

Beeches Infant and Junior Schools Weekly Newsletter



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TIME TO SAY GOODBYE...

There are always mixed feelings at this time of year. Of course, all staff and children are looking forward to a well-earned rest, and we hope you are looking forward to some quality family time as well. But we are also saying goodbye to some fabulous people. From our staff teams, we are losing Miss Burness (junior teacher who came back to help us out this term), Miss C Wilson (the Year 3 teaching assistant, not the administrator... fun fact: one of our new teaching assistants joining us in September is also a Miss C Wilson. We just like to confuse you!), Miss Uzunova (infant teaching assistant) Mrs Bemand (infant school administrator), Mrs Burn (infant teaching assistant) and Mrs Kaler (infant school business manager). Mrs Bemand, Mrs Burn and Mrs Kaler have given a combined 37 years' service to our school and we are so grateful for their contributions. All five leave with our very best wishes. Of course, we also say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. We are so proud of you, and we are excited to hear of your adventures in the future. Thank you for being such a great group. If your youngest child is leaving us, we would like to thank you for your support over the years and we wish you health and happiness in the future.

...AND HELLO TO BEECHES PRIMARY!

So, following that first conversation between Mrs Colley, Mr Smart and the Local Authority in December 2024, and all the work that has happened since then, we are so excited to launch Beeches Primary School in September! Beeches Primary School branded uniform is now available at Uniforms Plus but, as before, you don't have to buy the branded jumpers and cardigans - badgeless supermarket versions work just as well for us. We will see you on **Wednesday 2nd September** as the first ever children of Beeches Primary School!

YEAR 6 SHOW AND SATS RESULTS

It's been a big week in the lives of our amazing Year 6 children! The SATs results are in, and we are so proud. Well done to you all. We have seen you work so hard throughout the year and you deserve every success. The SATs results were emailed to families on Thursday so if you are in Year 6 and you didn't receive that email, please contact the school office.

Year 6 also showed a different strand to their talents this week with their phenomenal leavers' show. How we laughed! And of course, once the children had done their thing, we enjoyed the emotional photo montage at the end. Thank you for coming to see the show in such numbers - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Thank you to Mrs Ambris, Miss McFee and Mrs Watson who took the junior choir to a special event yesterday! Chloe and Olivia (4A) have written about it:

Yesterday, we performed at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. There were 300 children singing with us. It was spectacular. It was an epic event! First of all, the conductor, Ruth Roberts, for Services for Education, took us to the rehearsal room. After that, we found out where we were sitting and then we changed into our colourful costumes. Then we sang with Des, the wonderful Weatherman. We sang to an awesome audience where some of our parents were. It was a terrific time!

SUMMER FAYRE

One last word on last week's summer fayre: Mason (5W) came to us a few weeks ago with a lovely idea to sell loom bands to raise money for the school trip. We were a bit sceptical as to whether he would be successful in making money, and we warned him not to set his hopes too high, but we gave him a stand at the summer fayre.

Mason, you showed us, wonderfully aided by his classmates Frankie and Georgia! The loom bands were very popular and Frankie, Georgia and Mason's stand made a significant contribution to our running total. Thank you to all three of you. As well as doing a great thing for others, perhaps you have learned lessons that will help you have a successful business career. The most important lesson of all: if you think you've got a great idea, the chances are you are right, so do what you can to pursue it!

YEAR 2 PARENTS'/CARERS' VIDEO

Our video for Year 2 parents is now available here:

<https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/parents/welcome-pack-202627>

This video gives you some key information as your child moves up to the juniors. Even though we will all be the same school, there are still some key practical things you need to know.

READING NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter you will find the latest edition of Beeches Reads, prepared for us by Mrs Powers. There is a lot you can do to support your child's learning over the summer - first and foremost, let them have a rest after their year of hard work! - but the next most important thing is to keep their reading journey alive and kicking. It doesn't matter what they read - books, magazines, or comics; fiction or non-fiction. Just read! Some summer reading challenges are also attached to this newsletter.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' AWARDS

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for our Governors' Awards. There are a lot of names here but we hope your child enjoys finding their name and showing it off to their loved ones. Congratulations to all our winners - they are:

Reading: Faizan (3KP), Ethan (3L), Liam (3SP), Nishtha (4A), Harley-Ray (4F), Saira (4S), Georgia (5C), Mojola (5L), Thierry (5W), Anaya (6M), Zahra (6P), Sienna-Rose (6S)

