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Friday 15th March 2024

Hello everyone, it's been a very busy week, where we've had parents into school throughout the week for various events.

Usain Bolt assembly

We were treated to a marvellous assembly by Usain Bolt Class this week. They all did brilliantly and used the microphone expertly. We heard all about the learning they have taken part in to do with their local area, and were treated to songs too! Well done Usain Bolt class, you were amazing and thank you to all family and friends that attended, it's always great to welcome you into Beechwood.

House Day

The whole school took part in a science based house day this week, with children collaborating and working together in their house teams as opposed to their classes. As part of the day, Saltram House produced a performance with the Flying Colours team. They performed this to some of the school at the end of day, well done everyone.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the parent forums this week. We talked through parent survey feedback and it was a great opportunity for me to hear from yourselves regards areas you feel we can develop and also to hear about the things you feel are going well, thank you.

One item that was raised, was the opening of the gates in the morning and getting to school on time.

Therefore I'll just set the morning routine out below.

8.20am– Gates begin to be opened (takes us about 7 minutes to open all gates).

8.25am– Pod doors open and stay open until **8.40am**. Sometimes due to wind and rain we have to close the pod doors just to keep dry and warm, if you are at the POD before 8.40am, just tap on the window and we will let you in.

You have until **8.40am** to have your child in school using the pods. After this time please ensure you come into school via reception. If you arrive after 8.45am your child is marked as late.

Diary Dates to Remember

Monday 18th March
Nethercott Farm

Monday 18th March
Relax and Read—Reception
Class 3pm

Thurs 21st March
Laura Muir Assembly
2.50pm



Weds 27th March
Indoor Rowing Festival

Thurs 28th March
With Flying Colours

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April
Easter Holidays

Weds April 24th
2nd Flouride Varnish Rec/yr1

Weds 24th April
Year 5 Joint Assembly 2.50pm

Thursday 25th April
House Day

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday—SCHOOL
CLOSED

Thurs 9th May
Yr 4 Joint Assembly 2.50pm

Thurs 23rd April
Year 3 Joint Assembly

May 27th–2nd June
HALF TERM

After **9am** children are marked as unauthorised late ,which will affect their attendance
Reading lessons begin in school at **8.45am**, please try and ensure that your children are in school by this time at the very latest.

Why not open the gates earlier?

By opening the gates a little later this is ensuring a calmer start to our school day. Rather than being on the school site ,using the MUGA with the potential for accidents and injury, children now just come straight into the classroom where they can see their friends and begin their early morning task.

We did discuss other items and issues too and I'll be responding to those in the coming weeks.

Thanks again to all that attended the parent forums this week.

Have a great weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday, when some of our Year 4 pupils will be off to Nethercott Farm on their residential ,let's hope for some sunshine!

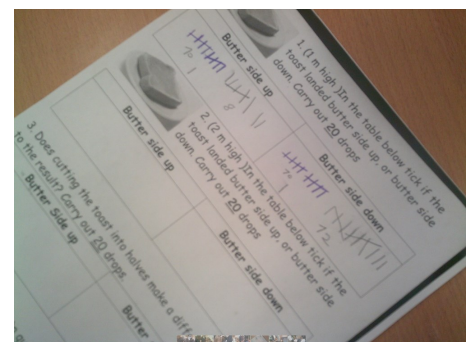
Paul Arnold

Senior Head of School

Beechwood Primary Academy

HOUSE DAY

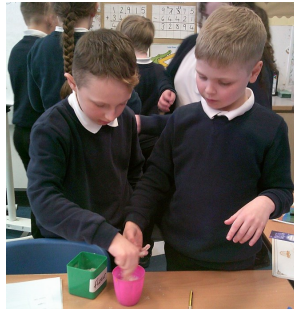
We investigated 'Tumbling Toast' which explored the probability of buttered toast landing butter-side down when dropped from a height. We enjoyed dropping the buttered toast 20 times from a height of 1 metre in order to carry out this test fairly. Using a tally chart helped us to clearly see how many times the toast landed either butter-side down or butter-side up. It was good to investigate whether adding jam to the toast altered our results and some of us even went on to drop the toast from a height of 2 metres. We found it interesting comparing our predictions with our results. All of us had a great time working together in teams to complete this 'Tumbling Toast' investigation.



