

COVID-19 UPDATE

You should have received a letter this week informing you that we have had a positive case of Covid-19 in school. The first thing to report is that, thankfully, the person in question feels well. Some parents and carers have understandably asked questions about whether their child might be at risk. To reassure you, on learning about the positive test result, we immediately contacted the DfE and worked through their risk assessment with them. We identified "close contacts" from the 48 hours leading up to the positive test and advised them to self-isolate for 14 days. They are not allowed in school during that time. Fortunately, the person who tested positive left school early on Monday morning, and did not have any playtimes or lunchtimes with the other children. Therefore, it is only the children in their class, plus a few other children they came into close contact with, who have had to self-isolate. As it stands at the moment, this is the only positive case we have had. Whenever we have a positive case in the future, we will again be in contact with the DfE and will go through their risk assessment process. Each case will be assessed on its merits, and the outcome in terms of who has to self-isolate may not always be the same. Please be assured that we will always follow the advice we are given and our approach will always be one of caution. As always, please get in touch if you have any concerns.

MACMILLAN

Thank you for sending your child in non-uniform today, for giving them a cake to enjoy and, most of all, for your generous donations to Macmillan. We are very sorry we weren't able to invite you in as usual to have a coffee, a cake and a chat. However, we are very pleased to have raised £331.69 for Macmillan. Thank you as always for your kindness.

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MR. ALI'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

For a year now, Mr. Ali has been sharing inspirational quotes about reading from well-known historical and current public figures. He would now like to share the thoughts of children, staff and parents about reading and about books. So, if you can provide Mr. Ali with a sentence or two that sums up your love of reading, please speak to him or email s.ali@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk and your words might be our quote of the week! Mr. Ali has provided the first one.

"The reading of any good book is like having a conversation with the brightest minds that lived." - Mr. Ali

ANTI-RACISM WEEK

We are excited to announce our Anti-Racism Week, which will begin on Monday 19th October. We have an exciting week planned with special activities devoted to anti-racism. There will be lessons across the curriculum dedicated to promoting anti-racism and black history. This week is designed to be a launch for a wider initiative intended to run throughout the school, in all areas of learning, not for a week, month or year, but as a permanent addition to our ethos. We feel passionately about this drive in order to promote equality and harmony within our community and for the betterment of our future generations. Please look out for examples of what the children produce and videos from this week on our website and Twitter page.

UNIFORM AND P.E. DAYS

A few clarifications about uniform and PE days: Please try to ensure that high standards are maintained when it comes to uniform and children's appearance. They should be in full uniform every day, except non-uniform days and PE days. Hair accessories should be modest and plain black, dark grey, white or green in colour. The only jewellery that is permitted is a single pair of stud earrings, and your child must be able to remove them themselves for PE. Any other type of earrings, including loops, dangly or large earrings, must not be worn. On PE days, please remember that if children wear their PE kit to school, they must wear their school jumper or cardigan over their PE kit. Thank you for your support.

SMART WATCHES

Children are permitted to wear watches to school. However, they must not bring Smart watches (such as Apple watches), or similar devices. These have the potential to cause significant distractions during lessons.

THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Yellow Unicorns	640
2	Blue Dragons	592
3	Red Phoenix	561
4	Green Griffins	519

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Fin (3L) Year 5: Tayyiba (5M)
Year 4: Max (4AP) Year 6: Ziela (6IS)

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Last week's winner: Je'Nae (5L)
This week's title: Black History Month

ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 89.6%
This Year So Far: 88.5%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Lily-Ann	4CP: Lottie	6IS: Zarai
3P: Amarii	4KP: Asad	6KA: Blake
3W: Lena	5L: Alieu	6LA: Delaini
4AP: Lilly-May	5M: Leah-Maree	6SA: Lyle
	5S: Taeveon	

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