



The Beacon



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HEADITORIAL

Spring has finally arrived! It was great to see the children have their first day on the field earlier in the week. Like three hundred and fifty puppies all being let off the lead at the same time, they made the most of the sunshine. Thanks to FBR's excellent work they will soon have lots of extra play equipment to use on the field.

Tales of Year 5's residential visit have been a pleasure to hear. Many thanks to all the staff who enjoyed sleepless nights to give the children such a great time.

Chris Thomas

Diary Dates

Mar

Fri 19th Book Day - Fancy Dress

Apr

Thurs 1st Break Up for Easter Holiday

Mon 19th Return to school

May

Thurs 6th INSET DAY - School closed

Fri 28th INSET DAY - School closed



Staffing News

When we break up on Thursday 1st April we will say goodbye to Mrs Murphy and Mrs Shepherd who will be taking maternity leave. We look forward to having a cuddle with their new additions

when they bring them in to show everyone. We will be welcoming Mr J Harrington who will be teaching RM and Mr G Ballard who will be teaching 5S. I am sure you will join us in welcoming both Mr Harrington and Mr Ballard.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Visits

Recently our Y5 pupils visited St Briavels Castle, Gloucestershire and our Y6 are shortly on an extended visit to Okehampton, Devon in May. At Beacon Rise we pride ourselves in being able to take our older pupils on annual residential visits. The Y5 pupils came back from St Briavels, tired, but full of excitement from the experience they had. We plan as many educational activities, coupled with fun and enjoyment, as we can.

Netball League

Both the Cheeky Chimps and Beacon Bears have continued to play very well in the school netball league. This terms results are:

Cheeky Chimps v Barrs Court 8-1

Cheeky Chimps v Frampton Pumas 16-2

Cheeky Chimps v Hambrook 10-3

Beacon Bears v Barrs Court 7-2

Beacon Bears v Frampton Pumas 4-2

Beacon Bears v Hambrook 11-6

So far the Cheeky Chimps are unbeaten in the league. The Beacon Bears have won three out of four matches. This is fantastic news and we all wish them good luck for future matches.

The Beacon Bunnies also played a friendly match against Barrs Court and won 6-0. Well done Beacon Bunnies.

Last week the Cheeky Chimps also represented the local area in the Partnership Netball Finals. The competition was tough and we played well. Overall we came third. Unfortunately only the top two teams moved through to represent South Glos in the Area Regional Finals.



Orlean Visit

Mrs Zlobec has recently visited Orlean in France to establish international links that extend our current initiative involving Belgium, Sweden and Italy.

We have submitted a bid to form a learning partnership centred round sustainability and other 'green' issues. This will involve substantial links with a range of other European countries

Music

We have been awarded the Golden Sing Up award. Sing Up is a national singing programme that promotes singing throughout the school in many different ways. This is fantastic news, we received feedback saying how 'the enthusiasm of the children really came through'. Congratulations. Beacon Rise is indeed a Golden Singing School. Keep singing everyone!





Road Crossing

We are fortunate to have a Road Crossing Patrol, Mrs Crossland, every morning and afternoon at Beacon Rise Primary. Please would parents/carers ensure they cross the road with their children only when Mrs Crossland is in position in the middle of the road and all traffic has stopped. We have had a

number of occasions when children and parents have tried to cross before all traffic has stopped. Please, please be patient we only have your best interest at heart and Mrs Crossland works hard to ensure everyone's safety.

World Book Day



Much fun was had by both pupils and staff who dressed up in really impressive costumes. Book Week will be held all this week before and after school. Please come along and browse (buy) with your child.



Mornings in the Playground

On arriving at school pupils' are asked to line up in their classes.

All children should be with their parents and under close

supervision. Recently some pupils have been allowed to play unsupervised in the 'tree' playground which has caused issues of safety. Please do not allow your children to run or ride scooters in playgrounds. We receive many complaints about certain pupils risking their own and others safety by acting in this way.

Safeguarding

Thank you for your understanding of new guidelines regarding parents coming into the buildings before school.

Recent government safeguarding requirements have necessitated this. Adults who are not staff members are no longer permitted unsupervised access.

We recognise that this is a significant change to our 'open door' ethos. Please be assured that we continue to value our interaction with parents and will always be willing to arrange a suitable time to discuss your child's needs.

Information necessary to support your child can be passed to the teacher when they collect your child from the playground or if a longer discussion is needed appointments can be made through after school contact or via the office.



Outdoor Play

At Beacon Rise we are very keen to develop our outdoor area. Miss Millward, who is our Outdoor Learning Leader, has consulted with our pupils and have a wish list of outdoor equipment:

An outdoor classroom

A stage

Willow tunnel

A core net

A long climbing wall

We are working very hard to raise money at school to go towards paying for these wonderful things for our pupils.



Football

This year we have seen record numbers at football club with over 40 pupils turning out on cold and wet Tuesday afternoons to have a kick around.

Thankfully, we have received excellent support from Paul 'Arsene Wenger' Bold who has helped with both training and matches.

This season has seen mixed fixtures with the football team having won 3, drawn 2 and lost 3. Despite some unlucky results (mostly due to fluky goals or dubious refereeing decisions), there have been some wonderful individual performances and we can say how proud we are of all the girls and boys who have participated.



Eco Councillors

The Eco Councillors have been working hard ticking off numerous parts of their action plan.

We have recently created an eco-code which has been adopted across the school. With this final criteria ticked off we were able to apply for our silver award! Well done Eco Warriors!

The councillors have recently grown as we have joined force with our international representative to start a new project, our green world.

We are looking forward to the educational benefits of this new project as well as making our school and wider community a brighter and greener place!!

