

Beechwood Bulletin

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Wonderful Sunshine

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful sunny week we have had so far!

Huge congratulations to our football team who played brilliantly last Friday in their cup semi-final against Hillside and won the match 5-2. We will have everything crossed for you all in the final, but you will do us proud, regardless of the result. Your sportsmanship has been exemplary throughout the competition and the will to win is admirable.

Another reminder to send children in wearing suncream and with hats and water bottles please. We do all we can to encourage children to seek shady areas when it is hot, but having the correct attire is helpful.

The children had a wonderful experience on Friday when Caroline Owen from Berkshire Maestros led a Woodwind assembly, introducing the children to the recorder, flute, clarinet and even the saxophone. The children loved hearing her play and learning about the instruments. Caroline has availability on Friday mornings for group lessons and we circulated a letter outlining details last week. If you would like another copy of the letter, please contact the school office. We are very keen to widen the music lesson offer at Beechwood so please do get in touch if there is anything specific you would like us to ask Berkshire Maestros to provide.

Wishing you a lovely rest of week,

L. Quinell

Ms Quinell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The classes with the best attendance across the whole school last week were Kites & Eagles with 96.3%. Well done Kites & Eagles!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Bookworms will resume next week.



PUNCTUALITY UPDATE:

Total minutes late between 23.04.25 and 29.04.25 was 669, which is 166 late minutes down from 835 the previous week before the holidays which is a fantastic start to the new term.

Please ensure you do all you can so your children are in their classrooms by 8.50am.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

We have several after school clubs running this term, please see the link below for further information. Tennis club is a new club for the Summer term only, spaces are still available:

<https://www.beechwoodprimaryschool.com/page/?title=Clubs&pid=76>

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 the last week of term was 94.7% which is moving in the right direction.

Star Pupils -w/c 22/04/25

Butterflies— Olivia

Robins — Savannah

Hedgehogs— Yahya

Badgers — Two pupils next week

Foxes — Junior

Woodpeckers— Omar

Owls— Yeva

Kites— Rowan

Falcons— Miru

Hawks— Amelia

Eagles— Henley

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage Butterflies have started their new topic of 'We Are Investigators', we have been busy investigating minibeasts and this week have been learning all about snails. We have also been exploring the story 'Jack and The Beanstalk' this week in Drawing Club, drawing and describing the giant as well as imagining what is at the top of our beanstalk. We were very lucky that Jack sent us some magic beans of our own which we planted yesterday and can't wait to watch them grow. We are also busy observing our real life caterpillars that we are excited to watch turn into beautiful butterflies.

Year 1 have started their new English topic 'Around the world in 80 days' by travelling to France. The children wrote about the main tourist attractions; they described a Mona Lisa picture and created their own menu for a French cafe. In Maths they have started a 'Multiplication and Division' unit by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They also learnt about equal groups and how to add them. In Geography they learnt which 4 countries make up the United Kingdom and located them on an atlas. In our new music unit 'Dinosaurs' the children moved to the pulse, thinking about dynamics.

Year 2 and 3 have started our exciting new topic on Ancient Greece! We are looking at where Greece is on the world map and why it is a popular holiday destination. This will inform our writing in English as we begin our unit on persuasive writing - writing a leaflet to persuade holiday makers to come to Greece! In Maths Year 2 have been recognising and finding half and quarters of shapes and quantities as an introduction to fractions while Year 3 have been adding and subtracting fractions. In Science we are looking at the things humans and animals need in order to survive, in particular different food groups. Please note that INDOOR PE is now on THURSDAY afternoon, while OUTDOOR PE remains on FRIDAY afternoon.

Year 4 have been working hard in their learning this week. We have started our unit of work on decimals in Maths and beginning to convert from fractions to decimals. We have started our topic of Vikings with our exciting school trip on Monday which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In Science, we have begun our unit on electricity and have identified which appliances are mains powered and which are battery powered.

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the summer term learning about recounts in English. In reading, they have continued reading 'Treasure' learning more about the court of Henry the Eighth. In History, they have begun to look at the town of Reading in the Tudor period, exploring a map of the town drawn by John Speed.

Year 6 are concentrating on consolidating their knowledge and exam techniques in preparation for the SATs In Maths, Reading and Grammar. In English, we have started fact finding for the planned news recounts on an expedition to the top of Mount Everest. In Music, the pupils have been invited to audition for their Year 6 production (School O'Vision) the week after SATs take place and we have been familiarising ourselves with the songs. In PSHE, we have started preparing our pupils for their transition to secondary school.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
122



**Amazing
Apples**
76



**Super
Strawberries**
110



**Brilliant
Bananas**
89



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points in the last week of term!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th May

Wednesday 7th May

Monday 12th—Friday 16th May

Thursday 15th May

Wednesday 21st May

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June

Wednesday 11th June

Thursday 26th June

Tuesday 1st July

Wednesday 2nd July

Thursday 3rd July

Thursday 10th July

Friday 18th July

Monday 21st July

— **Bank Holiday**

— FS Height and Weight check

— Badgers Class assembly - 2.30pm

— KS2 SATS

— Census Day

— School Class Photos

— SEN Coffee Morning - 9.45-10.30am

— **Half Term**

— **Inset Day**

— Robins Class Assembly - 2.30pm

— Year 6 Trip **NEW—More details to follow**

— Year 6 Leavers Production—1.45pm **NEW—More details to follow**

— Butterflies Class Assembly—2.30pm

— Year 6 Leavers Production—6.00pm **NEW—More details to follow**

— Sports Day

— Sports Day, backup day

— Year 6 Leavers Evening—3.30-6.00pm **NEW—More details to follow**

— Year 6 Leavers Assembly—9.30am **NEW—More details to follow**