Beulah Junior School Newsletter

October 2026

Our Core Values
Success
Unity
Pride
Enjoyment
Respect



Dear Parents and Carers,

October has been another busy and exciting month at Beulah Junior School, with lots taking place during the first half of the autumn term.

During our Parents and Carers' Evening, our teachers were delighted to meet many of you for the first time. They thoroughly enjoyed hearing about your children and sharing the progress they have already begun to make during the first half of this term.

October was also filled with engaging activities and assemblies celebrating Black History Month. Each year group selected books with themes linked to the month's focus and used these as inspiration for exciting writing opportunities for the children.

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous contributions to our Harvest collection. **Together, we donated an impressive 442 items to our local food bank!** This is a wonderful example of our school community coming together to support others, and we are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Please feel free to contact the office with your ideas and suggestions for our newsletters: office@beulah-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.
Mrs B Warwick

Key Dates and Events

Wednesday 11th November	**Times Table Rock Stars Day** Everyone is invited to dress as Rock Star!
Friday 11th December	**Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day** More details to follow
Monday 14th December	**Whole School Winter Concert** 2 pm—3.15 pm All parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 15th December	**Upper School Christmas Disco** (Years 3 and 4) 3.15 pm - 4.45 pm
Wednesday 16th December	**Christmas Service at St Paul's Church—TBC** 9.30 am - 10.30 pm All parents and carers welcome
Thursday 17th December	**Upper School Christmas Disco** (Years 5 and 6) 3.15 pm - 4.45 pm
Friday 18th December	**School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays, Mufti Day & Class Parties** Usual finish time of 3.15 pm

Parent Governor Vacancy

We need your help in filling this role!



Following the letter sent out on Thursday 22nd October, here is a reminder about this vacancy.
We are incredibly grateful to the contributions our current parent governors bring to the governing board and are keen to add more strength and support from additional governors.

There are so many benefits to being a Parent Governor:

- You will add value, impact, and significantly help the Head Teacher and Senior Management Team run the school smoothly.
- It is rewarding. You will give back to the school and help shape the budget and influence policies which will impact hundreds of young people, not least your own children if they attend the school.
- Due to the diversity of roles on the Board, being a Parent Governor offers opportunity for excellent networking opportunities and a chance to be at the heart of your local community.
- You will offer a wealth and breath of experience and a unique perspective that will enrich how the school runs.
- You will gain skills in diplomacy, strategic thinking, chairing and communication which is great for your own personal development and may enhance your own career.

Parents and carers are all welcome to enquire about this role.
Please call or email the school office to arrange a meeting to discuss this role further:
Phone: 0208 653 4921
Email: office@beulah-jun.croydon.sch.uk



As well as using ClassDojo to reward the children at school, we would also like you to use ClassDojo at home. You can download the app and/or use the web version. By responding to the invites from the class teachers, you will be able to see school & class updates, and also receive & send messages to your children's teachers. Please do use this resource to help us improve communication between home and school. **The majority of our communication will be through ClassDojo.**

Here's a reminder about who to contact and when:

Go to class teacher if you have concerns about	Go to the Deputy Head or the Inclusion Manager if you have…	Go to the Head Teacher if you have…	Go to Chair of Governors if you have…
- Progress - Class work - Bullying - Friendship - Transition - Dietary issues - Behaviour issues	Spoken with year group leader and the issue remains. Or You are informing the school of circumstances that affect your child's well-being (where a wider staffing needs to know)	Spoken with class teacher, year group leader, Deputy Head or the Inclusion Manager and issue the remains. Or To discuss an internal or external suspension.	Spoken with class teacher, Deputy Head and Head Teacher and the issue remains.

Our Assembly Themes and Core Values this Month

Wk 1 - 5.10.25 and Week 3 19.10.26



Wk 3 - 12.10.26







During our Harvest Assembly, the children explored where our food comes from, how different fruits and vegetables grow and why harvest is traditionally celebrated in autumn. We also reflected on the importance of being thankful for what we have and helping those who may be less fortunate.

A huge **thank you to all our families** for their incredible generosity. Together, we collected an amazing **442 food items**, which have been donated to our local food bank to support families in need.

We are very proud of our school community for showing such kindness and generosity and putting our school values into action.

Our core value this week was Success













Class P.E. Days

Here is a reminder of the PE days for each class
Yr 3 Venus: Wednesday and Thursday
Yr 3 Pluto: Wednesday and Thursday
Yr 4 Saturn: Monday and Tuesday
Yr 4 Cosmos: Tuesday and Thursday
Yr 5 Neptune: Monday and Wednesday
Yr 5 Mercury: Monday and Wednesday
Yr 6 Milky Way: Tuesday and Thursday
Yr 6 Supernova: Tuesday and Thursday

P.E. Kits

As you are all aware, children will now wear their **PE kits to school** on the days when they have PE. Here is a reminder about what the children should wear for this:

Plain black shorts / jogging bottoms / leggings





Plain black or white t-shirt **School red jumper or cardigan**



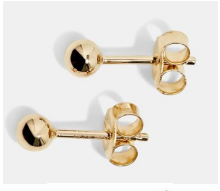



Plain black plimsolls or plain black trainers




Earrings

Please ensure that children are only wearing **small stud earnings** to school.




