



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 18th April 2018

Summer School – Monday 16th July - Wednesday 18th July 2018

Following the success of last year’s programme, Summer School will take place from Monday 16th July to Wednesday 18th July 2018. There will be a structured programme with particular emphasis on developing skills and knowledge in Literacy, Numeracy and Grammar. Whilst some pupils will be asked to attend Summer School on a compulsory basis, it is open to all of our pupils. This should prove to be a fruitful time to “top up” curriculum knowledge gained throughout the academic year and address areas that were perhaps more challenging.

If you would like your son to attend Summer School on a voluntary basis, please email me on timothy.markall@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Reporting Pupil Absences



Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments.

Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the Attendance Office direct on **01225 485222**, or you can email attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on 01225 485221.

CALENDAR

Thursday 19th April

PTA Riverford Cookery Evening for Year 10 Parents

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd April

Ten Tors Training on Dartmoor

Tuesday 24th April

SCLS – Martin Gledhill Architecture and Civil Engineering

Wednesday 25th April

Upper Sixth Preparing for University Talk – Main Hall

Monday 30th April

PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Staff Room

Friday 27th April

Year 7 Exams Assembly

Monday 30th April

Year 8 Exams Assembly

Wednesday 2nd May

GCSE Exams Briefing Assembly

Thursday 3rd May – Friday 11th May

Lower Sixth Exams (excluding BH Monday 7th May)

Monday 7th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Announcing PTA Quiz Night



PTA

NEW CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE

SAVE THE DATE, AND GET YOUR TEAMS OF 6 TOGETHER, FOR WHAT SHOULD BE A GREAT END-OF-YEAR NIGHT OUT.

Word of the Week - Amalgamate

Verb - to amalgamate

= to combine or unite to form one organisation or structure

= to mix or merge so as to make a combination (chemistry) = to alloy (a metal) with mercury - *amalgamated zinc*

Use it:

Eventually, the company was forced to **amalgamate** with its rival in order to survive.

When the film studios **amalgamate**, their combined back catalogue will be housed in one location.

The designer **amalgamated** two seemingly-different styles into the client's new home.

Spell it:

A - mal - ga - mate

Did you know?

The most common type of tooth filling is dental **amalgam**, made from a mixture of mercury and different metals. Dental amalgam fillings are often used on your back teeth as they are hard-wearing. These silver-coloured fillings are a mixture of metals including mercury, silver, tin, and copper.

Literacy

Reader of the Week

Reader of the Week this week is **Bertie Masters** Year 7 (ML5) who has been incredibly focused on his reading of late and soon after returning from the Easter break, took an Accelerated Reader quiz on 'Private Peaceful' achieving an excellent score and gaining 6 points for his house! Great job Bertie!

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo.

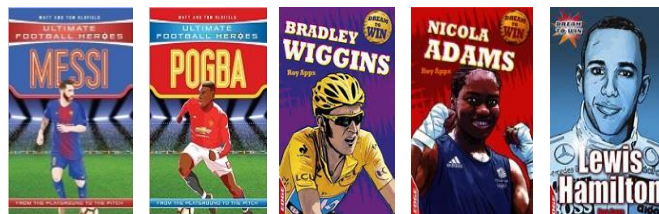


Set in the fields of Devon and the WW1 battlefields of Flanders, two brothers fall for the same girl while contending with the pressures of their feudal family life, the war, and the price of courage and cowardice.

We have plenty of copies in the library if you would like to read the book for yourself...

The library has some new books this week. They are an inspirational set of biographies focusing on the skill and determination needed to break through into the world of top-class sport.

These books include: 'Messi' and 'Pogba' (*Ultimate Football Series*) and some additional books from the 'Dream to Win' series - Bradley Wiggins, Nicola Adams and Lewis Hamilton so come and grab yourself a book!



Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Avon Schools Golf Championship

Avon Schools Golf Championships took place on Wednesday, 11th April at The Kendleshire Golf Club. 

The weather was definitely not great first thing, delaying the start of the Championship, however once we started the weather did hold.

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable day with an initial field of 87 players and 80 actually playing, we achieved some great scores/results:

Girls Gross Champion - Amelia Matthews - Beechen Cliff/Lansdown - 75

Girls Team Gross Champions - Amelia Matthews/Bella White - Beechen Cliff

Girls Team Nett Champions - Amelia Matthews/Bella White - 155

Amelia Matthews and Bella White have been selected for the Avon Team at the South West Schools Championships on 29th May at Wells Golf Club.

In the boys Championship, Adam Jolly finished in the top 20 with Keiran Bye not far behind. This was George Duncan's first big championship and he did a grand job helping the Beechen Cliff team into 6th (out of 13) place.

Mr G Wright

Golf Co-ordinator

Theme of the Week - Plastic Waste

For the Theme of the Week this week we are considering recent increased awareness of the effects of plastic waste on the environment, especially our oceans

Marine life is facing "irreparable damage" from the millions of tonnes of plastic waste which ends up in the oceans each year, the United Nations has warned. Plastic as we know it has only really existed for the last 60-70 years, but in that time it has transformed everything from clothing, cooking and catering, to product design, engineering and retailing. One of the great advantages of many types of plastic is that they're designed to last - nearly all the plastic ever created still exists in some form today. It is likely that about 10m tonnes of plastic currently ends up in the oceans each year. [A report in Science Magazine](#) estimates that 8.3bn tonnes of plastic has been produced to date. Of this, 6.3bn tonnes of plastic is now waste - a majority of which, some 79 per cent, is in landfill or the natural environment.

