



# Beeches Green Pages

## THE BIG ASK

The Children's Commissioner, Rachel de Souza, has launched the largest ever survey of children and young people regarding the global pandemic and how it has affected them. Children will be given the opportunity to complete the survey in school over the coming weeks. They are also keen to gauge parents' opinions about how their child has been affected. If you would like to complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/>

## SCHOOL MONEY

We have signed up to the online payment system School Money. This will give parents the facility to make payments online for trips, clubs, donations etc. We will no longer be accepting cash in school. Further details will be sent out to parents next week, after which you will receive your log in details via an email and a text message. If you have not received your details by the end of next week, please contact the school office.

## NUMBER DAY - 7th MAY

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 7th May 2021. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. This will be a non-uniform day and children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. There will be Number Day themed activities posted on Seesaw that your child can complete on the Friday afternoon away from the screen. You can make your donation directly to the NSPCC via their website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>

Or you can donate through School Money - details to follow.

## KITCHEN

Thank you for your patience during our recent difficulties with the kitchen. We are sorry that we weren't able to provide hot meals before Easter. Thank you to Miss Butt and our partners at Dolce who worked during the Easter holiday to make sure things were ready for the start of term.

## NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please send a request to:

[m.smart@beechesjnr@bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.smart@beechesjnr@bham.sch.uk)

We will still continue to send home a paper copy.

## TERMLY INFORMATION SHEETS

As usual at the start of term, you should find the Termly Information Sheet relevant to your child on the back of this newsletter. This will give you key information on the subjects being followed this term as well as key dates and homework expectations.

## SWIMMING

We are pleased to be able to resume swimming lessons, starting next week. Year 5 will be taking part this half term and Year 6 in the second half term. Years 3 and 4 will have plenty of opportunities in the coming years to experience swimming lessons. Year 5 parents and carers - please make sure your child has their swimming kit with them every Tuesday.

## ALEXANDER STADIUM ART COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the Alexander Stadium Art Competition. There were over 500 entries from schools across Birmingham and we are delighted to say that Beeches Junior School has one of the winners! Huge congratulations to Tayyiba in 5M. Tayyiba's winning design will be on display at the stadium and Tayyiba will receive some other prizes.

## DIARY DATES

Mon 26 Apr	Y5 Living Eggs arrive
Tue 27 Apr	Swimming starts for Year 5
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 25 May	Last swimming session for Year 5
Fri 28 May	School closes for half term
Mon 7 Jun	School reopens
Tue 8 Jun	Swimming starts for Year 6
Tue 13 July	Last swimming session for Year 6
Tue 20 July	Last day of term
Wed 21 July	Teacher Day - school closed

## THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Team Malala (Yellow)	831
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	695
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	620
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	561

## GENRE AWARDS THIS WEEK

Bronze: Leisha & Sahej (4KP), Ethan (5M), Aariz & Izzy (5S)

Silver: Abir & Renesmee (5S)

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Amira (3P)	Year 4: Areej (4AP)
Year 5: Je'Nae (5L)	Year 6: Blake (6KA)

## BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

This week's title: My Friends Saved Me

## ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 97.7%

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Syed	4CP: Maira	6IS: Harmeet
3P: Ella	4KP: Amelia	6KA: Corey
3W: Subhan	5L: Logan	6LA: Delaini
4AP: Sana	5M: Ellie	6SA: Freya
	5S: Jaspreet	

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Welcome back to you and all of your children after the Easter holidays. Once again, we would like to say just how proud we are of the children for all of their hard work and resilience they have demonstrated during the year so far and before. Our target is to continue the progress and ensure they finish strongly and have a solid foundation as they conclude Year 3 and head on up the school. Please support your child by engaging in some of the topics outlined below and encouraging them with their key academic skills of times tables, reading and spellings. We also want to build on their emotional skills too so please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support them further.