Attendance and Punctuality




Gates **open at 8.35 am and close at 8.45 am**. After this time, children will need to be bought into school via the main office.

All children arriving once the school gate is locked **MUST** enter the school via the school office. Parents will be asked to give a reason for their lateness.

At **8:55am**, the school registers are closed, any children arriving in the class room after this time will be marked as late in the class register (**L**).

At 9:25am, any children arriving in the school office after this time will be marked as late and **unauthorised** in the class register (**U**).

The **end of the school day, 3.15pm**, remains the same and we appreciate your support in collecting the children on time. Children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to the school office for collection.

Morning Break Snacks

Please ensure you are not sending your children into school with any sweets, crisps, biscuits, chocolate or energy drinks.








We are promoting healthy eating and to support this have limited the morning snacks to fruit, yoghurt, cheese snacks and **nut free** cereal bars. **If your child brings the wrong type of snack to school, you will receive a reminder text about this.**







Black History Month

At Beulah Junior School, we celebrated Black History Month by exploring how Black music has influenced and shaped British culture over the years. Our celebrations included a special carnival assembly inspired by the vibrant Notting Hill Carnival! The children created colourful headbands to reflect their individuality and proudly wore them during the celebrations.

Mr Jordan led the children in singing Bob Marley's One Love and Three Little Birds, which they had been practising in their Music lessons.

A special well done to our fantastic Year 6 volunteers, who confidently hosted both assemblies and did an excellent job!

It was a wonderful celebration of music, culture, identity and togetherness!





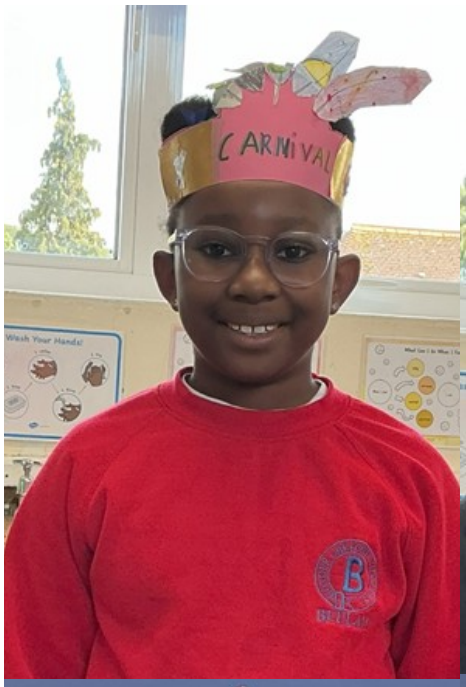








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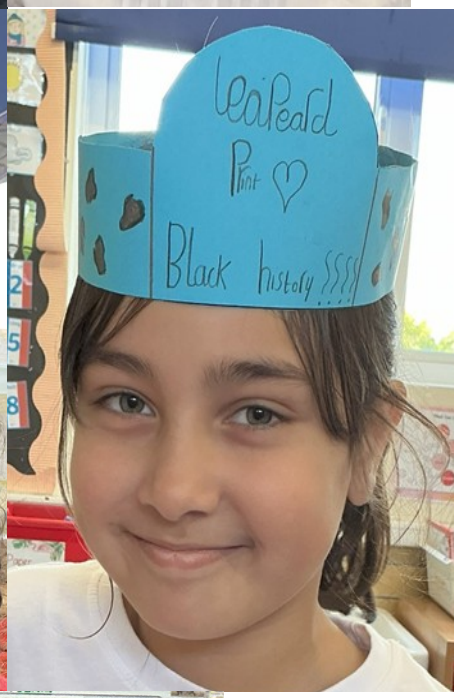














Year 3 - Celebrating and Creating

What a busy and exciting time we have had in Year 3! The children have been working hard, showing great enthusiasm and enjoying lots of opportunities to be creative.