For sea birds and larger marine creatures like turtles, dolphins and seals, the danger comes from being entangled in plastic bags and other debris, or mistaking plastic for food. Turtles cannot distinguish between plastic bags and jellyfish, which can be part of their diet. Plastic bags, once consumed, cause internal blockages and usually result in death. Larger pieces of plastic can also damage the digestive systems of sea birds and whales and can be potentially fatal. Over time, plastic waste slowly degrades and breaks down into tiny micro-fragments which are also causing scientists concern.

A recent survey by Plymouth University found that plastic was found in a third of UK-caught fish, including cod, haddock, mackerel and shellfish. This can result in malnutrition or starvation for the fish, and lead to plastic ingestion in humans too. The effect on humans of eating fish containing plastic is still largely unknown, but in 2016 the European Food Safety Authority warned of an increased risk to human health and food safety "given the potential for micro-plastic pollution in edible tissues of commercial fish".

In the [Blue Planet II](#), Sir David Attenborough examines the impact of human life on life in the ocean. In this final episode, we uncover the impact that our modern lives are having on our best-loved characters from across the series, including devoted albatross parents unwittingly feeding their chicks discarded plastic and mother dolphins potentially

exposing their new-born calves to pollutants through their contaminated milk. Scientists have even discovered that increasing noise levels may stop baby clownfish finding their way home. **MAY CONTAIN SOME UPSETTING SCENES**

The government have vowed to make changes to the way we produce, use and dispose of plastic in order to diminish the negative effect we are having on the environment. This includes the use of plastic straws (which many restaurants and bars are now not offering unless requested) and encouraging food manufacturers to use more environmentally friendly packaging.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jan/11/conservatives-25-year-green-plan-main-points-at-a-glance>

Miss P Netto
PHSE Co-ordinator

Bath City Farm April Plant Sale

Spring has finally sprung, and what better way to celebrate than getting out in the garden!

Come to our spring plant sale on Saturday 28th April, between 11am and 2pm and pick up some good quality flower, herb and vegetable plants at a great price. The Café and bouncy castle will be open.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Farm.

Sara Chapple
Bath City Farm Visitor and Volunteer Coordinator



SPORTS

Sporting Fixtures

The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

Day	Kick-off/Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Thurs 19 th April	13.00	Cricket 1 st XI v KES, Bath (A)	11.45	MB	19.00
	14.30	Tennis U18A v Wycliffe College (H)	14.00	n/a	17.00
	15.30	Netball v Kingdown Community School (A)	14.30	MB	17.30
Mon 23 rd April	16.30	Cricket U13A v Kingswood School (A)	15.30	MB	19.30
	16.30	Football U12A v Chew Valley School (A)	15.30	MB	18.00
Tues 24 th April	15.30	Tennis U15A Year 9/10, U13C Year 7/8 v Writhlington School (A)	15.00	MB	18.00
	16.00	Cricket 1 st XI v Prior Park College (A)	14.30	MB	19.30
	16.30	Tennis U18A, U18B v Prior Park College (A)	15.30	MB	18.30
	tbc	Swimming v Dauntseys (A)	tbc	MB	tbc
Thurs 26 th April	14.00	Cricket 1 st XI, v Dauntsey's School	12.00	MB	20.30
	14.00	Cricket U15A v Dauntsey's School	12.30	MB	19.00
	14.30	Cricket 2 nd XI v Kingswood School (A)	13.15	MB	18.00
	15.00	Tennis U13A Yr 8, U13B Year 7 v Colston's School	14.00	MB	17.30

Sport Results for Week Commencing 9th April 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 10 th April	U13a football v Crispin	Somerset Cup	Won	1-0
Weds 11 th April	Avon Schools Golf Championship	Tournament	See report	
	U13a football v Wellsway	League	Won	5-1
	U14a football v Wellsway	League	Lost	1-2

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

The Try Games, Odd Down, Bath -Sunday 3rd June 2018 between 10-4pm

The Try Games is an inclusive mass participation sports event for EVERYONE in support of Three Ways School.

The idea is for people of all abilities to have the opportunity to walk, run or wheel a challenging distance on the track and also try out a variety of inclusive sports. There will be all sorts of sporting challenges and activities, including a sensory area, so there will be something fun for everyone to have a go at. All sponsorship raised will provide Three Ways School with much-needed funds to provide sporting and social after-school clubs.



“The Try Games demonstrates the great power of sport- it is inclusive, brings people together and nothing is off limits. Everyone has a sporting ability, but they often lack access to facilities or don't realise the great variety of sports available. There is a sport out there for everyone, for all abilities and the Try Games is a fantastic opportunity to bring communities together to try new activities”

Sir Chris Hoy

For those pupils that may be interested, Tickets available at <https://trygames.co.uk/>

