



Beechwood Newsletter

“Living, learning and thriving”

School Telephone Number : (01752) 706360

www.beechwood-primary.co.uk

email address – beecewood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Discovery-Multi-Academy-Trust-178244126147131/>



13th December 2019

HOUSE DAY

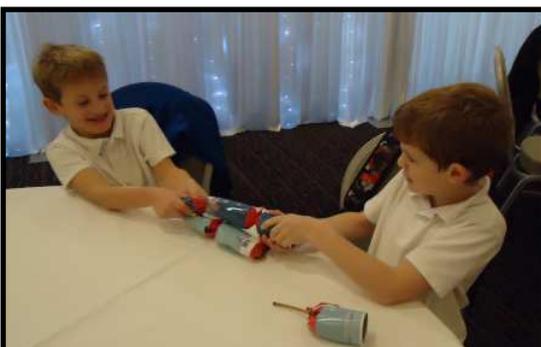
Last Wednesday, we held our first ever house day. All the children worked in their houses with children and staff from across the school to learn all about trees and plants. Everyone had a great day in their houses, sharing and looking after each other. It was really lovely to see the older children helping and supporting the learning of the younger children.



MKC HEROES CHRISTMAS AT THE CHINA FLEET CLUB

This week two brothers from our school were treated to the annual Christmas swim party. The boys shared this experience with over 50 MKC Hero children from schools across Plymouth and South East Cornwall.

After a 45 minute swim in the spectacular CFC pool, a Christmas buffet was enjoyed by all. A cheque, from money raised by MKC Heroes for this year's Poppy Appeal for over £2,500, was presented to the Royal British Legion.



The boys were praised for their amazing manners, thanking the organisers at the end of the party.

Both were great ambassadors for Beechwood Primary Academy, Well done boys.

Mr Hocking!



THE EDISON CENTRE

The children from the Edison centre have been lucky enough to have weekly visits from Plymouth Parkour. Not only have the children developed their confidence and fitness, they have also learnt how to be safe.

There are classes across Plymouth for all ages. Please visit the website for more information:-

plymouthparkour



DECORATIONS AFTERNOON



We would like to invite parents into school on **Monday 16th December** from **1.35 to 3.00pm** for Decorations afternoon.

Unfortunately we can not cater for babies or pre-school children at this event.

Children can come to school in old mufti clothes. **Donations will be collected for the Devon and Cornwall Food Action Trust.**

Please queue by the black gates outside the dining hall. Children to be collected from their POD doors as normal.

Thank you.

'SHINE, STAR SHINE' PERFORMANCE

Tickets have gone out this week for the Nursery and Reception performance of 'Shine, Star, Shine' on **Wednesday 18th December at 2.15pm.**

Please be reminded that younger children will not be able to attend the Wednesday performance, but are welcome to come along to the dress rehearsal on **Tuesday 17th December at 2pm.**



BEECHWOOD BUDDIES DIARY DATES



Disco with Santa
Monday 16th December
4.15 to 5.30 pm

Foundation, KS1 and KS2
Tickets have now been issued.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

As we approach our busy Christmas time and parents are attending various events/activities, could we please remind you that any photos and videos taken of the children ARE NOT to be uploaded to social media sites. These are for your own personal use. **Please refer to our 'Photographic Images' policy which can be found on the school website.**



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Upcycle last year's jumper - don't buy new!



On **Friday 20th December** pupils at Beechwood will be able to put on their warmest, wackiest and most wonderful festive woollies for Christmas Jumper Day.

Children will be joining millions of people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country as they don their daftest festive knits for the day and donate £1, or whatever they can give. We would particularly like to see upcycled jumpers rather than buying new ones. All monies raised will be donated to 'Save the Children'.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Thank you for returning your slips for the children's Christmas Lunch which will be on **Wednesday 18th December.**

Please ensure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up if they are in Year 3 to Year 6. All meals need to be paid for in advance. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG



Parents are welcome to come along to our Christmas sing-a-long on **Friday 20th December** from **1.45 to 2.30pm.**

You may collect your children straight after this event from their POD doors. Thank you.

EVENING HERALD NURSERY & RECEPTION NATIVITY



A picture of some of the reception / nursery nativity performance, with a selection of children, will be in the Herald supplement on **Tuesday 17th December.**

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

London Trip - Year 6 Polite reminder - The final payment for this trip is due on **Friday 17th January.** Thank you.



Please speak to the office if you would like to discuss payment or require a barcode letter.

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2019/2020

Mon 16th Dec	Decorations Afternoon - 1.35 - 3.00
Mon 16th Dec	Buddies - Santa Disco - 4.15pm
Tues 17th Dec	EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Wed 18th Dec	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wed 18th Dec	EYFS Nativity Show - 2.15pm
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Sing-a-long 1.45 - 2.30
Fri 20th Dec	School closes for Christmas Hols
Mon 23rd Dec to	Fri 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Thurs 9th Jan	Character Day - Rec
Thurs 13th Feb	London Trip - Yr 6
Mon 17th Feb to	Fri 21st Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 30th Mar to	Mon 13th April - EASTER BREAK
Mon 4th May	Non Pupil Day
Fri 8th May	VE Day Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May to	Fri 29th May - HALF TERM
Thurs 23rd July	Summer Holidays Begin

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **2nd December 2019**.

Archimedes	91.1%
Plato	95.2%
Nash	95.7%
Pascal	96.6%
Aristotle	98.1%
Lovelace	96.1%
Johnson	99.2%
Carroll	96.4%
Boole	99.3%
Pythagoras	97.4%
Venn	82.4%
Kelvin	92.7%
Turing	85.7%
Tao	93.3%

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup

WINNERS



FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Discovery Multi Academy Trust.



Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS TOKENS

Please remember to collect 'Books for Schools' tokens which appear in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers, until **Saturday 18th January**. Thank you.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places need to be completed by **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Please see more information on primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk Thank you



GATE CLOSURE

As from Monday 6th January 2020 the access gate leading off the Tresco Gardens Housing estate will be no longer in use.

Thank you.

CHILDREN'S YOUTH COUNCIL

On Thursday, two of our Year 6 School Champions attended the December session of the Children's Youth Council. Again, this was held in the City Council Chambers with other schools from across the city. Alison Hernandez (Police Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and IoS) led an amazing interactive session on Road Safety. Our School Council members questioned her on illegal parking in and around our schools, which pose a threat to the safety of our children. Mrs Hernandez will be passing these comments onto Plymouth City Council to look at, for possible enforcement action towards offenders.

The other sessions looked at Mental Health in young people. Our children gave some valuable insights and feedback into what suggestions could help.

The last session looked for new ideas that children and young people would like to see in Plymouth's green spaces. Our children discussed how vulnerable that they felt when playing in the local parks of Southway. They were also concerned about local gangs and vandalism of our green areas and gave suggestions of what Plymouth City Council could do to help. Plymouth City Council have been awarded a European Council Grant which could see our Children's ideas put into place.

Another brilliant session proving that our children can make a real difference with their participation in Children's Young Council activities.



For upcoming events for the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership or to read some of our blogs, please visit www.yourschoolgames.com and search for our school.
<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/> <http://www.plymouthssp.co.uk/>



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.



*Have a great Weekend
Mrs Evans - Head of School*