<b>Staff Team</b> <u>Teachers &amp; e-mail addresses</u> 3W: Mr. Wheatley (Year Group Leader) <i>r.wheatley@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 3P: Mr. Price <i>s.price@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 3L: Miss Lawley <i>a.lawley@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>			<u>Teaching Assistants</u> Mrs. Grant Mrs. Wall
<b>P.E. days this term</b> Our PE and Games days, this term, will be on <b>Tuesday</b> and <b>Thursday</b> . 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 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.		<b>Key Dates</b> <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Number Day</b> <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Virtual Eid Assembly</b> <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Book collection – details to follow</b> <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – last day at school for children</b>	
<b>Homework</b> The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to <b>read with someone every day</b> , learn their <b>weekly spellings</b> and they continue <b>to learn the times tables</b> .  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 bookmark come to school every day. If your child reads five times a week and you or they write a comment on their bookmark, they will be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader competition where one child from each year group will win a book each week.  The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday.  There are tasks set on Seesaw every Friday afternoon. These are set so they can be done away from the screen.		<b>Concerns</b> 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 Mrs. Frances are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.	
<b>Curriculum Overview</b> Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:			
<b>English</b> Descriptive, narrative and non-fiction writing linked to other areas of our curriculum including our science and OWL subjects		<b>Design &amp; Technology:</b> Cooking and Nutrition - Creating a pasta dish	
<b>Maths</b> A range of topics, focusing this term on securing their knowledge in place value, number bonds and times tables knowledge at speed		<b>P.E. &amp; Games</b> Rounders and Cricket Dance and Athletics	
<b>Science</b> Reproduction in plants Forces		<b>OWL (inc. Geography and History)</b> About Europe, with a focus on Italy	
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> Relationships & Changing Me	<b>R.E. – Hinduism</b> How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	<b>Computing</b> Creating and editing videos	
<b>Art</b> Printing and sketching	<b>German</b> Learn and apply colours	<b>Music</b> Composition and appreciation	





The Year 4 staff would like to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays. Here at Beeches Junior School we will do everything we can to ensure your child has a positive and successful year and we look forward to working with you as your child strives to achieve their full potential.

<b>Staff Team</b> <u>Teachers &amp; e-mail addresses</u> 4CP: Mrs. Colling (Year Group Leader) <i>c.colling@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Mrs. Pereira (Year Group Leader) <i>h.pereira@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 4AP: Miss Parsons <i>a.parsons@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 4KP: Miss Parmar <i>k.parmar@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Miss Weston <i>j.weston@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>		<b>Teaching Assistants</b> Miss Jones Miss Blakemore
<b>P.E. days this term</b> The whole year group will have outside PE on Monday afternoon with the Cricket Coach and Games on a Wednesday afternoon. 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 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.		<b>Key Dates</b> <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Number Day</b> <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Book collection – details to follow</b> <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – last day at school for children</b>
<b>Homework</b> The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to <b>read with someone every day</b> , learn their <b>weekly spellings</b> and they continue <b>to learn the times tables</b> .  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 bookmark come to school every day. If your child reads five times a week and you or they write a comment on their bookmark, they will be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader competition where one child from each year group will win a book each week. There are tasks set on Seesaw every Friday afternoon. These are set so they can be done away from the screen. The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday.		<b>Concerns</b> 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 Mrs Frances are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.
<b>Curriculum Overview</b> Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:		
<b>English</b> Explanation texts, Descriptive writing and Non Fiction writing. All will be linked to our topic.		<b>Design &amp; Technology</b> Cooking and nutrition: utensil focus
<b>Maths</b> A range of topics, focusing this term on securing their knowledge in place value, number bonds and times tables knowledge at speed. We will also be reinforcing measures, statistics and shape.		<b>P.E.</b> Rounders Cricket
<b>Science</b> Crazy Critters: Grouping and classifying living things. Electricity		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b> Vikings Birmingham: Local Study
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> Relationships. Change		<b>Music</b> Rhythms
<b>Art</b> Birmingham-inspired art	<b>R.E.</b> Islam	<b>German</b> Conversational and introductory German.



