

HARVEST COLLECTION

On Monday, our friend Tim Watson will be joining us to lead a Harvest assembly. We will also begin our Harvest collection. We are very aware that times are difficult for many people, and we do not expect every family to donate items. Children will not be shamed for not bringing anything in. However, if you are in a position to send any items in, that would be wonderful. If you are able, please help by donating non-perishable food items and toiletries, for example: Coffee, tea & hot chocolate; Milk (UHT or powdered) & sugar; Tinned potatoes, vegetables & tomatoes; Pasta, rice & noodles; Tinned spaghetti hoops & baked beans; Tinned meat & fish; Tinned fruit, rice pudding & custard; Cereals & biscuits; Jam & marmalade; Toothpaste, soap, shower gel & shampoo; Toilet rolls & nappies; Deodorant & sanitary products.

All items should be in-date and unopened. We will be collecting all next week. Children should bring any items into their classroom by Wednesday 19th October. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

AFRICAN DRUMMING AND DANCING

Last Friday, to launch Black History Month, we enjoyed African dance and drumming workshops. Here's what happened:

We had a great time during our African Dance workshop. We learnt a lot about African culture, including kings and queens and what they wore. We also found out that in Nigeria, each region has its own royal family. It was so much fun learning different dances and we finished off with a competition. In the end, we all came back to class sweating lots and with huge smiles on our faces, a clear sign that we had a great time!

Jessica, 4AS

Last Friday, we participated in an African Drumming Workshop. It was an introduction to Black History Month. We used different types of drums and there were different ways you could play them. We used them to see how African people made music and songs with only drums. It was really fun and some people played the drums in assembly at the end of the day.

Nasrin, 5A

WOODLANDS AND CONDOVER RESIDENTIALS

We have had an excellent take up of our residential visits that are happening in 2023. Thank you to all who have paid deposits. A reminder that Year 4 will be visiting Woodlands on 27th - 29th March, Year 6 will visit Condover on 10th - 12th July And Year 5 will also go to Condover when they are in Year 6, on 26th - 28th September. There are a few remaining spaces on the Condover visits, and just one space at Woodlands, and we anticipate they will all sell out, so if you would like your child to attend, please pay the deposit on School Money (£40 for Woodlands, £75 for Year 6 Condover and £56.25 for Year 5 Condover, with discounts for Pupil Premium-eligible children) and return the reply slip. If you do not have the letter, please contact the school office. To ask any questions about the visits, please contact Mr Ellis: s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

DARREN HARRIS

We had a special visitor on Tuesday! Ellie and Reegan (5P) tell us more:

On Tuesday 4th October, Darren Harris came to the school. He is a blind footballer who taught us different activities like push ups, spotty dogs, star jumps and much more. In the assembly he told some people from each year group to come up on the stage. The people put a blindfold on and used the football with a bell in it to see what it was like. It was very difficult. Darren Harris has played for England 157 times, more than any other footballer. He is very talented because he can even use a ball that doesn't even make a sound.

YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES WORKSHOP

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 4 parents and carers for the times tables workshop. This will take place in our hall on Thursday 13th October, 9:15 - 10:00am. If you're able to join us, please send the reply slip into school. The main aims of this workshop are to have fun with times tables and explain how to help your child learn them at home, and to explain the Multiplication Tables Check - when and how it is administered. We look forward to seeing you there!

CLASSDOJO

Please make sure that you download the app and sign up for ClassDojo to connect to your child's class. If you have lost the code, you can follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yf8uzxdr>

DIARY DATES

Thu 13 Oct, 9.00am	Year 4 parents' workshop
Mon 17 - Thu 20 Oct	Book fair in school
Tue 18 & Wed 19 Oct	Parents' evenings
Fri 21 Oct	Culture Day celebration
Fri 21 Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 31 Oct	School reopens
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Nov	3P Parents' evenings
Fri 4 Nov	Diwali celebrations
Wed 9 Nov, 4.30pm	Pantomime (details to follow)
Thu 10 Nov	Photographer in school
Tue 15 Nov	Year 5 cinema visit

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Zephaniah (Green)	888
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	846
3	Team Cadbury (Red)	731
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	681

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Ava (3JW)	Year 4: Jessica (4L)
Year 5: Maya (5L)	Year 6: Evan (6S)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3JW: Zoya	4AS: Melayah	5A: Neveah	6A: Max
3P: Michael	4L: Gracie-Leah	5L: Lilly-Rose	6M: Wassila
3RW: Kaiden	4P: Freya	5P: Asher	6S: Kieran

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