



# Beechwood Primary News



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## House Points

**Kagan**  
15,644

**DeBono**  
14,612

**Costa**  
13,539

**Hyerle**  
17,103

*Well done to the children in*

*Hyerle*

## Forest Schools

Reception have made a great start to Forest Schools and are proving how much fun they can have whilst learning outdoors. In the space of a few weeks they have explored building dens, created natural artwork, face painted with mud, learnt how to build a fire safely and investigated creatures whilst pond dipping! And of course...tasted a fair few roasted marshmallows!

## Advanced Thinking School

This half term we had a special visit from Mrs Sarah Dennis, a Thinking Maps trainer in America. She was very impressed with everything that she saw.

## Good Luck

We would like to wish Miss Harrison well for her wedding which will take place over half term. She will return to school as Mrs Whitlow.

## Welcome

The Reception children have made an excellent start to their first year at school. They've all settled in really well, it's like they've always been here! Well done to Year 6 for being excellent buddies!

This half term we have welcomed Mr Marnell to our staff team and also Miss Wensley who will be with us for most of the year.

We would also like to say welcome back to Miss Cliffe who has now returned from maternity leave.

## Congratulations to....

Charlie Ho & Sebastian (YR), Billy & Aaron (Y1), Alfie & Kian (Y2) Bethany & Dougie (Y3) Isaac & Lili (Y4) Keane & Isabella (Y5) Aimee-Leigh & Daisy (Y6)

For their excellent start to the new school year, keep up the hard work!

## Goodbye

This half term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Horan, although we will still see her around as a supply teacher when staff are out on courses.

## Nǐ hǎo

你好 Key Stage 2 have started to learn a new language this half term - Mandarin. They have been focusing on greetings and have even progressed to writing these greetings in Chinese characters! They have sung songs and have been speaking Mandarin all around the school. Let's keep this level of enthusiasm and determination up throughout the year! 再见

Well done to Y6 for their amazing Book Art

## Harry Potter

The children in Year 3 have gone Harry Potter mad this half term! After writing to Dumbledore and being accepted to Hogwarts, they perfected their shopping lists for Diagon Alley and even wrote instructions on how to make Jelly worms for the Great Hall feast. They are all looking forward to their next half term at this magical school!



## Sports



### Mini Kickers

Some of the Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Everton mini kickers football tournament. They all played really well and we are very proud of them all. We would like to say an extra special well done to Y3 who won their tournament and wish them well as they go onto the next round. Year 1 and 2 will get their chance to play next half term.

### Table Tennis

The Year 6 children have shown excellent progress in their table tennis skills over this half term when working with Frank James. They began with short rallies and progressed to developing some of their competitive skills looking at point scoring in Table Tennis. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and Frank identified progress in lots of children. We hope to continue this progress by offering table tennis after school clubs to the upper juniors in the future .

### Medball Challenge

Year 5 and 6 were invited to participate in a nationwide event based on developing the children's skills in athletics. We looked at running, throwing and jumping. The children worked as umpires to keep score for their peers. The children showed increasing sportsmanship and supported their friends throughout this event.

### Speed Stacking

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 really enjoyed their speed stacking lesson with Ste Woods, they were really amazed by the fact that he could do it without looking!

### Swimming

Class 5 have enjoyed going swimming this half term. They have all worked really hard at improving their technique, focusing mainly on front crawl and gaining confidence in the water. They were also challenged to tread water for 1 minute, this not an easy task, but they thoroughly enjoyed it!

### The Heath Leaders

This half term the Heath Leaders have been in working with the Year 6 children on a range of PE skills. They looked at dribbling in hockey, using the crazy catch, skipping skills and basketball shooting. The children really enjoyed this session and were keen for The Heath leaders to return after the holidays when they will be setting up an orienteering activity around the school.

## A Trip Down Memory Lane....

This week the children have begun their 'trip down memory lane'. The children have been finding out about the 70's and have focused on how the school looked during this time. Y6 visited the library in their search for information, and whilst they couldn't find information from the school opening, they did find out lots of fascinating information all about the land that the school is built on. Other activities included: 70's dance, writing newspaper articles, baking and the recreation of the original school wallpaper! Thank you to all of the parents that have sent in their school photos, the children have loved looking at the different photos and comparing and contrasting now and then. The children have enjoyed listening to extracts from the original school log book and they were amazed that school dinners cost just 50p! If you have any memories that you would like to share then please email them to: beechwood1976@gmail.com