

BEECHES

GREEN PAGES

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END OF TERM

The spring term finishes on Friday 8th April and for everyone except Year 3, you have the option of collecting your child early on that day. Year 3 are on a trip that day, so it will be a full day for them. For everyone else, from 1.15pm, you can collect your child from the playground. If you want your child to stay for the whole day, that's fine - school will be open until 3.20pm as usual. If you want your Year 5 or 6 child to leave alone at the earlier time, email c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk to make this known. If we don't have this in writing from you, your child will not be allowed to leave on their own before 3.20pm.

JEWELLERY AND CHEWING GUM

We have seen an increase in children wearing inappropriate jewellery to school. Please note, in line with our uniform policy, children are permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings and a watch but they must not wear any other jewellery. In particular, we are seeing loop earrings; these are not permitted, and we will ask children to remove them if they are worn. School will not take responsibility for any loss or damage to any items of jewellery. Similarly, we've had a few cases of children bringing chewing gum into school recently. This is not permitted under any circumstances. Please ensure your child does not bring chewing gum to school.

TIMES TABLES RHYMES

This week's rhymes are below:

I went to the doctors, I had a long wait... 6 times 8 is 48
I saw the doctor, her name was Kate... 8 times 6 is 48
Above the clouds, the mighty bird flew... 6 x 12 is 72
The bird went high as the wind blew... 12 times 6 is 72
Zooming down the hill, I roller-skate... 4 times 7 is 28
Zooming down fast, I'll fall at this rate... 7 times 4 is 28

Please practise these with your child at home.

SCIENCE WEEK

It's been Science Week at Beeches Junior School, and the children have taken part in a range of scientific activities, particularly on Monday when children spent the whole day doing science. Some children have written about the day: Milli, 6IS: *This week, the whole school had an epic science week! In Year 6 we did four different science activities: see how far you can stretch a Curly Wurly; build a bridge to hold a 1kg bag of sugar; using UV lights to see the effects of washing your hands and we learnt about how we conduct electricity and made human circuits. On Monday, the school had a humorous assembly performed by a scientist; she taught us about friction and got some pupils of the school involved.*

Omari and Umid, 5SM: *Year 5 had an amazing science day. Firstly, we looked at how fingerprints are unique to us. Secondly, we learnt about how easily bacteria can spread and how soap and water can get rid of it. We even watched somebody walk on custard! After this, we attempted to beat the world record for stretching a Curly Wurly, but we didn't quite manage it. Finally, we used different materials to make a boat to see how many marbles it could carry.*

Asher and Richmond, 4AP: *For science day, Year 4 learned about chemical reactions and mixed them together. We learned about the pH chart and about the universal indicator acid [UIA]. We also made slime. Some people's slime didn't work but the wonderful Molly the scientist helped us. Next, we saw how soap works with bacteria. We also investigated how much water that could fit on a coin. During the afternoon we went to 4KP to make rockets and we learned the pointier the better – this was to keep the rocket streamlined.*

Arjun and Jessica M, 3AL: *On science day, we were doing exciting experiments. In 3AL, we were filling a jug with water and a different one with lemonade and putting fruit in both to see which one floated to the top and which didn't. In 3AP, we made a rainbow by folding tissue, putting colour on it and then putting it in water and we watched it grow! In 3SP, we put our finger in ink and printed our finger print on balloon and blew it up. In the afternoon, we had a competition to see who could make the strongest structure to hold the most weight. We also made lava lamps with oil, warm water and food colouring. We had a great day!*

PARENT WELLBEING SURVEY

The wellbeing of our children and families is of paramount importance and we want to make sure we are doing all that we can to meet everyone's wellbeing needs. We do an array of things in school to promote the mental health and wellbeing of our children but we always strive to do the best we can, and this is where we would like your help. Please follow this link to give us your opinion on how we are doing: <https://tinyurl.com/bjswellbeing> We appreciate how busy you are but a few minutes of your time will help us identify any areas you feel we need to improve in. If you could, please find a few minutes in the next week to complete the survey and help us to improve the way we provide support to you all. The survey closes at the end of the day next Friday. Many thanks.

DIARY DATES

Mon 4 - Wed 6 Apr	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Tue 5 Apr	Year 5 visit to Black Country Museum
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 Cadbury (Red)	661
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	576
3	Team Malala (Yellow)	554
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	438

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Manal (3AL)	Year 4: Ella (4RW)
Year 5: Arjun (5CL)	Year 6: Abir (6KA)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Maddison	4AP: Finn	5CL: Dhanesh	6IS: Savannah
3AP: Jasmine D	4KP: Lacey Rae	5CS: Tommy	6KA: Tayyiba
3SP: Tanveer	4RW: Lujaina	5SM: Lochlan	6LA: Amelia

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