



Newsletter Issue no.13 - 21/6/2024



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Head of School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this, the sun shining, and I think we might be approaching some of the nicer weather we have been promised! With this in mind, please can you ensure the children come to school wearing suncream and with a reusable water bottle that they can fill up at school whenever they need to.



Since I last wrote to you the children have been working extremely hard; year 6 have completed their SAT's, year 1 and some of our children from year 2 completed their phonics screening check and year 4 children took part in the statutory multiplication check. It's needless to say all the children were amazing and extremely resilient which we are super proud of them for.

As we prepare for the end of one year and the start of another you will start to notice that we are making changes to our Little Acorns provision. I have attached the new leaflet which explains some of the changes that will be taking place ready for September. You will also notice our new branding logo which we really enjoyed creating. Please note - these changes are for September and not for this academic year. Over the Summer we are also having some building works completed. We are having a fully functioning kitchen built in the provision to improve the meal types and healthy eating options we are able to offer. We will be sending out a survey to all parents soon to find out your opinion about our club. What you think we should keep the same and what you think we need to change to make it even better. We look forward to your feedback.

As a school we regularly get information about what is happening in the local area and I want to share with you the Windrush celebration that is happening this weekend at Canons House and it is free entry for all. It would be lovely to see some of our families at this community event.



Come along to Merton's Windrush Day Celebration at Canons House

Enjoy an afternoon of live music, including a steelpan performance, food, a Windrush exhibition, dominoes and talks from the community.

The day marks the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks on 22 June 1948, bringing more than 800 passengers from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain. It also recognises the contributions the Caribbean community have continued to make in the UK.

Everyone is welcome; bring friends, family, and a picnic blanket to enjoy a day of celebration and good vibes.

- Saturday 22 June
- 12pm-4pm
- Canons House, Mitcham
- **Free entry**

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/events/events-calendar/mertons-windrush-day-celebration-2024>

Hayley Lewis

Curriculum Update



Well done to pupils from Years 1 to 6 for presenting their work to parents and teachers at our Eco Showcase. It was wonderful to see how much you had learnt about different habitats and regions of the world, and how passionate you were about protecting these wonderful places.

Rights Week



This week, we have been celebrating Rights Week across the school. This is part of our journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. All year groups have been taking part in activities based around what rights are, why they are important and the special rights that children have. Please see the link below to find out more and have a discussion with your children about the important rights they have learnt about this week.

[Children's Rights: What is the difference between Rights and Responsibilities? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Sports Day



Sports Day will be on Thursday 18th July

Nursery and Reception 9-9.30am and Year 1 to 6 at 10am in the Main Playground.

The theme this year is Olympics. They need to come into school with their PE Kit with a top of the colour of their house and a water bottle. If you don't know the house colour, please ask your class teacher.

End of Year 6 Plans

Year 6 are looking forward to Activity Week (24 – 28th June). They have chosen to go on a variety of trips to: the Sealife Centre and the London Eye; Go-Ape, Battersea; Kidscape and Oxygen in Croydon; the Acacia Centre, Mitcham and Chessington World of Adventure.

Rehearsals have begun for the end of year performance of Macbeth on 16 and 17th July. Followed by their leaver's disco on the 23rd July. The leaver's assembly is on the last day of term, Wednesday 24th July, at 9am when we will say goodbye and good luck to this wonderful class of children, as they move on to secondary school.

Summer Fair

We are super excited to announce our annual Summer Fair happening on Friday 12th July! It's going to be a fab afternoon filled with games, delicious food, and plenty of fun activities for all.

We would love for you to get involved and help make this year's fair the best one yet! You can lend a hand by volunteering to assist with the preparation or on the day of the event. Simply scan the QR code on our posters to sign up.

We are also currently collecting donations to make sure the fair is a big success. Whether it's toys, books or any other goodies, every little bit counts and will be greatly appreciated.

So, save the date, spread the word, and let's make this Summer Fair a day to remember! See you there!

Nursery Places

At Beecholme we still have several Nursery spaces available for September. Please share with your friends and family and tell them what a wonderful Nursery we are. Visits to the school are still available, for anyone interested please contact the school office.



SEND

How to help your child with spelling

- Use simple mnemonics, for example, for 'said' – Save Animals In Danger.



- Find words in words, eg 'hat' in 'what'.



- Say the word as it is spelt, eg 'fri-end'.
- Visualise (make a mental picture) of the word.

- Make words into pictures or cartoons.

eye

- Focus on the tricky part of the word.



accident - a
crashed car

Give lots of practise by:

- Using rainbow writing – start writing over the word in one colour then repeat with different coloured pens, pencils, crayons, etc. Your child should say each letter name out loud as he/she writes it, and the whole word each time he/she completes the word.



Attendance at Beecholme



At Beecholme we strive for the best education for all the children and to ensure this is happening, we need to ensure the children are in school EVERYDAY - unless there are situations like being unwell meaning they can't come to school.

I am sure you have all identified the current drive for attendance, including our whole school attendance letter and attendance letters for those dropping below 96% which is our whole school target. We will continue to do this and to monitor the children's attendance to ensure we are in line with or above national averages. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, then please do speak to someone at school about it.

Please support us, to support YOUR children in having the education they deserve.

To promote attendance, I will be sharing the attendance figures with you each week. We will share the attendance figures for each class and share which class have won our Beecholme Bears - Bobby and Polly, and in addition which children will receive extra playtime for their good attendance in school. If you could share this with your children, as we do in assembly time, to promote each classes attendance this will be most helpful.

Week beginning 17/06/2024

Nursery - 84.4%

Reception - 84.4%

Year 1 - 92.2%

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 95.4%

Year 5 - 98.3%

Year 6 - 93.5%

And the winners with the best attendance this week: Year 5 with 98.3% WOW. Well done!



Important Dates for the new term



Monday 24 th June	Year 6 Activity Week
Thursday 4 th July	Polling Day - School closed
Wednesday 10 th July	Rescheduled: New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00 pm
Friday 12 th July	Summer Fair 3:30-6:00 pm
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 performance 6:00 pm
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 performance 9:30 am
Wednesday 17 th July	Children meet their new teacher morning
Thursday 18 th July	<u>Sports Day:</u> Nursery and Reception 9:00-9:30am Year 1-Year 6 10:00 am
Friday 19 th July	Reports go home
Monday 22 nd July	Reports/Meet the teacher drop-ins 3:15-4:00 pm
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 5:30-7:00 pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:00 am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term - 1:45pm early dismissal