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## Thursday 27th June 2024

Hello everyone, I hope you've had a good week and have been able to enjoy the sunshine a little, let's hope the good weather continues into the weekend.

As you'll see from all the photos and captions in the newsletter, your children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities over the course of the last week or so.

A number of our Yr6 pupils are currently in London, having a wonderful time. They've been on the London Eye, watched The Lion King show at the theatre and visited the Tower of London amongst other things, an action-packed couple of days!

Happy long weekend (school is closed to pupils tomorrow) to you all, and we'll see you all back at Beechwood on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July!

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Paul Arnold Senior Head of School



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## Diary Dates to Remember

Friday 28th June NON PUPIL DAY

<u>Monday 1st July</u> PTFA Coloured Mufti New Starters Visit 2.00pm

<u>Tuesday 2nd July</u> Yr 5 - Plymbridge Woods Trip Service Children - Trip

Wednesday 3rd July Choir Performance

<u>Thursday 4th July</u> House Day Polling Day - School OPEN

<u>Tuesday 9th July</u> Year 6 - Mount Edgecumbe

<u>Friday 12th July</u> New Starters Visit (AM)

Tuesday 16th July Summer Fayre 3.30-5.00pm

<u>Weds 17th July</u> Yr6 Leavers assembly –1.30PM for parents

<u>Thursday 18th July</u> Rec/Nursery Joint Assembly 2.50pm

<u>Thursday 18th July</u> Yr 6 Leavers Disco 4.30pm-6.30pm

## **Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us for our Sports day on Friday last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and relatives supporting our brilliant Beechwood pupils as they raced for their house teams. Huge thanks to Miss Matthews and the whole Beechwood team for helping to make the day a success.

Congratulations to **Warleigh** House for winning the KS1 competition and to **Plymbridge** House for topping the charts in KS2.















New Age Kurling





Sports Week

# **Bell Boating**





Golf



Reception Sports Day



## Sports Day















#### Year R Aquarium Visit



On Tuesday, our Reception classes embarked on an exciting adventure to the National Marine Aquarium. The children went on a fascinating tour, exploring the various tanks and environments housing a multitude of sea creatures. They delighted in learning new vocabulary and the names of different marine animals.

One of the highlights of the visit was discovering that starfish taste with their feet and that octopuses have 9 brains, facts that captivated the children's imaginations. They also had a magical encounter with a mermaid, who introduced them to intriguing artifacts within her cave. The children got to touch and feel a mermaid's purse and the bristly baleen plates found in a whale's mouth.

Adding to the enchantment, the mermaid shared a captivating story with the children, making the day even more memorable. By the end of the trip, we had some very tired but thoroughly delighted children, having enjoyed a day filled with wonder and learning.

Finally, we just want to say a big thank you for the support from our parent helpers.

#### Year 1 Dartmoor Zoo Trip

Year 1 have had an incredibly busy week this week! We started off by visiting the wonderful Dartmoor Zoo on Monday. The children had the most incredible time and thoroughly enjoyed a workshop on African animals delivered by Kate who works at the zoo. We were really lucky and saw a jaguar, cheetah, lioness, tiger and a leopard! The children had an incredible time.



#### Year 1 Javelin and Clean our Patch Visit

On Wednesday we enjoyed an athletics P.E lesson where we learnt how to throw a javelin! We thoroughly enjoyed trying to throw it the furthest and loved watching some videos of professional athletes who were able to throw a javelin 90 metres! We then were lucky to have 'Clean Our Patch' visit our class and talk to us all about how we can look after our environment. They explained what happens to people who decide to litter and how it affects our animal population. We are hoping to get a chance to go out with the litter pickers next week! We are definitely all exhausted after such a busy week but have had the best time!



## P.T.F.A. Coloured Mutfi

Your child may come to school dressed in coloured mufti on <u>Monday 1st July</u> for a donation of a coloured item.

All kindly donated items will be used for raffle prizes (please no perishable items)

Thank you

#### **Reception - Red**

Year 1 - Yellow

Year 2 - Pink

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Orange

Year 5 - Purple

Yea 6 - Blue

### **School Trip Payment Reminder**

#### Year 4 (current Year 3) - Nethercott Farm

Please return your completed trip letter to the school office as soon as possible and pay the **deposit of £100** deposit by **19th July 2024**. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

#### Year 5 (current Year 4) - Reach Outdoors

Please return your completed trip letter to the school office as soon as possible and pay the **deposit of £50** deposit by **5th July 2024**. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

#### Year 6 (current Year 5) - London Trip

Please return your completed trip letter to the school office as soon as possible and pay the **deposit of £100** deposit by **5th July 2024**. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.



## **National Read Aloud Challenge**

Beechwood have signed up for the Read Aloud Challenge this summer holiday.

Please sign your child up by using the link below (link also on our Facebook page)

https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/3MSW-C4UO-O6CA

This will allow all children to have access to 100s of online books from now until the end of August to read on their devises.

Children can read their stories out loud and the app will support their reading.

It also Includes games, competitions and prizes





### **Free School Meals**



You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based JobSeekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of  $\pounds16,190$  or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please so not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.

#### **Lost Property**



We have quite a lot of lost property in school. Please feel free to pop in and have a look to see if anything belongs to your child. All lost property will be available each Thursday with Tea with Teresa.

#### <u> BIKEABILITY - YEAR 6</u>

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupils,

Your child will be taking part in Bikeability sessions during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Please follow the below link to give consent for your child to take part in these sessions.

