



## YEAR 6 START AND FINISH TIME

As we announced in the letter that was sent home on Tuesday, from Monday 28th September, Year 6 children will start their school day at 8.55am and finish at 3.05pm. This is the only change we are making at the moment - Years 3, 4 and 5 timings are unchanged, and entrances and exits for the whole school are unchanged. Please do your best to ensure that your child is in school on time every day. If you have any problems related to siblings with different start times, please email Miss Lodge to discuss this: [e.lodge@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:e.lodge@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)

## MACMILLAN

Usually at this time of year we would have a Macmillan Coffee Morning - a lovely opportunity to sit down for a chat over a coffee and a cake, and to raise money at the same time. Obviously that isn't possible this year, but we do want to support this wonderful charity. Therefore, **next Friday (2nd October) will be a non-uniform day, and children are invited to bring in an individual cake.** Sadly, we aren't able to share cakes, so please only send one, and don't make it too big! It can be a cake bought from a shop or one that your child has baked themselves. If you are able to, please send in a donation. We know that times are difficult for many families, so if you aren't able to send a donation, that's fine - children can still wear non-uniform and bring a cake.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING ISOLATION

If your child is eligible for free school meals and your household is having to self-isolate, from Monday we can provide a lunch bag for your child. If you think you are eligible and would like a lunch bag, please contact the office by 9.30am each morning, and a bag will be here to collect. As the household will be self-isolating, it should not be someone from your household that comes to collect it. We realise that will not be helpful to some families, and we are sorry if you have no means of collecting it. Unfortunately, we are not able to deliver the lunch bags to your house.

## COVID-19 SECTION ON WEBSITE

There is a new section on our website, headed "Covid-19 Information". From now on, all letters and information documents related to the pandemic will be uploaded there. This includes the letter that was sent home on Tuesday this week with various updates, including the Year 6 timings.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy on the governing body. Nomination forms and information will be sent out on Monday. If you are interested and would like more information, please get in touch with Mr. Smart for an informal chat.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month, and this year, we have a few things planned. We are planning an Anti-Racism Week for the week beginning 19th October, which is the last week before half term, where our work in different curriculum areas will tie into the theme of anti-racism. However, we recognise that Anti-Racism is not just something you can pick up for a week; our Anti-Racism Week will be the launch of a much bigger, ongoing project to fight against racism in all its forms. Much more information to follow on that, but in the meantime, we have told the children that Beeches Brilliant Writer, for the next few weeks, will be centred on Black History Month. We would like children to do some writing about an aspect of Black History, such as significant events, key figures (including, maybe, lesser-known figures) in Black History and personal reflections or anything that comes to mind. Children can write recounts, explanation texts, poems, fictional stories, biographies or any other genre. We hope to share some of the children's writing on the back of the newsletter throughout the month.

## TEST AND TRACE APP

Today, we are sending home a letter that the DfE have asked us to send regarding the Test and Trace app.

## HOME LEARNING

From Monday, the Year Group Blogs will be back in use. You can access them from our school website. The intention with these is that they are used by children who feel well but are having to self-isolate while waiting for a test result. **We do not expect children who are feeling unwell to be doing any schoolwork.** If your child is self-isolating and does not have access to the school website, please let us know and we will send a printed copy of the work on the blog.

## THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Red Phoenix	640
2	Yellow Unicorns	579
3	Blue Dragons	552
4	Green Griffins	454

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Syed (3L)    Year 5: Tianna (5M)  
Year 4: Alicia (4KP)    Year 6: Amy (6KA)

## BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Last week's winner: Shiv (3P) & Nifemi (4AP)  
This week's title: Black History Month (see above)

## ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 87.9%  
This Year So Far: 88.2%

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Rocky	4CP: Rhianna	6IS: Aimee
3P: Nico	4KP: Sonia	6KA: Amy
3W: Max	5L: Shia	6LA: Brontie
4AP: Izzie-Louise	5M: Krisha	6SA: Ashleigh
	5S: Lilly	

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