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# **Beechwood Primary News**

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I would like to say a really big thank you to all parents for supporting our PTA events, this also includes our non-uniform days. The money raised helps to provide our children with experiences that go above and beyond the National Curriculum requirements.

#### <u>Christmas Bonanza</u>

It was lovely to be able to have all families join us for our Christmas Bonanza this year. Thankfully the weather was nice and we were able to welcome parents onto the playground to hear the children singing some of their Christmas songs. We don't have the final total yet but it is currently looking like we have a new record for the amount raised at the Christmas Bonanza.

## **Remembrance Day**

Thank you to Abigail and Hudson in Year 6, who gave up their Sunday afternoon to attend the service at the Runcorn War Memorial, and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

## Charity Officers

Our charity officers have had a busy half term of fundraising. <u>Remembrance</u> - thank you to everyone who purchased one of the remembrance items <u>Children in Need</u> - thank you to everyone who donated, we raised an impressive £148.50

## Congratulations to....

return in February to complete their final placements.

Harry & Lily (YR), Lily& Argo (Y1), Gracie, Isla S & Henry (Y2), Hope & Alfie (Y3), Thomas & Renee (Y4), Grace & Jacob (Y5), Harry & Harriet (Y6).

For their excellent work this half term, keep up the hard work!

## **Class Assembly**

We would like to say a special well done to our children in Pankhurst Class for their amazing class assembly this half term, it was lovely to hear what each and every one of them feels proud of with their learning, we are very proud of all of them too!

## <u>Goodbye</u>

We would like good bye Mrs Hamer, she has been a valued member of the Beechwood team for over ten years. We would like to wish her well in her new position. Mr Oakes (Picasso) and Mrs Kayes (Pankhurst) have finished their first placements with us, they will



#### Sports

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have helped us to transport the children without your support we wouldn't be able to take the children to all of these events.

Key Stage 2 Table Tennis: 8 of our Y5/6 children represented Beechwood at the Table Tennis event. They all did extremely well, finishing 4th overall. A special well done to Jacob who won a medal for most improved player and Joseph who won a medal for best player.

Santa Dash All of our Children took part in the Santa Dash, completing the daily mile whilst wearing festive hats and listening to Christmas songs. We even had a surprised visit from Santa himself!

#### Wider Curriculum

<u>R.E.</u> Year 2 attended The Christmas Story at Main St Church Frodsham. This interactive experience supported their topic of celebrations in RE. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time learning about the journey Mary and Joseph took and the 7 days of the creation of the world.

RSHE Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 had a visit from school health, they taught the children all about the correct way to brush their teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene. Year 5 also explored how much sugar is in different foods. Year 5 also had a visit from the fire service this half term. The children learnt all about how to stay safe in the event of a fire and went in a 'smoke tent' to practice what to do if there was a fire in their home. Our JLT were kindly invited to a Defibrillation demonstration event at Beechwood Community Centre. They were shown how to perform CPR and how to use a defibrillator on different aged casualties. Each child in turn had a go at performing CPR and they were all able to attach the training defibrillators to the mannequins. The children are now aware of where defibrillators are kept and how to use them within the Beechwood community.

Geography Year 3,4 and 5 all enjoyed a walk to The Heath Park to carry out fieldwork. Prior to the trip, the children completed their own map of the local area and were able to follow it along our journey. The children enjoyed adding detail to the map whilst on the expedition. At the park, Year 3 children drew further maps of the area. Year 4 children, collected data on the amount and types of rubbish they could find and Year 5 children collected data on the capacity of different areas within the park. Year 6 carried out their fieldwork activities on the Beechwood estate, they used different recording methods to gather information on litter, noise and traffic. The children then used this data to make suggestions for how to improve our local area.

<u>History</u> Year 6 enjoyed a trip to The Brindley to watch The Last Post. The performance retold the story of letters sent between a young boy and his father, who was a soldier in the trenches. The children thoroughly enjoyed this moving performance which consolidated their learning for their WW1 and WW2 history topic.

## Arts

<u>Remembrance</u> This half term our children's Remembrance art work was displayed in Runcorn Shopping City as

part of their Remembrance Garden. It was lovely to see our children's hard work on display. <u>Little Angel Gets Her Wings</u> Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children dazzled the audience during both shows with their singing and acting skills. All of the children really enjoyed performing to their family and friends, they all shone brightly like the stars that they are, well done children we are really proud of you.

Key Stage 2 Christmas At The Movies Our Key Stage 2 children wowed the audience with their singing, it truly was outstanding! All of our children displayed fantastic confidence in their performances and certainly spread lots of Christmas Cheer - well done Key Stage 2, we certainly have some stars in the making

Choir We would like to say well done to our choir, they sang beautifully in Runcorn Shopping City, spreading Christmas cheer to everyone.

## Attendance

As a reminder, our whole school attendance target is 97%, we have improved slightly this half term and we look forward to your support in continuing to improve this. Children who attend well will make good progress, remember that children can come to school with coughs and colds, if they are too unwell to attend we will give you a call.

Whole school attendance this half term is: 95.2%.

Picasso-96.6% Rosen- 96.2% Pankhurst 94.6% Hawking-96% Attenborough-95.7% Malala- 97.8%

Lewis Carroll-94.7% Mandela- 94.7%

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A big well done to Year 5 who have now won their second token and are half way to achieving their treat! Well done to Brooke who has won the gift voucher this half term for either attendance over 97% or improved attendance.

We would also like to say a massive well done to the 40 children who have achieved their BRONZE Award for 100% attendance, these children are on track to achieve their GOLD award this year: Daisy A, Elias, Lewis, Reece A, Elsie B, Isabella B, Olivia, Vega, Emily C, Annabel, Oscar C, Isaac, Luca Ć, Harvey Ć, William C, Summer, Sofia D, Alfie D, Harry F, Tristan, Archie, Dougie, Daisy H, Grace, Lily HA, Argo, Elliot K, Connor, Annalise M, Ben N, Corinne, India, Isla P, Sophie P, Darcie, Mya, Charlie S, Elliot S, Max and Millie W