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#### **BALANCEABILITY - EYFS**

Dear Parents/Carers of EYFS children,

Your child will be taking part in Bikeability Balance workshops during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024. These sessions aim to prepare children with the skills they need to take part in future Bikeability training. The sessions focus on balance, handling and awareness. The sessions will take place indoors or on the playground.

In order for them to take part, please follow the link below to give your consent.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdlMf4nSbUxTLD4atabtfiMWnp5M70381oBHiQtLOkN8BSbvw/ viewform

#### All quick links can be found on our Facebook page



#### Take YOUR CYCLING seriously, don't miss out on Bikeability!

With Bikeability Level 1, you'll learn to control and master your cycle in a safe space away from traffic such as a playground or closed car park. Bikeability Level 2 takes place on local streets, giving you a real cycling experience. You'll learn how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops.

#### At Level 1 you can:

- Prepare yourself and your cycle for cycling
- Get on and off your cycle without help
- Start off, pedal and stop with control
- · Pedal along, use gears and avoid objects
- Look all around and behind, and control the cycle
- Share space with pedestrians and other cyclists

At Level 2 you can:

- Prepare for on-road cycling
- Start and finish an on-road journey
- Recognise typical hazards
- · Let others know what you are about to do
- Know where to ride on the road
- · Pass parked vehicles and side roads

### **Keeping in Touch**

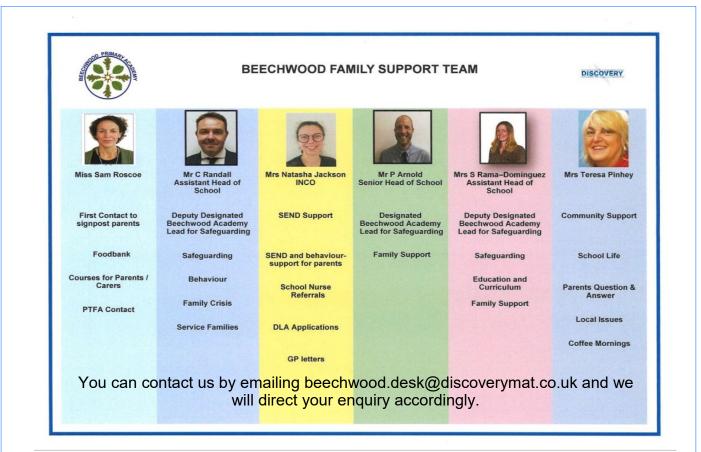
Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with you current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

#### **Parent Pay**

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

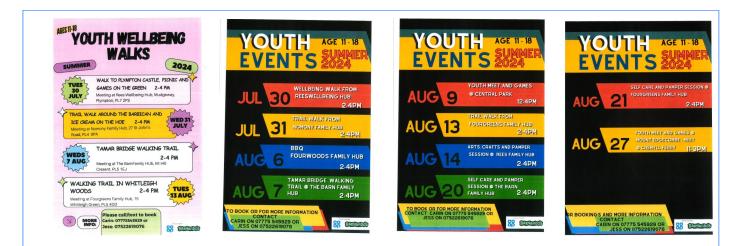
### **Facebook and Website**

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Beechwood Primary Academy. Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.



#### **Email Addresses to Remember**

Year 6 - Mo Farah - k.giles@discoverymat.co.ukYear 6 - Sky Brown - k.rust@discoverymat.co.ukYear 5 - Nicola Adams - c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.ukYear 5 - Dina Asha-Smith - k.matthews@discoverymat.co.ukYear 4 - Ben Ainslie - d.poole@discoverymat.co.ukYear 3 - Max Whitlock - c.townsend@discoverymat.co.ukYear 3 - Charlotte Dujardin - i.watson@discoverymat.co.ukYear 2 - Kelly Holmes - c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.ukYear 1 - Laura Muir - s.pindard@discoverymat.co.ukYear 1 - Usain Bolt - m.abbott@discoverymat.co.ukRec - Jill Scott - k.gardner@discoverymat.co.ukRec - Tom Daley - s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk



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#### Children and Young People's Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A confidential, free advice line available to all children, young people and their families who are on the Neurodiversity Pathway within Plymouth.

#### What we offer

Advice and support including:

- Sleep
- Diet
- Anxiety
- School difficulties
- Friendships
- Positive support strategies

#### Contact us

Please call 01752 435404 Monday to Friday 9 - 11am and 2 - 4pm



Please complete our questionnaire using the QR code provided.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives



#### Young people and parent/carers come and see us at *Starbucks* for mental health wellbeing tips and advice. We have our stand available 10am to 12pm in Drake Circus on the 1st and 15th August and at Coypool 8th and 22nd August. We would love to chat whilst you grab your favourite beverage.

MHST

Summer Holiday offer



Fun, Fit and Mentally Healthy sessions. Do you love to dance? Are you able to recognise you feel good when you move more? We are hosting 4 sessions of Dance practice with a performance for parents at the end for primary age children whilst parents spend time in our conversation café discussing all things mentally healthy from young people. We have 4 sessions available with 20 spaces on each.

Please click on the session links below to book spaces



Virtual parent workshops— <u>Adolescent brain</u> and <u>Anxiety</u>. Please click on the title to follow the links to join up.



Join an exciting eco therapy group at Poole Farm which we are supporting alongside Tom the CAMHS Ecotherapy Lead. This is a group where young people will need to be able to attend a weekly session. Theme is based around change and transition. Young people aged 11– 15. We have 5 spaces available on a Monday throughout the Holidays and 3 spaces on a Tuesday throughout the holidays.

Please email <u>Livewell.MHST@nhs.net</u> More information can be found on the MHST



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