

# BEECHES

## GREEN PAGES

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### WORLD BOOK DAY

Freya and Holly (4RW) have written about what we got up to yesterday:

*Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. To do this, we decided to become a walking dictionary by wearing a word of choice to school. Everybody wore something very unique and the patterns on the outfits were stunning! We had different members of staff coming into our classrooms and reading stories to pupils. We themed our day on a book called 'Perfectly Norman' which is a book about a boy who grows wings. For example, Year 3 made paper wings with adjectives and Year 4 made wings and painted them to look like Norman's. Overall, yesterday was full of excitement and we can't wait for the next World Book Day!*

### ROBLOX

We have recently been made aware of an issue with the social media platform, Roblox and unfortunately, this issue has resulted in some of our children accessing some very graphic, adult themed material. The parents of those children involved have been made aware, and the children have been supported. However, this is yet another example of why we need to be extra vigilant when our children are playing online. It is our understanding that although Roblox is aimed at young children, it can be accessed by those much older who don't always use it for its intended purposes, so it is important that we protect our children from these issues. With this in mind, we are not only asking you to remain extra vigilant with all of your child's online activities, but we also strongly request that you reconsider what social media platforms you allow your child to access. For more details regarding the age restrictions associated with social media platforms, please see the back of the newsletter. If you would like to discuss online safety further, please email Mrs. Liddington.

### HAPPY NEWS

We share in the joy of Mr. Price and his partner on the safe arrival of Baby George, born 24th February weighing 8lb 7oz. Mum, Dad and baby are all doing well and we are all looking forward to meeting George in the not-too-distant future. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Price back a week on Monday. Congratulations to all the family!

### MORE FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Abbie has written about yesterday's girls' tournament:  
*On a very wet and rainy Thursday afternoon the Beeches girls football team played in another action-packed tournament. With some fantastic passing, shooting and an extraordinary save by Ellie the awesome six won every game and only conceded one goal in the whole of the tournament. They are looking forward to playing in the semi-finals next Tuesday. Well done girls!*

On Tuesday, the boys did us proud too, as Ethan tells us:  
*A group of boys from Year 5 and 6 went to Castle Vale to represent the Aston District in the West Midlands County finals. First, we played against Abbey Primary School and we beat them 2-0 with Dylan scoring both goals. Our next game was against Kings Norton; this was a hard match for the boys as we played really well but ended up losing 1-0. The next two games were against Paget and St Michaels which we drew both 0-0. Luckily we got to the final with a +1 goal difference. We knew this was a chance to show what we could do but unfortunately we lost 2-1 to Kings Norton. Ethan scored the one goal to make it 1-1 but Kings Norton scored a cracker of a goal to make it 2-1. Well done boys and girls - we are proud of you all.*

### RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is coming and we have the chance to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. If you wish to make a donation, you can do so via SchoolMoney. A limited number of red noses will be on sale from Monday 14th March (£1.50 each) and can be purchased through SchoolMoney. They are plastic free noses – like last year – so aren't as durable as the plastic ones. Please bear this in mind if your child purchases one as refunds or replacements cannot be given. On Friday 18th March, children can come into school in non-uniform, wearing something red. Please give generously!

### FOOTBALL TRIALS

We're having lots of success with our older footballers, but we're looking for the next crop of talent! Mr. Birch will be running some trials next week at playtimes:

Monday: Year 3/4 girls      Tuesday: Year 5 girls

Wednesday: Year 3/4 boys      Friday: Year 5 boys

Children don't need to wear PE kit for this. If they are interested, they should go to the hall at 10.45am on the day above. We run lots of inclusive clubs for children of all abilities and we want everyone to have their chance to shine. These trials are specifically to look for our most talented footballers to represent the school in future competitions.

### DIARY DATES

Mon 14 - Fri 18 Mar	Whole school Science Week
Fri 18 Mar	Red Nose Day - non-uniform
Mon 4 - Wed 6 Apr	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Fri 8 Apr	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
Fri 8 Apr	Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 25 Apr	School reopens
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Mon 9 - Thu 12 May	Year 6 SATs

### TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Zephaniah (Green)	645
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	561
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	550
4	Team Cadbury (Red)	513

### BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Eesa (3AP)	Year 4: Parisa (4KP)
Year 5: Chloe (5SM)	Year 6: Abir (6KA)

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Gracie	4AP: Lena	5CL: Ezekial	6IS: Ryeenza
3AP: Rahima	4KP: Kyra	5CS: Phoebe	6KA: Ayat
3SP: Shyam	4RW: Max C-G	5SM: Areej	6LA: Hannah

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## It's good to know...



**Facebook** (minimum age 13) – lets users create their own profiles, share status updates, pictures, videos and chat with other users, and also has a messenger app.



**Instagram** (minimum age 13) – allows users to alter photos, upload them to Instagram and share them to other social networking sites. Photos and videos can be sent directly to specific users.



**Snapchat** (minimum age 13) – a photo-sharing app where users can send photos or videos to their friends. These will display on screen for up to ten seconds before being deleted, although it is possible to take screenshots of messages and download other apps designed to capture and save Snapchat content.



**TikTok** (minimum age 13) - TikTok users can make their own short videos on the mobile app, and often like to have music accompany their videos. The users have creative control over the videos. Other TikTok users can 'react' to videos they see by filming their responses alongside the original video; or 'duet' by making a video alongside another video.



**Twitter** (minimum age 13) – a social network that lets users send and read 'tweets', messages limited to 280 characters.



**Tumblr** (minimum age 16) – a social networking site where users can post blogs and follow other people's blogs. Some of the content on this site contains sexual or pornographic images.



**WhatsApp** (minimum age 16) – free-of-charge, real-time messaging. Users can share images and videos, take part in 'group chats' and share locations. As it's based on knowing the user's phone number, you can only message users if you already know their telephone number.



**YouTube** (minimum age 13) – allows users to watch, create and comment on videos. The dislike button can create insecurities with content posted even if comments are turned off for the video.

For more useful information regarding these sites and apps including how to add restrictions and safety features check out <https://parentzone.org.uk>