

Beechwood Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

“Living, learning and thriving”



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With Flying Colours

is a new performance and play making programme for children and young people in Plymouth. It is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Plymouth Cultural Education Partnership is working with Year 5 at Beechwood to mark co-creation performances and plays.



Year 5 were lucky enough to have a performance from The Above Bounds Theatre Collective. The children listened to a story called 'The Golden Penguin' written by a group of primary school children and then went on a hunt for the penguin and polar bear. The children were engrossed in the story and it was lovely to be able to have this experience in school in these unusual times.



October Half Term Challenge 2020

<p>Pumpkin Carving!</p> <p>Ask an adult to help you draw a face or picture onto a pumpkin and carve it out. See how it looks with a light or candle inside!</p>	<p>Shake it up!</p> <p>See how many words you can make with the letters from:</p> <p>TRICK OR TREAT</p>	<p>Get Decorating!</p> <p>Make some Halloween decorations using materials found in the house! See what you can do with items that would have gone in the bin!</p>	<p>Explore outside!</p> <p>Go exploring outside on an Autumnal walk – make a note of things you find or see that are unique to Autumn.</p>
	<p>Get Drawing!</p> <p>Draw a picture of what you can see outside. Try to include the Autumnal colours and leaves!</p>	<p>Film Fun!</p> <p>Watch a Halloween themed film and write a review of it. What happened in the film? What did you think? Would you recommend it? Send it to a friend</p>	<p>Get Experimenting!</p> <p>Choose and complete a science experiment from https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/</p>

Collect extra Children's University credits during your half term break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2020/2021

Mon 26th Oct to	Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 13th Nov	Children In Need Mufti
Tues 24th Nov	Flu Immunisation
Fri 27th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 18th Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 21st Dec to	Fri 1st Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 15th Feb to	Fri 19th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 22nd Feb	Non Pupil Day
Thurs 1st April	Non Pupil Day
Fri 2nd April to	Fri 16th April - EASTER BREAK
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May	Fri 4th June - HALF TERM
Mon 26th July to	Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **12th October 2020**.

Cloud	97.9%
Nest	97.5%
Tower	94.0%
Aurora	93.5%
Charm	97.9%
Dazzle	96.6%
Pride	97.9%
Swarm	95.0%
Memory	98.1%
Parliament	87.0%
Flamboyance	95.4%
Wisdom	87.7%
Pandemonium	91.6%

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup

WINNERS

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November



Children may come to school in Spotty Mufti for a small donation.

Donation boxes will be available outside each classroom.
Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



As we are unable to run a Book Fair on the school site this year, we have set up a Scholastic Book Club instead. Please use the link below to browse the latest books and place orders on-line.

For every £1 you spend at the Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic rewards.

All orders must be placed by 6th November 2020.

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/beechnwood-pl6/digital-book-club>

BREAKFAST CLUB



Please note that the cost of Breakfast Club will change after Half Term. The cost will be £1.50 per session for ALL children. All bookings will continue to be booked via the Parent Pay booking system.

Breakfast Club will continue to run each day from 7.45am. Please ensure that all children are escorted by a parent/carer and dropped at the dining hall entrance gate to ensure your child is registered. Thank you.

VANDALISM



Unfortunately, last Sunday, our school was targeted by a group of youths who broke into the school grounds and caused a considerable amount of damage to our outdoor play equipment. The school have passed CCTV coverage and logged the incident with Devon and Cornwall police, who are at present investigating.

Could we please ask if you see anyone on the site during closing times, that you ring the police. Your help in this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HALF TERM ACTIVITY BOOKLET

Please see the Half Term Activity Booklet and Parent Course Information Booklet which has been uploaded to our school website.

These provide ideas and information on what you can do with your children during the October Half Term and courses which are available for parents.

Thank you.



YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICE

Please be reminded that it is that time of year for Year 6 children to make their choice for secondary schools. We have been asked by Plymouth City Council to email information to you. Please ensure you have your child's Parent Pay account activated. The deadline for Admissions is **31st October 2020**.

Please use following link:-

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions



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/>



Have a great Half Term!
Mrs Evans - Head of School

COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!

We are entering the cold and flu season and with the current situation regarding Covid 19, it is even more important that children remember the Catch it! Bin It! Kill it! routine.

This, along with regular handwashing throughout the day is a vital way to reduce the transmission of infection, not only for Covid but also colds and flu during these challenging times.

Please reinforce the Catch it! Bin It! Kill it! routine with your children at home.

Thank you.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

NHS APP

The new NHS Covid19 app is now available to download.

This app is available for anyone **aged 16 years and above**. Please follow the link for further information.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>

DFE HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for Education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

COVID TESTING

If parents or carers are unable to book a local Covid test slot, then they can use the email below explaining that the test is for a child attending a Plymouth school. The CCG team will triage those families with children and adults with symptoms and book them in for a test and provide information on how to get to the site. A priority is given to key worker parents, to help support the local key worker workforce and get staff back to work.

d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOME SCHOOLING DURING ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE



For children who are self-isolating or quarantining, we are pleased to direct you to the following link for Home Learning:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zknj4xs>

Please click on the appropriate year group and you can access lots of activities for your child. Your child's teacher will also be in contact on eSchools or Tapestry and they will be happy to answer any questions or respond to messages relating to Home Learning.

If you require any information about logging into eSchools or Tapestry, or any information about your child's learning while they are away from school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who can make sure your query is directed to the teacher. Thank you.



FLU VACCINATIONS—ELECTRONIC CONSENT
Remember to book your child's on-line flu vaccination:-

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>