



# Beechwood Primary News



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## *House Points*

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*Well done to the children in Hyerle*

## Snowman Drive

The hall was filled with excitement as the children competed to build their snowman first. Thank you to all the parents who helped us with this. Well done to our winners: Liam & Charlie and Daniel & Adam.

## Year 1

The children in Year One have been very busy helping Mrs Claus this half term. She has been worried that Santa might catch a cold and be unable to deliver all of the presents! To help keep Santa healthy the children designed and made Super Santa Fruit Smoothies and also tested a range of materials to help Mrs Claus make a coat to keep Santa dry. Year One have also had to contend with Chippy the elf this half term. Unfortunately he has been a bit naughty and has played a few tricks on the children!

## Magical Christmas Journey

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have all worked hard this term, learning lines and songs for their Nativity. We are all immensely proud of the children, they performed with confidence and expression throughout and each and every one of them shone like the stars that they are.

## Key Stage 2

The children in Key Stage 2 impressed us all with their singing talents during their Christmas Around the World Carol Concert. It was lovely to see so many children singing solos/duets. We feel extremely proud of them all, especially the children who in the past would not have had the confidence to do this.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Cliffe and her family on the birth of their beautiful baby boy - James. He was born on 17/11/16 weighing 8lb 1oz.

## Congratulations to....

Jasmine & Charlie (YR),  
Jessica & Arianwen (Y1), Nieve & Adam Le (Y2)  
Harrison & Summer (Y3) Ellie & Harrison (Y4)  
Jacob M & Alfie (Y5) Euan & Alfie (Y6)

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

## PTA

The PTA have had a busy half term, our first Pamper Night was a huge success and this was followed by a Winter Welcome with a visit from Santa! They have also arranged for the performances to be filmed and made arrangements that will hopefully help with the annual Christmas play costumes. Thank you to everyone that has helped and supported at these events. Thank you to L'Oreal for their donations, lots of fun has been had trying to win some L'Oreal goodies. Finally thank you to Kelly Campbell (Chair) Kirsty Ap-Careg (Treasurer) and Helen Illidge (Secretary) for all of your hard work behind the scenes to make these events happen.

## Singapore Maths

Mrs Snell held our first Singapore Maths Parents Workshop this half term, giving the parents that attended a taste of the new way that we teach maths and an understanding of what the children do each day. We will be holding another one later in the year for Year 4/5/6 parents.

## Christmas Journey

Frodsham Church kindly invited Year 2 children to take part in their annual Christmas Journey where the Christmas story was brought to life. The children took part in an interactive role-play and imagined what it must have been like over 2000 years ago. They all had a wonderful time and learnt a lot about the Christian meaning of Christmas.



## Sports



### Mini Kickers

Congratulations to our Y3 football team, they won the Runcorn Mini Kickers tournament and they are now looking forward to representing Halton at Finch Farm next term.

### Netball

Congratulations to our netball team, they won the Runcorn High 5 tournament and will be representing Halton at the Merseyside Youth Games in the Summer Term. Beechwood A team are also doing really well in the league and as we go to print they remain undefeated! Beechwood B team are also doing really well, they are working hard and really developing their skills.

### New Age Kurling

Well done to our Year 1 and 2 children who represented the school at the New Age Kurling competition. They all tried their best and were a real credit to the school.

### Bikeability

This half term Year 6 have worked with British Cycling to develop their cycling skills, the children all did really well and each and every one of them made great progress on their bikes, learning how to cycle safely.

### Gymnastics

Lots of our children have been competing outside of school in Gymnastics competitions, it has been lovely to see so many of them coming into school on a Monday with medals - well done to them all!

## Music

### Halton Play Day

Eight of our Key Stage 2 children were invited to join the Halton Play Day concert. Children have to be able to play their instruments to a high standard to be invited along to these concerts and we are very proud to have so many children going along. They all played their instruments really well - well done!

### Beechwood Singers

Beechwood singers have had a very busy half term! At the start of the half term, they performed at the opening of Beechwood Community Centre, following this they have had a busy lead up to Christmas. Firstly they brought Christmas cheer to the Shoppers of Runcorn Shopping Centre, where they raised £37 for the school PTA. They were also invited to sing for the elderly Warrington residents at a Christmas function at Arnold Clark in Warrington; they were so good they were congratulated by the Warrington Mayor!

## Allotment

The allotment is really starting to come along now. Last week we began to build the picket fence, which will keep all of our produce safe. The children have thoroughly enjoyed harvesting all of the fantastic vegetables that they planted at the end of last growing season and will continue to grow throughout this year. A huge thanks to all that purchased our produce as we raised £15 in donations towards our next improvements for the allotment.

## Fire Safety

Cheshire Fire Brigade led a whole school assembly at the start of the half term, teaching the children how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. As part of this they kindly stayed behind and showed Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 their fire engine. I'm not sure who was the most excited, the youngest children in the school or the oldest!

Year 5 enjoyed their fire safety talk this half term where they learnt about the important procedures to follow in case of a fire. The children learnt an important night time routine which they were asked to share with parents to ensure that their homes were safe before they went to bed. We look forward to the return of the fire service to work with the children on more fire safety during next term.

## The Stick Man

Class 1 have had a fantastic half term learning about the Stick Man, this has been incorporated into all areas of our learning including our forest schools time. Forest schools has been amazing too, it's been lovely to see the children exploring our woodland environment, having fun, making up their own games and playing together.



We would like to wish all families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

