

Beechwood Bulletin

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Homework Survey....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As in many primary schools the topic of homework comes up with pupils, parents and staff on a regular basis. We are aware that homework at Beechwood generates mixed feedback from parents and guardians. Recently the senior leadership team have been exploring and discussing this in detail in school.

We would very much welcome your parental thoughts on homework so we have created a survey which will be coming home to you later this week. Please could I encourage every family to complete the survey, which should take no longer than 5-10 minutes. Your feedback and views will help shape homework at Beechwood going forward.

I am very sad to be letting you know that, Lucy Radburn, a valued member of our EYFS team in Butterflies class, will be leaving Beechwood on Wednesday 22nd May. After 12 years with us, Lucy will be starting a new chapter at a local day nursery. I am sure you will join me in thanking Lucy for everything she has done at Beechwood. She has been involved in giving so many children good foundations in their learning and will be missed a huge amount.

Please look out for new summer term dates being added to the Bulletin each week.

Kind regards,

S E Hunter

Miss S E Hunter,
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Robins with 98.4% attendance! Well done to Robins!



CHANGES TO LUNCH MENU

The new Summer/Autumn menu started last week. There are several items on there that your child may not be familiar with. Please have a look through it at home with your child and let them know what to expect as many children are unsure of the meals and we food is being left.

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option One: MEX Vegetable Soup with Rice	Option One: Pasta Bolognese	Option One: Soups, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Option One: Gravy Chicken with Rice, Peas & Carrots	Option One: BBQ Chicken with Corn, Beans & Potatoes	Option One: Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Gravy
Option Two: Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Peas & Carrots	Option Two: Vegetable Bolognese	Option Two: Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Option Two: Gravy Chicken with Rice, Peas & Carrots	Option Two: BBQ Chicken with Corn, Beans & Potatoes	Option Two: Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Gravy
Option Three: Veggie Curry with Rice	Option Three: Veggie Curry with Rice	Option Three: Veggie Curry with Rice	Option Three: Veggie Curry with Rice	Option Three: Veggie Curry with Rice	Option Three: Veggie Curry with Rice
Option Four: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Four: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Four: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Four: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Four: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Four: MEX Chicken Burrito
Option Five: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Five: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Five: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Five: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Five: MEX Chicken Burrito	Option Five: MEX Chicken Burrito

ABSENCE

Please ensure you leave a specific reason on the absence line when your child is off sick, detailing their illness.

Star Pupils -w/c 22/04/24

Butterflies— Oscar	Woodpeckers— Sebastian
Robins — Idil	Owls— Osman
Rabbits— Penelope	Kites— Casey & Amara
Hedgehogs— Lottie	Falcons— Dunsin
Badgers— Mohammaed &	Hawks — Harry
Konni	Eagles— Arya
Foxes — Billy	

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 93.8% which is unfortunately still below our target!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning about worms. They have been on a worm hunt in the reflective garden and have made a wormery. In maths sessions they have started to learn the order of numbers to 20 and how they are represented. In English they have written instructions on how to grow a beanstalk.

Years 1 & 2 have started their new English unit on Jack and The Beanstalk. So far they have enjoyed acting out and sequencing the story and Year 2 have learnt about speech. In maths, Year 1 have started their multiplication unit, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and Year 2 have started their unit on money, counting in pounds and pence using coins and notes. In science the children are enjoying looking at plants and are becoming confident naming the parts of the plant.

Year 3 have begun their new topic in maths of money, recapping the different coins and notes in our currency and learning to make £1. In English they have been writing their independent writes of a Greek myth. In science they have been learning about what their bodies need to survive and the different food groups. Finally, in P.S.H.E. they have been learning how to stay safe online.

Year 4 are embarking on a new English unit this week. The children will be reading a 'suspense' story and then using this to plan and write their own stories. In maths, they have begun their 'money' unit where the children are using their knowledge of decimals to convert money from pence to pounds. In history they have learnt about King Ethelred the Unready and discussed how they would have felt being made king at the age of 7 years old. The children are also continuing with their art in the style of Miro this week and are looking forward to using water colours to do this.

Year 5 have been writing an innovated letter this week, based on their class book 'Treason'. In maths, the children have started to learn about angles and degrees, and have had fun drawing out acute and obtuse angles in their books. In science, the children have been looking at life cycles of different living things, and how to plot data in a variety of ways. In history, the children have been completing their research on Hugh Faringdon, who was the Abbot at Reading Abbey during the Tudor period.

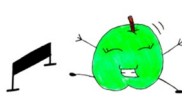
Year 6 have started writing their reports on the achievements of Junko Tabei, the first woman to summit Everest. In maths, they have consolidated their learning from Year 5 on coordinates and the 4 quadrants and have been practising how to translate shapes. They have enjoyed choreographing "clap and stamp" dances in P.E. and in computing they are learning how to build websites.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
143



**Amazing
Apples**
138



**Super
Strawberries**
143



**Brilliant
Bananas**
167



Congratulations to Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May	- Bank Holiday
Monday 13th to Friday 17th May	- SATS Week
Wednesday 15th May	- Robins Class Assembly
Thursday 16th May	- Census Day
Wednesday 22nd May	- School Photographer, Class/Year 6 Photographs - SEN Coffee Morning 9.45-10.30am
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May	- HALF TERM
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June	- Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 5th June	- FS Height & Weight screening
Monday 10th to Friday 21st June	- Year 2 SATS
Wednesday 12th June	- Butterflies Class Assembly
Wednesday 19th June	- Owls Class Assembly– NEW
Monday 24th to Friday 28th June	- Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 26th June	- Year 6 Transition Day