

Beechwood Bulletin

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Wellbeing Matters

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week. 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.

We started off the week with an assembly where we shared the trailer for 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' - a story of kindness, friendship, courage and hope based on the children's book by Charlie Mackesy. We then talked through some of Charlie Mackesy's key pages in the book and what they might mean to us. One of the pages we shared was 'What's the bravest thing you ever said?' asked the Boy. "Help" said the Horse' which was followed by a discussion of the importance of 'My Voice Matters'. Here is the link to the full animation of 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' if you wish to share it again with your child. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001gn7t/the-boy-the-mole-the-fox-and-the-horse>

Some classes have sketched their own Charlie Mackesy drawings and written their own wellbeing moto, as well as carried out a number of different wellbeing activities across the week encouraging children to connect with others; be active; take notice (mindfulness); learn and create; and give to others.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. Just to remind you that Monday 19th February is a staff training day, so only staff will be in school on this day.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 20th February**.

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 98.9% attendance! A big well done to Eagles!



YEAR 5 SWIMMING:

Don't forget to give consent and make payment for the Year 5 swimming lessons which will be starting after half term.

PARENT/FAMILY READERS:

We would love any parents/grandparents/guardians to come in and listen to the children read. Please contact the office if you are interested.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS PROVISION:

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits: Income support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, NASS support, Guarantee element of State Pension, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit & have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) Working Tax Credit for the 4 weeks after employment ends, Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400). If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, please complete a form and return it to the office school. [Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE:

Please can we kindly ask you to ensure you are using appropriate language in the school playground, particularly when the children are around. Many thanks.

Star Pupils—w/c 29/01/24

Butterflies— Gia

Robins — Rosamay

Rabbits— Sami

Hedgehogs— Maxi

Badgers— Tara

Foxes — Paige

Woodpeckers— Tillie

Owls— Simon

Kites— Diellza

Falcons— Georgie

Hawks — Maha

Eagles— Nikhil

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 92.4% which is unfortunately below our target!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning about China and the Lunar new year. They have painted blossom trees , made lanterns, and folded paper dragons. In maths sessions the children have been learning about odd and even numbers and doubling. During English, Butterflies class have acted out the story of The Great Race.

Years 1 & 2 have been innovating the story of 'Lost and Found' with a new character that gets lost and needs to travel back to their home. In science yesterday the children all had lots of fun learning about the importance of hygiene. They conducted an experiment using pepper and washing up liquid to see what happens to germs when soap is used. Well done to the children for their super work this half term. The Key Stage 1 team wish you all a happy half term.

Year 3 have been writing letters to world leaders to persuade them to stop deforestation using their best persuasive language techniques. In music, they have been writing their own rainforest inspired music using formal music notation and rhythms. In reading the children have finished the text, 'Rainforest in 30 seconds'. Finally in art, they have started to create their final piece beginning with a wash for the background.

Year 4 enjoyed their final swimming lesson, which involved the children swimming in their pyjamas and water games. They all had great fun! In English the children have been writing diaries, which will then culminate in their final Anglo-Saxon piece of writing in the form of a diary. In maths they have been completing their unit on length and perimeter, which involved learning about polygons, and which ones are regular and irregular. The children are ready for a relaxing week off now!

Year 5 have been finishing off their art work, by painting their final river scene. They have used a range of different materials over the last few weeks, including collage and watercolours. In maths, they have moved on from fractions to decimals and are now looking at the connection between them. During dance lessons, the children have enjoyed learning the hand jive, and the importance on dance in the 1950s. It has been a busy term and Year 5 have managed to fit in lots of amazing learning. The Year 5 team are super proud of all the children and the effort they have put into their learning journeys.

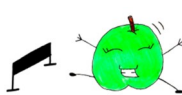
Year 6 have been doing some fantastic work in class. They have linked their geography and English to really focus on how to make Beechwood school more eco-conscious. In geography the children have researched areas of the school and pinpointed issues that they could find climate friendly solutions for. The children used all that information to write persuasive letters to Miss Hunter - they're hoping to persuade her to make some changes at Beechwood! In maths they have completed their algebra unit and are moving onto decimals.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
124



**Amazing
Apples**
169



**Super
Strawberries**
118



**Brilliant
Bananas**
331



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

Dates for your diary:

Monday 12th to Friday 18th February — HALF TERM

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

Thursday 22nd February - Girl Guiding Thinking Day— Rainbows, Brownies or Guides can wear their uniform or Promise badge to school on this day.

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 **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

Monday 18th March - KS2 Easter church visit—1.30pm

Tuesday 26th March - Hawks Class assembly—2.30pm

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