

Beeches Infant and Junior Schools

Weekly Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK!

A warm welcome to the summer term at Beeches Infant and Junior Schools. We hope you have all had a great holiday and that you all enjoyed your Easter, Vaisakhi and any other celebrations. As always, there will be lots going on, including chances for you to get involved, so please keep an eye on our newsletter each week. We look forward to working with you.

YEAR 2 LITTER PICKING

This week, Year 2 have been litter picking as part of getting hooked to our new book *Stella and the Seagull* by Georgina Stevens and Izzy Burton. Unfortunately we found lots of litter in our playground including an empty tube of pringles, a black bin bag,



lots of chocolate and sweet wrappers, and decaying bits of fruit. We have talked about the pros and cons of putting everything in the bin, and linked this to our Rights. We have discussed that 'you are never too small to make a difference'. What a fun way to learn an important lesson!

YEAR 5 VISIT TO THE SPACE CENTRE

Year 5 started the term with a visit to the Space Centre! Alice (5C) is here to tell us more:

When we first arrived, we were kindly greeted and started our first mission. First we landed on floor one at the rocket tower. It was jam packed with other astronauts (other kids from different schools) which made it as hot as a sauna. I had water dripping down my head! On the second floor, I designed a rocket called 'Beeches' to represent the school. On the third floor, we got to speak to fellow astronauts in a tiny shuttle. On the fourth floor we had a group photo and landed back to Earth (took the lift to the ground floor). After that, we took a look at the different spacesuits and headed to the planetarium. It felt like I was actually spinning! My tummy was in knots! We learnt how to become an astronaut and go into space!

Next we flew past some planets (walked around some space sections). One was called 'into space' where there was part of a rocket. There was another called 'our planet' which was probably most of our favourites. Even some teachers (e.g. Miss Lawley) enjoyed jumping on the stepping stones! Finally, we bought some souvenirs from the gift shop and set co-ordinates for Beeches Junior School.

ARBOR

The junior school is no longer using Arbor as we have moved to a new system. Therefore, if you need to update us on any changes to the information we hold, please email or call the school office. You should delete the Arbor app as we are no longer using it.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

A reminder that Year 3 are going swimming every Wednesday for the next few weeks. This is a compulsory National Curriculum area of learning and all children must take part. Please ensure they have their kit, and please help them to develop their skills in getting themselves changed and looking after their belongings. Thank you.

A THANK YOU FROM LENNOX!

You may be aware that we recently hosted Lennox, a student from Priestley Smith School, on a work experience placement. He was based mostly in 4S but did some work across the junior school. Lennox wanted us to pass on his gratitude for the warm welcome he received from all our staff and children.

MRS MODI

Welcome back to Miss Parmar following her recent wedding, and a reminder that she is now Mrs Modi! Mrs Modi will be teaching 5C this term. Welcome back also Miss Burness who has rejoined our school as 3L's teacher. It's great to have you both back!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed that a larger than usual number of children came back to school with breaches of our school uniform policy this week. We understand that, as we get towards the end of the school year and with a new school badge coming, people are reluctant to spend money on uniform. However, wearing uniform is a valuable part of the school routine. It helps us to maintain focus on learning and it also teaches our children a valuable lesson about the expectations of many workplaces. We would recommend, ahead of the uniform change, that you buy unbranded items or come and talk to us about good quality second-hand uniform if you don't want to pay for branded uniform. Please support us with this as we go through the summer term. Thank you.

PARENT WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

Birmingham Children's Trust have asked us to share their Parent Wellbeing Newsletter with you. You can find it attached to our newsletter. It offers links to advice pages for a range of scenarios.

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INFANT SCHOOL

STARS OF THE WEEK

For 'Practising lots'

Crocodiles: Darius	Dolphins: Ayaan
Monkeys: Otto	Seals: Georgia
Tigers: Henry	Whales: Ishfak
Owls: Jahmaine	
Parrots: Hussain	
Penguins: Loujain	

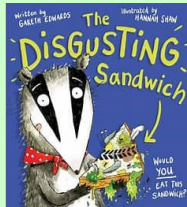
GOLDEN CHILD OF THE WEEK

For Good Behaviour

Crocodiles: Aniya	Dolphins: Dharon
Monkeys: Thierno	Seals: Zayaan
Tigers: Jannat	Whales: Damon
Owls: Evania	
Parrots: Maliha	
Penguins: Ada	

BOOK OF THE WEEK/DIARY DATES

"The Disgusting Sandwich" by Gareth Edwards, chosen by Dolphins.



