Beechwood Bullet

Beechwood Primary School

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NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Kites with 98.4%. Well done Kites.



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Robins won bookworms again but a special shout out to Badgers who were much improved!

BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

Core Kids run after school club from Monday to Wednesday, please directly with them https:// book www.corekidsclub.co.uk/wraparoundcare

Breakfast Club & After School Club are run by Beechwood, please ensure you are booking your child in in advance. Last minute bookings should only be made in an emergency. Bookings are available on Parentpay up to 4 weeks in advance.

Vacancy

School Cleaner

Required February 2025

2 hours a day, 5 days a week Hours of work: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Contact the school office if interested

Attendance & Punctuality

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take a moment to re-emphasise the importance of school attendance and punctuality in both the academic and personal development of your child. Consistent attendance and arriving on time are key factors in ensuring that pupils have the best possible opportunities for success.

When children attend school regularly and arrive on time, they are more likely to keep up with lessons, participate in classroom activities, and build strong relationships with their peers and teachers. On the other hand, missing school or arriving late can cause disruptions in their learning and make it harder for them to catch up with their peers.

Studies show that regular attendance is linked to higher academic achievement, improved social skills, and greater overall well-being. It is also an important life skill that helps pupils develop responsibility, time management, and accountability—qualities that will benefit them throughout their education and beyond.

- If you child is 12 minutes late to school every day, then by the end of each week they will have missed the equivalent of a whole lesson.
- If you child misses 1 day of school every week your child will miss the equivalent of over a week of school every half term.

We ask that you continue to support us in ensuring that your child arrives on time and attends school regularly. If your child is facing any challenges that may affect their attendance, please reach out to us so we can work together to find solutions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



Butterflies— Xyla Robins — Two pupils next Falcons — Wiktoria week

Hedgehogs— Polina Badgers— Karolina Foxes - Angad

Star Pupils -w/c 13/01/25 Woodpeckers— Konni

Owls— Whole class Kites— Tyler

Hawks— Diellza

Eagles - Vallabha & Anaya

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 93.1% which unfortunately is still below our target.

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

Foundation Stage have been learning about Pakistan this week as part of their topic "We Are Explorers". In drawing club we have been using the story "Malala's Magic Pencil" to think about what we would draw with our magic pencil, they did some super writing about it. We have been working together this week to create some Truck Art from Pakistan, we have loved mixing some bright colours!

Year 1 have started looking at information about Queen Victoria as children will be writing a fact file about her in english. In maths we looked at the numbers 11-20 and we will be working on a numberline, identifying 1 less and 1 more. In RE we familiarised ourselves with Abraham's story as an introduction to Judaism. In computing we have been giving instructions to our partner so we understand basics of programming.

Year 2 and 3 have been writing persuasive letters from rainforest animals to humans asking them to stop the deforestation. We looked at different sentence forms such as questions, statements and commands and the correct use of question marks and exclamation marks. In maths, year 2 have been continuing their unit on money and giving change, whilst year 3 finished their unit on division. In science we looked at how water was transported within plants and in geography we created posters showing the natural resources we get from the rainforests.

Year 4 have been busy working on their writing- two villagers and the mighty fierce warrior. They have been including prepositions, fronted adverbials, conjunctions and apostrophes to name a few. They have had the privilege to have a basketball session during PE the last few weeks. They have been building key skills needed to play basketball effectively. They have continued their learning on states of matter and completed experiments, dancing raisins and the inflating glove and then applying their knowledge to why it is happening.

Year 5 have been learning different ways to show water in their art topic of Riverscapes, using collage and water colours for effect. In english they have been writing a comparative report on the River Thames and the River Yangtze. Finally, in geography they have been developing their knowledge of rivers and how different societies use them.

Year 6 In English, Year 6 continued their unit on The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan and have written diary entries from the perspective of Shaun. In maths we have grappled with reasoning and problem solving linked to ratio and proportion. We have explored the topic of natural selection in science and have started learning how to describe ourselves in French.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges 157



Amazing Apples 182



Super Strawberries 200



Brilliant Bananas 311



Congratulations to Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most house points last week!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 5th February — SEND Coffee Morning—9.45-10.30am

Monday 10th—Friday 14th February — Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 11th February — Safer Internet Day

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February — Half Term

Monday 24th—Friday 28th February — Year 6 Mock SATS

Wednesday 12th March — Kites Class Assembly

Friday 21st March — SEND Coffee Morning—9.45-10.30am

Monday 24th March — Parents Evening (In Person) - 3.30-6.00pm <u>**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**</u>

Wednesday 26th March — Parents Evening (In Person) - 3.30-6.00pm <u>DETAILS TO FOLLOW</u>

Wednesday 2nd April — Foxes Class Assembly

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Friday 4th April — End of Term—1.15pm