



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Mental Health Week and we are planning a variety of activities to help our children understand the importance of looking after their own mental wellbeing as well as how they can support the wellbeing of others. There will be Mental Health Awareness badges and wristbands available to purchase at a cost of £1, payable on School Money, to raise funds and show our support for this important cause - stock is limited, so please do not delay in ordering yours! There will also be a non-uniform day on Friday and children are encouraged to 'Wear it Green', for which we invite you to donate an optional fee of £1, also payable on School Money. All profits will be donated to The Mental Health Foundation.

This seems a fitting time to remind you all that there is always support available to anybody who is struggling with their mental health and when this is the case, you are invited to speak to one of our Mental Health First Aiders who will be able to help. Their details are on the school website (<https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/parent-information/mental-health-and-wellbeing-1-1>) along with an array of support services you can reach out to independently if you prefer. Thanks in advance for all your support.

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Darcey and Saidan (3P) have written about Year 3's day out this week:

On Tuesday, Year 3 went to the Botanical Gardens where the kind lady told us about plants and animals that live in the rainforest. We saw a corn snake called Toffee, a super cool bearded dragon, a cockroach and a stick insect. We were both brave and held and touched the animals. Then, we went outside for a walk to see the beautiful flowers and met the noisy parrots and cockatoos. Next, we went to the fun play area and after a long play time, we walked through the greenhouse which was full of cacti. The day was super fun and we learnt lots of things from the kind people who worked there.

BIRMINGHAM SEND PARENTS'/CARERS' SURVEY

A reminder that you have the opportunity to make your views known about SEND services in the city. You can do so here: [BirminghamSendSurvey2023](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/send-survey)

TT ROCKSTARS

At Beeches we love maths. It's an awesome subject to learn and to teach. Maths is a big subject and we appreciate there's more to it than times tables and there's more to times tables than learning them off by heart. However, a lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is fundamental – they are a key facilitator to the maths that sits on top. With this in mind, we would like to remind and encourage our children to regularly challenge themselves on TTRockstars: <https://ttrockstars.com/>

Research has shown that using TTRockstars for at least 21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving their times tables to 12x12. Please speak to your child's teacher if your child has lost their login details.

YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 superstars this week at the end of their SATs week. Whatever the results, we have seen them giving it their all - not just this week, but throughout the year. Well done Year 6. Have a relaxing weekend, and then the hard work continues next week!

CONDOVER PARENTS' MEETING

There will be an information meeting for parents and carers of children going to Condoval in the hall on Thursday 25th May at 3.30pm. This is for **both Condoval trips** - 10th-12th July and 26th-28th September. Children have been given a kit list this week.

PARKRUN

A reminder that we are visiting Parkrun again tomorrow - Saturday 13th May. Please be there by 8.55am. Details and registration are here: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/perryhall/>

COATS

It may be the summer term, but we know that our weather can still be very unpredictable! Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.

PARKING

If you can leave your car away from school, please do so, but if you have to drive here, please park away from school and park courteously and safely. In particular, please do not park on the zig-zag lines.

SAVE THE DATE: FATHER'S DAY EVENT

We will be holding a Father's Day event on Thursday 15th June, first thing in the morning. Please keep the date free - more details to follow.

DIARY DATES

Sat 13 May	Beeches does Parkrun
Tue 16 May, 8.45am	6M Stay and Read
Thu 18 May	Fire service visiting Year 4
Tue 23 May, 8.45am	5L Stay and Read
Thu 25 May, 3.30pm	Condoval parents' meeting
Fri 26 May	Break up for half term
Mon 5 Jun	School reopens
Tue 6 Jun	Year 4 visit to Black Country Museum
Wed 7 Jun	Year 5 Windrush workshop
Mon 12 Jun	Sports afternoon
Thu 15 Jun, am	Father's Day event
Tue 4 Jul, 3.30pm	Summer Fayre
Fri 7 Jul	Year 6 visit to Drayton Manor
Mon 10 - Wed 12 Jul	Year 6 residential visit to Condoval
Fri 21 Jul	Last day of term for children

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Charlie (3JW)	Year 4: Blake (4AS)
Year 5: Khushi (5L)	Year 6: Saint (6A)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3JW: Zulqarnain	4AS: Ayaat	5A: Aleena	6A: Harmehar
3P: Saidan	4L: Latifa	5L: Khushi	6M: Sonia
3RW: Riya	4P: Harry	5P: Jaskirat	6S: Max

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