

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## Children's Mental Health Week...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the last week at Beechwood, we have been thinking about things we would like to start, stop and continue this year, as well as our school values.

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from 5th – 11th February 2024. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say and believe "My Voice Matters." Look out for more information coming home soon.

Just to remind you, Celebration Assemblies continue on a Friday morning. We love hearing about the clubs the children attend and the hobbies they enjoy outside of school. If your child has an achievement, medal, trophy or certificate they would like me to share with the rest of the school we would really like to see them. Please can we ask that they bring them into school on a Thursday.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter  
Headteacher



## NOTICEBOARD

### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers, with 98.7% attendance!

A well done to Woodpeckers!



### HEALTHY LUNCHES

The NHS website has some lunch ideas and tips which maybe of interest, please click on the link below for information:

[Healthy Lunches](#)

A reminder that we are a nut free school, any food brought into school should not contain nuts.

### SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parking in the school car park is only permitted for parents and guardians with a blue badge or by prior agreement. Due to shortage of spaces we are unable to allow parking when dropping off forgotten items.

### GATE TIMINGS:

Just to remind you that the drop off window in the morning is from 8.35-8.45am. Please be aware that we are shutting the gate promptly at 8.45am. If children arrive after this time, they will need to come into school via the school office.

### Star Pupils—w/c 15/01/24

Butterflies— Maria

Robins — Ruby

Rabbits— Bradley

Hedgehogs— Rubie-Mae

Badgers— Adam

Foxes— Two star pupils

next week

Woodpeckers— Kenda

Owls— Kunashe

Kites— Melvin

Falcons— Grace

Hawks — Olivia

Eagles— Coco

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 93.1% which is unfortunately below our target!

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

**Foundation Stage** have been learning about The Arctic. They have made paper plate Polar bears and marshmallow snowflakes. They have also sorted out warm clothes needed for the cold climate. In maths sessions they have been looking at representations of the numeral 6. During English sessions, they have written captions to do with Arctic animals.

**Years 1 & 2** have been working so hard on writing their version of the Hare and The Tortoise. They will have also had a go at innovating the story by changing the animals. In maths year 2 have been introduced to the multiplication symbol and looking at multiplication sentences. Year 1 have been ordering and comparing numbers. In science the children have been learning about animal life cycles.

**Year 3** have been writing their own plant inspired music using proper notation and rhythms in music. In geography, the children have been looking at the many features of a rainforest and deforestation. In art, they have been following step by step instructions to learn how to draw a variety of rainforest animals in preparation for their art project this half term. Finally, in maths they have started a new topic of length and measurement.

**Year 4** have been revising greetings in French as well as how to ask someone's name and ask your own name. In maths the children have started their unit on length and perimeter and have been exploring converting kilometres to metres. In English, the children have been writing their own adventure stories and everyone is looking forward to hearing them being read aloud at the end of the week.

**Year 5** have started to read their new class book 'Riverboy' which is already proving a great choice. In English, the children have finished their comparative report on rivers and have moved on to include suspense and tension in narrative writing. In art, the children are using different materials to create a collage river scene.

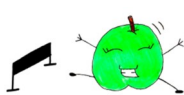
**Year 6** have moved onto studying algebra in maths and have started the week examining the rules in function machines. In English the children are learning about persuasion and have explored a speech given by a youngster, Adora Svitak, on how children's ideas can change the world. The children have also practised using facts to support the opinions they have. In geography the children have learned about climate change and carbon emission, and discovered which countries emit the most carbon per person.

### **House Points**

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
233



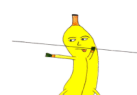
**Amazing  
Apples**  
278



**Super  
Strawberries**  
208



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
378



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

### **Dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 31st January - Falcons class assembly—2.30pm

Wednesday 7th February - Year 5 Bake off at Bulmershe

### **Monday 12th to Friday 18th February — HALF TERM**

Monday 19th February - Inset day—School closed for pupils

Mon 26th Feb—Fri 1st March - D.T. week-

Wednesday 28th February - Woodpeckers class assembly—2.30pm

Thursday 29th February - Family Learning Session—9.00-10.00am

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day **NEW—MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

Wednesday 13th March - Hedgehogs class assembly—2.30pm

Mon 18th & Wed 20th March - Parents Evenings - Both in person and both 3.30-6.00pm

Tuesday 26th March - Hawks Class assembly—2.30pm

Thursday 28th March - End of Term 1.10-1.30pm