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# <u>A Sad Goodbye</u>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I sit down to write this final Beechwood Bulletin, it's hard to believe that the time has come for me to say goodbye. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to be the Headteacher of this incredible school for the past five years, and I want to take a moment to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of you.

To all our dedicated and inspiring staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the children and for creating nurturing and dynamic learning experiences. Your passion and hard work have made a lasting impact on the children, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have worked alongside such a wonderful team.

To our amazing parents, guardians and families, thank you for your ongoing support, trust, and partnership throughout the years. Your involvement in our school community has helped to foster an environment where every child is celebrated, encouraged, and empowered to grow both academically and as individuals.

And of course, to the children – the heart and soul of the school. Thank you for the laughter, smiles, energy, and enthusiasm you bring to school every day. It has been a pleasure to watch you learn, grow, and become confident, kind, and inquisitive individuals. You sit at the heart of everything we do, and I will always cherish the memories of your unique personalities, your questions, your successes, and your wonderful imaginations.

Remember Anything is Possible, so continue to Explore, Discover and Achieve.

It has been an incredible journey, and while I may be stepping away from my role here at Beechwood, I will forever carry the lessons and experiences I have gained here with me.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's learning journey. I have no doubt that the school will continue to thrive and grow under Ms Quinell's leadership.

Wishing you all a restful half term break. Kind regards,

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Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

## <u>Star Pupils -w/c 03/02/25</u> Butterflies— Lowena

Robins — Ahmad Hedgehogs—Olly Badgers— Isaac, Eddie & Senthuran Foxes — Rocco Woodpeckers— Miia Owls— Mathea Kites— Sahasra Falcons— Tillie Hawks— Musa Eagles— Myshikha

<u>Well done to all of our</u> <u>Stars!</u> Wednesday 12th February 2025



#### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Robins with 97.6%, closely followed by Falcons with 97.5% Well done Robins!



#### LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Badgers who were top bookworms last week.



#### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, please click on the following link for full information: <u>Parent Governor</u>

#### NON-UNIFORM DAY:

On Friday 14th February we will be having a non uniform day, children are welcome to come into school wearing any clothes they feel comfortable in, we are suggesting a £1 voluntary donation to the PTA, please give the money to your child's class teacher in the morning.



### **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 is still disappointingly well below our target.

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

Foundation Stage have been learning all about the Arctic this week, we've learnt about different Arctic animals and we have thought about what we might need to wear if we were visiting The Arctic. In maths we have been looking at doubling as well as odd and even numbers. We have also thought about seasonal changes and what it looks like now its winter compared to autumn. The butterflies team wish you all a lovely half term.

Year 1 had a fun english lesson on Monday when they completed 4 different activities. Based on these, the children have been writing their recount independently this week. In maths they have been looking at doubles and adding by counting on within 20. In art they learnt how to mould the clay effectively so they could create a miniature sculpture for Queen Victoria inspired by the artist Barbara Hepworth. In history we discussed what jobs children had to do during Victorian times. Enjoy your half term break everyone.

Year 2 and 3 have completed their Tarzan stories this week and are innovating them by writing as if we are a rainforest animal. In maths Year 3 have been measuring perimeters and converting units of measurement and Year 2 have been doubling and halving numbers. In geography we ended our unit on the Amazon rainforest by writing a fact file and in science we looked at the different methods of seed dispersal.

Year 4 have been working on their diary entries and are now showcasing their writing independently. We have started written division and the children are working really hard to practise this new skill. We have finished our basketball unit and the children have been doing really well to play mini basketball matches and follow the correct rules of basketball. We are completing our final piece by Patrick Hughes this week and the children will be focussing on line, form and perspective as well as using their monochromatic techniques learnt.

Year 5 have started their independent write in english, writing a suspense narrative based on River Boy. In geography, they have created information texts on rivers to summarise all of their learning this half term. Some year 5 students have also participated in the Woodley Schools Bake Off Competition!

Year 6 have been using their powers of persuasion this week by independently writing letters to people of influence in our school about how they would like to make our school eco-friendly. In maths we have completed our algebra unit and are now moving onto decimals. Many of our Year 6's have taken part in bikeability this week - developing valuable road safety skills.



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

#### Dates for your diary:

#### Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Monday 24th—Friday 28th February 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

#### — Half Term

- Year 6 Mock SATS
- World Book Day **NEW**
- FS Library Visit YEAR GROUP CHANGED
- Kites Class Assembly
- Year 2 Library Visit YEAR GROUP CHANGED
- 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

Friday 4th April

End of Term—1.15pm