# **Beechwood Bulletin**

#### **Beechwood Primary School**

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## **NOTICEBOARD**

#### **ATTENDANCE AWARD:**

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Robins with 99.7% attendance. Well done Robins!



#### **CLASS DRESS DOWN DAY:**

At the end of each half term the class with the best overall attendance for that half term will be treated to a dress down day, the results for this half term will be announced early next week.

#### **PARENTPAY:**

Please ensure you are up to date with payments via Parentpay for trips and lunches, if your lunch balance goes over £30.00, we will ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child until the balance is cleared or significantly reduced.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS ASDA will donate a percentage of your shop to the school when you shop on line or in store. See: https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools for more information—ends 30/11/2024



# **Parent Engagement**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our School Improvement information session for parents yesterday afternoon. I hope you found it useful and informative. Over the course of the year, we are looking to host more parental information sessions on different aspects of school life. The next one will focus on our Curriculum and will take place on Tuesday 28th January at 2.30pm.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to parents evening on Monday. We look forward to seeing many more of you this evening. If you haven't yet had a chance to book an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative meeting.

A huge well done to all our Year 4 children who have just completed their block of swimming sessions. I know the children particularly enjoyed going in the water in their pyjamas! We are extremely proud of the children as they all made some fantastic progress, with some overcoming their fear of the water.

There is building excitement in Year 6 this week, as on Monday the children will either be on their PGL residential in Swindon or enjoying an activity week here at school & Dinton. I know all the children will have a wonderful week.

Kind regards,



Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

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#### Star Pupils -w/c 07/10/24

Butterflies— Reggie Robins— Eiliyah Hedgehogs— Lazario Badgers— Senthuran Foxes— Gabor Woodpeckers— Rajveer
Owls— Paige
Kites— Arabella
Falcons— Darius
Hawks – Sam
Eagles— Daniel

Well done to all of our Stars!

### **Attendance**

Our minimum attendance target is 96.5%. Please help us to ensure your child receives the best education by attending school regularly and being on time.

Our whole school attendance for last week was 94.3% which unfortunately is well below our target.

# Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been using the story 'We're Going To Find The Monster' this week in their learning, in drawing club we have created our own monsters, drawn the setting of the story and today we thought of exciting things that could be in the monsters lair. In maths this week we are learning about pattern, spotting and continuing a 2 colour repeating pattern. We are very excited for our art day tomorrow, recreating art in the style of Frank Bowling. Remember to wear some clothes you don't mind getting messy!

Year 1 have been focusing on a book 'Leaf Man'. They went on a hunt for leaves and created their own pictures of a leaf man. The children then created a story map of what things/creatures their leaf man would see on his adventures. In geography they have been learning about what human features are and then children worked in small teams and made some of these features out of junk modelling. In maths the children started their addition and subtraction unit. They have been learning about different number bonds to 10 and started adding 2 groups together. In science the children have been learning about characteristics of different animals groups like fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles, insects and birds.

Year 2 and 3 have been writing fact files about prehistoric animals in english. In maths we have been adding and subtracting two digit numbers. In science we have been learning about the rock cycle and the changes that rocks undergo. In art we are continuing our stone age cave paintings. We are still enjoying learning all about the stone age.

Year 4 have continued their learning in maths by starting to use column subtraction. They have been writing their non chronological report all about the Romans and have worked hard to include lots of historical information and facts. In history, we have compared two leaders and said who we think is most powerful. In PE, we have continued our learning of football and how to play correctly including different skills. Sadly, swimming has come to an end but the children have learnt lots of important skills and have grown in confidence in the pool.

Year 5 have continued to learn about space, learning about how the sun, moon and earth orbit each other and how long this cycle takes. In maths, they have been learning about multiples and common multiples of numbers, using their knowledge of timetables from year 4! In geography, they enjoyed using their knowledge of sustainability to write a sustainability report about the school, making some excellent recommendations.

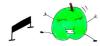
Year 6 are independently writing their own chapter of The Midnight Guardians, their plans are so creative and we cannot wait to read their finished pieces! In maths, we have tackled multi-step word problems and have been exploring different strategies to apply to mental calculations. In PE, we have had fun with an inter-year basketball tournament which has provided the children with a great opportunity to show off the skills they have developed over the half term. In DT, we have been investigating different types of structures in preparation for designing and building our Anderson Shelters after half term.

#### **House Points**

Outstanding Oranges 287



Amazing Apples 450



Super Strawberries 365



Brilliant Bananas 208



# Congratulations to Amazing Apples for collecting the most house points this week

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 17th October — FS Art Day <u>NEW</u>
Friday 18th October — Wear it Pink Day

FS-Year 3 Halloween Disco—6.30-7.30pmYear 4-6 Halloween Disco—7.45-8.45pm

Monday 21st—Friday 25th Oct — Year 6 Residential/Activity Week Wednesday 23rd October — Open Morning for Prospective Pa

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Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov — Half Term

Tuesday 5th November—Tuesday 3rd December — Year 5 Swimming <u>NEW</u>
Wednesday 6th November — School Photos (Individual)
Tuesday 12th November — Year 2/3 Trip **NEW** 

Thursday 12th November — Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required)
Wednesday 20th November — Family Learning Session, Hedgehogs Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 26th November — Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)

Wednesday 27th November — Year 1 Scooter Training

Tuesday 10th December — Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)

Thursday 12th December — Year 5 Trip **NEW** 

Monday 16th December — FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service

Tuesday 17th December — Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service

Friday 20th December — End of Term