennis, circuits and athletics in preparation for sports day.
Science Our two science topics this term are: Electrifying Crazy Critters		Topic (inc. Geography and History) Maya Biomes
P.S.H.E. We will be learning about our rights and identifying where and why children do not have access to their rights.	R.E. How different religions have different rules and how they are taught.	Music We will be exploring rhythm and learning to read standard rhythmic notation.
Art Collage, water colour and identifying and creating African patterns	Design & Technology Creating silhouettes and background	French We will be learning to read and understand a range of familiar words and phrases.



Welcome to a new term at Beeches Junior School. We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. We are looking forward to an exciting, hard-working term. As always, we are grateful for all your support. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please contact us.

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P.E. days this term: Cedars: Monday - Indoor & Thursday - Outdoor Pines: Tuesday – Indoor & Friday - Outdoor Sycamores: Tuesday - Indoor & Wednesday – Outdoor Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any jewellery, this is at your own risk.		Key Dates: 16th July – Year 5 & 6 end of year awards. 1st July – Greek Day 9th July - Professor McGinty — a letter will be sent with details closer to the date but approximate price is £4. Please check the weekly newsletter for any dates that are for the whole school calendar.
Homework The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to read with someone or discuss what they have read or heard every day , learn their weekly spellings and they continue to learn the times tables . We ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child’s reading book come to school every day. The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and they will be told the due date, which is on a Tuesday.	Concerns Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Senior Learning Mentor, Mrs. Liddington, is here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am.	
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English A Series of Unfortunate Events Writing poems; Greek myths and legends		Computing Word processing skills and presentation techniques – power points etc
Maths Adding and subtracting fractions, short and long multiplication and division; reasoning and investigating using these skills		P.E. Outdoor and adventurous activities, athletics, cricket and rounders
Science “Changes” – changes within a human’s lifecycle “Feel the Force” – friction etc		Topic (inc. Geography and History) Ancient Greeks
P.S.H.E. Changes	R.E. Listening to others; democracy	Music Reading music; learning rhythm
Art Greek patterns	Design & Technology Design & create Greek pots	French Learning vocabulary around food



A belated welcome back! Thank you for all of the support and encouragement you have given during a time that can be quite pressured for the children. The children have worked so incredibly hard and we are really proud of their performances during, and in the build up to, this weeks' tests. Now that we have completed our SATs, we are looking forward to activities across the curriculum, as listed below, as well as continuing to prepare your children for their move to secondary school. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Staff Team <u>Teachers & e-mail addresses</u> Chestnuts: Mr Wheatley (Year Group Leader) <i>r.wheatley@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Willows: Mr Stuart <i>n.stuart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Magnolias: Mr Lancaster <i>c.lancaster@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>		<u>Teaching Assistants</u> Mrs Doherty Mrs Grant	
P.E. days this term Chestnuts: Tuesdays (Swimming) and Wednesday Magnolias: Tuesdays (Swimming) and Fridays Willows: Tuesdays (Swimming) and Thursdays From the start of next term, Year 6 will be going swimming every Tuesday afternoon. Boys will need swimming shorts that do not go over the knee; girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume and swimming hats are recommended. Unless a written note is provided, it is expected that all children take part. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. As the weather is improving, we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any jewellery, this is at your own risk.		Key Dates <i>Year 7 Induction day (most schools): 3rd July</i> <i>Year 6 Show: 10th/11th July</i> <i>Year 6 BBQ & Disco: 11th July</i> <i>Whitemoor Lakes Residential: 17th July – 19th July</i>	
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Maths: Mathematical Projects – Practical uses of all our skills in real life opportunities.		P.E: Cricket, Rounders, Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and Athletics	
Science: Forensic analysis		Topic: Crime and Punishment	
P.S.H.E. UNICEF Rights of a Child Transition	R.E. Being curious and valuing knowing – an in depth look across the religions	Music: Summer show	French: Maintaining and developing conversations