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## Friday 13th December 2024

Hello everyone and HAPPY FRIDAY!

I hope you have had a good week, it's certainly been a busy one here at Beechwood.

This week has seen us welcome Reverend Gerda into school, where she spent time with our youngest children in Mozart class to talk about the Christmas story. We are looking forward to walking to meet with Reverend Gerda next week in church to sing carols and discuss the meaning of Christmas.

Mozart class has been busy this week as they took themselves (and their teddy's) on a Teddy bears woodland walk. As you can see from the pictures and our Facebook post they all had a lovely time, as did their teddy's!

We have also played host to our termly Rock Steady concert this week, which the whole school enjoyed. Again, it was great to see so many parents and friends come into school to watch with us.

In addition we also held our Christmas Fayre this week which, as always, was well attended and supported by you all, thank you. Huge thanks to our wonderful PTFA and all the staff that ensured this event was such a success.

I hope you all have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back at Beechwood on Monday for what promises to be another busy and exciting week.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood team.

## Diary Dates to Remember

**Wed 18th December - 2.45pm**  
**EYFS Nativity**

**Thur 19th December**  
**Christmas Jumper Day**  
**Christmas Lunch**

**Thur 19th December**  
**Class Christmas Parties**

**23rd Dec to 3rd January**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Thurs 16th January - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 4/5 - Dun Class Assembly**

**Thurs 30th January - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 3 - Lloyd-Webber Assembly**

**17th Feb to 21st Feb**  
**HALF TERM**

**24th Feb - 14th March**  
**Yr 5 Swimming Lessons**

**Thurs 27th Feb - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 1/2 - Price Class Assembly**

**Thurs 20th March - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly**

**Tuesday 1st April**  
**PTFA - KS1/KS2 Easter Disco**

**7th April to 21st April**  
**EASTER BREAK**

**Monday 5th May**  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**Thurs 8th May - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly**

**Sun 11th May**

## Year 3 visit The Aquarium

The National Marine Park welcomed us last week to explore the Aquarium. The children learned all about our British coast and the animals that live in it. They then did some drawing of their favourite animals they had seen. They then explored the rest of the aquarium together which was so interesting and great fun!



More photographs on our Facebook page

## Rec - Woodland Walk and Picnic

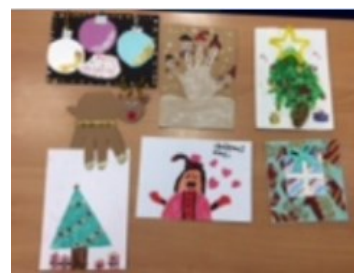
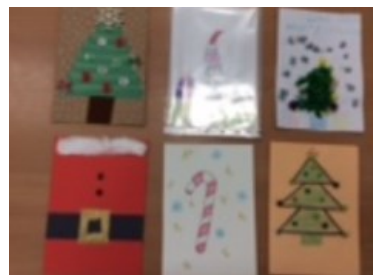
Mozart class really enjoyed our woodland walk as a part of our woodland explorer's topic. We walked from school to Southway Valley and spent our time looking for minibeasts, animals and signs of Winter. We were all fantastic on the trip and remembered our road safety rules that we learnt about in school. Once we arrived back to school, we enjoyed a picnic with our teddy bears!



More photographs on our Facebook page

## Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas card competition. There were some really imaginative entries. The three winners were selected and presented with their prizes. Each card was sent to Mrs Nettleship, Oakwood staff and children and Weston Mill staff and children. Thank you again and look out next term for another art competition.



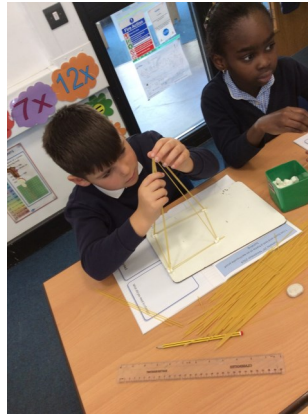
## Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported last weeks book fair. It was very successful and the children loved looking at all the new books. The next book fair has been booked for World Book Day Week.



