

Beeches Infant and Junior Schools

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LAST DAY OF TERM

Today is the last day of the spring term at Beeches Infant and Junior Schools. It's the shortest of the three terms this year but we have packed a lot in! It's time for everyone to take a break and we hope everyone has a lovely holiday. A very happy Easter to all who are celebrating. There are no Teacher Days at the start of term we we'll be straight back to it on Monday 13th April. See you then!

SCHOOL BADGE

Thank you again for the many, many entries to our school badge competition. The governors enjoyed looking at all of them and there were some great ideas. The winning entry is the one from Asher in 3L. Asher used his computer skills to come up with this image of two trees - one big and one smaller - which the governors felt represented our two schools coming together really well. Asher also gave us some other ideas around the same theme.



Some of our staff worked with Asher's idea, adding a hill and making the smaller tree a lighter green colour as a nod to the infant uniform colour. Special mention to Mrs Jones from the infant school and Miss Cooper and Mr Smith from the juniors for their contributions. Without further ado, here is the Beeches Primary School badge!



YEAR 3 SWIMMING

A reminder that Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday 15th April.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Huge congratulations to Miss Coleman and her partner on the safe arrival of baby Theo on Wednesday! We are pleased to report that Mum and baby are happy and healthy.

BEECHES READS

The latest edition of Beeches Reads, our reading newsletter, can be seen on the following pages. Please take a moment to look at this with your child.

FLIERS

We have sent home fliers for Twycross Zoo and Twin Lakes/Wheelgate. In case you missed them, Twycross are offering 25% off online bookings with the code EDU2026; Twin Lakes have 30% off with the code 3TLSCHOOL30 and Wheelgate also have 30% off with the code 3WGSCHOOL30. We aren't endorsing them but are happy to share.

COMPETITION WINNERS

We've seen some fantastic entries to our Easter competitions this week - well done to all the children who entered, and the grown-ups who supported them! Our winners are as follows:

Reception: Maryam (Crocodiles), Otto (Monkeys), Safiyyah (Tigers)

Year 1: Loui (Owls), Sevyn (Parrots), Kavleen (Penguins)

Year 2: Hannah (Dolphins), Johan (Seals), Vaani (Whales)

Year 3: Skyla-Mae (3KP), Antonia (3SP), Noah (3L)

Year 4: Evelyn (4A), Jai (4S), Ayaan (4S)

Year 5: Ella-Rae (5C), Cody (5L), Heavenly (5L)

Year 6: Riley (6S), Alexis (6S), Amari (6M)

STEM WEEK

Last week was STEM Week at Beeches Junior School. Olivia (4A) has written about what they cooked up:

First, we made delicious vegetable chilli. We cut ingredients like carrots and pepper on a strong, sturdy chopping board. Then, we put it in our party pan with our drained kidney beans and tomato puree. We mixed it around with our wooden spoon and left it to cook. We worked in groups of six and shared the yummy vegetable chilli. All of us took it home to enjoy.

Matilda (4A) has written about Micro:bits:

Today we learned about a Micro:bit. A Micro:bit is a mini computer. We had lots of fun using it to write our names in code on the iPad part. It can also play music and it can do many other things.

Here is what Year 6 were doing:

Year 6 had a fantastic STEM Week filled with hands-on learning and creativity. We explored how germs spread by using UV light, which was both eye-opening and engaging. Pupils worked collaboratively to design and build spaghetti towers, testing their problem-solving and teamwork skills. They also used Micro:bits as compasses and developed their coding skills by programming interactive games. It was a brilliant week that sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for STEM.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Attached to this newsletter is a flier from Foster Birmingham. There is a real crisis in fostering in the city and you could make a huge difference to the lives of the most vulnerable children. If this could be for you, please have a look on the website or contact Foster Birmingham using the details on the flier.

BRING IT ON BRUM!

