

**Beeches Junior School Newsletter** 

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# **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

It was lovely to see so many happy faces at our Christmas Fayre yesterday - thank you to everyone who supported the event, and thank you for your patience during the early congestion. Congratulations to all our prize winners! All the money raised will go into our school fund and will be used to do nice things for the children in the months ahead.

### **AUTISM WORKSHOP**

On Thursday 12th January in the morning there will be a workshop for parents and carers at school, led by Dawn Fisher from the Communication and Autism Team looking at how to support young people with autism. More details to follow. Please contact Mr Ellis to register your interest: s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

### **ARENA FOODBANK AND WARM WELCOME**

Our friends at Arena Academy have asked us to share the following message with you:

We have food, clothes and toys available every Friday from 3:30 to 4:00pm. We are also launching our 'Warm Welcome' event, offering all community members a warm space to enjoy a hot drink and something to eat, all served by our Year 8 student leaders. The Warm Welcome event is on Every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 in our staff room.

# **CHRISTMAS HELP OUT**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this important cause; we have received some very kind donations, and we are very grateful. There is still time to donate if you wish, but you only have until Wednesday 7th December to do so. Please remember, this service is available to any of our families who may need help over the Christmas period, and you are invited to attend the service on Wednesday 14th December between 11am and 1pm at St Martin's Church Centre, Witton Lodge Road. B23 5AP.

## **BOOK PURCHASES**

Thanks to a wonderful effort from parents during the book fair, we sold a total of £2400 worth of books. As a result of the sales, we have been able to spend £1400 on rewards for our bookshelves in school. Thank you so much for your contribution to the Scholastic book fair - our children have a wonderful range of titles to enjoy.

# **GIRLS' FOOTBALL**

Success for our girls' football team this week! Aisha (6S) tells us more:

On Thursday, the girls' football team played in the semi-finals and finals. We played amazingly well and won our first four matches to reach the final against Glenmead Primary School. I was so excited and we all played perfectly but we were extremely tired and worn out. With one minute left, an opposition player got past our amazing strikers: Abby, Amelia, Tegan and myself Aisha. Then she slipped past our phenomenal defender Ria and scored past our wonderful keeper Sonia. Our jaws dropped as she scored the winning goal. We all were miserable and I even wanted to cry but we had all come so far and we had to stay strong. I'm so proud of my team; we scored some amazing goals and were given runners-up medals which look beautiful.

# YEAR 3 START OF DAY

A bit of a situation has developed where a small minority of parents and carers in Year 3 have started staring through the class windows at the start of the day and, in a few cases, knocking on the windows to speak to the teachers. Please do not do this; children arrive from 8.45am and teachers need to be focused on their class at this time. We aim to give children a calm, settled and focused start to the day, and this is difficult if people are staring through the window and knocking windows. If you have any urgent messages, please speak to a member of staff in the office or out on duty and the message will be passed on. For non-urgent messages, teachers check their emails every day so this is the best route. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ABSENCES

It is that time of year again for lots of colds and bugs to spread around, so please encourage your child to use tissues when required and wash their hands regularly to prevent the spread. We understand that these illnesses can sometimes affect the children's ability to attend school, but please be assured that often children can benefit from distractions of work and friends, so if in doubt, please speak to a member of staff and they will keep an extra close eye on your child throughout the day. If they are too unwell to attend, please make sure you contact the office by 9:30am to ensure the absence is accounted for, as without contact, the absence will be unauthorised, and we may need to carry out wellbeing checks. Thank you for your co-operation.

# **DIARY DATES**

Tue 6 Dec	Year 6 visit to Beaumanor Hall
Thu 8 Dec	Professor McGinty visiting Year 5
Tue 13 Dec	Christmas dinner
Tue 13 Dec, 2.30pm	4L Christmas show
Wed 14 Dec, 2.30pm	4P Christmas show
Thu 15 Dec, 2.30pm	4AS Christmas show
Fri 16 Dec, 1.10pm	Optional early finish
Tue 3 Jan 2023	Teacher Day
Wed 4 Jan	School reopens
Thu 12 Jan	Autism workshop

	TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK			
1	Team Malala (Yellow)	739		
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	712		
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	681		
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	645		

### **BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS**

Year 3: Aryan (3P) Year 5: Nico (5A)

Year 6: Krishna (6A)	
Teal 4. Jayeeu (4L)	

Voar A: Sayood (AL)

	POPIL OF THE WEEK						
	3JW: Anah	4AS: Holly	5A: Kyra	6A: Vinay			
	3P: Janet	4L: Cooper	5L: Liam	6M: Justin			
	3RW: Thisev	4P: Maddison	5P: Richmond	6S: Joseph			
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# Food Bank, Clothing, Toys, Fresh Pizzas

Every Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm

Warm Welcome

Community members come and join us for a hot drink and a warm welcome 3.30pm-4.30pm