

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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## START OF TERM

Welcome to the summer term here at Beeches Junior School. This term there will, as always, be lots of hard work. We will be carrying out SATs for the first time in three years, and Year 4 will make history by being the first ever year group to take part in a compulsory national times tables check. Among all that, we'll be looking to create lots of happy memories for the children, particularly Year 6 who will say goodbye to us at the end of the term. There will be chances for you to come and join us, so we hope to see you all at an event at some point this term. As usual, if anything concerns you, please get in touch.

## BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed. We hope you enjoy your long weekend.

## EID UL-FITR

Eid ul-Fitr is expected to be celebrated early next week. If you are celebrating Eid on Monday, your child should be in school on Tuesday. If Tuesday is your first day of celebration, your child can have an authorised absence on Tuesday and return to school on Wednesday. If your child is taking Tuesday off to celebrate Eid, it is vital that you contact the office to let us know. Eid Mubarak to everyone who is celebrating - we hope you have a very happy family time.

## EID ASSEMBLY

We are pleased to invite Year 3 parents and carers to join us for our Eid assembly. 3AL and 3AP are invited to join us at 2.30pm on Monday 16th May and 3SP parents and carers are invited at 9.15am on Tuesday 17th May. We do hope you will be able to come along.

## NSPCC

Our Number Day a few weeks ago raised £309.50 for the NSPCC. Thank you for your generosity.

## BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

Izzie and Max in 5SM have written about their recent trip: *Before the holiday, Year 5 visited the Black Country Living Museum. We had a fantastic day experiencing what life was like in the Victorian times. We saw lots of old houses and shops, found out about old money, discovered how mines worked and went to a Victorian school where we were taught by a very strict teacher!*

## BOTANICAL GARDENS

Arjun in 3AL has written about Year 3's visit to the Botanical Gardens:

*Firstly, we had a talk all about the Rainforest where we learnt about anacondas, the biome and different plants. During the Rainforest talk, we held some animals, such as a corn snake. Then we walked around the gardens and saw some birds. One of the parrots said hello! Finally, we rolled down the bank which was lots of fun.*

## TERMLY INFORMATION SHEETS

On the back of this newsletter, you will find the termly information sheet for your child's year group. It contains lots of information you will need; it's the sort of thing that's useful to stick on the fridge or pin to a noticeboard so you can refer to it when needed!

## TIMES TABLES RHYMES

This week's rhymes:

Please sir, can I have some more?...	4 times 6 is 24
More made my belly sore...	6 times 4 is 24
This one's my favourite rhyme...	7 times 7 is 49
Get in line, there's a queue...	8 times 9 is 72
This long line will not do...	9 times 8 is 72

## MOBILE PHONES

A few reminders about mobile phones:

- Children should not bring mobile phones unless absolutely necessary. Year 3 and 4 children, and older children who are collected, have no reason to bring a mobile phone in school.
- Phones are brought in at your own risk; school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.
- Phones are to be switched off and kept in the child's bag in the classroom. Children must not access them during the day under any circumstances. Any breaches of this may lead to your child being banned from bringing a phone to school.

Thank you for your support.

## SHYAM

As we announced in our last newsletter, Shyam (3AL), and his brothers were raising money for the Little Princess Trust and Shyam was cutting off his long hair to donate. We are pleased to say that their efforts resulted in a huge £800 donation to the trust. Well done boys - we are very proud

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Some happy news: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis who were married on 15th April! We wish them both every happiness in married life.



## DIARY DATES

Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Mon 9 - Thu 12 May	Year 6 SATs
Mon 16 & Tue 17 May	Year 3 Eid assembly
Tue 24 May	Year 5 Wonderdome
Thu 26 May	Careers Fayre
Fri 27 May	Break up for half term
Mon 6 June	School reopens
Mon 13 June	Sports Day

## TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Zephaniah (Green)	488
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	481
3	Team Cadbury (Red)	459
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	421

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Kristian (3AL) & Amaya (3AP)	Year 4: Liam (4RW)
Year 5: Arjun (5CL)	Year 6: Daisy (6IS)

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Daneen	4AP: Olivia W	5CL: Mehki	6IS: Sam
3AP: Bonnie	4KP: Nico	5CS: Tyler	6KA: Finley G
3SP: Noah F	4RW: Lily-Devon	5SM: Henry	6LA: Quianna

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The Year 3 staff would like to say a massive well done so far to our amazing pupils. They have worked so hard despite missing so much learning due to Covid. They have had an incredible two terms so far and we aim to finish on a high this term. We would also like to say thank you to all our parents for your continued support.