Writing: Morayooluwa (3KP), Siam (3L), Wamika (3SP), Jacob (4A), Esmay (4F), Maria (4S), Anaiya (5C), Lila (5L), Jacob (5W), Kelsey (6M), Ava (6P), Sanjog (6S)

Mathematics: Arian (3KP), Yussra (3L), Maju (3SP), Olivia (4A), Yusuf (4F), Maddison (4S), Frankie (5C), Awais (5L), Inaaya (5W), Jeeya (6M), Zayd (6P), Alexis (6S)

Science: Leo (3KP), Sofia (3L), Evelyn (3SP), Umar (4A), Esmee (4F), Jannah (4S), Jaxxon (5C), Fabion (5L), Sevak (5W), Jordan (6M), Charlie (6P), Kamilo (6S)

Topic: Mohammad (3KP), Noah (3L), Aryan (3SP), Zaiden (4A), Alex (4F), Ayaan (4S), Dylan (5C), Isaac M (5L), Gurpal (5W), Harrison (6M), Reice (6P), Aman (6S)

Physically Active: Jake (3KP), Rylei (3L), Ibrahim (3SP), Justin-Gabriel (4A), Zack (4F), Orsino (4S), Zakariyah (5C), Malik (5L), Freddie (5W), Louie (6M), Saairah (6P), Jacob (6S)

Exemplary Manners: Harry (3KP), Robert (3L), Amrita (3SP), David (4A), Eden (4F), Kourosh (4S), Ethan (5C), Isaac S (5L), Beverlyn (5W), Amrit (6M), Annabelle (6P), Michael (6S)

Immaculate Books: Jewel (3KP), Evangeline (3L), Zehra (3SP), Matilda (4A), Maxwell (4F), Ada-Lily (4S), Mahdiya (5C), Gurdeep (5L), Avneet (5W), Richelle (6M), Arianna (6P), Zoya (6S)

Anti-Racism Ambassador: Jacob (3KP), Anaya (3L), Erin (3SP), Perrie (4A), Jennah (4F), Jahnella (4S), Arta (5C), Alythia (5L), Bobby (5W), Elijah (6M), Amy (6P), Eshan (6S)

Maurice Coles Environmental Award: Lola (3KP), Oyemurewa (3L), Maju (3SP), Felicity (4A), Ava (4F), Rosie (4S), Ikraam (5C), Heavenly (5L), Taksh (5W), Lana (6M), Aryan (6P), Darcey (6S)

Compassion: Evie-Marie (3KP), Joshua (3L), Esmee (3SP), Nea (4A), Rabiya (4F), Rhea (4S), Martha (5C), Amiyah (5L), Deedee (5W), Ayesha (6M), Riya (6P), Scarlett (6S)

Homework: Oakley (3KP), Abdul (3L), Aarondeep (3SP), Maahirah (4A), Priyansi (4F), Jai (4S), Jwairiyah (5C), Jaya (5L), Nivaan (5W), Kaiden (6M), Darcy (6P), Malieek (6S)

All Round Superstar: Effie (3KP), Aayah (3L), Amira (3SP), Chloe (4A), Connie-Rai (4F), Isaac (4S), Alannah (5C), Krish (5L), Gina (5W), Demari (6M), Ibrahim (6P), Alfie (6S)

Teaching Assistants' Award: Wynter-Rose (3KP), Cassia (4A), Lewis (5L), Cristiano-Nicolas (6M)

Pastoral Team Award: Isaac (3L), Dolton-Jay (4A), Amilaah (5C), Anastasia (6S)

Deputy Headteacher's Award: Everlie (3KP), Kamelle (4A), Ava-Rose (5C), Jessica (6P)

Mrs Flint's Headteacher's Award: Asher (3L), Reuben (4A), Cali (5C), Willow (6P)

Mr Smart's Headteacher's Award: Jayden (3L), Evelyn (4A), Karimullah (5W), Zachary (6S)