A reminder that you can find a mixture of paid and, for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals, free holiday activities here: <https://bringitonbrum.co.uk>

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INFANT SCHOOL

STARS OF THE WEEK

For 'Using kind words'

Crocodiles: Tega Dolphins: Renae
 Monkeys: Heidi Seals: Ayah
 Tigers: Yunus Whales: Kyro
 Owls: Kaydee-Leigh
 Parrots: Ana
 Penguins: Inaaya

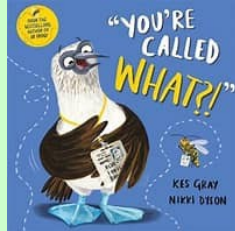
GOLDEN CHILD OF THE WEEK

For Good Behaviour

Crocodiles: Archie Dolphins: Joshua
 Monkeys: Milly-Rose Seals: Arys
 Tigers: Junior Whales: Emilee
 Owls: Evania
 Parrots: Shai
 Penguins: Caleb

BOOK OF THE WEEK

"You're called what?!" by Kes Gray
 chosen by Owls



DIARY DATES

Mon 13 Apr	Start of summer term
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Thu 14 May pm	Family afternoon celebration
Wed 20 May	Break up for half term
Thu 21 & Fri 22 May	Teacher Days - school closed
Mon 1 Jun	School reopens

JUNIOR SCHOOL

STAR AWARDS

Congratulations to all our Star Award winners for this half term! They are:

3KP: Bhagwati, Jacob, Jake, Jugraj, Morayooluwa, Rosie-May
 3L: Evangeline, Hezekiah, Jayden, Lorenzo, Quinn, Tristan-Jay
 3SP: Amira, Aryan, Enara, Logan, Mila-Rose, Nusaiba
 4A: Aryan, David-Gabriel, Ehtisham, Freya, Matilda, Savannah
 4F: Ava, Chloe, Donald, Harley-Ray, Isha, Kiara
 4S: Abiha, Aizah, Alfie, Kalieghpha, Mason, Tommy
 5C: Alayah, Alice, Arta, Georgia, Jwairiyah, Roman
 5L: Alythia, Kacearnee, Lewis, Lila, Lucian, Zephaniah
 5W: Beverlyn, Bobby, Eisah, Gina, Inaaya, Taksh
 6M: Alicia, Cristiano-Nicolas, Isaac, Lana, Toby, Tommy
 6P: Darcy, Freddi, Levi, Reice, Shanae, Zayn
 6S: Eshan, Maheshinder, Mason, Poppy, Sanjog, Syed

CHILD AWARDS

Congratulations also to this half term's CHILD award winners:

Community: Avneet (5W), Amrit, Ayesha, Javeah, Kelsey (6M), Aryan (6P), Kamilo (6S)
Health: Eisah (5W)
Individuality: Jacob, Taksh (5W)
Learning: Mohamed, Nivaan (5W), Arianna, Janet (6P)
Diversity: Gurpal, Karimullah, Ripley (5W)

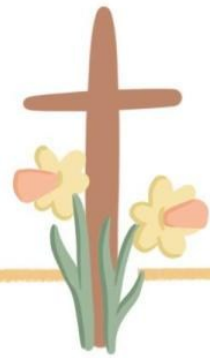
TEAM POINTS

Congratulations to Team Zephaniah who won this term's treat! Team points will return after Easter.

DIARY DATES

Mon 13 Apr	Start of summer term
Tue 14 Apr	Year 5 visit to Space Centre
Thu 16 Apr	Year 3 visit to synagogue and library
Mon 20 & Thu 23 Apr	Year 4 visits to Mandir
Thu 30 Apr	Year 4 visit to Black Country Museum
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tue 5 May pm	Pinocchio pantomime in school
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May	Year 6 SATs week
Thu 14 May pm	Family afternoon celebration
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Beeches Reads



Welcome to our Easter edition of Beeches Reads. Although this half term has been a short one, it has been filled with plenty of opportunities to enjoy reading. In school, the Year 3 corridor has been refreshed with a range of brand-new and exciting titles for the children to explore. The next year group to receive new texts will be Year 6 – so watch this space.

Wishing you all a lovely break. I hope you're able to find a quiet moment to enjoy a good book (adults included).



Author Spotlight



Ross Welford

In this edition, we're shining our Author Spotlight on Ross Welford, a brilliant contemporary children's author known for his imaginative, funny, and thought-provoking stories. His books are especially popular with Key Stage 2 readers who enjoy adventure with a twist of science, mystery, or magic.

