



The Beacon



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HEADITORIAL

We've had an extremely busy, but wonderful month a Beacon Rise. Five sports days, a three day space festival, a visiting giant blow up planetarium, a visiting artist working with our gifted and talented artists, a three day outdoor learning festival, a visit from the Life Education van, a BMX display show and even some cycling proficiency testing have all contributed to a month to remember. All this, coupled with superb academic results in KS2, KS1 and the Early Years and news that we have been made a Band 1 school by South Gloucestershire Education department, has resulted in an extremely positive end to the year. Now we can start looking forward to a new school year and the many developments we have planned to make Beacon Rise an even better place to be.

Chris Thomas



Band 1 School

We have recently been informed that we have been graded as a Band 1 school by the local authority. This is a reflection of our excellent academic achievement and our outstanding capacity to identify and achieve even greater future success. Congratulations to all the staff that have worked so hard over the past few years to make this possible.



Academic Excellence

This year's academic results have surpassed even our very high expectations. Results in the Early Years, KS1 and KS2 are all **significantly** above national and local averages in all key areas - Reading, Writing and Mathematics.



The end of school Year 6 results are especially pleasing with 95% of pupils in Maths and 89% of pupils in English attaining national expectation or higher. Even more encouraging is the fact that 55% of pupils in maths and 58% in reading achieved the top grade of level 5. This compares with 2009 national averages of 33% and 29% respectively.

Artsmark Success



Following a detailed bid our creative arts development has been recognised in the form of an Artsmark Award. This is a nationally recognised award that results from our wide ranging and successful arts provision.

Comenius Excitement

We are pleased to announce that our latest Comenius bid has been successful and will result in exchange visits with a number of countries across Europe. Definite links will include Spain, Italy and Slovenia and there may well be other countries involved as the project continues. This project will be entitled 'Our Green World' and will encompass issues of sustainability and ecological awareness.



School Logo Update

Many logo ideas were submitted by parents and children and these have all been considered as part of the design process. We are currently finalising the design and will unveil it in the new academic year. School uniforms will not carry the new logo until next year and the current logo will be acceptable on uniform for the foreseeable future.



Mrs Jones Tries to Escape Again!

Mrs Jones will be repeating her annual retirement quest next week. She has done an amazing job in Year 1 since Christmas and will be greatly missed.

Netball League Winners



Fantastic news; the Cheeky Chimps won the South Gloucestershire Netball League West with the Beacon Bears taking third place. With this victory the Cheeky Chimps played Tyndale the winners of the South Gloucestershire Netball League East. This match was played at Beacon Rise last Tuesday. The Cheeky Chimps played extremely well and won the match 15-3. This victory gave the Cheeky Chimps the title 'South Gloucestershire Netball League Winners.'

Last Friday the Cheeky Chimps went to Frampton Cottrell CE Primary School to be presented with the trophy. The team were very excited. They played two friendly matches and the challenge for the other schools was to beat us. Luckily the Cheeky Chimps kept up their fighting spirit and won both matches.

Overall the Cheeky Chimps remain unbeaten in the netball league. In 12 matches they have scored 121 goals. The top 3 scorers were:

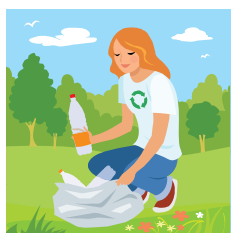
- Emily with 30
- Amy with 26
- Heidi and Ruby with 22

The Beacon Bears scored 48 goals in 9 matches. The top 3 scorers were:

- Eli with 12
- Nicole with 11
- Georgia with 8



What a fantastic and successful season for both teams. Well done Cheeky Chimps and Beacon Bears.



Conservation Thanks

Many thanks to the numerous parents who have worked to make the conservation area a great place to learn. More helpers are always welcome; please let the office know if

you are able to pop in on one or more Friday afternoons to help out.

Diary Dates

July

23rd Break Up – End of Academic Year

September

1st IN-SET DAY–School closed to pupils

2nd Return to School – Welcome Back!



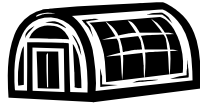
Space Dome

Thanks to a significant grant from Rolls Royce we have been able to fund a space themed week of learning. Rockets were fired, sculptures built and the visiting space dome which filled Severn hall was a dramatic start to the week.



2 ltr Plastic Bottles

No more plastic bottles needed. Many thanks to everyone for their help with the greenhouse project, your help has been exceptional and the finished greenhouse is fantastic.



Disco

FBR raised £296.57 by holding disco's last term. Thank you to everyone who helped with this and a special well done to Katie & Kay for all their hard work in organising this event.



Fair

The Annual School Fair was Saturday 26th June. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a fun filled afternoon. This was a major fundraising event for the school and parents, carers, staff and pupils all helped to organise the afternoon. Special thanks go to Hannah and Sarah who made sure this event went smoothly. Donations of goods were greatly appreciated and we all had a wonderful day. Well done to everyone, in total we raised an over **£2,800** an outstanding amount.



Community Forest Festival

South Gloucestershire Council are organising a Wildfest Community Forest Festival on Saturday 17th July at Warmley Forest Park, Warmley from 11.00am – 4.00pm. Join in a wild day out in the beautiful forest park with a wide variety of hands on workshops, walks and activities for all ages. Further details can be obtained from the school office or website naturalenvironment@southglos.gov.uk

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.