# **Beechwood Bulletin**

#### **Beechwood Primary School**

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### **NOTICEBOARD**

# ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school this week was Woodpeckers with 99.3%. Well done Woodpeckers!



#### **LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:**

Well done to Badgers who were top bookworms last week.

#### **PUNCTUALITY UPDATE:**

Total minutes late between 12.03.25 and 18.03.25 was 448, which is unfortunately up from 434 the previous week, let's try to get this back down again next week.

#### **SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT:**

Please ensure your Parentpay school dinner account is kept in credit, we are seeing increasing numbers of lunch accounts in debt. If your lunch account is more than £30.00 in debt your child will not be able to have school dinners until this balance is reduced and you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch from home. If you think you may be entitled to claim Free School Meals please contact the office for an application form.

# **Behaviour & Safeguarding**

Dear Parents and Guardians.

It's been a busy week in school since the last bulletin with library trips for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. They all had a wonderful time being read to, choosing stories and exploring the library. Sarah, the librarian, asked me to remind all parents and carers that it is free to join the library and free to take out books. She would love to see as many of the children as possible again over the Easter holidays. The library staff will be more than happy to support anyone who would like to join the library. I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 1 on their trip and was really impressed with how well they behaved.

#### **Behaviour and Safeguarding:**

We have spent time in classes this week reminding the children about our behaviour expectations and how behaving well keeps us safe. We have circulated the child friendly version of the policy via email and the full policy is on our website.

Safeguarding is our number one priority at school. As a reminder, Mrs Minter is in charge of safeguarding for the school (Designated Safeguarding Lead, or DSL) and she is supported by myself, Mrs Reece, Miss Heaps, Mrs Baker, Mrs Blinco and Miss Stock as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. The children know they can speak to any adult about safety, but that anyone wearing an orange lanyard has a special role in looking out for everyone. Any adult wearing an orange lanyard will happily answer any questions you may have about safeguarding and our safeguarding governor is llaria Warren.

Good luck to our wonderful choir at their WASMA performance at the Hexagon this weekend!

Wishing you an enjoyable week,



Ms Quinell Headteacher



#### Star Pupils -w/c 10/03/25

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Butterflies— Muhammad Robins — Ahmad Hedgehogs— No star pupil this week Badgers — Hugo Foxes — No star pupil

Woodpeckers- Reggie

Owls— Whole class Kites— Nathan Falcons— Zoya Hawks— Reuben Eagles— Emily

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 92.7% which unfortunately has slipped a lot since the previous week and is well below our target.

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

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Doctors and Nurses this week in Understanding The World. In Literacy we have been looking at the story of Zog and The Flying Doctors, on Monday we drew the character 'Zog' and wrote a sentence to describe him. Yesterday we designed our own magic medicines using only words that rhyme. In Art this week, we have been learning about pop art and the artist Roy Lichtenstein, tomorrow we will be creating our own superhero pop art.

Year 1 children took an assessment on 'addition and subtraction within 20' unit in Maths and we have started learning about place value to 50. In Science we looked at another property of materials and used magnets to test which objects are magnetic and which are not. In our indoor PE the children explored changing direction and dodging as well as different jumping, hopping and skipping actions.

Year 2 and 3 have been looking at poetry in our English lessons this week and will be learning the skills to write our own sensory poem about a walk in the rainforest. In Maths, Year 2 have begun their unit looking at mass and weighing in grams and kilograms while Year 3 are learning about mass and capacity. In our History lesson we learned exciting facts about the Kayapo Tribe who live in the Amazon rainforest. In Science we created our own bionic hands, exploring how bones and muscles work together. Please remember to send your child in with a box, lidded if possible, so that we can create pneumatic rainforest animals in our D&T lesson this week.

Year 4 have been busy working on their independent write of Beowulf. In Maths, they have started their unit of fractions and have been working hard to partition big fractions and mixed numbers. In Geography we have begun to look at the location of Reading and its geographical fetaures. In RE, we have been starting to look at Easter and the idea of forgiveness.

Year 5 have finished their independent write of a biography of a notable Tudor. In Science, they carried out an investigation to see which material was the best insulator. In maths, they have been learning about area and perimeter of 2D rectilinear shapes.

Year 6 have been completing their amazing travel adverts for English - and they have been wonderful! The children really showed off their vast writing skills! We are deep into learning about percentages and how they relate to decimals and fractions, in Maths. The children have been fascinated learning about Maya Kings and Queens - they found how they treated the lowest rank of society, horrifying! Finally, the children loved making their periscopes using cereal boxes - even if they were a *little* tricky!

## **House Points**

Outstanding Oranges 221



Amazing Apples 159



Super Strawberries 161



Brilliant Bananas 145



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

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

Friday 21st March

Sunday 23rd March

Monday 24th March

Wednesday 26th March

Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday 2nd April

Friday 4th April

Monday 21st April

Tuesday 22nd April

Monday 5th May

Wednesday 7th May

Monday 12th—Friday 16th May

Thursday 15th May

Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 18th June

Wednesday 2nd July

- SEND Coffee Morning-9.45-10.30am
- WASMA Concert @ Hexagon
- Parents Evening (In Person) 3.30-6.00pm
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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
- Bank Holiday NEW
- FS Height and Weight check
- Badgers Class assembly
- KS2 SATS
- Census Day
- School Class Photos
- Robins Class Assembly **NEW**
- Sports Day NEW
- Butterflies Class Assembly NEW