Who is Ross Welford?

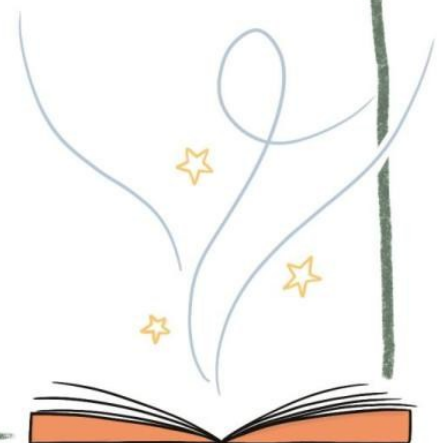
Before becoming an author, Ross Welford worked as a journalist and TV producer. His love of storytelling shines through in his writing, which blends real-life emotions with extraordinary "what if?" scenarios that keep readers hooked.

Books You Might Know

Time Travelling with a Hamster
The 1,000-Year-Old Boy
What Not to Do If You Turn Invisible

Fun Fact

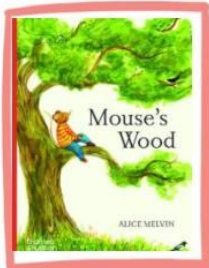
His debut novel, Time Travelling with a Hamster, was inspired by his childhood pet and became an instant bestseller.



Recommended Reads

Pre-Key Stage Reads

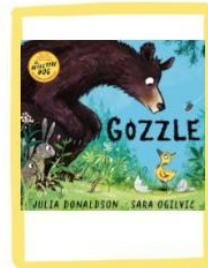
Year Three



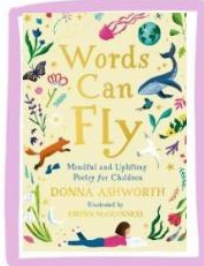
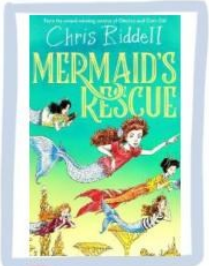
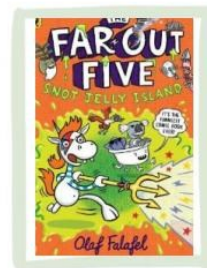
Year Four



Year Five

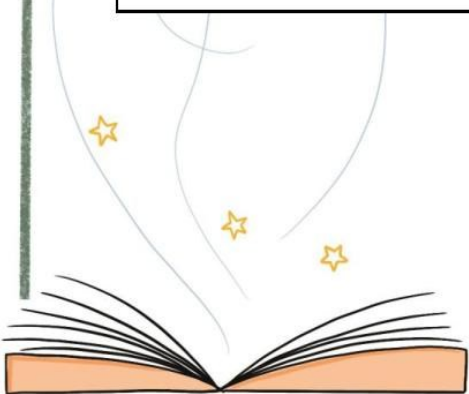
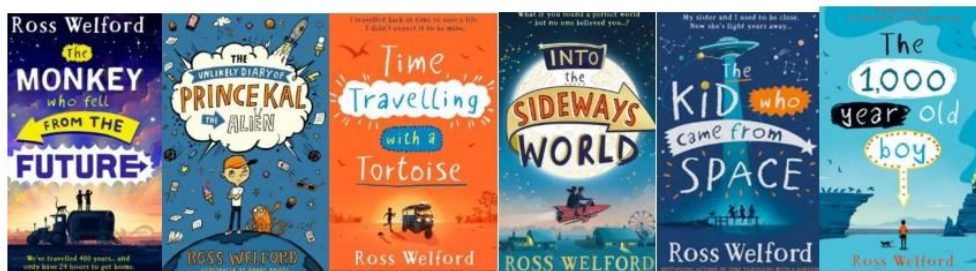


Year Six



Book Match

Books by Ross Welford

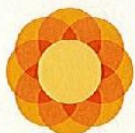




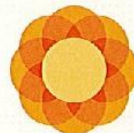
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