Beechwood Bulletin

Beechwood Primary School

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NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school the week before half term was Hawks with 99.3%. Well done Hawks!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who were top bookworms last week.



HEALTHY SNACKS:

Children may bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktime, such as fruit, veg sticks, breakfast bars (strictly NO NUTS). School fruit is provided daily for the Lower School children.

SCHOOL TIES:

Reminder school ties are available to order through Parentpay. Please make your purchase online then come to the office to collect the tie.

WORLD BOOK DAY—TOMORROW:

Don't forget your child is welcome to come to school tomorrow dressed as their favourite book character or in comfy reading clothes.

REMINDER—SCHOOL GATE TIMINGS:

A reminder the school gate now shuts at 8.50am, if you miss the school gate being open you need to access the school via the office and your child will be marked as late.

Busy Week

Dear Parents and Guardians.

What a joy it has been to see the sun out over the last few days. Signs of Spring are everywhere and the sunshine is certainly helping to lift our spirits.

We've had a wonderful start to World Book Week, with an assembly led by Miss Pilbeam on Monday and a whole host of events going on throughout the week. We're all looking forward to hearing more about our favourite books on Thursday, officially World Book Day. I would like to officially thank Miss Pilbeam for all her hard work in organising these activities.

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 football team for their excellent 7-5 cup match win against Robert Piggott Junior School last week, ably coached by Miss Heaps. The team showed great resilience, stamina and maturity coming from 2 - 0 down to win in a very nerve-wracking match for the spectators. We wish them luck in their next match against Evendons.

Many of our families will be observing the traditions of Ramadan and Lent over the next few weeks, reflecting, fasting and praying. We have set up dedicated prayer spaces for those pupils and staff who wish to pray over lunchtime and have welcomed hearing about family traditions linked to Ramadan and Lent. We wish you Ramadan Mubarak or a peaceful Lent if you are observing.

The school was buzzing on Thursday evening with multiple after school clubs, both existing and new. I was delighted to see 20 pupils in the first session of our new science club and loved hearing all the positive feedback from the children. Please look out for details of new clubs in the coming months.

Thank you to those families who have worked hard to improve punctuality this week and to those who are always punctual. I know it can be difficult if we have to travel some distance and navigate roadworks and multiple drop offs, and well as parking complexities, so thank you for continuing to support us to ensure all children arrive at school safely and on time, ready to learn.

Kind regards,

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Ms Louise Quinell Headteacher

Owls- Jack



Star Pupils -w/c 24/02/25

Butterflies— Lowena Robins — Patrik Hedgehogs— Sophie & Dolly Badgers— Bedansh Foxes — Oakley Woodpeckers— Poppy Kites— Seb

Falcons— Hashim & Aliza Hawks— Misha Eagles— Imogen

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 the last week before half term was 93.1% which is still below our target but an improvement.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have had lots of fun learning about pancake day this week. We have been learning about what Shrove Tuesday is and we made some delicious pancakes yesterday. Later in the week we are excited to celebrate World Book Day. In Maths, we are continuing our measuring unit, measuring length, height and time.

Year 1 have revised addition and subtraction within 20 in Maths. In English we have started writing a diary of a Victorian child by orally rehearsing first, then using a diary map to help us say and write sentences. This afternoon the children showcased their homework projects to another 2 classes in the Great Exhibition. They talked about their item confidently and with enthusiasm. Well done, Robins!

Year 2 and 3 have summarised, sequenced and retold The Tiger Child in our English lessons. In Maths year 2 have been measuring in centimetres and metres and comparing and ordering lengths and heights. In History the children learned some interesting facts about Francisco De Orellana to create a fact file and in Science we are looking at human and animal skeletons - what would happen if we didn't have one?

Year 4 have been working hard on solving perimeters of rectilinear shapes. They have continued their learning on Beowulf and have been doing character and setting descriptions of the story. In PE, we have started to create a spy themed dance using a set motif to begin with. In RE, we have explored Ramadam and its importance.

Year 5 have been discussing King Henry VIII's impact on England, looking at his change in religion. In Maths ,they have finished their decimals, fractions and percentages unit. Finally, in English, they have been researching Sir Francis Drake in order to write a biography and turn it into a documentary, focusing on presentational speaking.

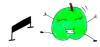
Year 6 have enjoyed researching information about Guatemala and are in the process of writing two travel adverts which target two very different audiences. In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing decimals by integers. In Computing we have started using Tinkercad to design in 3D, we finally got to play handball in PE (which we enjoyed) and in French we are learning how to describe our personalities.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges 196



Amazing Apples 157



Super Strawberries 184



Brilliant Bananas 145



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points last week!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th March

Wednesday 12th March

Thursday 13th March

Friday 14th March

Monday 17th—Friday 21st March

Tuesday 18th March

Friday 21st March

Sunday 23rd March

Monday 24th March

Modes and 26th March

Wednesday 26th March

Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday 2nd April

Friday 4th April

Monday 21st April

Tuesday 22nd April

Wednesday 7th May

Monday 12th—Friday 16th May

Thursday 15th May

Wednesday 21st May

- World Book Day
- Kites Class Assembly
- FS Library Visit **DATE CHANGE**
- Year 2 Library Visit
- Year 5 Bikeability
- Year 1 Library Visit
- SEND Coffee Morning-9.45-10.30am
- WASMA Concert @ Hexagon
- Parents Evening (In Person) 3.30-6.00pm <u>DETAILS TO FOLLOW</u>
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- Easter Church Service for Years 4-6, 1-3pm
- Foxes Class Assembly
- End of Term—1.15pm
- Bank Holiday
- Beginning of Summer Term
- FS Height and weight check
- Badgers Class assembly
- KS2 SATS
- Census Day
- School Class Photos