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STARS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our Stars assemblies this week, and many congratulations to our wonderful award winners. You can see a full list in the bottom-right corner of this newsletter. If your child didn't win an award this time, don't worry - we'll do it all again at the end of term.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thanks also for joining us on Zoom for our parents' evenings. We are very sorry that we couldn't invite you into school in person. We very much hope this is the last time we have to do a virtual parents' evening. If you didn't have an appointment, or you missed it for any reason, please email your child's teacher to arrange an appointment after half term. We will be in touch with 4AP parents and carers with new dates for your parents' evenings.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Yet more success for our amazing footballers, who are going to represent Aston Villa at a very special venue indeed. Hannah has written a report:

On Tuesday, eight children represented Beeches in a football tournament at Aston Villa Academy. The girls played seven matches, comfortably winning them all, and only conceded one goal throughout the whole tournament. Well done to the girls who represented Beeches. They played very well and are looking forward to the upcoming final in May at the most prestigious venue in football, Watford's Vicarage Road Stadium.*

(*Mr. Smart might have added this detail to Hannah's report.)

Congratulations to Abbie, Adana, Amelia, Amelia, Daisy, Ellie, Hannah, Lilly

HALF TERM

Mr. Smart writes: Every half term is a challenge, and every half term is a blessing! This half term has seen the challenge of soaring Covid-19 cases, but seeing the staff team and the children and their families respond positively and find such resilience has been a real blessing. I would like to express my thanks to all those who sent supportive messages via text, phone or email after *that* letter I wrote a couple of weeks ago. Your kind words gave everyone a lift. So many people deserve a lot of credit this half term and I can't name them all, but I do want to give a special mention to one group: our amazing teaching assistants. They have really gone the extra mile, covering classes at very short notice when we've been unable to source cover teachers and taking on lunchtime duties in the absence of lunchtime staff while still carrying out their usual tasks to a high standard. So it's a big thank you from me to Miss Bayliss, Miss Blakemore, Mrs. Cartmell, Mr. Gilbey, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Grant, Miss Jones, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Silvera and Mrs. Wall. We break up today for half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 28th February. Have a lovely week!

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, we would like to develop our children's vocabulary by asking children and staff to become a walking dictionary. Using an old t-shirt or a large piece of cardboard, children can choose their favourite word, or an interesting new word and decorate their shirt to display it. The day will be a non-uniform day.

MATCH ATTAX AND POKEMON CARDS

We've always taken a view that it's good for children to bring trading cards, such as Match Attax or Pokemon, into school. It helps build friendships and social interaction, and it's a lot of fun. From time to time, though, we need to give a reminder of the rules:

- Cards are brought at your own risk.
- Children must not pressure each other into trading.
- Cards must only come out during breaks

If your child brings cards to school, please remind them of these expectations. Thank you.

E-SAFETY

We sent Year 6 parents and carers a letter following a number of incidents of inappropriate behaviour online. You can see this letter here: <https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/news-and-letters/letters>
Please closely monitor your child's online activity.

DIARY DATES

Mon 21 - Fri 25 Feb	<i>Half Term</i>
Thu 3 Mar	<i>World Book Day</i>
Mon 14 - Fri 18 Mar	<i>Whole school Science Week</i>
Fri 18 Mar	<i>Red Nose Day - non-uniform</i>
Mon 4 - Wed 6 Apr	<i>Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands</i>
Fri 8 Apr	<i>Break up for Easter holiday</i>

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Talvyn (3AL)	Year 4: Riaz (4RW)
Year 5: Sam (5CL)	Year 6: Cerys (6LA)

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	702
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	611
3	Team Malala (Yellow)	609
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	540

STARS AWARD WINNERS

3AL: Daneen, Hussna, Parker, Sayeed, Talvyn, Umaiza
3AP: Christos, Dhanvi, Harry, Jasmine H, Mina, Siena Rai
3SP: Humaira, Ilkai, Noah, Odesa, Samuel, Savannah
4AP: Jamie, Lena, Max, Olivia, Reagan, Zakariyah
4KP: Esmay, Kobi, Logan, Mohammed, Nasrin, Sadie
4RW: Isaiah, Jahmari, Khushi, Liam, Maya, Sarai
5CL: Aaliyah, Asad, Dhanesh, Diya, Ezekial, Sophia
5CS: Brooke, Elena, Leo, Lottie, Malika, Tyler
5SM: Amelia, Chloe, Harmehar, Mason, Sana, Vinay
6IS: Alyssa, Daisy, Junaid, Lamees, Samuel, Thomas
6KA: Aariz, Benjamin, Ellie-Mai, Kieran, Sienna, Tianna
6LA: Aaliyah, Dhaval, Mahirah, Quianna, Shia, Xiyen

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