



Newsletter Issue no 8 - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



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### Headteacher Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting second half of the Spring we have had so far - we have seen children visiting the farm and the Science museum, thoroughly enjoying immersing themselves into their learning around Art and diving much deeper into understating the UNICEF children's rights. Thank you to all those parents who attended the Rights Respecting meeting yesterday, we hope you have a better understanding of our vision and what we are aiming to achieve. Yesterday, we started to display some of the Rights posters around the school which look amazing!

We also can't forget the wonderful STEM Day Mrs Khechini planned for our children. I would like to personally thank all the parent helpers for their input. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and there has been lots of talk about what they want to be when they are older!

I write this newsletter as we approach the last two weeks, leading to a well-deserved Easter break for all. The staff have continued to work tirelessly for the children and their own CPD this term, so I want to send out a big thank you to them too.

We have lots planned over the next few weeks, including: Year 5 kipping on a ship, mufti days, Easter Egg Hunts, Beecholmes Got Talent, afternoon team with Mrs Lewis and lots more. So please see the dates below for forward events.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to start the busiest and most exciting term of them all. In the summer term we have our Year 4 children attending their first PGL residential in April, and Year 6 attending their PGL residential in June. Of course, we can't forget that our wonderful, talented and resilient Year 6 children will be sitting their statutory assessments the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - please join me in wishing them all the best of luck.

For now, let me take this opportunity, to thank all of our wonderful children and families for making this term as successful as it can be.

Have a wonderful Easter break when it comes, and I look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Warm regards,  
**Mrs. Hayley Lewis**  
Headteacher



### Merton 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

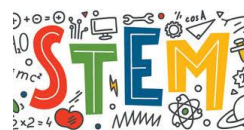
April 2025 marks the 60th Anniversary of the formation of Merton when Mitcham, Merton, Morden and Wimbledon combined. With so many interesting parts of [our history](#) it would be great if you could help us to celebrate.

To mark this special occasion, we will partake in a non-uniform day to celebrate. The key date of our celebration is the 1st April, but we will be marking this celebration on the last day of the term and we invite children to wear Merton colours of green and purple or their own clothes

To mark the occasion, each primary school in Merton will receive ten lavender plants, which is a significant plant to the borough of Merton. This will be planted around the school as a mark of the celebration.



### STEM Day



STEM Day was a huge success, filled with exciting activities that sparked curiosity and creativity in all the students. Three incredible volunteers shared their unique career paths and discussed how their roles connect to the world of STEM, inspiring the children with real-world examples of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in action. The day was packed with hands-on experiments, including using a robot to design a custom shirt, making homemade ice cream, and exploring density layers, among many other fun activities. The children also embraced the theme with enthusiasm, dressing up as someone in STEM, showcasing their creativity and excitement for the field. It was a day of learning, discovery, and fun, leaving everyone energized and inspired!

## PE

### Football Team - Fulham Football Club



I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to Miss Doyley and Mr. Noel for their outstanding efforts in coaching both the girls' and boys' football teams. Their dedication has been greatly appreciated by all.

As Miss Doyley has now left, we have been exploring alternative options to ensure the continuation of the football programme. We are pleased to announce that Fulham Football Club has offered to support us with running the school football team moving forward.

Training will still take place on Thursdays after school, but there will be some changes. Due to the high level of expertise and training that we will now be receiving from FA-approved coaches, the sessions will now be a paid club. Fees will need to be paid through the FFC portal, and more information regarding this process will be sent to you shortly.

### Year 3 Swimming

We are thrilled to share that Year 3 had an amazing time at their swimming lessons last week! The children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm and progress, making the most of their time in the pool. The lessons were not only an opportunity to develop their swimming skills but also a great chance to build confidence in the water. It was wonderful to see how quickly the children became more comfortable, showing great determination and resilience throughout the week.

