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Friday 14th February 2025

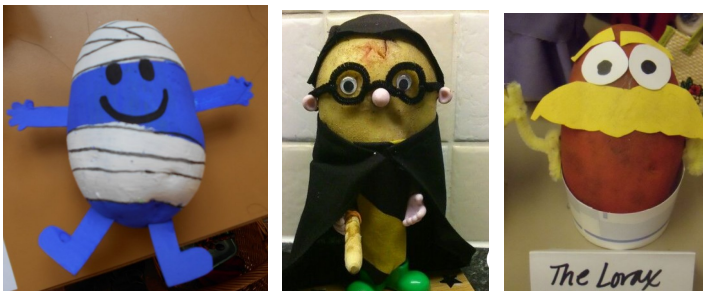
Hello everyone, hope you have had a wonderful week. As you can see from the information below we have had a busy couple of weeks at Beechwood and we look forward to more of the same after the half term break.

World Book Day - 6th March

As you will have seen from our recent newsletter and Facebook posts World book day is fast approaching. Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character or, if they (or you would prefer) they can come in their pyjamas ready to cosy up and enjoy a good book. Mrs Rust has many exciting activities planned to include a book swap where the children are to bring in a book that they have read and want to swap for another book to read. Children will also be issued with their book voucher that can be redeemed at the book fayre.

School Champion Meeting

Mr Hocking and I met with the school champions this week and, amongst other things, World Book Day was discussed. The children liked the idea of using potatoes to represent books, and book characters, see examples below. Children are invited to bring their potatoes to school on **6th March** where they will be displayed for all to see. The school champions are keen to award prizes, we look forward to seeing your spuds!



Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents that attended the parent forum earlier this week, it's always good to meet up and discuss any issues you may have or feedback on you and your children's experiences of school life at Beechwood Primary. We will hold a our next parent forum after the half term break, date to be confirmed very soon.

Wishing you all a great half term break,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.
 See you on Monday 24th February!

Diary Dates to Remember

17th Feb to 21st Feb
HALF TERM

24th Feb - 14th March
Yr 5 Swimming Lessons

Tues 25th February
Nethercott Farm Meeting 3.30

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

3rd - 6th March
Parent/Teacher Meetings

Tues 4th March
Careers Day - Mufti

Wed 5th & Thurs 6th March
Book Fayre - 3.30pm

Thurs 6th March
World Book Day - Mufti

Thurs 13th March - 2.45pm
Yr 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly

Mon 17th - Fri 21st March
Yr 4 - Nethercott Farm

Tuesday 1st April
PTFA - KS1/KS2 Easter Disco

Wed 2nd April
Class Photographs

Thur 3rd April
Rock Steady Concert

7th April to 21st April
EASTER BREAK

Mon 28th - Wed 30th April
Yr 5 - Barton Hall Residential

Children's Mental Health Week

Last week was Children's Mental Health week. The theme this year was 'know yourself to grow yourself'. All classes from EYFS through to Year 6 engaged in a wide variety of activities throughout the week to celebrate this.

KS1 discussed how to manage their emotions and made their own emotion and feeling charters in which are now always displayed in the classroom for the children to use.

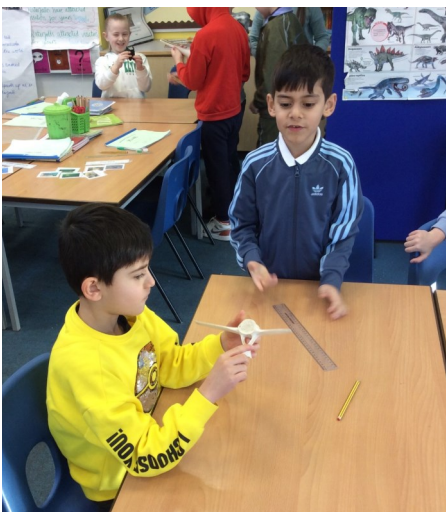
In KS2, the children created their own personal growth tree. The children set their own targets and aspirations for the year. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their goals and targets. On Friday 7th February, all the children across the school came in a colour that made them feel happy as a final celebration of the week.

Beechwood Academy had a fun filled week to celebrate children's mental health week.



