



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents/carers

It has been another busy week in school. Many teachers have been busy on Zoom with the 'goodbye' meetings organised for their current classes. It was nice seeing the children together as a class and we appreciate your support in ensuring the children were able to attend these meetings. It was important both for staff and pupils to have an opportunity to finish off the year even though it was a strange way of doing it.

Teachers have organised welcome meetings next week to introduce themselves to their new classes. In addition you will have received a 'Meet the Teacher' sheet with useful information about your child's new teacher. Nursery and Reception staff are currently carrying out home visits to ensure they are able to meet the new pupils and will be dropping off the 'New Starter Packs' to ensure you have the information and some resources to help smooth your child's return to school in September and some ideas to keep them busy in the holidays. Year 5 have also received maths packs for the summer holiday and must continue with Reading Plus as well. Please contact Miss Jordan or Mrs Cockroft if you have any questions or queries about year 5 holiday homework.

It is important that all our pupils return in September and I would like to reassure you that as a school we are working very hard to ensure that everything will be in place to support your child's return. I will also be sending a letter with information about how the school will ensure a smooth return for pupils in September. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the school office and I will be happy to discuss any concerns you have.

School will close for all pupils except key worker children on Tuesday 14th July. The key worker group will then finish on Thursday 16th July at 3.00pm and as you may be aware the school will be closed over the summer break for all pupils including key worker children. It has been a difficult 2 terms for everyone and it is important teachers have the opportunity to rest and refresh over the summer ready for September.

Year 6 pupils will be returning on Wednesday and we look forward to seeing them to say goodbye. I know the teachers have planned lots of nice activities for them so they can leave Beech Hill with fond memories of their time at our school. I hope they will all be able to come back for this. It is such a shame that we have not been able to host a prom for them this year; perhaps this is something that parents could consider arranging amongst themselves when it is safe to do so in the future.

As this is the last newsletter for 2019-20, I just want to wish you all a happy summer break. Please take care of yourselves and your families and I look forward to us all trying to bring some form of normality back to school in September.

Stay Safe

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Nursery Bubbles

Another brilliant week in Nursery!

This week we have been learning about numbers from 'ten town' and we practised forming numbers 2 and 3. We have taken part in 'dough disco' and practised writing over our names. We have played on the bikes outside and had fun singing, dancing, drawing and colouring.

At home time we have enjoyed group circle time activities to help develop our social and communication skills. We have also been reading traditional tales such as *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *The Three Little Pigs*.

See you next week to learn number 4 and some more exciting activities!



Reception bubbles

This week in the Reception bubbles the children have been thinking about how they can be kind to others, using the story of 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon to help.

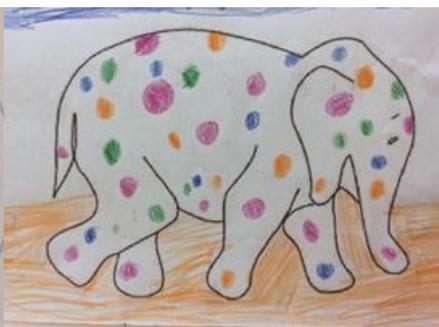
The children have continued to develop their artistic skills and have been using scissors and glue to make collages this week. Other activities include counting objects to 20, practising on the balance bikes and enjoying the 'busy bag' activities! We have also enjoyed some Cosmic Kids Yoga which is actually quite tricky to do!



Year 1 Bubbles

We have had a geography focus this week and learnt all about the 7 continents! We used maps to find different countries that we have learnt about in school so far. We found England, Kenya, Peru and our class country bubbles! Why don't you see what countries you can find on a map?

In English we have been reading *Elmer*. We have designed our own patterned elephant and used expanded noun phrases to describe them. Take a look at one of our book reviews to see if you would like to read it for yourself!



Year 4 Bubbles

Another week has flown by in the Year 4 bubbles.

In maths we have been looking at finding fractions of amounts. Also, the children have continued to enjoy using tangrams and are starting to become expert puzzle solvers!

