

Beechwood Bulletin

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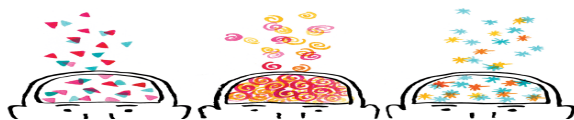


Wednesday 20th March 2024

Neurodiversity Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is Neurodiversity Week which we discussed and celebrated in assembly on Monday. Neurodiversity is about recognising how people think differently. Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. No matter where we are, we can all benefit from being around different thinkers. Neurodiversity week refers to a world where neurological differences are recognised, celebrated and respected by everyone.



On Monday, Key Stage 2 took part in a wonderful Easter service at Christ Church. Each year group presented part of the service; Year 3 shared an Easter acrostic poem, Year 4 talked about forgiveness, Year 5 shared an Easter poem and Year 6 presented some fun facts about Easter. As part of the service the children also enjoyed singing three Easter songs and listened to a thought-provoking story told by Reverend Jackie. It was just lovely to see the children out in our local community. We were very proud of how they represented the school when off site. A huge well done to all the children for their contributions to the service and a thank you to staff for putting it together and to those parents who were able to join us.

As you will be aware in Key Stage 2, children learn French as part of the national curriculum. Yesterday we held a French afternoon, where children were learning to order and serve a range of food and drink found at a café in France, which included; croissants, madeleines, water and juices. Children then built some amazing Eiffel Tower or an Arc de Triomphe structures using spaghetti and marshmallows. The children had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mrs Allen for putting the afternoon together.

Kind regards

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Eagles with 97.9% attendance! A big well done for the second week running to Eagles!



ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP:

It has been wonderful to hear how the children enjoyed the Road Safety workshops yesterday. Please have a chat with your child to find out what they learnt.



PTA OWN CLOTHES DAY:

On the last day of term children are invited to come into school in non-school uniform. The PTA would welcome any donation you are able to make. Please pass these to your child's class teacher.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIALS:

Please ensure you have made all payments due to date for the residential trips. The last payment for Ferny Croft is due by 5th April and the next instalment for Liddington is due by 31st March.

PARENTS EVENING:

Thank you to everyone who came along to parents evening on Monday, we look forward to seeing many more of you this evening.

Star Pupils -w/c 11/03/24

Butterflies— Benjamin
Robins — Piper
Rabbits— Sophia
Hedgehogs— Lottie
Badgers— Finley
Foxes — Maria

Woodpeckers— Sahasra
Owls— Michelle
Kites— Ayri
Falcons— Ava
Hawks — Keegan
Eagles— Ana

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 92.1% which is unfortunately well below our target!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have continued learning about people who help them. On Thursday they will be visited by a staff from a local vet. In maths sessions they have started to learn about 3d shapes and their properties. In English they have discussed the story of "Traction Man" and talked about the vocabulary used within it. The children photographed props in action packed poses on the iPad to support parts of the story.

Years 1 & 2 have been learning about food chains in science this week to conclude their unit of learning about animals. In English they have been writing a letter to a school child in Kenya to compare the similarities and differences between their school days. In maths both year groups are moving on to looking at length and height.

Year 3 have been learning line dancing in P.E. this half term. As a year group they successfully performed a line dance maintaining neat rows. In maths they have been looking at mass and capacity, becoming more confident in comparing and converting measurements. In art the children have finished creating a rainforest inspired camouflage art piece.

Year 4 have begun their English unit on fantasy stories. They are using a film as their inspiration and are looking forward to writing their stories next week. In P.E. the children are looking forward to playing a competitive game of handball and showing off their dance skills to round off their dance unit. In maths the children have been adding and subtracting fractions and are continuing to learn their times tables.

Year 5 enjoyed taking part in their science week activities. In maths the children are continuing to look at area of shapes and in English they are researching facts about the Spanish Armada to enable them to write their independent newspaper reports. The children are now coming to the end of their swimming lessons and have made fantastic progress.

Year 6 had a wonderful time at the French Cafe and were very competitive when building their structures. In English the children have been completing an independent narrative write based on Chapter 5 of Oh Maya Gods. In maths, they have completed their percentages unit and are now moving on to area, perimeter and volume. During science Week, Year 6 identified that there was a correlation between hand span and the number of sweets they could pick up in one attempt.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
136



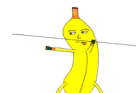
**Amazing
Apples**
132



**Super
Strawberries**
136



**Brilliant
Bananas**
286



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

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26th March	- Hawks Class assembly—2.30pm
Thursday 28th March	- Own Clothes Day, donations welcome <u>NEW</u>
Thursday 28th March	- END OF TERM 1.10-1.30pm
Monday 15th April	- START OF TERM <u>NEW</u>
Wednesday 24th April	- Rabbits Class Assembly <u>NEW</u>
Monday 6th May	- Bank Holiday <u>NEW</u>
Monday 13th to Friday 17th May	—SATS Week <u>NEW</u>
Wednesday 15th May	- Robins Class Assembly <u>NEW</u>
Thursday 16th May	- Census Day <u>NEW</u>
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May	—HALF TERM <u>NEW</u>