

Beechwood Bulletin

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This week at Beechwood.....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you will be aware, Ofsted inspected our school this week, and the team of inspectors were with us in school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to all parents and guardians who contributed to our inspection by either speaking with the inspectors in the playground or completing our parent survey.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of all the children this week. Many children had the opportunity to meet with and talk to the inspectors about their learning and our school.

Ofsted will now produce the report of their visit, which we will then be able to share with you once it has been finalised and approved to publish. This process can take a number of weeks.

Thank you for your support and understanding regarding Parents Evening which we had to postpone this week. Please accept our sincere apologies.

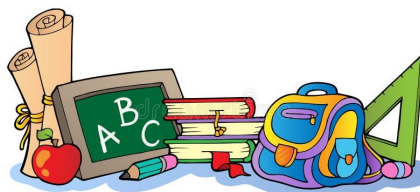
The new dates for the Parents Evenings are Monday 27th November, in person from 3.30 to 6.30pm and Wednesday 29th November via zoom from 5.00 to 7.30pm. The link to book your new appointment will go live at 4pm on Monday 20th November.

Thank you to everyone who came to school with their Children in Need accessories today and also those who made donations. The children looked fantastic!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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 100% attendance. A very well done Eagles!



SCHOOL TRIPS

Please remember to make payment on Parentpay for the upcoming Year 3/4, Year 5 and Year 6 Trips. If you have any concerns regarding making payment please contact the school office.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL

If you are able to support the PTA Christmas tree trail by designing and displaying a Christmas tree please email

Beechwoodprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

Your Christmas tree can be designed in whatever style you would like. We would love it if you made your tree bright, colourful, interesting and fun. Or, you can just use the tree that you would be putting up anyway to celebrate Christmas.

GET HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING MESSAGE FROM WBC

[The Household Support Fund](#) can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to families where children receive means-tested free school meals who can get £20 per week during the school holidays until Easter 2024

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

Check the cost of living help hub by clicking [here](#)

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 94.5% which is unfortunately currently below our target! Let's see if we can get that back up next week.

Star Pupils—w/c 6/11/23

Butterflies— Jack

Robins — Sasha

Rabbits— Polina

Hedgehogs— Stella-Maris

Badgers— Sienna-Louise

Foxes— Joshua

Woodpeckers— Huda & Rosie

Owls— Two star pupils next week

Kites— Two star pupils next week

Falcons— Two star pupils next week

Hawks — Annie

Eagles— Ben

Over the last week at Beechwood

Foundation Stage have been acting out the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" in the outside provision. They have made binoculars to help them spot the bear and have written their own books based on the story. In maths sessions they have been matching various pictorial representations of numerals 4 and 5.

Years 1 and 2 have been completing a poetry unit this week. They have created a repetitive poem about the Great Fire of London as well as their senses. Ask them to perform it to you at home! In maths they have been continuing to recap addition and subtraction and next week Year 1 will be moving onto shape.

Year 3 have enjoyed making their own prehistoric paints from natural resources in art. They have also begun their multiplication and division unit in maths, recapping their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In English they have been writing diary entries as if they were Barney from our reading book Stig of the Dump. Finally in science, they have been learning about staying safe in the sun!

Year 4 have shown impeccable behaviour this week and the adults are very proud of them. The children have continued with multiplication and division in maths and have learnt about letter writing linked to their guided reading text, *The Butterfly Lion*, in English. In geography they have been learning about different world climates. In P.E. they have been making different shapes in gymnastics and dribbling and dodging in hockey. In P.S.H.E. they have been learning about bullying - what it is, and what to do if it either happens to, or is witnessed by, them. The children are very much looking forward to our trip to Butser Ancient Farm, which is Friday next week.

Year 5 have had a busy week, planning and writing their persuasive letters to Miss Hunter about changes they would like to see around school. Their ideas range from extra maths lessons, to a water slide on the roof! In maths, the children have continued to focus on fractions and how to compare and order them. In art, they looked at creating imagery using distance and sketching from secondary sources and in computing we have explored different techniques of video making.

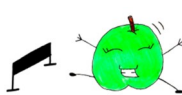
Year 6 have had a busy week! They have been learning about how planes in the Battle of Britain knew where and what to target by learning about 6 grid references. The children became pilots for a reconnaissance mission which they loved! In history, they have begun making an informative book all about the Battle of Britain - this will be continued over the next few weeks. They have been continuing their fraction topic in maths by learning how to multiply by integers and fractions. In English they have started to research their chosen person for our independent writing of a biography. They have had time to research and can't wait to start writing!

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
231



**Amazing
Apples**
142



**Super
Strawberries**
229



**Brilliant
Bananas**
196



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22nd November	— FS library visit Badgers Class Assembly @2.30pm
Thursday 23rd November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Friday 24th November	— Year 3/4 Trip to Butser Farm
Monday 27th November	— Rescheduled Parents Evening, in person from 3.30—6.30pm NEW
Tuesday 28th November	— Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 29th November	— Year 1 Scooter training (free) within school — Kites Class Assembly @ 2.30pm — Rescheduled Parents Evening, online from 5.00—7.30pm NEW
Wednesday 6th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Thursday 7th December	— Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park — FS Nativity Performance 2pm
Monday 11th December	— KS2 Christmas Celebration @ Church NEW
Tuesday 12th December	— KS1/FS Christmas Celebration @ Church NEW
Wednesday 13th December	— Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day NEW—ORDERING DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Friday 15th December	— End of Term 1.10-1.30pm