



**Wellbeing at Work**  
Bronze Award

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## Friday 2nd February 2024

What a fantastic week we have had at Beechwood

As you may remember, the children enjoyed their first house day of this year and took part in activities within their house groups.

### SCHOOL DAY

We would just like to thank all parents for bringing their children in at our new earlier time of 8.30am, we really do appreciate your support with this.

On the whole, the change has gone smoothly, however as predicted there are a couple of things we can improve on, one being,

Next week, and going forward, we will allow more time for years 5 and 6 to eat their lunch. On today's evidence some children needed more time, which is absolutely fine.

We will ensure that all children have time to eat their lunch

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all at 8.30am on Monday

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood team



## **Diary Dates to Remember**

**Thursday 8th February**  
**Mo Farah class assembly**  
**2.30pm**

**Thursday 8th February**  
**Be Yourself Disco**  
**3.30-4.30pm KS1 and Year 3**  
**4.40-5.40pm Ks2 Yr 4,5 and 6**

**Friday 9th February**  
**Mufti day- donations for PTFA**

**Mon 12th - Mon 19th February**  
**Half Term**

**MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY-**  
**NON PUPIL DAY**

**Thursday 22nd February**  
**Cody Everson class assembly**  
**2.30pm**

**Wednesday 6th March**  
**Weights and Measures Yr6 and Yr2**

**Thursday 7th March**  
**Kelly Holmes class assembly**

**Wednesday 13th March**  
**Usain Bolt Class Assembly**

**Thursday 14th March**  
**House Day**

**Fri 29th March - Fri 12th April**  
**Easter Holidays**



## HOUSE DAY AT BEECHWOOD

Denham House really enjoyed their House Day, working for the whole day with Helen and Vicki from 'With Flying Colours'.

The children teamed up to plan and prepare for a fun-filled performance based on a show which they named 'Pick Your Pet!'. Everything from the backdrops, props and costumes to the acting parts and lines were created and developed by the children themselves.

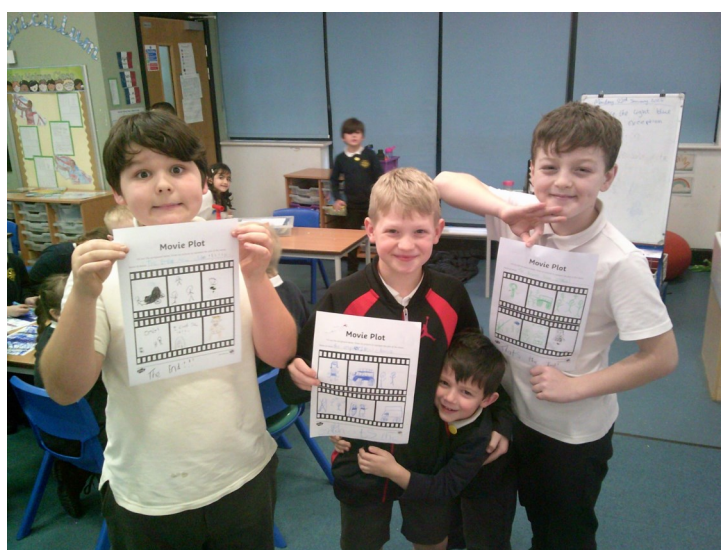
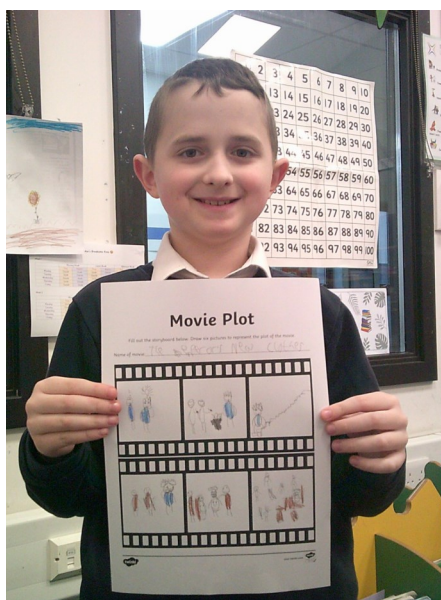
It was also great to share this performance with Warleigh House. What a super day!





## HOUSE DAY AT BEECHWOOD

Warleigh house started off the session by listening to the story of The Emperor's New Clothes. We talked about what a traditional story was and gave some examples of others they may know. Very few children knew this story so they listened intently and enjoyed it greatly. They then discussed the story in pairs and small groups, focusing on the moral behind the story. The children then had time to make their own story book of The Emperor's New Clothes, This was in the form of a movie reel, zig zag book or comic strip. They enjoyed retelling the story as they made their books.

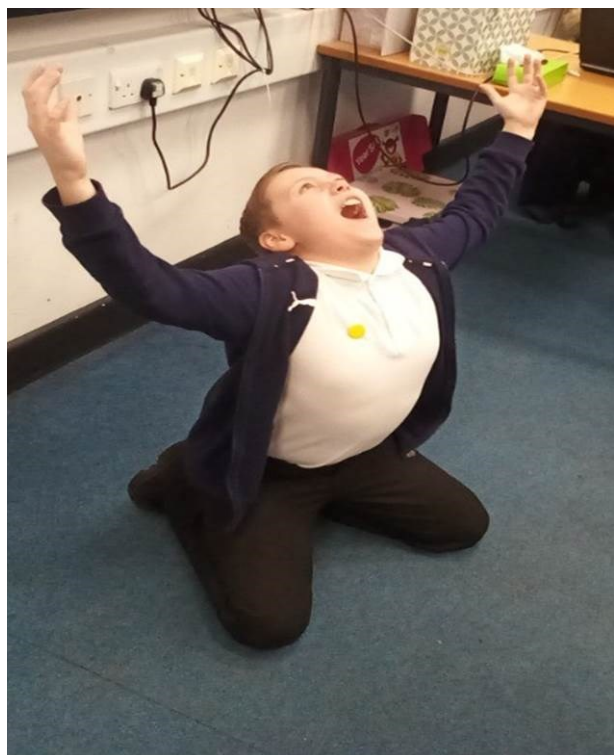




## HOUSE DAY AT BEECHWOOD

During House day the children loved exploring the story of the Tortoise and the Hare with the teachers of Plymbridge House.

