



BEECH HILL NEWS



Thursday 11th April

'A Forgotten Dream'

On Friday last week, our drama club attended an interactive performance at the Square Chapel.

A group of women performed under the direction of Carolyn Mendelsohn with Sharon Marsden from Verd De Gris (who have also done workshops with year 6 this week and last) as part of the One Voice project.

The performers shared their hopes and dreams which were extremely touching. The audience were also invited to write down their wishes on a cloud - these were then lit up in a vase where they would be kept safe. In addition to these heartfelt activities, the children also saw interesting drama techniques being used which can now form part of what they do on Friday afternoons.



Internet Safety

These various social media apps have age restrictions on them to ensure children of the appropriate age are using them.



Dinner money change

We break up on Friday 12th April for 2 weeks and will return on Monday 29th April. We ask that all children have a safe holiday and enjoy the break.

Just a reminder that dinner money prices will have increased when we are back to **£1.80 per day.**

Arts Workshops

China, Egypt and Tanzania have all had a fascinating workshop, all about the arts. We met two lovely people (Caroline and Sharon). Caroline created a video about girls talking about themselves.

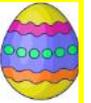
After, we wrote about our fears, what we love and wish for. Sharon told us about her project with two boys who walked all the way from Afghanistan without their mums!

We learnt many songs and poems. We drew a mountain range on a long piece of paper and wrote our wishes on birds. We had a wonderful time at the workshop and learnt new things. It was fabulous!

By Sufyaan Hussain (Year 6, Tanzania)

Road Awareness

Remember when crossing any road to always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN to what is going on around you. ALWAYS check and cross only when it is safe to.



Our value - Appreciation

Our value for the final fortnight of half term has been appreciation. Through assemblies and class discussions, children have explored what the word appreciation means and how they can show appreciation to others by saying thank you.

The children have thought about people they appreciate at home, in school and the community and how they can show appreciation to them.



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Early Morning Club

From the start of the Summer Term WC 29th April 2019 we are introducing changes to our Early Morning Club.

If you use Early Morning Club on an adhoc basis for your child, we are very happy to accommodate you but we ask you to contact school before hand to inform us that your child will be attending Early Morning club. However, there has been a number of instances this academic year where children have simply been left in the entrance to come into Reception all on their own. This is not acceptable and is a safeguarding issue for the school.

Any parent or carer who does this going forwards will be rung up by a member of the office staff when the school opens for the day and asked to come in and pay a £7.00 charge on that day.



Football results

Last week, boys and girls from years 4-6 represented Beech Hill in some of the first competitive football matches of this season. Games were played on both the Tuesday and the Wednesday, with Beech Hill giving a fantastic account of themselves across all age groups.

On the Tuesday, the boys Under 9's and Under 11's teams played out exciting and hard fought 3-3 draws, with the Under 9's team equalising late on into the game to snatch a draw. On the Wednesday the girl's team entertained opposition from Salterhebble and produced a stunning performance, beating the opposition 10-0. The Under 9's boys played Parkinson lane and despite showing some fantastic effort and togetherness throughout the game, they were unable to better the result from Tuesday, losing 6-0 to very strong opposition.

Everyone who represented the school across all four games last week showed great determination and sportsmanship and were great ambassadors for Beech Hill School.

Kitchen Menu:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spicy Sausages	Roast Chicken + Gravy	Lasagne With Garlic Bread	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Wholemeal Pizza
Ravioli with cheese	Tomato + Cheese Pasta	Vegj Burger	Cheese Rolls	Fish Cakes
Beans Chips	Carrots / Peas Roast Potatoes	Corn / Broccoli Herbys	Mixed Veg New Potatoes	Spaghetti Spicy Wedges
Cheese & Pickle	Egg Mayo	Cheese Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Sub Roll Assortment
Jacket Potato Sandwiches				
Chocolate Sponge Custard	Rice Pudding	Rainbow Sponge Custard	Apple + Blackberry Custard	Assorted Puddings
Strawberry Whip	Jelly	Crispy Buns	Chocolate Whip	Ice Cream
Fruit Salad Yoghurt Biscuits	Fruit Salad Yoghurt Biscuits	Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10 Biscuits	Fruit Salad Yoghurt Biscuits	Fruit Salad Yoghurt Biscuits

Reception farm trip

Last week all the children in Reception had the fantastic opportunity to visit the farm. The day was a great success and the children had a wonderful day in the countryside. The children were able to meet and stroke a wide range of animals including baby goats, rabbits, lambs, rats, guinea pigs, ferrets and even a mouse.