Year 4 will be starting their swimming lessons next week! To ensure your child is fully prepared for these lessons, please make sure they come equipped with the following items:

- **Swimming Cap**
- **Goggles**
- **Swimming Costume/trunks**
- **Towel**

We're looking forward to a fun and rewarding experience in the pool and can't wait to see the children further develop their swimming skills!



PGL



A reminder to all parents that our PGL trip is fast approaching! The trip will take place on Wednesday, 23rd April 2025, and we are all looking forward to an exciting and memorable experience. For your convenience, all the information shared during the PGL meeting has been uploaded to SeeSaw, so please check there for any important updates and details. Additionally, you can find a link below with a list of what the children will need to bring for the trip. Please ensure everything is packed and ready in advance. We can't wait for the adventure to begin!

[PGL-Kit-List-UK.pdf](#)

# MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## What's mental health?

We all have mental health. Your mental health affects how you feel, think and act. It refers to your emotional, psychological and social wellbeing. Your mental health can change on a daily basis and over time, and can be affected by a range of factors.

It's important to look after your mental health, as you would look after your physical health. Your state of wellbeing affects how you cope with stress, relate to others and make choices. It also plays a part in your relationships with your family, community, colleagues and friends.



When children and young people have good levels of wellbeing it helps them to:

- learn and explore the world
- feel, express and manage positive and negative emotions form and maintain good relationships with others cope with, and manage, change, setbacks and uncertainty
- develop and thrive.

When children and young people look after their mental health and develop their coping skills it can help them to boost their resilience, self-esteem and confidence. It can also help them learn to manage their emotions, feel calm, and engage positively with their education - which can, in turn, improve their academic attainment.

As previously mentioned, please visit the Place2Be website for more guidance and support at home.



Improving children's mental  
health

[Mental health services for parents and carers](#)

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health or well-being, please come and see your class teacher or one of the well-being team members.

### Meet the Well-being Team



Hayley Lewis  
Headteacher and DSL



Helen Gilroy  
Assistant Headteacher  
and Year 5 Teacher  
Monday and Tuesday



Julia Sener  
SENCO



Heather  
Harrison  
Year 1 Class Teacher



Donna Keenan  
MELAKSI Learning  
Support Features and  
ELSA Lead



### SEND



#### Event Description

Come down to Deen City Farm between Saturday 5th April until Monday 21st April and join in with our amazing craft sessions! We're absolutely thrilled to announce the return of our successful Farm Explorers programme this Easter - book early, places are very limited.

Polka Theatre will be teaming up with us on Saturday 5th April to run a community day at the Farm - drop by to see what they've got going on!

Saturdays: Animal Life Painting - £6  
Portrait painting with one of our fabulous animal models!

Sundays: All About Eggs - £4  
Learn all there is to know about eggs in this exciting workshop, complete with egg-based crafts!

Tuesdays: Flower Making - £3  
Craft your own spring flowers with us.

Wednesdays: Farm Explorers - £10  
Explore-and-learn session about farm animals featuring story-time.

Thursdays: Clothes Peg Horses - £3  
Make your own horse to take home with you.

Monday 21st April - Meet the Chickens - £5  
Get a chance to learn a little more about some feathery friends and say hi up close and personal.

Crafts run 10.15 - 11.45 and 13.15 - 15.45

For more information and booking visit  
[www.deencityfarm.co.uk/events](http://www.deencityfarm.co.uk/events)

## Rights Respecting

Thank you to those parents and carers who came along to the Rights Respecting meeting on Wednesday morning. We hope you found it helpful. If you were unable to attend, please look at our school website for some more information.

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

## WE ARE A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

**What is the UN Convention on the rights of the child?**  
The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is an international treaty adopted by the United Nations in 1989 to protect the rights of children worldwide. It sets out the civil, political, economic, social, health, and cultural rights of children. The goal of the convention is to ensure that children grow up in an environment where they are safe, healthy, educated, and treated with dignity and respect.

