



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 26th January 2024



Dear Parents

We've had another great week at Beaford and the children are really in the flow of this term's curriculum. We started the week with an assembly on building learning power. At Beaford we teach the children that learning is not just the responsibility of the teachers but also of the children. If they can develop the 4 areas of building learning power they will find learning new things much easier. The four areas are: Perseverance, Thinking, Working Well Together, Curiosity. This week's assembly was all about Perseverance.

During my career in education I've seen many examples where the children that do well at school are not the ones that are what we'd traditionally call intelligent. But the ones that have the emotional resilience and attitude to learning that means they constantly develop, try new things and never give up. Educational studies have proven this too. As the educational saying goes: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." All the staff at Beaford praise the effort the children put into their learning and not just their outcomes.

Alice Bolton, one of our school ambassadors has been inspired by the BBC Big Birdwatch and has taken it upon herself to collect money for the RSPB next week. She will be selling badges for the charity. If your child would like one please bring in £1.

It has recently come to light that one of our children's siblings is immunocompromised and could have a very severe reaction if they caught a serious infection. Can you please make sure to let the school know if your children have illnesses like chickenpox or measles so we can pass it on and the family can take appropriate precautions.

There have still been issues with cars being in the bay and blocking our bus and taxi at drop off at pick up. Please do not park there between 8:30 and 9:00 and 15:00 and 15:45.

I will be in London next week with the year 5 children. The trip is jam packed with events and will be a great experience for the children and myself.

Enjoy the weekend and drive safely in the icy conditions.

George Myers

Part of TEAM Multi Academy Trust





Owls

This week Owls have been learning to multiply fractions by integers (whole numbers). They have been thinking about using bar models and numberlines to support their understanding and have understood that it's just the numerator that changes while the denominator stays the same. In English, we have been thinking about what effect a text can have on the reader and thinking about how *The Tower to the Sun* may insight change into the reader by encouraging them to think about the environment. In Science, the children enjoyed planning and carrying out an investigation about how the distance from a light source affects the size of the shadow.



Otters

Otters have had another busy week including developing our ideas for our information texts in English and learning about fossil formation in science. In maths we have been working on dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. In RE we performed drama to help us learn about Jesus and the first disciples. In music we have been learning how to accompany a song with instruments and sing at the same time as part of our "playing in a band" sequence. Year 3 enjoyed swimming and the whole class have been developing their tennis skills.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been researching facts on Antarctica this week. They have looked at non-fiction books, fact files and pictures to help them. The children have recorded their sentences on their mind map and talked through their sentences verbally. In maths Y2 have continued to calculate with money and have enjoyed combining different combinations of coins. Year One children have created a 'human number line' and marked numbers on blank number lines. In Science they have compared animals found in polar habitats and learned about how they are suited to their environment. In RE the children have acted out the story of 'The crying camel' and what it means to Muslims.



Ladybirds

It has been lovely this week to watch the children really immerse themselves in the world of dinosaurs. We have been looking at different non-fiction texts where we are gathering information and facts, rather than a story. We have looked at different habitats, dinosaur names, what they eat along with creating our own fossils and hatching our own dinosaurs! In our maths we have looked at adding numbers to 10, with the children finding parts to make the whole. The Nursery children have been busy to, they have continued their learning around bears and where they come from. They have also set up at travel agents where they have been busy mark making in their passports and creating pictures of where they would like to go. These next 2 weeks we will be exploring zoos and where animals come from.





Ladybirds Nursery

Our roleplay has been a travel agents this week, we have been looking at different wild animals and exploring the countries they live in. The travel agents has developed lots of mark making with the nursery children.



Measles Outbreaks

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Breakfast, After School Club

Please don't forget to book your children into our wraparound care clubs in advance to avoid disappointment.

Breakfast Club (Mon- Friday) - 8.00am - 8.45am
After School Club (Mon - Thurs) - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Breakfast and After School Clubs are charged at £4.00 per session
Pupil Premium eligible children receive a 50% Discount
Payment is through Arbor.

Please remember there is no early admission or late collection



In Car Safety

It has been reported to the school office that some children have been seen in their cars without seat belts and standing while their car is in motion. We cannot stress how important it is to make sure your children are safely secured before driving away.



Menu

Monday

Pork Sausages/Toad in the Hole

V – Vegetarian Sausages
Creamed Potato & Mixed Veg

Peach Melba

Tuesday

Beef Lasagne

V – Vegetarian Lasagne
Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday

Roast Gammon

V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake
Roast Potatoes & Cauliflower, Carrot & Suede

Fruit Platter

Thursday

BBQ Chicken

V - Macaroni Cheese
Rice and Seasonal Veg

Iced Vanilla Sponge

Friday

Salmon Fish Cakes

V – Cheese Wheels
Golden Fries & Baked Beans

Chocolate Cracknel

DATES

for your diary

3rd January

1st Day of Spring Term

30th January

Year 5 Residential to
London

9th February

Pancake Friday

12th - 16th February

Half Term

20th February

Hedgehogs Trip to
RHS Rosemoor

22nd February

Year 4 Swimming
Commences

7th March

World Book Day

29th March

Easter Holiday Starts

Year 6 Residential

Time is running out to sign up
for the Year 6 residential trip
to Adventure International in
Bude.

