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Beechwood Primary News

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Well done to the children in

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Forest Schools

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed their time in The Dell this half term. They are increasingly growing in confidence, showing fantastic imaginations and having lots of fun. The mud kitchen has been a particular hit, with lots of apple pie on the menu! Please remember, as the weather gets colder, ensure the children have layers of warm, water proof clothing.

The children in Year 1 have also taken part in Forest School sessions this term. They learnt lots of new skills and enjoyed finding creatures that live in the Dell and toasting marshmallows.

<u>Good Luck</u>

We would like to wish Miss Cliffe well for the birth of her second child.



Congratulations to....

Phoebe & Meredith (YR), Amber & Summer (Y1), Nameer & Adam La (Y2) Ben & Bethany (Y3) Dougie & Ruby (Y4) Olivia & Lili (Y5)

Henry & Charlotte (Y6)

For their excellent start to the new school year, keep up the hard work!

Welcome

The Reception children have made a brilliant start to their first year at school. They've all settled in really well, it's like they've always been here! Well done to Year 6 for being excellent buddies!

We would also like to say welcome back to Mrs Horan who will be covering Miss Cliffe's maternity leave.

Advanced Thinking School

This half term we had a special visit from Mr Jamie Cox. He is the Headteacher of a school on the Isle of Man and they are just at the start of their journey to become a thinking school. He was very impressed with everything that he saw.

<u>Macbeth</u>

This half term Year 6 have been studying Macbeth. They started the topic with a CSI style 'who killed King Duncan?' investigation in The Dell. They then went to The Brindley to see Macbeth: Blood Will Have Blood. It was very tense and terrifying viewing but the children and staff braved it to find out if they were correct with their theories on who killed King Duncan. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the show and got fully involved with a workshop with the actor at the end.

Maths Monsters

We are going to be developing the Maths Monsters to make them a little more challenging! For your child to receive their Maths Monster badge, they will have to be able to tell their teacher the division facts as well as the multiplication fact. For example, not just answer 'What is 7x9?' but also answer 'How many 7s are is 63?'

Well done to Jacob Vidamour for receiving his Wembley certificate

Y5 Bee Amazing!

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Norton Priory to learn about the different types of bees. The children looked at layers of hives, discussed different jobs of bees, looked at the products made from honey and played a really fun relay game. Thank you to Mrs Nairn and Mrs Hough for your help on this trip.

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Gymnastics

This half term the children in Years 1 and 2 have been working Year 2 have had a fantastic time learning new skills with Total Gymnastics every Monday. The children have been learning gymnastic shapes such as tuck, pike, star and straight. They have also been exploring how to balance on different parts of their body and how to travel in variety of ways. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning these skills and will continue to develop them after half term.

Archery

The Year 5 and 6 children were lucky to try out the archery sessions with Ste Woods this half term. During these sessions the children played a range of games trying to build their accuracy and competed against their peers to gain the highest score. Lots of positive feedback was given by the children who look forwards to working wit Ste Woods again soon.

Play Leaders

Mrs Jones and Mrs Woodcock were really pleased to have a large number of Year 5 and 6 children who wanted to train to be play leaders this year. The children had to complete 2 sessions in order to gain their award, 1 in the classroom and 1 leading a session for the younger children. WE were extremely impressed with the skills that the children have gained and look forward to seeing them lead sessions at play time and lunch time after the half term.

Swimming

Class 5 have enjoyed going swimming this half term. They have all worked really hard at improving their technique and gaining confidence in the water.

The Daily Mile

After the success of the Daily Mile at the end of last year, this term we have added it into our timetable. The aim of the Daily Mile is to improve the physical, emotional and social health and wellbeing of our children . If you would like to find out more about this please visit: http://thedailymile.co.uk/

NSPCC

This half term the Year 5 and 6 children worked with the NSPCC to develop their knowledge of staying safe. During these sessions the children talked about things that were ok and not ok, learnt the importance of the NSPCC and how the NSPCC could help them. The children responded really well to these sessions and asked a range of thoughtful and inquisitive questions.

Year 3

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Year 3 have made a great start to the new school year. ! They've thrown themselves into our new Singapore Maths; loving how we can show our different methods to solve problems. They also really enjoyed writing about the horrid Mr and Mrs Twit and doing their Charleston dance. Here's what some the children have to say.... "I like making my brain work more!" William.

"I like dancing in PE; it's fun!" Summer.

"I really liked writing about the Twits and Georges Marvellous Medicine," Kian.

"Maths is fun because I like doing different methods," Ben.

"The green screen in PE was lots of fun!" Bethany.

<u>A Journey to discovery...</u>

It's been a creative week across the school as the children have entered a journey to discovery. From sewing to painting to more experimental work it's all beginning to come together.

We have been lucky enough to work with Artist Sarah Hicks to prepare our display which you will be able to view in February at Halton Lea shopping city. More details of the exhibition will follow closer to the time.

<u>Sports</u>