

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## Welcome to October!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had another busy week in school, focussing on our school values of Explore, Discover, Achieve. I've seen some great examples of our values in action, including some excellent writing from Year 6, very dedicated PE from Y1 and some very challenging Maths in Y5. All our pupils are working hard and, most importantly, are enthusiastic about their learning. Next week, our learning continues, but with the added focus of Enterprise Week. We have some excellent activities planned to teach children wider skills and to enable them to use their learning in real life contexts. I look forward to sharing with you next week what we have been up to.

Our Reception pupils are settling brilliantly and it was wonderful to see them in Celebration Assembly for the first time on Friday. This assembly is a chance for pupils to celebrate outside achievements, so whether it is a dance medal or a chess championship, if your child has a significant achievement they wish to share, do please encourage them to do so.

We are undertaking our first attendance review of the year this week and next and will be sending out letters to parents of children whose attendance is below 90%. School are always on hand to support with attendance, so do please get in touch if we can do anything to help.

Wishing you a pleasant week,

Kind regards

Ms Quinell



## NOTICEBOARD

### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Foxes with 98.9%. Well done Foxes!



### LOWER SCHOOL

#### BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who were top bookworms again last week.



### ENTERPRISE WEEK:

Please see email sent Tuesday from Mrs Reece about our exciting Beechwood Enterprise Week which takes place next week. Please come along to our Enterprise Market on Friday 10th October at 3pm.

Thank you to our PTA for the enterprise funds given to each class to get Enterprise Week under way.



### CENSUS DAY TOMORROW:

Census Day is tomorrow, the data collected impacts the amount of funding the school receives so it is greatly appreciated if you are able to support the school by ensuring your child has a school dinner. **This is especially important if your child has a free meal provided by the school.** Thank you

## 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 was 96.9% which is above our target, keep up the good work!

### Star Pupils -w/c 22/09/25

Kites— Poppy  
Falcons— Natalia  
Hawks— Talal  
Eagles—Bella-Rae

Butterflies — Ocean

Robins — Halo

Foxes — Saifullah

Badgers — Rocco

Woodpeckers— Georgia

Owls—Samyuktha

Well done to all of our Stars!

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

*Foundation Stage* have been learning all about our local area this week, we thought about what we see on our journey to school and are very much looking forward to our scavenger hunt around Woodley Precinct tomorrow. In Drawing Club, we have been using the story Rosie's walk, drawing and labelling the character and also thinking about Rosie's journey through the town. In Maths we have been busy sorting and matching.

*Year 1:* In Maths this week we have been comparing groups of objects and numbers. In Computing we learnt the names of computer/laptop parts and practised using a mouse for creating a picture. There was lots of temptation of touching the screen rather than using a mouse! In Geography we discussed what physical features are and then created bark rubbing pictures.

*Year 2* have been retelling the story of Toby and the Great Fire of London. In Maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using these to sequence numbers, complete number tracks and discover which have the same multiples. In Science we built houses using a variety of materials and then tested to see whether they were windproof, waterproof and strong. In History we read Mr Pepys' diary and learned why the Great fire of London spread so quickly and in Art we explored warm colours.

*Year 3* have worked on writing clear instructions using time conjunctions, fronted adverbials, and sequencing. In Maths, we compared and ordered numbers to 1000. In History, we explored the Neolithic period and how life changed during this time. In Science, we learned about muscles and joints as part of our skeleton topic. We had fun in PE tackling fitness and balance challenges outdoors. In Art, we studied how different artists have portrayed Stonehenge and the techniques they used.

*Year 4:* This week in Art, Year 4 will be making bookmarks, which hopefully will be sold and make money at Enterprise Week. We are looking forward to our Roman workshop next week and thinking about how we could dress up. In Maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have been planning a setting description for a Roman Forum. Finally, we found out what happened to our eggs in different liquids and discovered that vinegar and sugar damage eggshells (and teeth!).

*Year 5* continues to work with ever higher numbers! We started, on Monday, with mental maths; and so, as not to go too crazy, we looked at strategies to break large numbers down into smaller numbers. We are adding and subtracting large numbers too. In English, we have begun exploring a poem called 'Blue Extinction' by Sarisha Mehta in order to practice and show off our oracy skills. PSHE allowed year 5 to explore and develop their team building skills; as well as understand their role in a group and how important they are.

*Year 6* have finished writing non-chronological reports about hexapods in Pandora and have moved on to writing linked to our Guided Reading book 'The Midnight Guardians'. In Maths, we are working hard on our multiplication and division written methods, multiplying 4-digit by 2-digit numbers so far this week. Some of us travelled to The Holt school on Tuesday after school and took part in a hockey festival - it was great fun and very well organised.

## House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
199



**Amazing  
Apples**  
135



**Super  
Strawberries**  
181



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
125



**Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points last week**

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd October

— Census Day - change of menu to Fish and Chips

Monday 6th October

— FS Scavenger Hunt in the precinct **NEW**

Monday 6th to 10th October

— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Harvest Church Service

Friday 10th October

— Enterprise Week **NEW**

Wednesday 8th October

— Enterprise Market—3.00pm—Cash only **NEW**

Thursday 9th October

— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am

Monday 13th—Friday 17th Oct

— Year 4 Roman Workshop **NEW**

Monday 20th October

— Year 5 walk to Highwood

Wednesday 22nd October

— Year 6 Residential/Activity Week

**Monday 27th —Friday 31st Oct**

— Open Morning for Prospective Parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)

**Monday 3rd November**

— Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mon 10th & Wed 12th November

— **HALF TERM**

Tues 11th—Tues 18th November

— **INSET - School NOT open to children**

Thursday 13th November

— Parents evening—in person—3.30-6.00pm **BOOKING INFO TO FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE**

Wednesday 19th November

— Book Fair

Thursday 27th November

— Open Morning for Prospective Parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)

Wednesday 3rd November

— Hawks Class Assembly @ 2.30pm

Monday 8th December

— Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)

Friday 12th December

— Owls Class Assembly -@ 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th December

— Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)

**Friday 19th December**

— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am

— KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Church Service

— **END OF TERM - 1.15pm**