We listened carefully to the story before acting out the movements of each character. We then created our own masks which allowed us to embody the characters and did our own races!





## **BOLT CLASS**

Bolt class have loved learning about algorithms this term.

We have learnt that an algorithm is a set of instructions that we give computers.

We have been programming bee bots to travel to different places on a map thinking really hard about what directions to give them.

We learnt what de-bugging is and how we can debug our bee bots if we make a mistake!



## **NEW SCHOOL HOURS**

As you'll be aware from our letters before the Christmas break, our school hours have changed, as of Monday 29th January 2024

Our new hours are :-

Monday 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Tuesday 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Wednesday 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Friday 8.30am - 12.50pm



On Friday, all children will have the lunch before they leave school at 12.50pm

For those children using our Friday afternoon provision (due to both parents working or in full time education), please collect your child by 3.30pm. Gates will be closed @1pm. You may collect your child from main reception until 2.30pm. After that time you will be unable to collect your child until 3.30pm. This will be from the year 1 pod area. The gate by the surgery will be open from 3.20pm

From Monday 28/01/2024

Gates will open at 8.20am

Pod doors open at 8.25am

## **PTFA - "Be Yourself" Disco**

As part of the drive to highlight Children's Mental Health Week, the P.T.F.A. will be holding a "Be Yourself Disco" on Thursday 8th February at a cost of £4.00. This can be booked through Parent Pay. Please contact the office if you require assistance.

Food and drink will be provided.

3.30pm to 4.30pm - Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3

4.40pm to 5.40pm - Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

Children in Reception / Years 1-3 can bring a change of clothes to school in the morning. Staff will help them get ready and escort them to the hall for the disco. You will be able to collect your child from the hall at 4.30pm

Children in Years 4-6 can arrive at 4.40pm and be collected at 5.40pm. Please complete the form below to confirm collection or give permission to walk home.

**Children will not be released if this form is not complete.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/e7fG96U1X3>

Please can mobile phones be left at home during the disco. Children will be refused entry if they have their phones with them.

**Last date for Disco Payments - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 1.30pm.**

Have a wonderful weekend from Mr Arnold and the Beechwood team

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# CHINESE NEW YEAR

CELEBRATE WITH A TASTE OF THE ORIENT

**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024**

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN OR  
VEGETABLE STIR FRY WITH  
VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS  
AND EGG FRIED RICE

CUSTARD TART SLICE





## **ABSENCE REQUEST**

ALL absences require either proof of medical evidence or a completed Absence Request Form.

Please complete in advance of any absence to allow authorisation from the Head of School.

It is preferred that medical appointments are taken out of school hours, but appreciate sometimes this may prove difficult.

Thank you.



## **FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE**

Please follow us on our Facebook page at [Discovery Multi Academy Trust](#). Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.



## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Can we just remind you, as 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 your current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

## **PARENTPAY**

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.

## **Email Addresses to Remember**

**Year 6 - Mo Farah** - [k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 6 - Sky Brown** - [k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 5 - Nicola Adams** - [c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 5 - Dina Asha-Smith** - [k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 4 - Ben Ainslie** - [d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 4 - Ellie Simmonds** - [j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 3 - Max Whitlock** - [c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 3 - Charlotte Dujardin** - [i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk) or [l.field@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:l.field@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 2 - Cody Everson** - [c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 2 - Kelly Holmes** - [s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk) or [a.carroll@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:a.carroll@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 1 - Laura Muir** - [s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Year 1 - Usain Bolt** - [m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk) or [a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Rec - Jill Scott** - [k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk)

**Rec - Tom Daley** - [h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk) or [s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk)



# Supporting Children's Challenging Behaviour



## On Course South West - Course Information

Course Title	Supporting Children's Challenging Behaviour
Course Code	DP14D42A
Delivery Date	Thursday 29/02/2024 – Thursday 28/03/24 Five sessions
Time	12:30 – 15:00
Venue	Beechwood Primary School, 31 Rockfield Avenue, Plymouth PL6 6DX

Would you like to develop an understanding of challenging behaviour and learn about strategies and techniques to manage and support children's challenging behaviours effectively? Then this course is for you, sign up now to secure your place.

Please use the following link to enrol onto the course:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0cOjqQ\\_8Q0m8Ktc-OlzC3wOh7Ahl0NRDp7CrCgEjYNRUN-lhZV1JMS1RJOTdUQ1dSV003VVhYSVMwSCQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0cOjqQ_8Q0m8Ktc-OlzC3wOh7Ahl0NRDp7CrCgEjYNRUN-lhZV1JMS1RJOTdUQ1dSV003VVhYSVMwSCQIQCN0PWcu)

Please also contact Ms Roscoe in the school office to secure your place:-

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