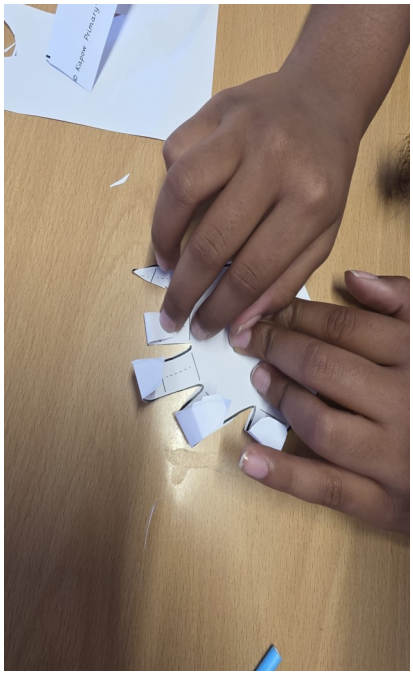
As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we enjoyed creating colourful carnival head-bands for our special assembly, inspired by the vibrant Notting Hill Carnival. Everyone had the opportunity to design and decorate their own headband, making each one unique. It was wonderful to see the children's creativity and individuality shining through!

In Science, we have been learning about the human skeleton and the important role our bones play in supporting our bodies and helping us move. The children particularly enjoyed making their own model skeleton hands and exploring how our fingers bend and move.

It has been fantastic to see so much curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for learning. Well done, Year 3!











Year 4 Visit to Deen City Farm

Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting Deen City Farm as part of their Science learning about animals, digestion and food. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life!

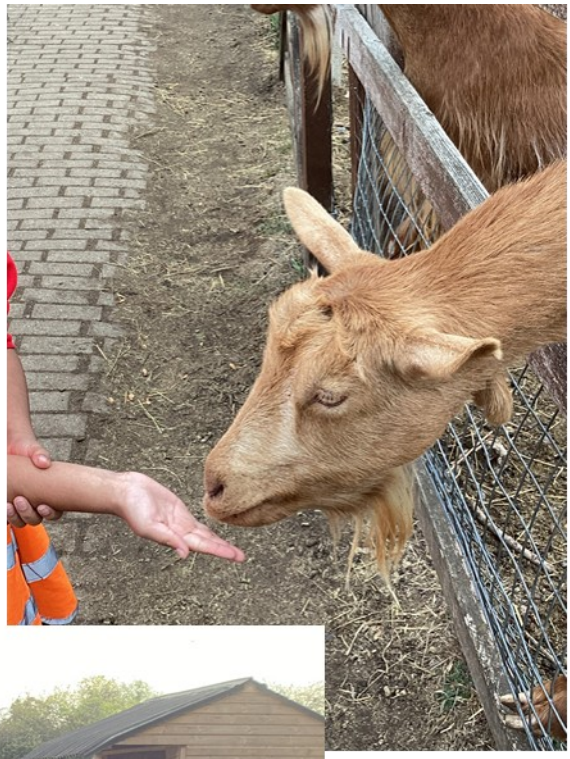
During the visit, the children enjoyed an informative talk from a farm specialist and had the exciting opportunity to see a variety of animals up close. They were able to make connections between what they had learnt in lessons and the animals they encountered, helping to deepen their understanding of the topic. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience, filled with curiosity, excitement and plenty of memorable moments. A wonderful day was had by all!

















Year 5 – Science: Dissolving Part 1

In Science, we learnt about dissolving, we acted out what happened to soluble materials when they mix with water particles and tested some substances to see whether or not they were soluble.





