

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

The last day of term is on Friday 22nd March and there will be an optional early finish that day. You can collect your child from 1.10pm. More details on that to follow, but for now, if your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you want them to walk home alone at 1.10pm, please put this in an email to Mrs Wall: [l.wall@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:l.wall@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk) Please note that if we do not have an email, your child will not be allowed to leave until 3.20pm, even if they normally go home alone. Don't worry if you need your child to stay here until 3.20pm - that's fine, school will still be open and Beeches Busy Kids Club will run as normal. Please make sure your child does attend on the last day.

**RAMADAN**

The month of Ramadan starts next week and we wish Ramadan Mubarak to all those who are observing this holy month. We understand that you may want your child to fast on certain days. We ask that you please email Mrs. Liddington ([c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)) if you wish your child to fast; without written confirmation, we will expect your child to eat and drink during the day. We discourage children below Year 6 from fasting on school days; we appreciate and respect the fact that they sometimes want to take part, but in our experience, very young children who are fasting find it difficult to focus during the day. Please note that PE is a compulsory National Curriculum subject and we will not withdraw children from lessons on the basis of their fast. Please also note that if children who are fasting start to feel unwell, we will encourage them to have something to eat and drink. Please contact Mr. Smart if you have any concerns about this: [m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)

**RED NOSE DAY**

To raise money for Comic Relief, we are holding a non-uniform day and inviting children to come to school dressed in red on Friday 15th March. This year we won't be selling any red nose day merchandise in school but you can buy this from local supermarkets if you wish to. We understand that some families may be struggling financially but any donations that can be made would be greatly appreciated. You can make a donation via School Money in the shop or your child can come into school on Friday 15th with a cash donation. Please also see the next item about STEM Week. Children will be able to put their STEM Week t-shirts over their red items if they wish to.

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**

Elijah and Levi (4L) have written about some special visitors we had last week: *On Monday 26th February, M and M Productions came to our school and performed the play "The Wizard of Oz" and everyone really liked it! My favourite part was when fire came out of the Wicked Witch of the West's finger. The part that I did not like was when I saw the dog about to be killed. The play was great and we all really enjoyed it. I hope they come back again!*

**PARKRUN**

A reminder that some of us are taking part in Perry Hall Parkrun tomorrow! Meet us in Perry Hall Park at about 8.50am for a 5km walk/trot/run. More details here: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/perryhall/>

**MOTHER'S DAY AND WORLD BOOK DAY**

Thank you to all of you who have got involved in our special activities this week and a big thank you to all the staff involved in putting these events together, particularly Mrs Powers who has had a very busy week! It's been lovely to celebrate together and we wish all the special women in our lives a very happy Mother's Day.

**EASTER EGG COMPETITION**

We are holding an Easter egg competition on Thursday 21st March. Please see the next page for details.

**STEM WEEK**

Next week is British STEM Week! STEM refers to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We are asking children to bring in (but not wear) a plain, white t-shirt that you do not mind them writing on. Each day, they will add words to these t-shirts during their various fun activities. Then, on Friday, when they have added all the different STEM vocabulary on them, they can wear them over their clothes.

**DIARY DATES**

Mon 11 - Fri 15 Mar	STEM Week
Thu 14 Mar	Year 6 visit to Beeches Evangelical Church
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Mar	Book fair in school
Tue 19 & Wed 20 Mar	Parents' evenings
Thu 21 Mar	Easter egg competition
Fri 22 Mar	Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 8 Apr	School reopens
Wed 1 May (New Date!)	Year 5 visit to Cadbury World

**UNICEF RIGHT OF THE WEEK**

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

3C: Isaac	4B: Bineta	5A: Odesa	6IS: Ayaan
3L: Elsa	4F: Mustakim	5KP: Yinka	6MS: Ajit
3P: Jacob	4L: Thisev	5P: Fletcher	6SM: Kaejan
3W: Lewis			

**BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS**

Year 3: Jay-Jay (3W)  
Year 4: Amrit (4F)  
Year 5: Odesa (5A)  
Year 6: Amira (6MS)

**TEAM POINTS**

1. Team Lewis 811  
2. Team Cadbury 778  
3. Team Zephaniah 699  
4. Team Malala 670

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## Beeches Eggstraordinary Egg Competition

It's time for the children to get eggcited about our eggcellent Easter egg competition!



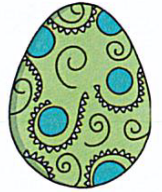
This year, our competition has a theme: **Eggquality!** Your entry will need to be linked to equality in some way. It could show a famous person or group of people who played a big historical role in equality. It could depict a Pride march. It could be a scene from our school, showing that we welcome and value everyone. It's up to your imagination!



Children are invited to decorate an egg (or a collection of eggs) and bring it to school. Eggs can be blown or hard-boiled, or you could make a papier-mâché egg. They can be turned into characters or made into a scene.



There will be prizes for all who take part and there will be star prizes for the best in each year group !



All entries to arrive at school on Thursday 21st March via the main hall from 8.30am onwards.



Don't forget to write your **name** and **class** on your creation.



So lets get cracking and make something speggtacular!

