

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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## HARVEST COLLECTION

This year we will be collecting tins and packets of food for Birmingham City Mission's food bank to support their work with the homeless, elderly and people in need. Each month, they provide over 150 food parcels for those in need. If you are able, please help by donating non-perishable food items and toiletries, for example:

- Coffee, tea & hot chocolate
- Milk (UHT or powdered) & sugar
- Tinned potatoes, vegetables & tomatoes
- Pasta, rice & noodles
- Spaghetti hoops
- Tinned meat & fish
- Tinned fruit, rice pudding & custard
- Cereals & biscuits
- Jam & marmalade
- Toothpaste, soap, shower gel & shampoo
- Toilet rolls & nappies
- Deodorant & sanitary products

All items should be in-date and unopened. We will be collecting all next week. Children should bring in any items into their classroom by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

## PROFESSOR MCGINTY

Thank you for making your contributions to enable us to have Professor McGinty in school. Amira (4KP) has written about his visit to Year 4:

*On Tuesday, Year 4 went to see Professor McGinty and learnt a lot about the Romans. He was telling funny jokes and called us funny names. One fact Year 4 learnt was in the Roman houses the floors were hot because there was fire underneath like under floor heating. Year 4 had lots of fun. Thank you Professor McGinty!*

## YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2022

A reminder that applications for secondary school places for our current Year 6 children must be submitted by Sunday 31st October 2021. You can find information about the process and links to the online application form here:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

## BOA DIGITAL ACADEMY

A new secondary academy is opening near the centre of Birmingham in September 2022 and we have been asked to make you aware, particularly families of current Year 6 children who are deciding on preferences. There are open events in the week beginning 11th October. You can find out more about BOA Digital here: [www.boa-digital.co.uk](http://www.boa-digital.co.uk) Please note that we are not endorsing this academy over any other school or academy. We encourage you to visit a number of secondary schools and make an informed decision prior to applying.

## TOILETS

We regret that, for a range of reasons, we are unable to allow parents, carers or younger siblings to use our toilets. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## TELEPHONES

A few years ago, we changed the school number to 0121 272 5888. However, up until recently, the old number (0121 360 2213) has forwarded calls to our new number, so it seems that some of you have never updated your contacts! That forwarding is no longer in place, so please note that the only phone number that will get you through to us is **0121 272 5888**.

## UNEXPECTED ABSENCE

Please make sure you let us know first thing in the morning if your child is unexpectedly absent. Under our duty of care, we have to follow up on all unexplained absences and this can take up a lot of time - and unfortunately, the more time we are spending contacting parents and carers, the less time we are devoting to working with the children. Thank you for your co-operation.

## LABELLING UNIFORM

We are having a sort out of lost property. There are so many items that don't have names in! Please spend some time this weekend making sure all your child's uniform is labelled - it will help us get things back to you.

## FOOTBALL COACHING

From time to time, we are given information by organisations wanting us to give out information. Today, we have given information about two separate football coaching schemes to those children who were interested. **Please note - these are not connected Beeches Junior School and we make no guarantees about the quality or safety of them.** We encourage parents and carers to carry out your own due diligence if you are considering sending your child to one of these schemes, particularly around safeguarding. However, we are happy to let you know about them and we always encourage our children to get active and to get involved in a range of activities outside school.

## DIARY DATES

Mon 27 Sept	<i>Harvest collection begins</i>
Fri 1 Oct	<i>Harvest collection ends</i>
Thu 7 Oct	<i>Professor McGinty visiting Year 5</i>
Tue 19 Oct & Wed 20 Oct	<i>Parents' Evenings</i>
Mon 25 Oct - Fri 29 Oct	<i>Half Term - School Closed</i>
Mon 8 Nov	<i>Year 5 Diwali assembly</i>
Tue 9 Nov	<i>Photographer in school</i>

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Mina (3AP)	Year 4: Aleena (4KP)
Year 5: Lacey (5SM)	Year 6: Lexie (6KA)

## TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	629
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	586
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	568
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	537

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Ottis	4AP: Ayaan	5CL: Maisie	6IS: Adana
3AP: Freya	4KP: Logan	5CS: Elena	6KA: Finley
3SP: Rabia	4RW: Khushi	5SM: Max	6LA: Harjas

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