



Beechwood Primary News



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House Points

Kagan
11,639

DeBono
12,288

Costa
10,988

Hyerle
9,399

Well done to the children in De-Bono

Assessments

Year 2 and 6 have had a very busy half term. This academic year the children all sat the 'new style' SATs. As a school we are extremely proud of all the children, their persistence shone through throughout all the assessments. Every child faced the challenges that these new papers brought with a smile on their face and a determination to succeed. Whilst these characteristics won't be measured in the assessments they will be measured in life. If the children continue to work in this way then they will all achieve their dreams! Well done children, we are all very proud of you!

Staffing

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Gemma Snell has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher. She will start as Deputy Headteacher in September, however everyone will get a chance to meet her next term.

Allotment

As you may already know, our allotment is now taking shape on the school field, a number of children have already worked with Craig to plant, water and prepare the ground for the planting. The aim is to have the allotment up and running ready for September giving each class the opportunity to care and tend for the plant within it. Currently we have planted potatoes, strawberries, carrots, onions and spring onions. A big thanks to Mrs Riley who has been working hard with children creating signs for the allotment too. If anyone has any plants they wish to donate or would like to participate in an allotment session, please contact Mrs Jones or Mrs Whitlow.

Congratulations to....

Jacob & Olivia (YR), Bailey & Adam (Y1), Kane & Jake (Y2), Henry & Anya (Y3), James & Ruby (Y4), Sam & Ryan (Y5), Will & Megan (Y6). For their excellent work this half term, keep up the hard work!

Excellence Week

This half term we have used our Excellence Week to develop a new ethos with the children. As part of our Advanced Thinking Schools Ethos we are developing Growth Mindset with the children. The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive criticism, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance. Studies show that it is people with a growth mindset (as opposed to a fixed mindset) who achieve in life, are successful in all they do and are happy. Of course, this is exactly what we want for all our children. The children have spent the week learning all about how the brain works and how new connections are formed when we try new things and practise them, over and over. Pupils have learnt about famous and influential people who have succeeded due to having a growth mindset and not giving up on their goal.



Sports



Over this half term, the children have taken part in a range of different sporting events and from the different events can be found on the website and twitter.

competitions. Photographs

Halton Games

Year 2 and 4 showed great sportsmanship at the Halton School Games where they took part in a range of activities needing lots of different skills. The theme for this year was 'Rio' It was great seeing the children working together to achieve their very best as they played the different games and activities. They particularly enjoyed the wet sponge races, it cooled them down nicely on the hot day!

Quadkids

Some of our Year 5/6 children represented the school at Halton Quadkids. This was an athletic tournament and the children took part in a range of events from long distance running to sprints and jumping. All of the children tried their best throughout the competition - well done!

Girls Cricket

8 of our Y5/6 girls represented the school at the Runcorn Girls Cricket competition. The children impressed Miss Flemming with their skills, a few of them even managed to bowl their opponents out! The children came 4th overall - well done!

Baseball

Some of our Key Stage 2 children got to try Baseball, they worked with Halton Baseball to learn some new skills, they all enjoyed wearing the large gloves!

Speed Stacking

8 Key Stage 2 children represented the school at Halton's Speed Stacking competition, they had to complete a range of different challenges from the 10 stack routine to a mini stacking challenge. They all had good fun and persisted throughout - well done!

Tennis

Children from year 3 and 4 represented the school in a Mini Red Tennis competition at the Widnes Tennis Academy, they were great ambassadors for the school showing fantastic sportsmanship.

The Pirate Queen

The whole school enjoyed the production of The Pirate Queen. Throughout the performance the hall was filled with laughter. The children joined in singing sea shanties, they helped the Pirate Queen to recover her stolen crown and they learnt the important roles of pirates such as climbing the rigging and scrubbing the decks!

Lego

This term we have purchased some Lego for the children to use within lessons, Lego story and Lego maths. These new resources have been a great hit with the children. The space Lego has inspired the YR children to write some fantastic sentences and the Lego story packs have inspired our Y5 and Y6 children to write some amazing stories. Lego maths is bringing fun into problem solving activities!

Infant Music Festival

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at this years Infant Singing Festival at The Heath High School. This years theme was Maths, they have learned lots of new songs that will help them with their maths and they can't wait to teach the rest of the school!

Cooking

Our children's kitchen has been very busy this half term. This half term it was Year 1's turn for cooking club, over the half term they made a range of foods from kedgerree to cakes and learnt a lot of new skills along the way. Reception have been busy creating star biscuits and alien slime for their space party. All of Key Stage 2 have made jiaozi (Chinese dumplings) and they all impressed us by trying their delicious jiaozi and even trying to eat them with chop sticks! Well done to Alex for sharing this with his family and making them at home!

Thank you...

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our 40th Birthday, it made it a very special day. A range of children from the different year groups performed for the visitors and parents, they impressed everyone with their talents - well done children. Thank you to Mrs Woodcock for organising all of the activities and the special day.