<b>Staff Team - Teachers &amp; e-mail addresses</b>			
3AP:	Mr. Ali (Year Group Leader)	<i>s.ali@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	<u>Teaching Assistants</u>
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<b>Timings</b> - Our doors open at 8.45am and children <b>must be in by 8.55am</b> . School finishes at 3.20pm.		<b>Snacks</b> - Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack for morning break.	
<b>P.E. days this term</b> - On PE days (but not swimming days), children can wear their PE kit to school but must wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will be outside even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any earrings or watches, this is at your own risk.			<b>Key Dates</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Eid assembly <b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Sports Day
<b>Homework</b> - The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to <b>read with someone every day</b> , learn their <b>weekly spellings</b> and they continue <b>to learn the times tables</b> . The children enjoy our home reading scheme and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child’s reading book and bookmark come to school every day. Please make a note on the bookmark each time your child reads. The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday. This is non-compulsory, but we strongly encourage your child to complete the task.		<b>Concerns</b> - Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor, Mrs. Liddington is here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.	
<b>Curriculum Overview</b> - Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:			
<b>English</b> - This term, we will be developing an understanding of various types of writing genres. Writing learning journeys will be based as much as possible on our topics of Brazil, the Rainforest and Islam. We will cover a range of writing skills including the use of fronted adverbials, speech and expanded noun phrases.			<b>Computing</b> – In Computing, we will be looking at how to use various programs to create digital art related to our RE topic, Islam.
Maths - In Maths, we will be consolidating and extending our knowledge and understanding of fractions, the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), problem solving and converting time from analogue to 12 and 24-hour digital time. We will also work to consolidate understanding and knowledge around shapes and their properties.		<b>P.E.</b> – During this term, the children will continue to have a taste of swimming. This will be followed by multi skills. In invasion games, we will be working on our catching and fielding in cricket. After half term, the children will be doing athletics and striking a moving ball in Scatterball (a version of Rounders).	
<b>Science</b> - In Science we will build upon our knowledge of plants by further exploring how plants are able to reproduce. After half term, we will then behold the amazing power of magnets and their many uses.		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b> – In OWL we shall be looking at what Brazil is like in terms of its human and physical geography. We will then go on to explore further the dynamics and importance of rainforests to a range of stakeholders.	
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> – In PSHE, we will be learning how to form positive relationships and explore how we change as we grow.	<b>R.E.</b> – This term, our learning in RE will be based around Islam. We will look at how Muslims develop a relationship with God and how they show their devotion.	<b>Music</b> – In Music, we will be using percussion instruments and our own bodies to recreate the sounds of the rainforest. We will be identifying and defining musical elements such as tempo and dynamics whilst exploring how sounds are made. Rhythms and melodies will be created and combined to make our own rainforest compositions.	
<b>Art</b> – Our learning in Art will be based on symmetrical artwork linked to our RE topic of Islam. We will also have a go at creating our own calligraphy artwork linked to Islam.	<b>Design &amp; Technology</b> – We will be doing cooking this term in DT and making food related to our topic of Brazil. Hopefully, there will be some delicious foods for you to try at home. Don’t worry, we will remind children to wash their hands.		<b>German</b> – Pupils will be learning simple words such as numbers, colours, days of the week and greeting phrases.





The Year 4 staff would like to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays. We are very excited to be back in the warmth of the summer term as the school year reaches its climax. The main priority for our children is our times table check that they will all be completing in June. With this in mind, please support your child in ensuring that they spend time practising their times tables at home. We will also be working on ensuring that they have the independence they need in order to be ready for Year 5!

<b>Staff Team</b> <b>Teachers &amp; e-mail addresses</b> 4RW: Mr. Wheatley (Year Group Leader) <i>r.wheatley@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 4KP: Miss Parmar <i>k.parmar@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 4AP: Miss Parsons <i>a.parsons@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>		<b>Teaching Assistants</b> Miss Blakemore Mr. Gilbey Miss Jones
<b>Timings</b> - Our doors open at 8.45am and children <b>must be in by 8.55am</b> . School finishes at 3.20pm.	<b>Snacks</b> - Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack for morning break.	
<b>P.E. days this term:</b> <b>4RW – Mondays and Tuesdays</b> <b>4AP – Mondays and Wednesdays</b> <b>4KP – Tuesdays and Thursdays</b> On PE days, children can wear their PE kit to school but must wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will go outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any earrings or watches, this is at your own risk.		<b>Key Dates</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Wildlife and Waterways Trust Assembly. Visit and work will follow. <b>7<sup>th</sup> June onwards</b> – Y4 Times table check <b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> – Sports Day - details to follow <b>14<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> – Wildlife and Waterways Trust visit and project <b>6<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> – Quidditch Day <b>20<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> – Last day of term
<b>Homework</b> The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to <b>read with someone every day</b> , learn their <b>spellings</b> and they continue <b>to learn the times tables</b> . There will be also be <b>topic related tasks</b> to complete. The children are very excited about the home reading scheme in school and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and bookmark come to school every day. If your child reads four times a week and you or they write a comment on their bookmark, they will be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader competition where one child from each year group will win a book each week.		<b>Concerns</b> Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor (Mrs. Liddington) is here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.
<b>Curriculum Overview</b> Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:		
<b>English</b> Persuasive writing and poetry inspired by our local area as well as narratives about the Vikings and the Victorians (not at the same time!)		<b>Design &amp; Technology</b> Cooking and nutrition: We know what John Cadbury made with chocolate, but what can Year 4 do?
<b>Maths</b> We will continue a range of topics, including securing their knowledge in place value, number bonds and times tables knowledge at speed. We will also be reinforcing measures, statistics and shape.		<b>P.E.</b> Developing our skills associated with the game of rounders. OAA – Orienteering, exploring and leadership skills.
<b>Science</b> Good Vibrations! All about how we hear and how our ears work. Bright Sparks! How metals conduct electricity.		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b> Birmingham: Local study including map work of Great Barr and the city centre and how it has changed over time, linking with The Victorians.
<b>Art</b> Perspective and accuracy in drawing buildings.	<b>Music</b> UK Reggae, with a focus on local artists like UB40.	<b>Computing</b> We've got the power! Data collection and presentation about a local issue.
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> Relationships: Getting on and falling out. Changing Me: How we change as we get older.	<b>R.E.</b> Islam: How special is Allah to Muslims?	<b>German</b> Increasing our vocabulary and conversations.



