



Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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Next Week:

Thursday 23rd November

9am Musical Sharing Assembly (No Afternoon Sharing Assem)
Boys Football Friendly @ Kimpton School
Wheathampstead Village Lights Up

Key Dates / Reminders:

End of Term

Thursday 21st December - **2pm Finish**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to all the pupils who joined us in the Remembrance Day Parade at the weekend - so many Beech Hyde pupils representing the uniformed organisations and special thanks to Year 6 pupils Max and Ruby for laying our wreath.

Last week we welcomed visitors to our school for open mornings and afternoons - it was so lovely to share our school with others and the feedback we had was really pleasing - special thanks have to go to our Year 6 guides and to our pupil speakers - Nora, Henry (Year 1) and Minnie and Michael (Year 6) - such professionalism!

Watching our pupils take part in sports activities is a real highlight of my job! Over the last 2 weeks we have had so many of our sports teams in action - really challenging themselves on the football pitch, the netball court, the cross country course, and representing Beech Hyde at festivals all over St Albans. My grateful thanks goes to Mr Drake for all his organisation, and to parents and carers for all the driving and lifts. Year 5 have been out on their bikes this week doing their bikeability course and having a great time - it's so important to ensure our youngsters are safe on the roads and we are really pleased they have had this opportunity.

All week we have been celebrating Anti-bullying week starting with odd socks on Monday, House afternoon and share on Tuesday and activities in class. We had a great day celebrating Children in Need today - dressing up, being a bit silly and remembering all the charities it supports. The amazing amount of £207 has been raised, so a huge thank you!

Last week I thanked the BHA for the amazing fireworks event and this week I can announce that we made in the region of £5000 for the school - this is fantastic. Following discussions this week the BHA have agreed to spend the money on upgrading our ageing classroom ipads - THANK YOU! If you do not already do so, please consider becoming involved with the BHA - everything you do goes directly to support your child's education. The easyfundraising Christmas Raffle is huge and they have brilliant prizes this year. (see below)

Next week it's Wheathampstead Lights Up and we have a stall - please do come and visit us and listen to the children sing!

Congratulations this week go to Aaliyah Saghir for receiving the Davey Cup for Maths and to Ava Monro for being awarded the English STAR award.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at head@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk.

With best wishes

Karen Thomas
Headteacher

Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1

= Y2 88%

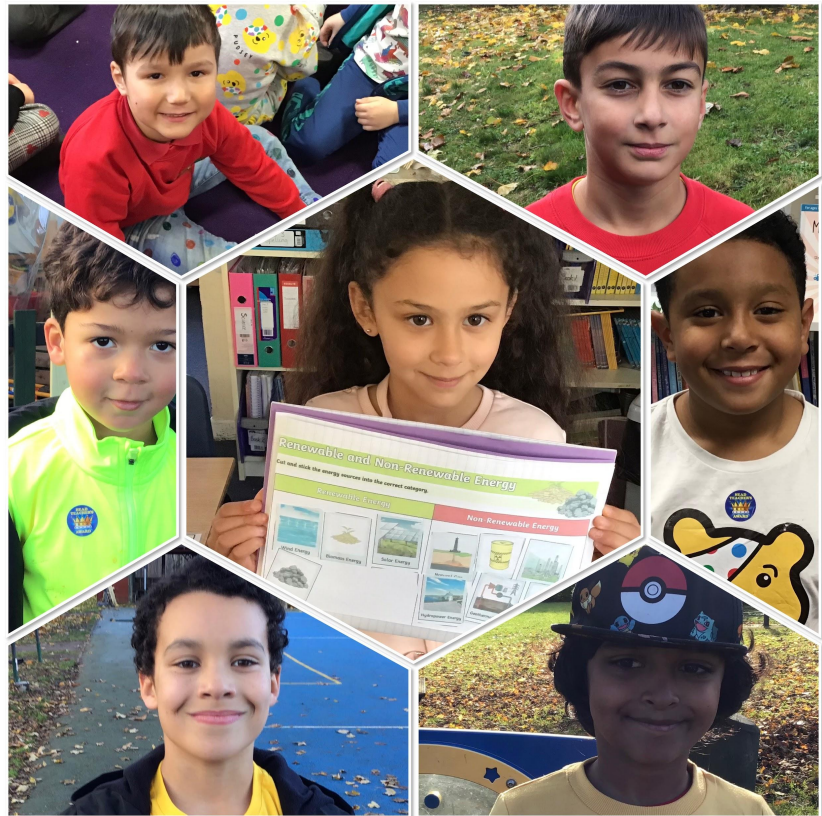
Attendance of the Week KS2

= Y6 99%



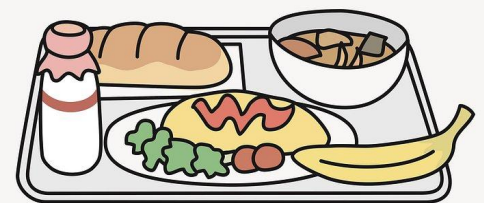
Work of the Week

Freya Lambert
Matteo Raffermati
Oscar Blackford
Joshua Singh
Amara Naheed
Ayo Ogunleye
Kai Wallis
Kalim Khan



Changes to School Lunch Payment and Ordering

We have been exceptionally lucky that the school lunch price has not increased for 5 years. So it is no surprise, given the large increase in food prices over the past year, Aspens are increasing their prices. **From January the cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.80.**



Also from January, Aspens are also looking to introduce an online ordering and payment system. This means that instead of the school ordering lunches, parents will order lunch for their child the night before. Parents will also pay Aspens online directly rather than the school being involved. As such, cash payments will no longer be accepted by the school and online payments must be made in advance of meals taken.

We will of course provide more detailed information when received.

BHA Easyfundraising Raffle is back!



The Beech Hyde Christmas Raffle is back and we have **over £1000 of goodies** to be given away completely free.

Take a look at our Beech Hyde Parents Network Facebook page on Monday 20th November to see us reveal all the prizes up for grabs.

The first prize draw is on Friday 24th November and the winners will be announced right here in our newsletter!

All you need to do is sign up to Easyfundraising - it's that simple. Go to <http://tiny.cc/Easyraffle> or download the Easyfundraising app to your mobile

Good luck!

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

Christmas Singalong

7.30pm
THURSDAY 14th DEC
MARFORD MEMORIAL HALL
AL4 8AY

FREE
MINCE PIES & MULLLED WINE
RAFFLE

ABBEY GATEWAY ORCHESTRA
CAROLS & CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wheathampstead WCG
Community Group

www.wheathampsteadwgc.org

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BEECH HYDE
ASSOCIATION

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