The children were very brave and showed great care and attention when stroking the animals. During the day the children had lots of fun on a very bumpy tractor trailer ride and a lovely time meeting and feeding the animals in the fields.

Some children were able to 'milk' the cow and all the children had a fantastic time climbing in the hay barn and finding their way through the dark tunnels. A huge thank you to all the staff who came on the trip and helped to give the children such a memorable experience.

Sadly, Reception will be unable to visit St. Leonard's Farm in the future because Farmer James is to retire in September. We wish him well and thank him for all the years he has hosted our special farm visits.'



Family Bingo Challenge

Complete as many activities from the Family BINGO Challenge as you can during the holidays. We would love to see and hear all about what you have been doing so please email (admin@beechhillschool.co.uk), send photographs via the message function on Seesaw or bring them into school.

Plant a seed, water it and watch it grow.



You could plant cress or even a sunflower seed. How tall will your plant grow in the holidays?

Make chocolate crispy or cornflake buns to enjoy as a family



You might want to add mini eggs to create an Easter nest.

Enjoy a picnic in the local area.



You might want to take your teddy bears too or have your picnic indoors.

Hard boil and decorate an egg



You could draw some nice patterns or even create a face.

Go for a Spring time walk and use what you see to create a piece of art or craft.



Play some games outside.



You could play hide and seek, football, catch with a ball or even try flying a kite!

Dear Parents

It has been another very busy term for everyone and I hope you have been keeping up to date with our weekly newsletters.

We have recently had a visit from our School Effectiveness Officer, Michelle Joyce who worked with myself and the Senior Leadership Team (Deputy Head teachers: Mrs Bowling, Mrs Cockcroft and Assistant Head teachers: Miss Jordan and Miss Brambani) to monitor teaching and learning over time. This day involved visiting classes, looking through work books and talking to the children. We all had a really fantastic day and were really impressed with the behaviour for learning throughout the school as well as the high standard of work in pupils books. Below are the key findings from Mrs Joyce's report which is very positive:

Senior leaders have very high expectations and are highly focused on pupils' learning, they are very reflective and always considering how they can ensure that all pupils achieve as well as they can. There is great collaboration and they work collegiately as a team.

From the writing books looked at, without a doubt, pupils are making strong progress; the progress of many is highly impressive, some are really 'flying' across all groups. The work represents exemplary attitudes to learning.

Expectations are very high and this is consistent across the school, school policies are being robustly implemented.

Teaching is sharply focused on age expected standards, and pupils are being challenged, including the most able and those with additional needs. Pupils are being empowered to aim for excellence, some are now writing at greater depth. Feedback is impacting on pupils' learning and misconceptions are quickly addressed.

Pupils are fluent writers and demonstrate stamina across a wide range of genres; they have many opportunities to write at length, always writing for a purpose. Teachers successfully build on pupils' prior knowledge. Pupils are applying their writing skills across the curriculum.

In Reception, children are making strong progress in a calm and purposeful learning environment that is literacy and numeracy rich. The characteristics of effective learning are definitely being well developed; pupils are playing and exploring, active learning, creating and thinking critically. The children are very keen to talk about what they are doing. There is a very effective learning sequence building on children's interests and needs, activities are well thought out and connected, there is a good balance between adult-led and child-initiated activities.

The school has a very clear curriculum rationale that has been carefully thought out to ensure that it is ambitious and meets the needs of the pupils at Beech Hill, preparing them for the future and next stage in their education. It encompasses the school aims and life experiences for pupils.

Looking at the curriculum on the school website, it is very informative for parents and includes the school's intent as well as the year group and subject 'must-knows' that are driving forward the knowledge and understanding of the pupils.

The areas for us to work on are:

The implementation of the school's curriculum intent in view of the new Ofsted Framework. Continue to support pupils to acquire and retain knowledge over time, further developing their understanding across the full range of subjects.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big well done to all the staff and thank them all for their hard work over this year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to the children returning back to school on 29th April 2019 at 8.45am.