The Year 5 staff would like to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays. Here at Beeches Junior School we will do everything we can to ensure your child has a positive and successful year and we look forward to working with you as your child strives to achieve their full potential.

<b>Staff Team</b> <u>Teachers &amp; e-mail addresses</u> 5CS: Mrs. Colling (Year Group Leader) <i>c.colling@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Mrs. Strickland (Year Group Leader) <i>m.strickland@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 5CL: Mr. Lancaster <i>c.lancaster@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> 5SM: Mr. Milner <i>s.milner@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>			<u>Teaching Assistants</u> Mrs. Goddard Mrs. McLaren Miss. Silvera		
<b>P.E. days this term</b> 5CS will have outdoor P.E. on a Monday and indoor P.E. on a Tuesday. 5SM and 5CL will have outdoor P.E. on a Wednesday and indoor P.E. on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any jewellery, this is at your own risk.			<b>Key Dates</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> – Wildlife and Waterways Trust Assembly. Visit and work will follow this introduction. <b>24<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> – Wonderdome. As per letter sent out, payment can be made via School Money. <b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> – Sports’ Day. Details to follow. <b>15<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> – Wildlife and Waterways Trust visit and project. <b>7<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> – Quidditch Day. <b>20<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> – Last day of school for children.		
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<b>English</b> A range of text types including newspaper reports and narratives.			<b>DT/Art</b> Caribbean inspired cookies. Nakazzi Hutchinson.		
<b>Maths</b> A range of topics, focusing this term on securing their knowledge through reasoning and problem-solving. Times tables and telling the time are home projects this term.			<b>P.E.</b> Cricket, Athletics, Leadership and Rounders.		
<b>Science</b> To infinity and beyond! (Space) & Human changes.		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b> Jamaica and The Empire Windrush.			
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> Relationships and Changing Me.			<b>Music</b> History of Reggae music.		
<b>Computing</b> Movie Maker.	<b>R.E.</b> Sikhism – Prayer and Worship. Christianity – Beliefs and Practices.		<b>German</b> A range of conversational and introductory German.		



A huge welcome back from the Year 6 team! A short and sweet half term ahead of us where all the hard work from our children will pay off. After the SATs, the children will have lots of opportunity to have fun and begin our transition work to ready them for their secondary schools. Here's to a wonderful term.

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<b>P.E. days this term</b> Year 6 will have P.E on Wednesday and Friday outdoors every week. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves.  Starting on 17 <sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will be going swimming on Tuesday afternoons instead of Wednesday PE lessons. Friday PE will continue.		<b>Key Dates</b> <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> – Eid ul Fitr <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May – Thu 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – SATs week <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Y6 E-safety workshop <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Sports Day <b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup>– Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Condoover Residential Trip <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July(PM) &amp; Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July (AM)</b> – Y6 performance – end of year show	
<b>Homework</b> The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to <b>read with someone every day</b> , learn their <b>weekly spellings</b> and they continue to <b>learn the times tables</b> .  For reading, we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child’s reading book and bookmark come to school every day. If your child reads four times a week and you or they write a comment on their bookmark, they will be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader competition where one child from each year group will win a book each week. Every Friday afternoon, well-being activities will be set on our online platform – Seesaw.  Year 6 will have a selection of homework tasks based on our topics across the curriculum. They will also have maths and reading boosters to ensure they are ready for their transition to secondary school.		<b>Concerns</b> Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor (Mrs. Liddington) is here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.	
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<b>English</b> Explanation texts, narrative and Non Fiction writing. All will be linked to our text – ‘Kensuke’s Kingdom.’			<b>Art</b> Collage
<b>Maths</b> A range of topics will be covered this term with a heavy focus on reasoning and problem solving to prepare our children for their secondary experience.			<b>P.E.</b> Athletics, striking and fielding. OAA (outdoor adventurous activities) swimming.
<b>Science</b> Continuation of ‘Heartbeat’ then ‘Fabulous Fungi’		<b>Topic (inc. Geography and History)</b> Sustainability and activism	
<b>P.S.H.E.</b> Mental Health and relationships	<b>R.E.</b> Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead better lives?	<b>Music</b> Melody	<b>German</b> A range of conversation techniques