Year 3 visit from Devon Wildlife Trust

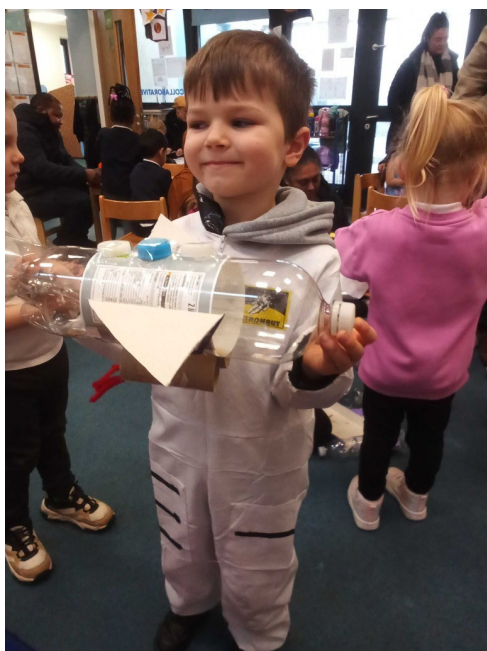
Year 3 took part in their second Sea in Our School activity last week where we were visited by Devon Wildlife Trust. We worked in groups to think about what lives in the Plymouth Sound and the rest of the British coastline. We then had the opportunity for hands on exploration and discussions examining items like a shark egg!



Mozart Class - Space Day

Mozart class had an amazing space wow day yesterday! When we arrived in the classroom, we had to create our very own space passports so that we could board our rocket ship. Once we were all safely secured, we counted down from 3 and blasted off into space! We went for a walk on the moon where we had to try and rescue a shooting star and then touched down safely on earth where we got to try astronaut food.

We tried bananas, blueberries, raspberries and apples that had been freeze dried ready for space. Some of us loved it and others were not so keen! Once we had tried our astronaut food we played a round of space bingo and explored the different planets using NASA's website. We had a fantastic morning!



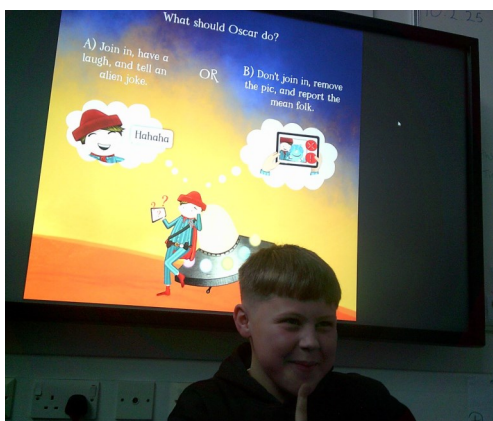
To top off our very exciting space day Mozart class had a stay and play where their grown ups came into the classroom and enjoyed accessing our classroom provision with us! We were building junk model space rockets, playing board games, building rockets from 2D and 3D shapes as well and practising some of our fine motor skills.

We would just like to thank all of the parents and carers who came in yesterday. The children and staff had a fantastic time with you all and we hope that you enjoyed it too!

Please see more photos on our Facebook page

Safer Internet Day

This week, Beechwood celebrated Safer Internet Day 2025 by exploring 'Oscar's Adventures in the Online World'. Oscar enters the online world via his tablet at home and comes across a variety of common online dilemmas. The pupils also explored creating safe, effective passwords and what information is 'personal' and needs to be kept secure.



Beechwood Primary Academy Careers Day



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

**We need your help on
Tuesday 4th March – pm**

Beechwood Primary Academy are looking for volunteers within our community to support our Careers Day.

Come along to talk to our children about your career. This will be an excellent way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of different careers and career paths.

As part of this celebration, pupils may come to school dressed up as someone from their favourite career or who they aspire to be.

Please contact the school to express your interest:
01752 706360
beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES 2025



In preparation for Year 6 Leavers in July, The P.T.F.A. will be ordering hoodies again.

Please complete this form and return to the school office no later than MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025 if you would like to purchase a hoodie for your child.

Also to secure your hoodie, payments to be made via PARENT PAY also by Monday 24th February 2025.

Hoodies will be given out near the end of the summer term.

Name :

Class :

Signed :

I DO / DO NOT wish my child's name to be on the back of the hoodie.



SIZE GUIDE
(PLEASE SELECT)

CHILDS - 9-11 YRS (32") - £18.50

CHILDS - 12-13 YRS (34") - £18.50

ADULTS - SMALL (36") - £23.50

ADULTS - MEDIUM (40") - £23.50

ADULTS - LARGE (44") - £23.50

ADULTS - X LARGE (48") - £23.50

ADULTS - XX LARGE (52") - £23.50

BUY NOW!

Packed Lunch Boxes

Could we please remind parents / carers not to provide children with confectionary in their school packed lunches such as sweets and chocolate bars.

Please refer to our Food in School Policy which can be found on our school website.

Thank you for your help in this matter.





