



# The Beacon



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## HEADITORIAL

It has been a great pleasure to put this term's newsletter together as it is a chance to share the many successes our pupils have enjoyed.

The fantastic academic standards that continue to be achieved are extremely encouraging, but it is the fact that these have been achieved within a school where so many people have so much fun is something to be proud of.

**Chris Thomas**

## Academic Excellence

We have been extremely pleased to receive the latest test result information from the Department of Education; this compares our results with national standards. Once again Early Years results are significantly above that of national and South Gloucestershire averages. KS1 data in reading, writing and maths is equally encouraging.

The progress and attainment of our Year 6 pupils is excellent, with results in Maths, English and Science being considerably higher than national and South Gloucestershire levels. Congratulations to the extremely hard working pupils and staff who have given us yet one more reason to be proud of Beacon Rise.

## School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as School Councillors for this year:

1B	Zayd
1H	Lucy
2L	Todd
2V	Briony
3Z	Mason
3T	Kady
4B	Olivia
4M	Alfie
5T	Oliver
5D	Ryan

6W	Rachel
6W	Jake
6L	Jasmine
6L	Jake

We are sure they will represent their fellow classmates in an excellent manner.

## Our Latest Award

We are pleased to announce that our latest award has been celebrated this week. We have been presented with a BikeIT award that recognises the many events and initiatives we have put in place to promote healthy transport.



## Comenius Project

In two weeks time we will be welcoming a range of international visitors to our school. They will be visiting as part of our Comenius project that is organised to enable the best educational practise across Europe to be shared.

## Welcome to the Chickens!

Last week saw the arrival of the latest additions to our school, Salt and Pepper. A new home has been made for them next to our greenhouse and allotment area and they have caused much excitement amongst the children and staff. Many thanks to Katie Hawkins for volunteering to be organiser of all things chicken related.



## Beacon Rise Maths Team

Beacon Rise was recently represented by a team of amazingly talented mathematicians in a national contest designed to test their problem solving skills. We await the results with great hope and confidence!



### Disco

Many thanks to all at FBR for arranging such a successful disco evening. A great time was had by all.

### Ladies Night

FBR held a Ladies Night here in the school hall last week. This proved an overwhelming success with lots of goodie bags; free pamper events and lots, lots more. Well done to everyone for organising and holding another fantastic event.



## Change to Christmas Productions



This year will see a change to the usual organisations of class performances.

Year 5 and 6 will be performing their Christmas concert at the Colston Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and will also take part in a musical

play at the end of the year.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be performing 'Alice in Wonderland' in the new year as part of an ongoing partnership with the EGG theatre in Bath. This will involve a visit to the theatre and workshops back at school.

The Early Years children and Year 1 & Year 2 will each have a joint performance at the following times:

Nursery and Reception – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45 a.m. and 2p.m. Nursery children will perform at the time corresponding to their timetabled session.

Year 1 and Year 2 - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45a.m. and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2p.m.

More information to follow.

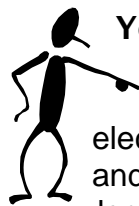
## Jewellery

A reminder to all pupils, parents and carers that our school's policy is to have a minimal amount of jewellery worn in school. Earrings should be studs only and taken out or covered during PE.



## PE Kits

Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. We realise that kits will need to be taken home to be cleaned on occasions but they need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.



## Your Council Needs You

South Glos Council elections team is seeking staff to help carry out the local elections in May 2011. Count staff, poll clerks and casual clerical workers are needed in locations throughout South Glos from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the electoral services team on 01454 863030 or via [electoral.services@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@southglos.gov.uk) to request further details and an application form.

## Diary Dates

### November

Children In Need Day  
School Commemius Parade



Fri 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

### December

Colston Hall Concert  
Christmas Lunch  
Xmas Productions  
Nursery & Reception  
Y1 & 2  
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Christmas Party Day

Wed 1st  
Thurs 2nd

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

**In-Set Day-School Closed to pupils** Fri 17<sup>th</sup>