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# **Beechwood Primary News**

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**Attendance & Punctuality** 

As a reminder, our whole school attendance target is 97%, our attendance for this half term has decreased, leading to a slight decrease in the overall attendance for the year too. we look forward to your support in continuing to improve attendance. Children who attend well will make good progress, remember that children can come to school with coughs and colds, if they are too unwell to attend we will give you a call.

Whole school attendance this half term is: 94.1%, this gives us a current overall figure for the academic year so far of 95.3%.

Picasso-95.7% Lewis Carroll-90.9% Malala- 96.6% Rosen- 95.4% Pankhurst 93.3% Mandela- 93.1% Attenborough- 97.5% Hawking- 97%

A big well done to Year 4 who have won their second token and Attenborough who have won their first token towards achieving their treat!

Well done to Emily C who has won the gift voucher this half term for either attendance over 97% or improved attendance.

We would like to say a big well done to the 16 children who have received their BRONZE Award for 100% attendance this term: Callum, Mason, Serena, Zara, Henry Da, Archie, Carter, Oliver L, William L, Charlotte, Ellis, Ezra, Eli, Isla S, Isabella and Jackson.

We would also like to say a big well done to the 15 children who have received their SILVER Award for 100% attendance for two terms: Sofia D, Harvey C, William C, Daisy H, Daisy A, Elliot K, Sophie P, Vega, India, Olivia B, Alfie D, Harry F, Lily HA, Elliot S and Millie W

Congratulations to....

Summer & (YR), Jackson & Elsie (Y1), Isaac, Millie & AJ (Y2), Tommy & Nancy (Y3), Willow & Ethan (Y4), Evie & Zachary (Y5), Dougie & Miley (Y6).

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

## <u>Comic Relief</u>

Thank you to everyone who donated money, we managed to raise £69 for Comic Relief

## **<u>Crucial Crew</u>**

Year 5 spent the morning taking part in a variety of workshops linked to keeping themselves safe in the world around them including first aid; train and railway line safety; cyber safety; and road safety.

## Wider Curriculum

<u>RSHE</u> Year 6 have taken part in a number of RSHE related workshops this half term. They have learnt about the effects of tobacco and alcohol and even tried on 'Beer Goggles'. During their First Aid workshop, the children learnt how to put a casualty into the recovery position and what to do if someone is choking.

Year 5 took part in a Fit4Life session with Halton Healthy Schools where they learnt all about how to stay healthy by eating healthily. They looked at sugar content within their favourite foods and learnt about where to look on packaging to find the nutritional value and calories within food items.

<u>RE</u> Year 5 took part in an Easter Journey, they had a wonderful time learning about and acting out the story of what Christians believe happened to Jesus in the days leading up to his crucifixion on the cross. KS1 and EYFS have been learning about the church in RE, as part of this, each class walked to St Marks church. They learnt all about what happens in a church and the different ways that Christians worship. They also spent time drawing and identifying the features of a church and comparing it to other churches they had seen.



## <u>Sports</u>

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have helped us to transport the children without your support we wouldn't be able to take the children to all of these events. KS2 Swimming Gala

8 pupils from KS2 attended the swimming gala. All of the pupils worked incredibly hard and supported each other throughout, with many of the children making it through to the finals. The team who came 3rd overall - well done everyone!

#### Year 1/2 Multi skills cricket

8 children from Y1/2 had a brilliant time at the multisklls Cricket festival. They took part in a carousel of activities developing their skills in batting and catching. Well done children! Year 3/4 Gymnastics

5 children from Y3/4 enjoyed taking part in the Gymnastics festival, they all worked hard and developed their skills throughout the session.

#### <u>Marshal Arts</u>

It was lovely to welcome back on of our past pupils Andrew to lead our Marshal Arts sessions. Each class took it in turns to have a session with Andrew and they loved this experience.

### <u>#Let Girls Play</u>

The girls really enjoyed the Let Girls Play day, the football pitch was crowded as the girls enjoyed playing football with each other on this special day. We have some very talented girls footballers in the school.

## We Love Reading!

### World Book Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in World Book Day during this half term. What wonderful and creative costumes the children had. The children enjoyed moving around the school going from class to class exploring a range of activities such as; creating music from poetry, following instructions to make playdough, drawing like an illustrator and reading for pleasure in the dark with torches. The children's love of reading is wonderful to see!

## <u>Arts</u>

#### HPAN - Year 6 and Two Dance Groups

Our Year 6 children were outstanding during their performance at The Brindley as part of the Halton Primary Arts Network 'A step back in time' performance. They performed four pieces of music, composed by their music teachers Paul McGhee and Lucy Pankhurst based on historical eras. For two of the pieces of music, two children composed the motif which Paul and Lucy then wrote the songs around. Jacob Swan composed the motif for the Ancient Egypt song and Meredith Ap-Carreg wrote the motif for the WW2 song. They took the audience on a step back in time through history before finishing in the future. The Year 6 children who performed are working towards achieving their Arts Award Explore, this performance was the performance aspect of their qualification.

#### <u>Children on the Hub Sing</u>

Our choir, which is made up of children in KS2, were amazing as they performed on The Brindley Stage. All of our children sang with confidence. Well done choir!

## <u>Malala Class Assembly</u>

Our Year 5 children shared their wonderful learning with their families this half term. All of the children performed their lines beautifully and with confidence. Well done Year 5!

#### <u>Poetry</u>

The whole school enjoyed a poetry assembly with Paul Delany. Year 5/6 had the privilege of taking part in a poetry workshop with poet- Paul Delaney. He shared his love and enthusiasm for poetry with the class which inspired them to write their own. Lois Yr6 and Harper Yr5 were chosen to perform their poems at the Buzz Poetry Festival which will take place in April. Poems written by Harley Yr6 and Jonathon and Corinne Yr5 will be published in Paul's new poetry book. Year 6 also took part in an aspirations workshop with Paul Delaney. The children completed activities using their inspirations, strengths, weaknesses and aspirations.

<u>Easter Art</u> The children in Lewis Carroll class and Rosen class enjoyed taking part in creating Easter Art ready for display at the Shopping City over Easter - they showed some great skills and applied prior knowledge to help make their work look great. Thank you to Runcorn Shopping City for giving us some chocolate eggs

## <u>Year 2 Residential - Foxhowl</u>

Year 2 went on their first residential to Foxhowl in Delamere. Their trip was full of adventures, they went on a walk through the forest looking for signs of wildlife and spotting different habitats. They learnt bushcraft skills, including building a shelter and tying different knots. In the evening Mrs Woodcock made a campfire for them and they sang songs and ate smores. They also went pond dipping and stream dipping, using a key to identify different creatures who live in the water. They managed to catch a newt and a fish! They were all brilliant and definitely a lot of fun!