

TOILETS

As per our guidance document from the start of the term, we have been encouraging children to use the toilet during lesson time in order to avoid congestion at break times. We have reviewed that, and we think we might have created bigger issues than the one we were trying to solve, so from next week, we will revert to encouraging children to use the toilet during their breaks and not during lessons. We have found that some children are requesting multiple toilet visits and it is causing queues during lesson time, meaning lost learning time. Of course, if a child really needs to go during a lesson, they will be allowed to do so, but we will not allow them multiple toilet visits during a lesson, unless we have been notified by you of a medical need that your child has. Therefore, **please let us know if there is a reason why your child might need to go to the toilet more often than once per hour.** We will review this situation as we go along; the first consideration is safety, and we will monitor the levels of congestion to ensure children are as safe as possible.

YEAR 4 MORNING DROP-OFFS

The morning arrangements at Sandy Lane for Year 3 and Year 4 children are working well. Thank you all for your co-operation. One thing we have noticed, though, is that some Year 4 children are being dropped early and are joining the queue without anyone looking after them. **Please stay with your child until they come through the gate.** We do not take responsibility for your child's safety until they come onto our premises.

MR. ALI'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thank you very much to Holly from 3L for providing this week's Quote of the Week! If your child has any inspiring words to help children develop a love of reading, they can write them down and give them to Mr. Ali. Alternatively, you can email them to s.ali@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk - maybe your child's words will be on our newsletter soon! Here's what Holly says about reading:

"You don't need money to travel, you just need a book."

TEACHER DAY

Advance notice that **Monday 16th November** will be a Teacher day, meaning that **school will be closed to all children.** If you have children at the infant school, please be aware that the infants are open as usual that day and children should attend. Apologies for any inconvenience that causes - we try to align our Teacher Days with the infants, but on this occasion, there is a specific training opportunity for us, so it is just our school that will be closed.

COLOUR TEAMS

Way back in February, our children voted to change the names of the colour teams and name them after famous Brummies. The Brummies chosen were: John Cadbury, Denise Lewis, Malala Yousafzai and Benjamin Zephaniah. Now, the observant among you may note that Denise Lewis was born in West Bromwich and Malala was born in Pakistan, so it may be a stretch to call them Brummies. However, Denise competed and trained with Birchfield Harriers and Malala studied and lived in Birmingham, attending Edgbaston High School, so we are proud to claim them as Brummies!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We have had loads of entries to Beeches Brilliant Writer this month. There are two weeks of Black History Month left in school - please keep the fantastic writing coming in. We will be putting some of the work on display, so even if your child doesn't win the weekly prize, their work will help to teach others about Black History and help to spread the importance of equality.

PARKING

Sadly, we need to talk about parking again. We have had some near misses reported to us this week involving cars parked or being driven carelessly and thoughtlessly around school. Unfortunately, our powers are limited - the main thing that can make a difference is a collective effort by all parents and carers to drive and park appropriately. This issue has been raised several times in newsletters with no lasting improvement, so maybe it's time to do something different. Therefore, if you have any ideas as to how we can work together as a community to improve this situation, please email Mr. Smart (m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk) - all suggestions are welcome and will be considered.

THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Team Malala (Yellow)	510
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	434
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	433
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	371

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Lena (3L) Year 5: Hannah (5M)
Year 4: Iona (4CP) Year 6: Ziela (6IS)

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Last week's winner: Cyrus (6IS)
This week's title: Black History Month

ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 85.9%
This Year So Far: 88.0%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Hasnain	4CP: Tanvi	6IS: Aaliyah
3P: Esmay	4KP: Jesse	6KA: Adam
3W: Nasrin	5L: Adana	6LA: Erin
4AP: Max	5M: Kieran	6SA: Maymunah
	5S: Tehzeeb	

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