The deadline to sign your
child up is

Friday 9th February

Attendance This Week

Reception - 87% Otters- 95%

Hedgehogs - 98% Owls - 93%

Nursery Fees

Please log into your Arbor account before
29th January to pay your nursery fees. If
you are paying through Tax Free Childcare,
don't forget to notify us when you have
arranged a payment and let us know your
reference number.

From 1st April 2024 TEAM will be increasing
the charges for nursery places:

3/4 year old sessions - £5.22

2 year old session - £6.30

Newspapers for Otters

Otters class will be making
volcanoes next week. If
parents have any old
newspapers that are no
longer needed, please can
these be brought to school on
Monday morning.
Thank you in advance.



Year 4 Swimming Lessons

After half term our year 4's will be going
swimming. Letters about this have been
emailed today. Please log in to your Arbor
accounts to pay your voluntary donation.
Donations are calculated at £3.00 per
swim session which helps the school cover
the cost of transport, pool hire and
instructor.

Nursery Hours

Please can parents who are
claiming funded hours at
nursery pop into the school
office to sign their hours off
for this term.

Thank you!

PE Days Spring Term

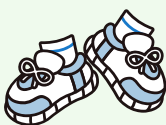
On the day that your child has PE, please
make sure they come to school in their PE
Kits and have a change of clothes should
they need them.

Ladybirds Reception - Friday

Hedgehogs - Thursday

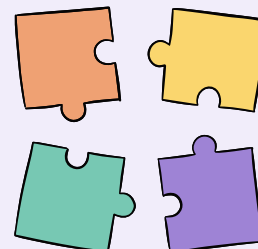
Otters - Friday

Owls - Monday & Friday



Puzzles for Ladybirds

Ladybirds class are in need of
jigsaw puzzles. If parents have
any puzzles with 48 pieces or
less that are no longer needed
Ladybirds would be very
grateful for them.



The School Office

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am - 12.30pm.

If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01805 603263. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

DON'T FORGET

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Henry for his hard work in all of his learning this week. Felicity for colouring a fantastic snake picture.
Hedgehogs	Jack for trying really hard with his listening and attention and asking when he needs help.
Otters	Emily for the fantastic approach to her learning she has shown all week. Emily has engaged with her learning so well, from class discussions to her independent work. Well done Emily, you should be very proud!
Owls	Ella for thinking really carefully about our class text, 'The Tower to the Sun' and recognising the effect of the text on the reader might be to encourage them to follow their dreams even if they feel impossible to achieve to begin with. Brilliant reflections Ella!

Contribution Certificates

awarded to

Ladybirds	Serren for telling an adult all about her unicorn story.
Hedgehogs	Arlo for doing additional learning of his own accord. Arlo has rehearsed the seven continents and five oceans in order to remember them.
Otters	Amber for the way she supports other children in their learning. Amber quietly and sensitively helps other children when they need it. She doesn't try to take charge, she gives them the support that they need. Thank you, Amber!
Owls	Oliver M for his fantastic contribution to science - explaining how he first rounded his results to the nearest cm and then changed his mind as he realised this wasn't exact enough to gain different readings. Excellent explanation Oliver!

Opal Play

awarded to

Poppy and Maggie C for looking after the younger children on the playground and always volunteering to help.

Mr George Myers
Head of school

Friends Of Beaford &
Beaford Church
presents...

Pancake Friday

50p per pancake +
10p per topping
Theres lots to choose from



**ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
AFTER LUNCH-TIME IN THE HALL**

COME & HAVE A FLIPPING GOOD TIME!

Pancake Flipping & Races in the Hall!

**All proceeds will be split equally to the PTA &
the Church**



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Community News & Events

BUMPER HALF TERM

Join us this February half term to help us celebrate the Tivvy Bumper steam engine!

Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th
February 2024 (closed Sunday 11th)

Follow the railway map around the museum,
collecting letters to spell your destination
Part of normal admission*

Plus, train toys,
board games,
dressing up, colouring
station & more!

*Adults £8.50, accompanied kids go FREE!

CRAFT sessions on **Tuesday 13th** and
Wednesday 14th February

From 10 - 12. Drop-in

£3 per child with paying adult (£2.50 per child with a museum member)



**TIVERTON
MUSEUM**
of Mid Devon Life

Special Half Term Opening:

Monday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00

www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk

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FEB HALF TERM CLUB

Join us for a fun filled week of football,
games, competitions & prizes
Girls & Boys
Ages 4 - 12 years
9am - 4pm

MON 12TH - FRI 16TH

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches

EARLY BIRD OFFER

£25 PER DAY

Offer closes 1st Feb



FULL WEEK OFFER

£110

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£30 Per day after the 1st Feb

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