INFANT SCHOOL

STARS OF THE WEEK

For 'Trying new strategies

Crocodiles: Faith

Dolphins: Rogan

Monkeys: Aafiyah

Seals: Arys

Tigers: Meerab

Whales: Ndiaya

Owls: Faheezah

Parrots: Maliha

Penguins: Milani

Book of the week

'I'm not Sleepy' by Raahat Kaduji

Chosen By: Crocodiles

GOLDEN CHILD OF THE WEEK

Crocodiles: Kyron

Dolphins: Kymarlah

Monkeys: Kian

Seals: Ayah

Tigers: Yunus

Whales: Thea

Owls: Mikhaeel

Parrots: Umaymah

Penguins: Dexter

Beeches Reads



Wow—what a brilliant reading term we've had! Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed their final sessions as reading buddies, and we were delighted to welcome the Book Bus **to our school**. Thanks to your incredible support and the number of books purchased, we received another large selection of new books for our shelves—what a result! Your child will be bringing home an optional summer reading challenge **to enjoy** during the break, should they wish to take part. Looking ahead to September, every year group will be diving into a rich variety of high-quality, diverse texts during their reading lessons. Plus, our commitment to the Little Wandle Fluency scheme will continue, supporting all children to grow into confident, fluent readers. Wishing you all a fantastic summer filled with fun, relaxation, and plenty of good books!

Author Spotlight



Who Is Jacqueline Wilson?

- Jacqueline Wilson wrote her first novel when she was nine years old, and she has been writing ever since.
- She is now one of Britain's bestselling and most beloved children's authors.
- She has written over 100 books and is the creator of characters such as Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather. More than forty million copies of her books have been sold.

☀ Major Achievements

- As well as winning many awards for her books, including the Children's Book of the Year, Jacqueline is a former Children's Laureate, and in 2008 she was appointed a Dame.
- Jacqueline is also a great reader, and has amassed over 20,000 books, along with her famous collection of silver rings.

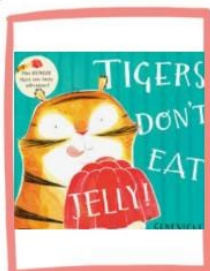




Recommended Reads

Pre-Key Stage Reads

Year Three



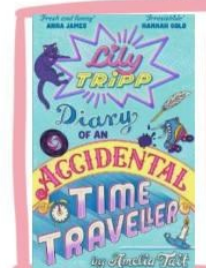
Year Four



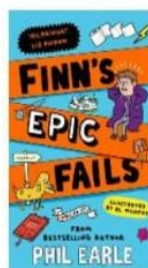
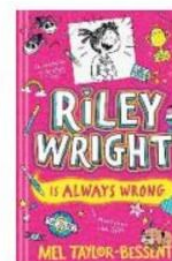
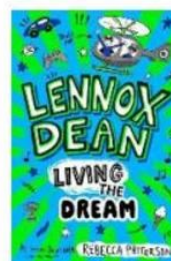
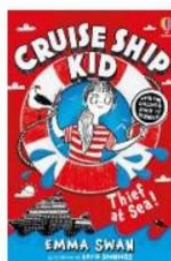
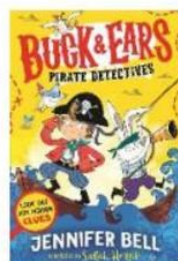
Year Five



Year Six



Summer Reads





Read a book
by a new-to-you
author



Build a reading fort
inside or outside



Read a book
with an
award sticker



Read a book
that is at least
5 years old



Design a movie
poster for a book
you have read



Read a book
published the
year you
were born



Read a book
then watch
the movie
version



Visit your
local
library



Read a
fairytale



Read five
picture books
in one day



Beeches
Reading Carnival



Re-read a
favourite book



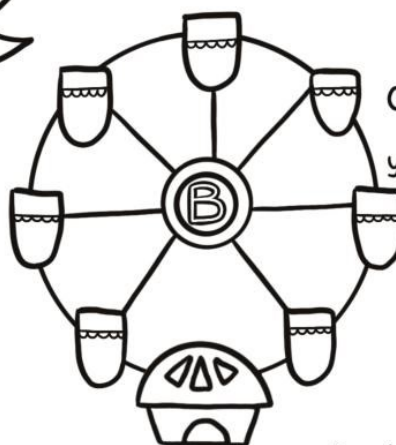
Read a book set in a
make believe world



Cosy up with a
good book



Create a new front
cover for a book
you have enjoyed



Ask a parent,
sibling or friend
to choose a
surprise book for
you



Read a book
outside in the
sunshine



Read a book
published this
year

