

BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases at school. We have therefore reintroduced some extra measures to try and reduce the risk of it spreading further:

- Staff and visitors are now encouraged to wear masks in communal areas and to observe social distancing.
- Assemblies will be streamed into classrooms.
- All rooms must be well ventilated.
- There will be an increase in the frequency of handwashing.
- All staff are continuing to carry out LFD tests twice per week.

Staff have also been encouraged to get both doses of the Covid-19 vaccination and their booster jabs when they are eligible. **Please wear a mask if you are coming into the school building.** To help us further, if your child exhibits any symptoms of Covid-19, please book them a PCR test and do not send them into school. We also encourage all households to carry out twice-weekly LFD tests to help detect any asymptomatic cases. We have a limited number of LFD test kits available for families - please ask in the office if you would like one. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer was in on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photos. Thank you to those who queued for sibling photos for your patience. Unfortunately, due to logistics on the day, we weren't able to get all the Year 4 children through before they went swimming. The photographers will be in again on Monday 6th December, so those swimmers and the other children who weren't here on Tuesday will have another chance to get theirs done.

DIWALI

We enjoyed our Diwali celebrations last week and we hope your celebrations at home were very special. Thank you to the children and staff in Year 5 for the assembly you put on for us. Aisha and Tanvi (5CS) have written about what we did in school:

As Diwali was about to be celebrated, our year group (Year 5) was asked to do a Diwali assembly. We wrote a poem, did some acting of the story and learnt an amazing, traditional dance. The whole school made extraordinary, colourful diva lamps and everyone also had the opportunity to learn a dance - we thoroughly enjoyed it. We learnt about Rama and Sita and included this in our assembly for the whole school to learn it too. We all got the chance to try some barfi - we loved it! We also got to share what we do with our family to celebrate Diwali within our assembly, so the whole school could learn about our celebrations. We hope you enjoyed your celebrations of Diwali too!

PARENT GOVERNOR

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Sarah Masters has been elected unopposed as Parent Governor on a four-year term. We look forward to working with Mrs. Masters and are grateful to her for her commitment to the school.

LUNCHTIME PLAY CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit a Play Co-ordinator to join our lunchtime team. If you think that might be a role for you, you can find our advert here: <https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>
The closing date for applications is Friday 26th November at 12 noon.

THE BIG ANSWER

In March 2021, we asked you to take part in The Big Ask, a national children's survey after the pandemic. The survey received over half a million responses and the results can be read here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-answer/> In brief, the survey shows that we have 'a generation of children who are veterans of a global crisis. This is not a 'snowflake generation. It is a heroic generation.' They believe in family (families of all kinds), they want to be healthy, they enjoy school and want to 'escape the digital labyrinth in which they have been trapped - to be in open spaces and play.' Thank you to those of you who took part in the survey.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you for all the donations in aid of the Royal British Legion. We sold out of pretty much everything other than the poppies themselves. On Thursday at 11am, we all took part in a two-minute silence, and as we have come to expect, the children were excellent. They remained respectfully silent throughout.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 19th November is Children In Need day and we will have a non-uniform day that day. Children can wear Pudsey accessories, such as hairbands, wristbands and badges. We ask that you give a minimum donation of £1 if you can. Please pay this via School Money or directly to Children In Need via this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3914>

DIARY DATES

Fri 19 Nov	Children in Need - non-uniform
Wed 24 Nov	Nasal flu vaccinations
Thu 25 Nov	Year 6 visit to Beaumanor
Fri 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 17 Dec	Last day of term

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Hamida (3SP)	Year 4: Cian (4RW)
Year 5: Laila (5CL)	Year 6: Milli (6IS)

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	782
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	614
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	554
4	Team Malala (Yellow)	488

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Thomas	4AP: Mohammed	5CL: George	6IS: Aurora
3AP: Shikye	4KP: Solange	5CS: Iona	6KA: Emily
3SP: Reece	4RW: James	5SM: Grace	6LA: Tehzeeb

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