Tue 21 Apr, 9am	9am Parrots Phonics workshop
Wed 22 Apr, 9am	9am Owls Phonics workshop
Thu 23 Apr, 9am	9am Penguins workshop
Tue 28 Apr, 9am	9am Crocodiles Phonics workshop
Wed 29 Apr, 9am	9am Tigers Phonics workshop
Thur 30 Apr, 9am	9am Monkeys Phonics workshop
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Wed 6 May	Whole school class photos
Thu 7 May	Orthoptist Reception classes
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
Fri 17 Jul	Last day of term
Mon 20 Jul	Teacher Day - school closed

JUNIOR SCHOOL

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3KP: Jake	5C: Ella-Rae
3L: Yussra	5L: Yahya
3SP: Lawson	5W: Addison
4A: Chloe	6M: Richelle
4F: Donald	6P: Sienna
4S: Isaac	6S: Anastasia

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Malala	641
2.	Team Lewis	559
3.	Team Zephaniah	476
4.	Team Cadbury	395

DIARY DATES

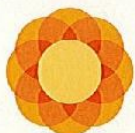
Mon 20 & Thu 23 Apr	Year 4 visits to Mandir
Tue 28 Apr	Sch Nurse - Year 6 height and weight
Thu 30 Apr	Year 4 visit to Black Country Museum
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tue 5 May pm	Pinocchio pantomime in school
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May	Year 6 SATs week
Thu 14 May pm	Family afternoon celebration
Wed 20 May	Break up for half term
Thu 21 & Fri 22 May	Teacher Days - school closed
Mon 1 Jun	School reopens
Fri 5 Jun	Eid celebrations
Wed 1 Jul	Summer Fayre
Thu 2 Jul	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
Fri 17 Jul	Last day of term
Mon 20 Jul	Teacher Day - school closed



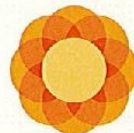
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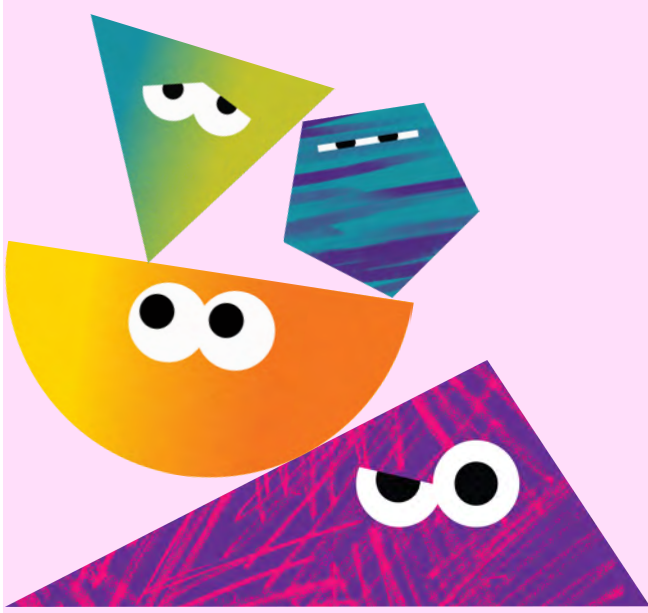
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TOGETHERNESS



An update on

WELLBEING FOR EVERY SCHOOL PARENT

Your NHS learning space created by psychologists

April 2026

We're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

TogetherNESS the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area. Your family has **free access** to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on TogetherNESS to help your children thrive.

Spill the beans on SATs



Anxiety and SATs

We've partnered with Learning by Questions to help you support your child to process how they're feeling and get ready for SATs with confidence

[\(free downloadable resource\)](#)

Get them ready for secondary



Moving up in school

A digital hub of resources for parents of nursery, Reception and Year 6 children to support them to thrive as they move up in school

[\(easy reads and watch digital hub\)](#)

Support for hearing parents



Understanding your deaf child for hearing parents

90% of deaf children are born to hearing parents. Our new short online learning, written with members of the deaf community, supports you to understand your deaf child's needs and development

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

Understand big feelings



Does sharing big feelings help young people feel like they belong?

Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Dr Rebecca Johnson, unpacks how sharing how we feel can bring moments of connection in relationships

[\(short video watch\)](#)

Parents and anxiety



Managing parent anxiety

The Clinical Psychologist and Child Psychotherapist's advice

[\(2 minute read\)](#)

Nurture your key relationships



Understanding your relationships

Discover new ways to communicate, connect and respond in your relationships in this online learning pathway

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

FREE ACCESS

You're receiving this update as your school is based in a free (pre-paid, funded) access area for togetherness.co.uk

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