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Beechwood Primary News

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House Points Kagan 3,587 DeBono 3,017 Costa 2,981 Hyerle 2,636 Well done to the children in

Kagan

<u>EYFS</u>

Reception have been very busy this half term and they have been pirates for the past 6 weeks! They have had fun pretending to be pirates in their role play area, they have made binoculars to spy other possible enemies and made pirate hats to look more the part. They have also made their own treasure maps and followed them to find the treasure! Finally they have also programmed the pirate Beebots to direct them to the treasure on the map.

<u>Goodbye</u>

At the end of February, Mr Smith, our Maintenance Officer, will be retiring. He has been a valuable member of our school team for the last 3 years and we would like to wish him a long and happy retirement.



Congratulations to....

Abigail & Brooke (YR), Lilly UH & Ben (Y1), Lily & Emily (Y2), Emma & Charlie (Y3), Kian & Joseph (Y4), Harrison & Jack (Y5),

Niamh & Jessica M (Y6).

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

Year 3

The children in Year 3 have had an extremely busy half term. They have even saved the school! They have sent an enormous crocodile back to the zoo by writing persuasive letters to the zoo. Without their persuasive skills we may have all been crocodile lunch! Thank you Year 3 for saving us. The children have then written and started to green screen a play script to show how the crocodile was captured. Look out on Seesaw! In topic, the children have begun to explore Ancient Egypt. They have enjoyed making scarabs, travelling back in time and learning new sketching techniques. Within other curriculum areas, the children have used excel, developed their tennis skills and used sweets and chocolate to understand rocks and the world around them.

<u>PTA</u>

Our Sleepover was huge success again this year. Thank you to Cineworld for donating the popcorn. So far as well as funding our instrument lessons, we have managed to raise enough money to purchase 8 ipads - these have been ordered and we hope to have them ready for the children early next half term. Thank you to Howdens for their kind donation towards our new sports kits. Our new football kits have arrived in school, bringing good luck with them and we are awaiting the arrival of our new netball kits.

<u>Year 5</u>

Thank you to all of the families that attended the Year 5 class assembly. We hope that you learnt a thing or two about mummifying Egyptians! The children very much enjoyed learning about how to write a good set of instructions and thoroughly enjoyed performing these too.

Year 4

This half term, the children have all been working really hard, they have produced amazing play scripts and extraordinary explanation texts. During maths, they have explored long multiplication and division (where they have all thrived) and fractions. Well done Year 4!

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<u>Sports</u>

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS THAT OFFER LIFTS FOR THESE SPORTING EVENTS, YOUR SUPPORT MEANS THAT WE CAN ENTER ALL OF THE TOURNAMENTS THAT COME UP!

<u>Netball</u>

Both of our Netball teams have played really well this term. Beechwood B have continued to develop well as a team, winning some of their games and as we go to print Beechwood A remain undefeated!

<u>Highland Games</u>

The Year 4/5 children had a great time at the Highlands Games competition. They particularly enjoyed learning how to throw the caber and looked well as a team to create a brilliant result. The children came 5th overall in the competition getting some personal bests along the way too. Well done team Beechwood!

<u>Futsal</u>

7 of our Y3/4 children represented the school at the Futsal competition. They all played really well and they came a very impressive 1st place - our new football kits brought us some good luck!

<u>Widnes Vikings</u>

Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed working with Widnes Vikings developing their fitness and rugby skills. Unfortunately they weren't able to put these new skills to the test as the Tag Rugby tournament was cancelled, hopefully they will get the chance later in the year.

<u>One Family</u>

Well done to all of the children who have worked hard this half term creating out masterpiece that is now on exhibition at Runcorn Shopping City. We have had lots of lovely comments about our children's work.

Arts

Key Stage 2 Singers

Well done to the Key Stage 2 children who sang to open the Halton Primary Arts Network Exhibition, we chose some difficult songs for the children to learn and they rose to the challenge performing the two songs beautifully. We were all very impressed with the confidence and talent of our children.

Chester Zoo

At the start of the half term the whole school really enjoyed their trip to Chester Zoo, they found out lots of different information about the animals and fed this back into their learning at school. For example our Year 1 children wrote some wonderful animal information texts and they then used chatterpix to record their work. Our Year 6 children thought that "The zoo was gggggggrrrreat!" They also thought that it was exciting to see the new Islands section; especially the baby orangutan.

<u>Volunteers</u>

Calling all parents or grandparents. Do you have a morning or an afternoon to spare each week or each fortnight? If you do and would like to help out in school please let us know. Don't worry you don't need to have a particular skill, we are always looking for help with different activities such as cooking, reading with the children or supporting the younger children to access their areas of learning. As part of our Safeguarding processes, we would need to complete a DBS for you this is just a form that enables us to check that you are safe to work with children.

<u>Julia Donaldson</u>

This half term Year 2 have loved learning all about Julia Donaldson and reading lots of her books. They have investigated if there is a reason as to when the Gruffallo will appear in the different books and they have created an amazing display using book art in the corridor outside their classroom. They ended their topic by writing a sequel to Superworm and they were amazing!

Healthitude

Year 6 have enjoyed Healthitude sessions this half term. The best was the First Aid training with The British Red Cross. They learned how to deal with everyday First Aid emergencies, gaining valuable skills that will help them if they ever need to administer First Aid. They also had a very informative and useful session with PC Suzi Williams, learning about the dangers of illegal drugs.