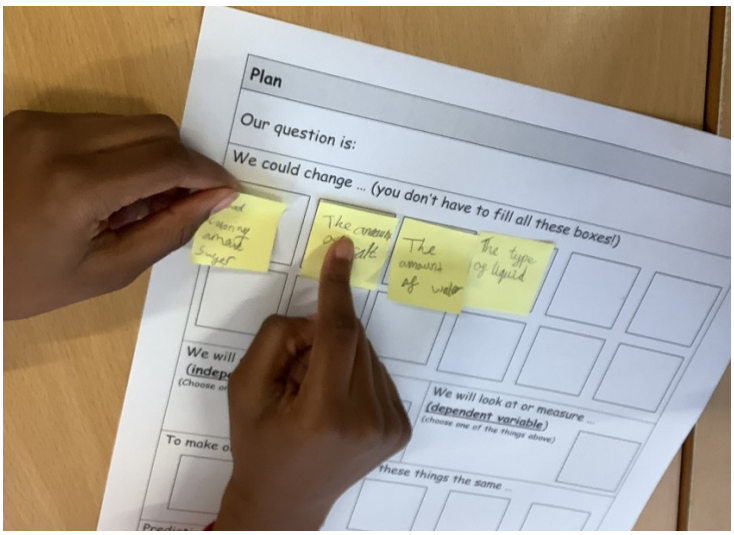




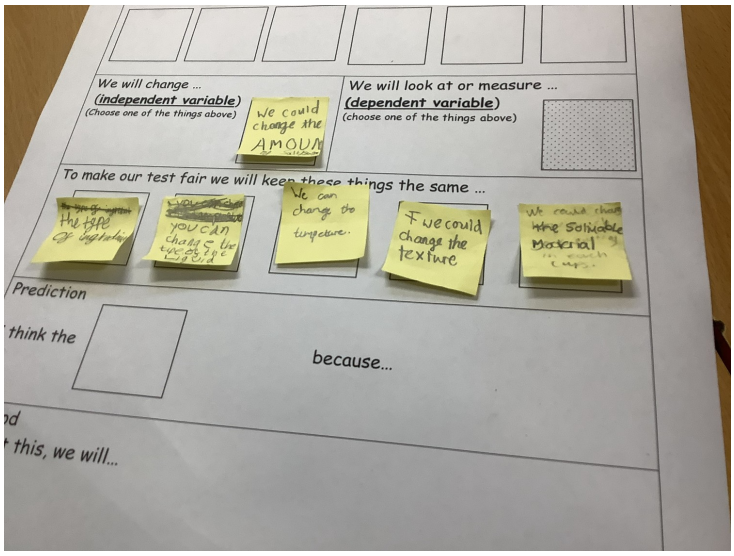


Year 5 – Science: Dissolving Part 2

After leaning about what dissolving is and which materials are soluble, we planned and carried out our own investigations to see what affects the rate at which a material dissolves. Each table used post-it note planning to design their own enquiry, deciding which variable they would change and which ones would stay the same. Here are some photos of our work:













Year 5 – Geography Local Area Trip

As part of our geography lessons, Year 5 took a trip to our local area and interviewed residents about leisure activities in Thornton Heath. We then went on to compare this to the Alps although sadly, we were unable to take a trip to visit these!













Year 6: WW2 Handling Session

Year 6 had an exciting and memorable experience this week as we welcomed a World War II historian into school. The children were fascinated by the collection of authentic wartime artefacts, which brought their learning to life and gave them a valuable insight into what life was like during the war. They thoroughly enjoyed examining the items, discovering their historical significance and asking questions to deepen their understanding of this important period in history.









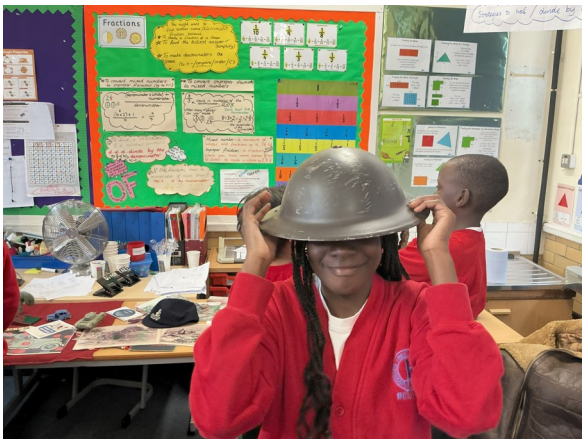




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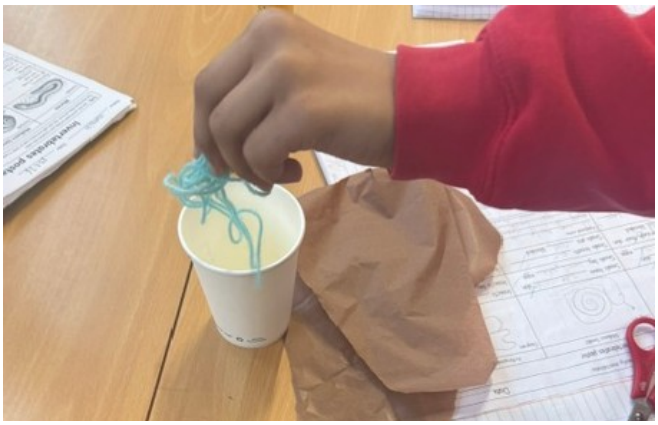


Year 6 Science Plants

In Science, Year 6 have been exploring the fascinating world of plants, learning how they are classified into different groups based on their shared characteristics.

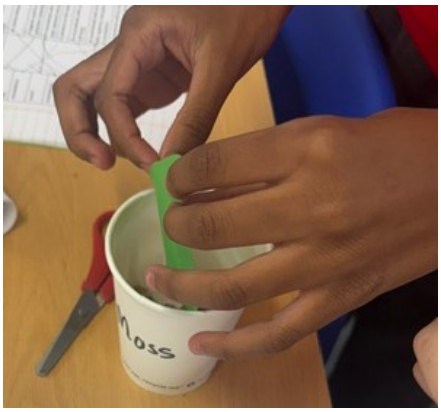
The children put their knowledge and creativity to work by producing colourful plant-group collages using a variety of craft materials, leaf cut-outs and labelled jars to represent different types of plants.

To finish, everyone had the opportunity to present their work to their group, confidently sharing what they had discovered and learning new facts from one another. It was wonderful to see such creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm for Science!











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Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Holiday	Bank Holiday	INSET day

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Beulah Junior is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.