## Year 3 Building Structures Lesson

Year 3 have been working hard to understand how to reinforce a structure to make it earthquake proof. The children applied all their knowledge about how strong different shapes are, how to cross brace a square to make it stronger and how to create 3D shapes to create earthquake proof marshmallow spaghetti towers! They then tested them by shaking them on a whiteboard! They had lots of successes and evaluative conversations around this- and of course a marshmallow snack at the end!



## Class Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will be held on **Friday 20th December** during the morning. Please send your child in with a sweet treat donation for them to enjoy. Thank you.



**'Shine, Star, Shine'**



**EYFS Nativity Performance**

**Wednesday 18th December**

**at 2.45pm**

**Thank you for**



## Primary School Admissions

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open.

Applications need to be made by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

Please see the link below:-

[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-admissions)



## Year 1/2 Bridge Building

Our topic in year 1 and 2 this term is 'British Bridges'. We have learnt the names of types of bridges, and we have designed our own bridge based on our technical knowledge. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed building their bridges with their parents/carers/teachers. They were all amazing!



## Rock Steady Concert

This week children who complete Rock Steady lessons got to perform in their Christmas concert. The whole school loved to watch and it was amazing to see so many parents, carers and friends come and join us in celebrating the musical accomplishments of the children. We heard songs including Last Christmas, Superstitious, Wellerman and Someone You Loved.

Well done Rock Steady!



## School Crossing Patroller

We would like to make you aware that unfortunately there will be no School Crossing Patrol service between :-

**Monday 6th January and  
Friday 21st February 2025**

Sorry for any inconvenience this will cause.

Please speak to your children about crossing the road safely during this time.



For ages 4 to 11

Derriford Church

**Kids Club**

PILOTS

Come along on:  
Friday 6th December  
Friday 10th January

£1 per family

3.45 - 5.30pm

@ Derriford Church  
Powisland Drive  
Plymouth, PL6 6AB

- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Bible Stories
- Food

Family members are welcome to join us!  
Refreshments provided

Join us for even more fun at our Nativity Craft Service on Sunday 15th December

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**JINGLE BELLS...**

...JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

ROAST TURKEY AND CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE, QUORN FILLET OR CARROT AND CRANBERRY PARCEL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES, ROAST POTATOES AND GRAVY

ON  
**Thursday 19th December**

CHOCOLATE 'KRISP-MAS' PUDDINGS  
CHRISTMAS CUSTARD BISCUITS  
RUDOLF MUFFINS  
CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM ROLL

Children may book their meal on the day as normal. There will be no jacket potatoes, paninis or pasta served on this day. Please ensure your parent pay account is topped up if you pay for your child's dinner.

## Christmas jumper Day

On Thursday 19th December pupils at Beechwood will be able to put on their warmest, wackiest and most wonderful festive woollies alongside their school uniform for Christmas Jumper Day

Children will be joining millions of people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country as they don their festive knits for the day and donate £1, or whatever they can give.

All monies raised will be donated to 'Save the Children'.



A huge thank you to all those that attended our Christmas Fayre this week, it was lovely to see so many parents, relatives, friends and pupils.

Thank you also to our PTFA and members of staff who worked so hard to ensure that the fayre was a success.

£420 raised

## Parents and Carers Key Online Safety Resources



Childnet have a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key topics, advice and activities to share with your child.  
[childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://childnet.com/parents-and-carers)

### Childnet Resource Hub

Choose resources for 'parents and carers' to see leaflets, resources and activities to do with your child.  
[childnet.com/resources](http://childnet.com/resources)



Advice on key online issues, tips, guides and blogs from partners: Childnet, SWGFL and the IWF.  
[saferinternet.org.uk](http://saferinternet.org.uk)

### Safer Internet Day

Join the celebrations for Safer Internet Day every February! We provide free tips, advice, videos, quizzes and more.  
[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