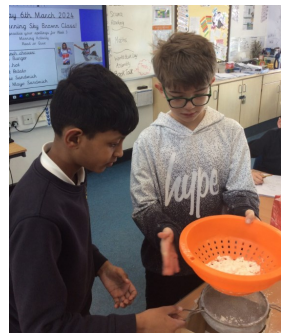
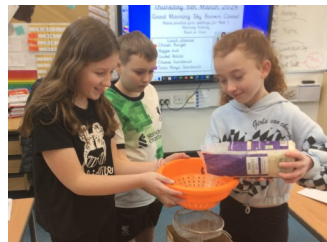
HOUSE DAY AND SCIENCE WEEK AT BEECHWOOD

As part of science week, Year 5 have enjoyed completing an experiment to test whether substances are soluble or insoluble.

We have to carefully measure the water and add the substances in order to ensure our test was fair.



Year 6 – enjoyed completing a particle experiment today part of Science Week



Year 2 took part in an experiment to make pendulums. We started by looking at pendulums like wrecking balls and swings. We then made our own the tested them to make them go faster and slower by adding weights.





BEECHWOOD FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

DISCOVERY



Miss Sam Roscoe

**First Contact to
signpost parents**

Foodbank

**Courses for Parents /
Carers**

PTFA Contact



**Mr C Randall
Assistant Head of
School**

**Deputy Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding**

Safeguarding

Behaviour

Family Crisis

Service Families



**Mrs Natasha Jackson
INCO**

SEND Support

**SEND and behaviour-
support for parents**

**School Nurse
Referrals**

DLA Applications

GP letters



**Mr P Arnold
Senior Head of School**

**Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding**

Family Support



**Mrs S Rama-Dominguez
Assistant Head of
School**

**Deputy Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding**

Safeguarding

**Education and
Curriculum**

Family Support



Mrs Teresa Pinhey

Community Support

School Life

**Parents Question &
Answer**

Local Issues

Coffee Mornings

ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Well done to all the children who were involved with the Rock Steady Concert!
If you would like your child to be involved with Rock Steady please visit rocksteadymusicschool.com to find out more.



Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs?

Would you like to work as part of a team to review and improve our Inclusion policy.

This will involve a virtual meeting (can be face to face if you would rather) and some reading at home. I

f you would like to be involved please email our Trust Inclusion Lead -

l.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk.



Year 6 welcomed local PCSO and Police officer into school on Monday to chat to the children.

They talked about the roll of a police officer, local crime and consequences, how to become a police officer and training required.

NEW SCHOOL HOURS

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 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

Gates will open from 8.20am

Pod doors open at 8.25am



Wedofootball

Easter Holiday Coaching Club

Stoke Damerel Community College

Week 1
Tuesday 2nd April, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th

Week 2
Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th & Friday 12th

Plymstock School

Friday 12th April

Ages 5 to 15

£10 per day (numbers are limited and early drop off from 9.15am no additional cost)

Maximum fun, with no pressure and a safe learning environment with Qualified Coaches.

Working with Plymouth City Council, we can also offer FREE spaces for children who receive free school meals or who may be eligible for free spaces. Just send us an email and we will send you info. Can all players please bring a packed lunch and drink, football boots and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe Geraghty on 07795804127 or email wedofootball1@gmail.com.



Tea with Teresa



When:
Every Friday

Time:
8.45 till 10.00

Where:
Beechwood Primary

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our tea and coffee morning each week in school

Come along for a drink and a chat with Mrs Pinhey

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION QUALITY MARK

EDIQM

"**Congratulations** to you and your team at Discovery Multi Academy Trust, your work towards addressing inequality has been formally recognised and you have been awarded the **Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion** Quality Mark.

It is noted that;

- EDI is championed throughout the schools.
- There is a strong team which supports an inclusive approach for all pupils.
- Discovery Multi Academy Trust is promoting multiculturalism by celebrating differences through planning lessons that reflect the diversity of the community.

A special thank you to the parents who were involved in this project.

 **Safe, active, together.**



**Multi-activity
Holiday Camps
for your children!**



Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

They will need

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Loads of energy!