**Here are some of the key principles:**

- Non-Discrimination: All children, regardless of their background, should be treated equally and fairly. No child should face discrimination based on their race, gender, disability, or social status.
- Best Interests of the Child: Decisions made about children, whether in school or at home, should always prioritize their well-being, happiness, and overall development.
- Right to Life, Survival, and Development: Children have the right to live and grow in a safe environment, with access to healthcare, education, and opportunities to thrive.
- Participation Rights: Children have the right to express their views, be heard, and have a say in matters that affect them, such as in school decisions, home life, or community matters, in a way that is appropriate for their age and maturity.
- Right to Education: Children are entitled to free, quality education that fosters their abilities, creativity, and mental and physical development.
- Protection from Harm: Children must be protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Schools and parents have a role in ensuring children are safe from harmful situations.
- Right to Family Life: Children have the right to live with their parents, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and to be cared for and supported in a loving and stable environment.

**At Beecholme Primary school, we are currently a **Bronze Rights Aware** school.**  
This means we have introduced the RRSA Three Strands into our school community, our school's senior leadership team (SLT) understands what is involved in the Award and is committed to embarking on the UNICEF UK Rights Respecting journey. The right foundations are in place for our school's journey to the second stage of the Award, **Silver: Rights Aware**.

WE ALL HAVE RIGHTS

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Please show your support towards our Rights Respecting journey by learning about some of the rights and the important language we use with the children. Click the link for a detailed breakdown of each right.



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Please watch the Youtube video below with your child for some animated information about rights.

<https://youtu.be/6F7ie1Z07aM?si=OPwGS86S18Ng6T0p>

## RIGHTS RESPECTING LANGUAGE

Rights are for all children and young people throughout the world (universal), are there at birth (inherent), cannot be taken away (inalienable), do not come with any conditions attached to them (unconditional) and are all equally important (indivisible). Whilst there is not an expectation that children and young people necessarily know the actual words that define these features of rights, it is important that they understand the meaning of them (within the context of their age and ability). Children learn about the definitions of the words at school. Duty bearers are all the adults who help children access their rights and children are the right holders.



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| <b>A</b><br>Rights are for ALL children.<br>UNIVERSAL | <b>B</b><br>Rights are there at BIRTH.<br>INHERENT | <b>C</b><br>Rights CANNOT be taken away.<br>INALIENABLE | <b>D</b><br>Rights DO NOT have to be earned.<br>UNCONDITIONAL | <b>E</b><br>All rights are EQUALLY important.<br>INDIVISIBLE |
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## Important Dates



21/03/2025	Art gallery for parents 3.15pm- 4pm
27/03/2025-28/03/2025	Year 5 kipping on a ship overnight
28/04/2025	School uniform sale after school Beecholme's Got Talent Auditions
02/04/2025	Year 6 visiting Fulham Football Stadium
03/04/2025	Eggs and Bonnets to be brought into school Egg and Bonnet display in classroom from 2.30pm Bonnet Parade 2.45pm on the playground Easter Egg hunt run by the Friend's of Beecholme 3.15pm on the school field.
04/04/2025	Beecholme's Got Talent production in school – children only
22/04/2025	Start of the summer term
23/04/2025	Year 5 and 6 trip to the Polka theatre
23/04/2025-25/04/2025	Year 4 go on PGL
28/04/2025	Clubs to start again
09/05/2025	Year 5 visiting the library
16/05/2025	Year 4 visiting the library
20/05/2025	School of Kindness workshop in school
23/05/2025	Beecholme's family picnic/Break up for May holidays



The Friends of Beecholme would also like to let you know that on the last Friday of every month, they will be doing a second-hand uniform sale. The next one will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March after school.**



They would also like to let you know there will be a local community Easter egg hunt for the upcoming Easter holidays. More details to follow.



We are also excited to share that the **Summer fair will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Save the date!**