The Year 5 staff would like to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays. Here at Beeches Junior School we will do everything we can to ensure your child has a positive and successful year and we look forward to working with you as your child strives to achieve their full potential.

<b>Staff Team</b> <u>Teachers &amp; e-mail addresses</u> 5S: Mrs. Strickland (Year Group Leader) <i>m.strickland@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 5M: Mr. Milner <i>s.milner@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 5L: Mr. Lancaster <i>c.lancaster@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>			<u>Teaching Assistants</u> Miss Bayliss Mrs. Goddard Mrs. Khatun
<b>P.E. days this term</b> The whole year group will have outside PE on a Wednesday afternoon and swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. 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 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.		<b>Key Dates</b> <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Living eggs come to school</b> <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Number Day</b> <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – VR visitor – letter to follow</b>	
<b>Homework</b> The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to <b>read with someone every day</b> , learn their <b>weekly spellings</b> and they continue <b>to learn the times tables</b> .  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 bookmark come to school every day. If your child reads five times a week and you or they write a comment on their bookmark, they will be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader competition where one child from each year group will win a book each week. There are tasks set on Seesaw every Friday afternoon. These are set so they can be done away from the screen. The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday.		<b>Concerns</b> 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 Mrs Frances are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.	
<b>Curriculum Overview</b> Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:			
<b>English</b> Explanation texts, Descriptive writing and Non Fiction writing. All will be linked to our topic.		<b>DT</b> Healthy eating	
<b>Maths</b> A range of topics, focusing this term on securing their knowledge in place value, number bonds and times tables knowledge at speed.		<b>P.E.</b> Outdoor – Tennis, Rounders, Cricket	
<b>Science</b> Human changes & Earth, Sun and Moon		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b> Jamaica – finding out about its climate, landscape and famous people and historical information.	
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> Children’s rights & how to react in different situations.		<b>Music</b> Melody	
<b>Swimming</b> Learning to swim and opportunities to obtain badges.	<b>R.E.</b> Sikhism	<b>German</b> A range of conversational and introductory German.	





A huge welcome back from the Year 6 team! For what has been a tough and unsettled year, we are now in our final term. We have lots of exciting opportunities for our Year 6 children before they take the step of transitioning to their secondary school. Here's to a wonderful summer term – one for making memories for our children to take with them.

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<b>P.E. days this term</b>		<b>Key Dates</b>	
Year 6 will have P.E on Tuesday and Thursday outdoor every week. During the second half term after Whitsun, Year 6 will be going swimming on Tuesday afternoons. 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 and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves.		<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Number Day</b>	
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<b>Homework</b>		<b>Concerns</b>	
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For reading, we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child’s reading book and bookmark come to school every day. If your child reads four times a week and you or they write a comment on their bookmark, they will be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader competition where one child from each year group will win a book each week. Every Friday afternoon, well-being activities will be set on our online platform – Seesaw.			
Year 6 will continue to have a Maths booster sent home on a Friday afternoon to <b>return on Monday Morning</b> and a reading booster sent home on Monday afternoon to be completed and <b>returned on Wednesday morning</b> . It is vital your child has completed these tasks as we will work through this as a whole class on the day of return.			
<b>Curriculum Overview</b>			
Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:			
<b>English</b>		<b>Art</b>	
Explanation texts, narrative and Non Fiction writing. All will be linked to our topic of sustainability.		Collage	
<b>Maths</b>		<b>P.E.</b>	
A range of topics will be covered this term with a heavy focus on reasoning and problem solving to prepare our children for their secondary experience.		Athletics, striking and fielding. OAA (outdoor adventurous activities) swimming.	
<b>Science</b>		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b>	
Our topic in summer 1 is Fungi then we will revisit topics that we covered during lockdown.		Sustainability	
<b>P.S.H.E.</b>	<b>R.E.</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>German</b>
Mental Health and relationships	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead better lives?	Melody	A range of conversation techniques