

Beechwood Bulletin

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Embracing Reading

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a wonderful week last week in school celebrating World Book Day, including dressing up, sharing our favourite stories and even having a story den afternoon on Friday. In the words of Dr Seuss, the more that you read, the more things that you'll know! We know that children who regularly read do better and feel better, so thank you for all you do to support your children with early reading and reading for pleasure.

I've attached a link below to some interesting research on the benefits of reading if you would like to know more!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/research/benefits-of-reading---booktrust-2023.pdf>

**THE MORE THAT
YOU *Read.*
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL *Know.*
THE MORE THAT
YOU *Learn.*
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL *Go!***
Dr. Seuss

Happy Holi to all our families who identify as Hindu and who are celebrating at the end of this week. We are always happy to learn about traditions and celebrations that are important to our school families, so do let us know if you are celebrating.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to look smart this week or who have tightened up on uniform. The children looked incredibly smart together in assembly this week and walking around school. On that note, we'll be addressing the rather full lost property box in coming weeks, so do look out for more details coming.

Have a wonderful rest of week,

Kind regards,

L. Quinnell

Ms Louise Quinnell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school the week was Kites with 98.9%. Well done Kites!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Badgers who were top bookworms last week.



PUNCTUALITY UPDATE

Total minutes late between 05.03.25 and 11.03.25 was 434 down from 920 the previous week which is a great start. Keep it up!

NO NUTS POLICY:

We cannot stress how important it is to not bring nuts or nut products into school. Please ensure you are checking cereal bars, bakery products and any spreads to ensure they DO NOT contain nuts or traces of nuts and if there is any possibility that they do, DO NOT bring them into school. Please note any version of chocolate spread is BANNED from school as there is no guarantee it is nut free.

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Allergy Free Zone

Star Pupils -w/c 03/03/25

Butterflies— Marharyta

Robins — Theo

Hedgehogs— Two star pupils

next week

Badgers— Phoebe

Foxes — Piper

Woodpeckers— Hamza

Owls— Grayson

Kites— Osman

Falcons— Riddhi

Hawks— Lola

Eagles— Riley

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 94.6% which is still below our target but another improvement from last week. We're getting there!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have had a visit from 'The Evil Pea' this week from the book Supertato. He has been up to lots of mischief in our classroom and all around the school, we have been busy making traps for the Evil Pea and creating posters to describe the Evil Pea to everyone else in the school. In Understanding the World this week we have been learning about postal workers and in Maths we have moved on to learning about the numbers 9 and 10.

Year 1 have finished writing a diary of a Victorian child and the children have completed their independent writing by writing their own diary entry. In Science we looked at a few materials and made a prediction as to whether they are waterproof or not. Then we tested them in water and compared the results to our predictions. In Geography we discussed the climate of hot and cold countries and decided what clothes we would be wearing in 6 different countries.

Year 2 and 3 have been completing our Spring Maths and English assessments. In Science we are looking at skeletons and how our muscles help us to move. In History we wrote a diary entry as our famous explorer Francisco De Orellana. In DT we are designing a pneumatic animal and would appreciate any lidded boxes, no bigger than a shoe box please.

Year 4 have been continuing their learning on Beowulf and have been writing a story about the time Beowulf slayed Grendel's mother. They are currently planning their independent write to use the skills they have learnt to write the final bit of the story when Beowulf defeats the dragon. Year 4 have been working hard on their unit on area and perimeter and are about to start their fractions unit. They have been looking at the water cycle in Science and have identified the different parts of it.

Year 5 have started a new topic in Maths looking at perimeter of shapes. In English, they have begun their independent write of a biography on a notable Tudor of their choosing. In French, they have learnt about nationalities, while in Computing they have learnt about databases and their uses.

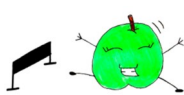
Year 6 had a wonderful week! World Book Day was a complete success with children enjoying our parade and extra reading time. They especially loved making their dens and having time to read for pleasure. The children have been writing fantastic travel adverts in English; writing for audience and purpose has been the aim and they have been smashing it! The children will complete their independent write this week, choosing their own audience and researching their own countries. We have linked our English with our History topic of The Maya Civilisation - the children have been intrigued to see how the early civilisation developed over time.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
191



**Amazing
Apples**
211



**Super
Strawberries**
169



**Brilliant
Bananas**
205



Congratulations to Amazing Apples for collecting the most house points last week!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 13th March	— FS Library Visit
Friday 14th March	— Year 2 Library Visit
Monday 17th—Friday 21st March	— Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 18th March	— Year 1 Library Visit
Friday 21st March	— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45-10.30am
Sunday 23rd March	— WASMA Concert @ Hexagon
Monday 24th March	— Parents Evening (In Person) - 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 26th March	— Parents Evening (In Person) - 3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 1st April	— Easter Church Service for Years 4-6, 1-3pm
Wednesday 2nd April	— Foxes Class Assembly
Friday 4th April	— End of Term—1.15pm
Monday 21st April	— Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	— Beginning of Summer Term
Wednesday 7th May	— FS Height and weight check
	— Badgers Class assembly
Monday 12th—Friday 16th May	— KS2 SATS
Thursday 15th May	— Census Day
Wednesday 21st May	— School Class Photos