

The Beacon



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THE NEWSLETTER OF BEACONRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headitorial

Welcome back to all our pupils, parents, carers and staff. I hope all our new pupils are settling into Beacon Rise happily and enjoying their various activities and making new friends. It's a pleasure to see so many smiling faces as I move around school.

Mr Thomas



Carnival Day

I feel sure you all enjoyed the Carnival celebrations last Friday 26th Sept as much as I did. The children and staff had great fun

making masks and banners and joined in the procession around the field. We were lucky enough to have a live band from Kingsfield Secondary school which even if a little louder than expected was enjoyed by us all – great fun. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make the Carnival a great success.

Dates For Your Diary

OCT

Fri 24th - Break up school-End of Term 1

NOV

Wed 5th Return to school-Start Term 2

DEC

Fri 19th Dec Break up school-Christmas Holiday

JAN

Mon 5th Jan Return to school-Start Term 3

FEB

Fri 13th Feb Break up school-End Term 3

Mon 23rd Return to school-Start Term 4



Helpers

We have so many helper Mums, Dads and Grandparents that willingly come in and assist the staff in school. It is a privilege for us to have so much enthusiasm to help with reading, numeracy, creative art, swimming etc. If you have a spare hour in which you would like to come in to help either your own child's teacher or a different class, please see the school office and complete a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check. Thank you again for all your assistance it is greatly appreciated by all the staff and especially the pupils.

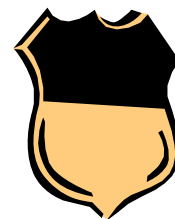


Prefects

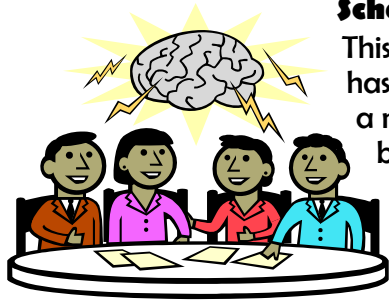
We are very proud to announce the names of the 2008/9 Prefects. These pupils have been nominated by their fellow pupils as a result of their excellent attitude to work, good behaviour and willingness to help others:



- Sebastian Taylor Megan Evans**
- Lucy Rossiter Chloe Richards**
- Georgia Simeone Chloe Montagna-Malcolm**
- Georgia Collins Kirsty Bowden**
- Qasim Rehman Jack Ball**
- Eloise Willmott Annie-Mae Woods**
- Bethan Coles Emily Riley**
- Chloe Derrick Ryan Gleed**
- Elise Wootten Charlotte Gunning**
- Matthew Hoare Toby Clench**
- Conor MacRae**



School Council



This year's school council has been elected following a nomination and balloting process. The councillors will represent the views of fellow pupils during the many decision

making opportunities that will take place this year.

Year 1 – Mason MacRae
Georgia Tomlin

Chloe Adcock
George Morse

Year 2 – Roseanna Morgan
Bradley Smith

Jude Kitchener
Molly Silsbury

Year 3 – Jessica Fullard
Vinnie Nutland

Mason Hawkins
Megan Rodman

Year 4 Lilly Lovegrove
Alicia Watson

Justin Summers
Zak Fry

Year 5 Ellie Kitchener
Ellinor Farler

Louis Fullard
Joel Lathrope

Year 6 Qasim Rehman
Bridie Iles

Chloe Montagna Malcolm
Harry Everett

New Play Area



Following a generous contribution from FBR we are now able to begin the installation of our play project plans. This will begin with an all weather play

area next to the conservation area. This will be complimented by bark covered all weather playing areas and playground markings.

Bicycle Storage

Following the excellent travel plan Mrs Joyner has created after discussion with parents, residents and pupils we have recently been awarded sizeable grant that will be used to convert an existing storage building into a cycle store. We will keep you up to date as this develops.



Ofsted



As you will be aware we were visited by an Ofsted inspection team last week.

The final report will be published soon, but I'm sure you will be pleased to know that our pupils were praised for their good behaviour, attitude to learning and excellent social skills.

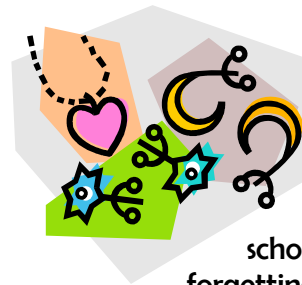
School Refurbishment



Mr Thomas would like to point out that it was last year's school council and not him who choose the purple colour for the new toilets. We are really pleased with the results of our summer work when cloakrooms, toilets and classrooms were all refurbished. A particular favourite with the pupils are the automatic lights and hand driers! All rooms in Avon and Severn have been redecorated and furnished.



Uniform



It has been commented upon how smart our pupils look in school uniform and their presentation and behaviour is a credit to our school. Some pupils however are forgetting to remove nail varnish and we would appreciate your help in reminding them.

Well Done

A big thank you to all our pupils and parents/carers for arriving at school promptly. It makes such a difference when all the class are ready to begin the day without any interruptions from late arrivals. I know making Doctors/Dentist appointments out of school hours or towards the end of the school day is not always convenient but children learn so much more without disruption to the beginning of the school day.



Friends of Beacon Rise



The Friends of Beacon Rise – FBR – held their Annual General Meeting in September and elected new members. By now you should have received their first newsletter with dates of the next meeting and details of proposed forthcoming events. Please feel welcome to come along and join in with discussions and meet new friends. They would love to have new faces and listen to any suggestions you may have.