In English, the children have written some wonderful setting descriptions focussed around a village with a spooky church spire at its centre.

The children have also created two wonderful art pieces this week! Firstly, we looked at work by the artist Andy Warhol and created 'pop-art' inspired by him. We then recapped warm and cool colours and created artwork that showed the contrast between the two types of colours.

The children have continued to impress us all with how hard they have worked. See you all again next week!



Leaderboard for the last 7 days

These are the 5 children with the most correct answers on Numbots in the last week! Well done!

1. Sai Podapati
2. Rania Adal
3. Abdallah Al-Ali
4. Isaac Al-Hameed
5. Imaan Hussain



Nursery Admissions



Do you know any families wanting a nursery place for their 2 or 3 year olds? We have places available in our nursery from September 2020.

Our 2 year old unit is under-going an exciting transformation over the summer and will be ready for the children in September.

Email admin@beechhillschool.co.uk or call the school office on 01422 345004 for an application form!

The benefits of exercise for children:

Better Sleep - Physically fit children sleep better and handle physical and emotional challenges more effectively.

Improves Behaviour - Strong evidence suggests that physical activity, outdoor play time and exploring nature improve behaviour problems in children of all ages.

Fights Disease - Physical activity helps children stay healthy and lowers blood pressure.

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These are the 5 children with the most correct answers on TTRockstars in the last week! Well done!

1. Chakrika Valluru
2. David Obhielo
3. Ayaan Khan
4. Sohana Podapati
5. Sheroze Zain



Mrs Bowling's Family Quiz!

Can you name these Disney villains and the film they are from?



Quiz answer for last week

Answers for last week

1. Ratatouille
2. Incredibles
3. Inside Out
4. A Bug's Life
5. Monster's Inc
6. Big Hero 6
7. Wall-e
8. Cars
9. The Good Dinosaur
10. Coco

Book recommendation

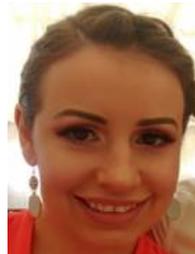
Miss Cutler: Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Audible version: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fantastic-Mr-Fox/dp/BOOMOPMMRS>



Name: Miss Grba

Class: New Zealand



Favourites

Film: I love watching Disney films because they remind me of my childhood.

My favourites are: Aristocats, Snow White and Lion King.

Children's Books: Room on the Broom and Matilda

Hobby: Cooking, Serbian dancing and watching football

Subject: Art

Food: I absolutely love Thai food

Drink: Mango juice

Season: Summer

Did you always want to be a teacher?

Yes, as far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a teacher. I love interacting with my pupils, learning from them and helping them learn new skills.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I have always wanted to visit Iceland. It is one of the most unique countries when it comes to things to see and do! The whole country is as diverse as you can imagine, with volcanic activity, thermal pools, dramatic landscapes and glaciers all within one small country. If you are lucky, you might also get to see the Northern Lights.

Who inspires you and why?

The person who inspires me the most is Novak Djokovic. He is a Serbian professional tennis player who is currently ranked world No. 1. Throughout his tennis journey, he has experienced both victory and defeat. Yet, after every setback he has always found the way to pick himself up, improve his game and move forward to achieving his goals and dreams.



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School Term Dates 2020/21

			No. of School Days
2020 Autumn Term	Re Opens	Tuesday 1 st September	69
Half Term	Closes Re Opens	Friday 16 th October Monday 2 nd November	
Christmas	Closes	Friday 18 th December	
2021 Spring Term	Re Opens	Monday 4 th January	59
Half Term	Closes Re Opens	Friday 12 th February Monday 22 nd February	
Easter	Closes	Thursday 1 st April	
2021 Summer Term	Re Opens	Monday 19 th April	62+5 Training Days
May Day	Closes	Monday 3 rd May	
Half Term/Training Week	Closes Re Opens	Friday 21 st May Monday 7 th June	
Mid-Summer	Closes	Tuesday 27 th July	
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