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 97.9%. Well done Hawks!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Badgers who were top bookworms last week.

ABSENCE MESSAGES:

Please ensure you leave an absence message or email the office to inform the school when your child is off sick, giving a specific cause for their absence. We cannot accept "not feeling well" as a reason for absence. If you fail to inform us on the day of your child's absence going forward we will need to log their absence as a safeguarding concern.

LUNCHBOX GUIDELINES:

Packed lunches can include:

- Sandwiches/wraps/pitta bread, pasta
- Healthy snack (e.g. cereal bar (no nuts), carrot sticks, fruit)
- Savoury snack (e.g. sausage roll, crackers)
- Yogur
- 1 packet of crisps, 1 small sweet biscuit bar Packed lunches should NOT include:
- Nuts or products containing nuts—ie. chocolate spreads, cereal bars
- Fizzy, energy or high sugar drinks
- Sweets/ confectionary items
- Cold leftover takeaway food



Welcome

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I write to introduce myself as new Headteacher at Beechwood School. I've enjoyed meeting so many of you on the gates at drop off and pick up and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

I have spent my first few days in and out of classes and have been impressed with the behaviour and attitudes to learning displayed by the pupils and the dedication of the staff team. I would like to thank the staff, pupils and parents for welcoming me so warmly into the school community.

I have taught and led in a wide variety of schools in my career, mostly across Oxfordshire and Wokingham, including primary, specialist provision and an all-through school. Much has changed in education since I began teaching in 2003, but the success and wellbeing of our pupils remains at the heart of what we do. I have worked as part of the Frays Academy Trust since joining All Saints School in 2022 and am delighted to be able to lead the Beechwood team on the next step of its journey.

My aim as a Headteacher is to provide an exceptional education for each and every child in my care, ensuring that the school day is full of opportunities to build confidence, resilience and good habits for the future.

Teamwork is essential in enabling this vision to become a reality so I look forward to working with you as parents and carers, as well as the wider community, to enable all pupils at Beechwood School to flourish.

Kind regards,

L. Ownell

Ms Louise Quinell Headteacher

Star Pupils -w/c 10/02/25

Butterflies— Roaa & Olivia Robins — Umaima Hedgehogs— Samyuktha Badgers— Megan Foxes — Harry Woodpeckers— Ivy-Rose Owls— Mohammaed

Kites— George
Falcons— Two star pupils
next week
Hawks— Gracie
Eagles— Olivia

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 88.1% which is disappointingly well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have started their new topic of 'We Can Be Heroes', looking at fictional superheroes as well as real life, everyday superheroes that help us, such as firefighters, teachers, vets etc. This week we have been drawing and writing about our favourite superheroes and later in the week we will be collaging a vehicle to help a real-life superhero. In Maths we have started our 2-week unit on measurement; this week we have been measuring mass and capacity.

Year 1 have started with subtraction within 20 in Maths. In Geography, we discussed the different weather we get in the UK. We are also recording the weather on a daily basis this week. We are continuing to learn about materials in science this half term so we have tested 5 different materials for its stretchiness as another property. In English we have looked at the features of diary writing.

Year 2 and 3 have looked at the features of folktales and will be using the Indian folktale 'The Tiger Child' as a platform for our learning over the next two weeks. In Maths Year 2 are coming to the end of their multiplication and division unit and Year 3 have started their unit on fractions. We are continuing our Rainforest topic and in History we will be learning about the explorer Francis De Ollerano and his expedition through the Amazon. In Science we begin our unit on animals and humans by looking at skeletons.

Year 4 have been hard at work this week. We have started our new unit of work in Maths on length and perimeter and have been converting from meters to kilometres. In English we have started our new text on Beowulf and are being to explore setting and characters within the book. We have started our new unit of work of a local study in Geography. We are looking at the location of Aberdeen and key features of the city to eventually compare it to London.

Year 5 have started their new topic this week all about the Tudors. In English, they have begun to look at biographies about famous Tudor figures. In Reading, they have started a new book - Treason by Berlie Doherty. Finally, in Maths they are continuing to learn about decimals.

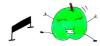
Year 6 have tackled their mock SATs this week - demonstrating fantastic perseverance and resilience. In English, we have started to explore travel adverts as we move into our new unit of Writing. In Reading lessons, we have started a superb book - Oh Maya Gods by Maz Evans - which links into our History topic this term, The Maya Civilization. We are looking forward to starting volleyball and handball in PE.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges 260



Amazing Apples 250



Super Strawberries 211



Brilliant Bananas 219



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

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th March

Wednesday 12th March

Friday 14th March

Monday 17th—Friday 21st March

Tuesday 18th March 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
Wednesday 7th May

Monday 12th—Friday 16th May

Thursday 15th May Wednesday 21st May

- World Book Day
- FS Library Visit
- Kites Class Assembly
- 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 NEW
- Beginning of Summer Term NEW
- FS Height and weight check <u>NEW</u>
- Badgers Class assembly <u>NEW</u>
- KS2 SATS **NEW**
- Census Day NEW—More details to follow
- School Class Photos NEW