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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

Year 6 - Sky Brown - k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5 - Nicola Adams - c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5 - Dina Asha-Smith - k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4 - Ben Ainslie - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4 - Ellie Simmonds - j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Max Whitlock - c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Charlotte Dujardin - i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or l.field@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 2 - Kelly Holmes - c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1 - Laura Muir - s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1 - Usain Bolt - m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Jill Scott - k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Tom Daley - s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk or j.gooding@discoverymat.co.uk

OFFICIAL



Incredible Years

Autistic Spectrum and Language Delay

This 10-week programme is designed for parents/carers of children who *have* or *may have* special educational needs and/or disability. The programme will help you understand why your child behaves the way they do and give you tips and tricks to manage it.

Our programme is delivered as part of Plymouth Family Hubs and in partnership with the Edison Nurture Provision, Barnardo's and Plymouth Information, advice, and support for SEND.

RUNNING FACE TO FACE

WHO: Parents of children with SEND

WHERE: Beechwood Primary school

WHEN: Thursday 25/04/24- 11/07/24
9.30-11.30am

www.plymouthias.org.uk/parenting-programmes



EASTER MULTI- ACTIVITY CAMP

Fully Funded for
those on free
school meal
related benefits

Join us this Easter for Pro-Coachings multi-activity camp! Dive into a world of sports excitement while enjoying the added bonus of creative crafting, including bracelet making.

Join us for a sport-centric adventure with a sprinkle of crafty fun this Easter holiday

**2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024
BEECHWOOD ACADEMY**

What can you expect:

- ✓ Multi-Sports Games and Skills
- ✓ Dedicated craft station
- ✓ Nutritional Lunch
- ✓ Friendly staff



**Times: 9 - 3pm
Age: 5-13 Years**

**Lunch and nutritional
snack included**

Use code **EASTHAF24** and
either use QR code or head to
www.pro-coaching.co.uk

For more information contact us at
info@pro-coaching.co.uk





Beechwood Primary Academy



Star Learners

Congratulations to all our Star Learners this week. We are proud of you all!

Week ending : 15th March 2024

Andy Murray Class



I has been super creative this week and continues to explore different tools in the setting. Well done !!

Jill Scott Class



E is our star learner this week. She has come to school everyday with a smile on her ready to learn. Well done E!

Tom Daley Class



L is our star learner this week. She has worked really hard during Read Write Inc sessions. Well done we are very proud.

Usain Bolt Class



T is our star learner this week. He has been persevering with his presentation and produced a beautifully written story using his neatest handwriting. Keep up the super work!

Laura Muir Class



M is our star learner this week. M has developed a great attitude towards all of her learning. She is consistently ready, respectful and safe. M has been working extremely hard in English this week. She has written some lovely sentences to re-tell the story of Small in the City! Well done M!

Kelly Holmes Class



A is our star learner this week. She has written a great story which has included all the features we have been learning. Well done and keep being a super star!

Max Whitlock Class



L is our star learner this week. He is always keen to participate in our class discussions, putting forward his ideas and explaining his reasoning. L has demonstrated enthusiasm during our French lessons and confidently answers questions in French using 'Je peux' and 'Je ne peux pas.' Well done L!

Charlotte Dujardin Class



S is our star learning this week for trying really hard to work independently . Well done S keep being a super star!

Ben Ainslie Class



L has been fantastic in lessons recently. His concentration has been top notch and he is ready at all times! He has completed every single retrieval task in maths this week too!

Ellie Simmonds Class



B has been very respectful this week. He has listened to staff well and engaged with his learning, especially in reading. Well done B! Keep it up!

Dina Asher-Smith Class



S is our star learner this week for always being ready to learn and respectful to those around her. Plus she worked incredibly hard at swimming and made great progress! Well done.

Nicola Adams Class



H is our star learner this week for always showing she is ready to learn, being incredibly helpful and producing a brilliant self portrait in art! Well done H!

Mo Farah Class



J is our star learner this week because he has been sharing fantastic ideas in his writing and using a range of figurative language. Well done J!

Sky Brown Class



J is our star learner this week for trying really hard in her experiments during science week and making cross curriculum links – especially in maths.





Enter our Spring art competition to win some prizes!

You could....

paint



collage



print



draw



1st place and runner-up prize for Foundation,
Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

Please submit drawings to your class teacher.

**Deadline for submissions – Friday 19th
April**