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Beechwood Primary News

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House Points Kagan 3003 DeBono 3833 Costa 4592 Shyerle 2876 Well done to the children in Costa

EYFS

EYFS have come to the end of their Forest School mornings until after February half term. It's been amazing to see the children develop in confidence over the term and see how friendships are developing whilst down in the Dell. Some of them have persisted and conquered their fears of climbing and getting messy. They have loved climbing up and sliding down the muddy slopes. They have been on bear hunts, played hide and seek, splashed in muddy puddles, made dens, cooked in the mud kitchen, drank hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows on the fire and even had hot dogs on their last session. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for wrapping your children up in layers to keep warm and waterproof outfits and especially for clogging up your washing machines every week!



Congratulations to....

Hudson & Evan (YR), Meredith & Leon (Y1), Caelan & Elsa (Y2), Oliver & Bailey (Y3), Matthew & Harrison (Y4), Meyah & Elijah (Y5),

Jacob V & Macy (Y6).

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

Jesus' Christmas Party

This year we have all been blown away by the confidence and talent of the children during their Nativity. Each and every one of them performed to the best of their abilities. Well done everyone!

<u>Key Stage 2</u>

The children in Key Stage 2 impressed us with their singing and instrument talents during their Christmas Concert. We feel very proud of them all, it was lovely to see how far the children have come with their instruments.

<u>PTA</u>

The PTA have had another busy half term, our Pamper Night was another huge success and this was followed by a Winter Welcome with a visit from Santa! 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 & Michelle Edwards (Chair) Kirsty Ap-Careg (Treasurer) and Karen McIntyre & Emma Illing (Secretary) for all of your hard work behind the scenes to make these events happen. So far as well as funding our instrument lessons, we have managed to raise enough money to purchase 3 ipads.

<u>Year 2</u>

Thank you to all of the families that attended the Year 2 class assembly. I have heard wonderful things about all of the children and the confidence displayed by some of our quieter children nearly brought Mrs Snell to tears. Well done Year 2, you should all feel very proud of yourselves.

Christmas Journey

Year 2 children took part in Frodsham Church's annual Christmas Journey. 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.

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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 really developed well as a team, winning some of their games and as we go to print Beechwood A are undefeated!

<u>New Age Kurling</u>

Well done to our 8 Key Stage 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.

<u>Futsal</u>

8 of our Y5/6 children represented the school at the Futsal competition. They all played really well and they came a very impressive 2nd place!

<u>Table Tennis</u>

This year we took 2 teams to the Table Tennis Tournament at the request of the children! The children all played really well and they were great ambassadors for Beechwood - well done!

<u>Girls Football</u>

10 of our Y5/6 girls represented the school at the girls football competition, this was the first time that the girls had played together as a team and they impressed everyone with their team work skills, well done girls!

<u>Widnes Vikings</u>

Halton Play Day

Years 2 and 3 have enjoyed working with Widens Vikings developing their fitness and rugby skills.

All of our Year 6 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. 12 children from Year 6 attended and they impressed everyone and with their outstanding behaviour and attitude to learning, we feel very proud of each and everyone of the children that attended - well done!

Music

<u> Year 5/6</u>

Year 5/6 have had a very busy half term! At the start of the half term, unbeknown to us before we arrived, the children sang live on Radio Merseyside for Children in Need. They also brought Christmas cheer to the Shoppers of Runcorn Shopping Centre, when they sung carols around the tree.

Fire Safety

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. The children also learnt and practised how to escape from a room filled with smoke.

<u>FLOTSAM</u>

Our Flotsam display opened this half term, showcasing the hard work of all of the classes, we are in the process of getting it photographed so that we can create our very own book! We have had lots of visitors to our display and lots of lovely comments: 'Congratulations to everyone on the excellent achievement in writing and creative work centred on the Flotsam book. This is a display of brilliant, vibrant and thoroughly enjoyable work. Everything in the display reinforces the position of Beechwood as an excellent and outstanding centre of Primary Education.' Chris Pickup, Chief Inspector, Excellence in Education.

'Thank you for inviting me to see such a wonderful display which told the Beechwood Flotsam story so beautifully. The standard of writing and display work is to be congratulated and really conveys all of the hard work of children and teachers, you are certainly a very creative school.' Janice Pounds, Music Education Commissioner.

Thank you to everyone that came to visit it, we will be sad when we take it down early next term, however we are already looking forward to our next project next academic year!