### Reviews and tools

**The Family Gaming Database** shares research and advice on thousands of video games, including content warnings and PEGI ratings.  
[familygamingdatabase.com](http://familygamingdatabase.com)

**Common Sense Media** provides expert reviews, advice and age-appropriate recommendations on games, apps, films and more. Users can access up to three free reviews per month.  
[commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org)

**Parental controls and privacy settings** described step-by-step alongside support on a range of online safety topics.  
[internetmatters.org/parental-controls](http://internetmatters.org/parental-controls)

### Making a report

For advice on the reporting tools for popular games, apps and social media platforms visit [childnet.com/how-to-report](http://childnet.com/how-to-report) for more information.

**Report Harmful Content** is a national reporting centre offering advice and links to industry reporting tools. It also provides support by reviewing outcomes after a report has been made on a platform or app.  
[reportharmfulcontent.com](http://reportharmfulcontent.com)

Report suspected online child sexual abuse or grooming to your child's school/local police. If necessary, contact the **Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (CEOP)**.  
[ceop.police.uk](http://ceop.police.uk)

Report online child sexual abuse images and videos with the **Internet Watch Foundation's** anonymous reporting tool.  
[iwf.org.uk](http://iwf.org.uk)

Information on hate crime and advice on how to report it in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.  
[report-it.org.uk](http://report-it.org.uk)

National reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.  
[actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

For Scotland, reports can be made to Police Scotland: [scotland.police.uk/contact-us](http://scotland.police.uk/contact-us)

### Get help and support

There are lots of organisations who work to support families and children. Visit [childnet.com/get-help](http://childnet.com/get-help) if you're worried about an online concern.

**NSPCC** 0808 800 5000  
[nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)  
Free support and advice for adults concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child.

**family lives** 0808 800 2222  
[familylives.org.uk](http://familylives.org.uk)  
Free support and advice on any aspect of parenting and family life.

**YOUNGMINDS** 0808 802 5544  
[youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk)  
Free support and advice on how to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

### Helplines for children & young people

**childline** 0800 11 11  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)  
Providing help and support for under 18s.

**THE MIX** [themix.org.uk](http://themix.org.uk)  
Providing help and support for 13-25 year olds.

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## Autumn Term 2

Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
<b>Monday</b> Dance 	<b>Monday</b> Netball skills 	<b>Monday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Wednesday</b> Martial Arts (Bernstein and Holst) Gymnastics (Dun) 	<b>Tuesday</b> Netball 
	<b>Tuesday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Wednesday</b> Netball 	<b>Thursday</b> Netball 	<b>Thursday</b> Gymnastics 

## Assembly Dates

Wednesday 18th December - 2.45pm

Thursday 16th January - 2.45pm

Thursday 30th January - 2.45pm

Thursday 27th February - 2.45pm

Thursday 20th March - 2.45pm

Thursday 8th May - 2.45pm

Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm

EYFS - Nativity Assembly

Year 4/5 - Dun Class Assembly

Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Assembly

Year 1/2 - Price Class Assembly

Year 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class Assembly

Year R - Mozart Class Assembly



## Email Addresses to Remember

**Year 6 - Elgar Class** - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class** - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class** – c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Dun Class** – k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Holst Class** – j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class** – i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Price Class** – c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class** – c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk or a.carroll@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class** – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Rec - Mozart Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Nursery - Brahms Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

## 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.



### BEECHWOOD FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



 <b>Miss Sam Roscoe</b>	 <b>Mr C Randall</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Natasha Jackson</b> INCO	 <b>Mr P Arnold</b> Senior Head of School	 <b>Mrs S Rama-Dominguez</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Teresa Pinhey</b>
First Contact to signpost parents	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	Safeguarding	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	Family Support	Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	Behaviour	School Nurse Referrals		Education and Curriculum	Parents Question & Answer
PTFA Contact	Family Crisis	DLA Applications		Family Support	Local Issues
	Service Families	GP letters			Coffee Mornings

You can contact us by emailing [beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.