

Beechwood Primary News

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Congratulations to....

Alex R & Harvey (Y6)

up the hard work!

Erynn & Mollie (YR) Summer & Jessica (Y1) Freja & Oliver (Y2) Alex & Nathon (Y3)

For their excellent work this half term, keep

Darcey & Kai (Y4) Ruby & Abigail (Y5)

Costa

Volunteers

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.

Victorians

The KS2 children have loved learning about The Victorians and comparing their lives to ours. They found it hilarious to hear of how teachers were allowed to cane naughty children and use the Dunce's hat! Maybe you have a 'cane tale' you could share with them?

Sleepover

This years sleep over was a great success, we had 102 children sleeping over at school and the staff even managed to get some sleep! The children had a great time playing games, having their hair and nails done, watching movies and of course eating popcorn! A huge thanks to all of the parents who helped with the evening session and the breakfast rush.

Chinese New Year

This half term, all the children in the school welcomed in the Year of the Rooster. Children in Reception tried traditional Chinese foods and Year Six learned the art of paper cutting, decorating the classroom with red patterns and designs.

Year 1

Year One have been busy planting Broad beans, they have looked at how plants grow and have taken time to ensure they give their beans everything they need. They used their imaginations to write a description about what was at the top of their beanstalk - we had some weird and wonderful lands! They've also made hand puppets based on the characters from 'Farmer Duck', showing off some impressive sewing skills !

Teddy Bears Picnic

Over this last half term Year 2 have been learning about the history of toys, in particular the teddy bear. After looking at how the teddy bear was founded 115 years ago we decided that we needed to celebrate by holding our very own Teddy Bears Picnic. The children had fun bringing in their favourite teddy bear and we decorated our own teddy bear biscuits. The children and their teddy's played a variety of party games, including pin the bow on the teddy!



<u>Sports</u>



Congratulations again to our netball team, this term they have won the Runcorn Schools League. So far this academic year they are undefeated in Halton! At the start of next half term they are going to a Netball Residential at Condover Hall in Shropshire, I'm sure that you will want to join us in wishing them well.

<u>Table Tennis</u>

A team of Year 5/6 children were selected to represent Beechwood in the table tennis competition at Select Security Stadium. The children played a number of games against opposition from other schools and excelled in their abilities. The children came 1st and have a fantastic trophy, which can be seen in the school entrance. This is a fantastic achievement and it is the first time that we have won this competition. The children represented Beechwood really well by showing fantastic teamwork and great sportsmanship.

<u>Sky Try</u>

Year 3 have had a great time learning the basics of Rugby with Dan from Widnes Vikings. Each week, they learned new skills and had fun doing so. We look forward to using our new skills at the Sky Try Festival after Half Term. <u>Gymnastics</u>

The children in Years 3 and 4 have really enjoyed working with Anna from Total Gymnastics this half term. Over the half term they have really developed both their strength and flexibility. <u>Multi Skills</u>

The children in Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed working with Ste Woods this half term. They have had the opportunity to learn new activities and further develop their skills.

Excellence Week

The children have been learning all about Great Britain. Year 1 created some amazing pictures of London landmarks based on the work of the artist Damien Hirst. Their attention to detail was fantastic and the work they produced wouldn't look out of place at the Tate Modern gallery. The children have had the opportunity to bake and decorate cakes ready for the Great British Bake Off. As we go to print we look forward to seeing who the winners of Beechwood's Got Talent will be.

<u>Healthitude</u>

This half term Year Six have had visitors in school each week to talk about different important health topics. They learnt about a range of topics including: alcohol awareness, in this session they were able to try on the 'beer goggles' and see how their vision and coordination was impacted; tobacco education, where they learnt about how many chemicals are in cigarettes including rat poison! They also learnt about e-safety and mental health issues. They acted extremely maturely and the visitors were impressed by how enthusiastic and responsible they were.

<u>Year 4</u>

Year 4 have been learning about fractions this half term. They have amazed us with their understanding and working so hard to learn those Maths Monsters at home! In English, they have completed their adventures with Alice in Wonderland. They showed us some fabulous writing that would make C.S. Lewis very proud. I am sure there are plenty of future storytellers in the class.

<u>Pirates</u>

Class 1 have had an amazing half term being pirates, we've set sail each day in our pirate ship looking for treasure. We have written wanted posters for the Stinkyfish gang and also we've been on the search for pirates in school, you wouldn't believe how many we found lurking about! Our pirate ships drawn inside glass bottles are amazing too.

Well done to all of the children for their excellent art work that it now on display in Runcorn Shopping Centre. It will be there until the 23rd February, it's well worth a visit if you haven't already been.