

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## British Science Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is British Science week and at Beechwood we have marked this by carrying out whole school investigations: 'Does having a larger hand span means you can grab more sweets?' and 'Can I pick up more sweets with my dominant hand than my other hand?'

Whilst carrying out this investigation the children have been encouraged to pattern seek. We have also been focusing on creating high quality write ups including recording detailed and accurate methods, creating bar graphs and scatter graphs and drawing conclusions based on their findings. Please ask your child all about this at home. Perhaps they can find out how many sweets your hand can hold.



Just to remind you to book your parents evening appointments. We will be holding face to face appointments in school from 3.30-6.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

This Friday is Comic Relief, children are invited to come to school wearing their red nose, if they would like to, alongside their normal school uniform.

On Monday our Key Stage 2 children will be visiting Christ Church after lunch and you are welcome to join us.

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 97.6% attendance! A big well done to Eagles!



### PARKING:

A reminder to please park considerately in the local area and not to block or park on our neighbours driveways. We are aware that Woodley Town Council are monitoring and reviewing the parking situations around local schools with Wokingham Borough Council and the My Journey team with a view to requesting additional civil enforcement activities to enforce unauthorised parking.



### WELCOME:

We welcome Mr Allwood who is joining us tomorrow as a temporary site manager, please say hello if you see him on the gate in the morning.

### ABSENCE:

Please ensure you leave a message on the absence line or email the office if your child will not be in school, please include their name, class and a specific reason for the absence.

### REMINDER:

Handy Club will be closed on Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th due to parents evening.

## Star Pupils

There were no star pupils due to World Book week

## 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 94.4% which is unfortunately well below our target!

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

Foundation Stage have continued learning about "People who help us". On Thursday they will be visited by a doctor's surgery who will answer questions direct from the children about the different roles they all have there. They have drawn pictures of their favourite person who helps us. In maths sessions they have continued learning about number bonds to 10 and have also consolidated doubling facts and odd and even numbers. As it's science week the children have conducted an enquiry-based experiment to see if hand span has an effect on how many sweets they can pick up.

Years 1 & 2 have been enjoying being scientists this week, they had a great time doing our whole school science week experiment and Year 1 had lots of fun exploring 'animal poo' to discover which animals were carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In english we have been writing passionate speeches to persuade people to stop poaching The Big 5 African animals!

Year 3 have been busy with lots of science this week! They have made their own bionic hands to show how the bones, tendons, muscles and skin work together in hands to move. They have also completed an investigation into whether their dominant or non-dominant hands can pick up more sweets. In maths, they have moved onto mass and capacity, learning how to read scales. In art they have used time and focus to carefully create a camouflage background for their final art piece.

Year 4 have been learning about equivalent fractions on a number line in maths. In english, they have been writing a persuasive brochure to entice people to visit Sicily. In PHSE they have been learning about friendships and in RE they have studied forgiveness in Christianity. During geography they have learnt how to use the eight compass points for directions and in PE they have been playing handball.

Year 5 have started new units in both maths and English this week. In maths, they have been looking at how to measure perimeter of rectilinear shapes and in english, the children are exploring the features of a newspaper report, so they can begin to create their own report of a Tudor event. In art, we have been focusing on Tudor portraits and the use of symbolism in artwork, especially on portraits of Queen Elizabeth I. The children are really enjoying their topic on The Tudors and we are seeing great results in their work!

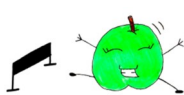
Year 6 have been busy starting a new topic in english using our book, 'Oh, Maya Gods!'. The children will be concentrating on a narrative piece of writing that will contain suspense - we can't wait to read them! In the meantime, we are looking at characterisation and description to build up our writing skills. In maths we have been working on percentages. The children have been fantastic in this unit. The biggest excitement this week has been science Week. We are carrying out an investigation and the children will be using that information to create scatter graphs. Look out for photos on our Facebook page!

### House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
162



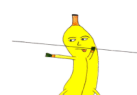
**Amazing  
Apples**  
170



**Super  
Strawberries**  
94



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
166



**Congratulations to Amazing Apples for collecting the most house points this week**

### Dates for your diary:

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| Friday 15th March             | - PTA Comedy Evening                                     |
| Mon 18th & Wed 20th March     | - Parents Evenings - Both in person and both 3.30-6.00pm |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March | - KS2 Easter church visit—Service at 1.30pm              |
| Tuesday 19th March            | - French Day— <b>MORE INFO TO FOLLOW</b>                 |
| Wednesday 20th March          | - SEND Coffee morning—9.30-10.00am                       |
| Tuesday 26th March            | - Hawks Class assembly—2.30pm                            |
| Thursday 28th March           | - End of Term 1.10-1.30pm                                |