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PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS!

Monday 3rd March to Thursday 6th March
(Please refer to letter for class slot times)

Please book your slot via E-schools no later
Thursday 27th February using
your login sent home with your child.



Please contact the school office on
01752 706360 if you require assistance.



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Tickets
£4

"ONE OF THE BEST
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THE GUARDIAN

"A MUST-SEE
MASTERPIECE"
THE NATIONAL

Wednesday 19th February, 11am
Saturday 22nd February, 11am

FREE drop-in colouring workshop
from 10am on Saturday 22nd.

- Relaxed, accessible and neurodiverse friendly
- Babies are welcome
- Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
- Award-winning local independent cinema!



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

PLYMOUTH FEB 2025 | 9.30AM-3.30PM BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15



New & improved roadshows with huge savings!

Prices
from
£10!!!

Monday, 17 February

Magic Monday at Home Park - £10
Ivybridge Community College Football Roadshow - £15

Tuesday, 18 February

Technical Tuesday at Manadon Sport Hub - £15
Wembury Primary School Multi Sports - £15
Sherford Community Hub Football Roadshow - £15

Wednesday, 19 February

Wild Wednesday Street Games at Manadon Sport Hub - £15
Wembury Primary School Gymnastics Roadshows - £15

Thursday, 20 February

Thursday Thrill Epic Football Tournament Day
at Manadon Sports Hub - £15
Lipson Vale Primary School Multi Sports - £15

Friday, 21 February

Friday Fanatics at Home Park - £15



SCAN ME

Book now 01752 522202
www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses.html

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

Beechwood Primary Academy



WORLD BOOKDAY

Thursday 6th March

To help celebrate World Book Day, children may come to school dressed in their pyjamas or as their favourite book character

no donation required

English Hubs

Ilsham English Hub



FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON
THEIR READING JOURNEY
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH
2-3PM ON ZOOM



Ilsham National English Hub would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey.

During this free, hour-long session, The Ilsham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home. The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader. This session is targeted at families (including grandparents), carers, childminders and before/after school provision workers. It is designed to support children from pre school age up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2). Please note, this session will not be recorded.

Any questions or queries please contact:
englishhub@lpsw.org

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/KJHUJU312B](https://forms.office.com/E/KJHUJU312B)



DADS PLAY SESSION

Dads and male carers come along with your little ones and join us at the Methodist Church soft play area. For this free session, join in with some physical activities and fun. For children 0-8 years.



Saturday 1st
March, 9.30am-
11am



Plymouth Soft Play
Cafe, Methodist
Central Hall



CONTACT US BY 21ST
FEBRUARY TO BOOK YOUR
SPACE

Email:
chelsea.hewitt@actionforchildren.org.uk

BOOK FAYRE



Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th March
at 3.30pm

We would like to invite parents/carers to a Book Fayre here at Beechwood Primary Academy. Please come into school through the dining hall gates at the end of the school day.

After School Clubs

Please follow the link on our school Facebook page to book your child into a club next term.



2024-2025 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2024/25



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	52
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	105
Total	365

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-24	25-Oct-24	39
2	04-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	35
3	06-Jan-25	14-Feb-25	30
4	24-Feb-25	04-Apr-25	30
5	22-Apr-25	23-May-25	23
6	02-Jun-25	23-Jul-25	38
Total			195

SEPTEMBER					
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

OCTOBER				
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	

NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29

DECEMBER				
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

JANUARY					
	6	13	20	27	
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

FEBRUARY				
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

MARCH				
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

APRIL				
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	

MAY					
	5	12	19	26	
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

JUNE				
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

JULY				
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	

AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29

P.E. Days

Spring Term 2				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
Monday Gymnastics 	Monday Tag Rugby Skills 	Monday Dance 	Tuesday- Dun Class Wednesday- Holst and Bernstein Dance 	Tuesday Tennis and Golf
	Tuesday Price Class- Dance 	Wednesday Zimmer and Vivaldi- Martial Arts 	Wednesday Tennis and Golf 	Thursday- Bernstein and Holst Wednesday- Dun Class Tennis and Golf

Assembly Dates

Thursday 27th February - 2.45pm

Thursday 13th March - 2.45pm

Thursday 8th May - 2.45pm

Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm

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 – s.pindard@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
Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk
Rec - Mozart Class – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or l.gruszka@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



 Miss Sam Roscoe	 Mr C Randall Assistant Head of School	 Mrs Natasha Jackson INCO	 Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School	 Mrs S Rama-Dominguez Assistant Head of School	 Mrs Teresa Pinhey
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 and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.