

Beechwood Bulletin

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Aiming High

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been a busy week in school this week with lots of visitors and lots going on.

Today was our Great Athletes day and the children have had a wonderful time trying out athletic events and listening to an inspirational assembly by Olympian Lesley Owusu. The visit has given the children a chance to hear about the hard work and dedication it takes to reach your goals. They have all been thoroughly inspired. Thank you to everyone who has brought in sponsorship money. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please bring it to the school office.

You may have noticed at pick up or drop off time that the Memorial Garden for Mrs Jones is taking shape. A huge thank you must go to Mr Holloway, Mrs Christian and everyone who has helped so far. It certainly will be a fitting memorial when complete.

Finally, we have had some excellent news about our new music room. Miss Hill has worked hard over the summer to create a bespoke space for music teaching, lessons and clubs but our instrument trolleys were looking a bit sparse. However, we have been successful in our bid for funding from the Universal Music UK Sound Fund and now have a significant amount of money to refresh our music resources. This will certainly help our aspiring musicians to reach their goals.

A huge thank you to everyone who is continuing to work hard on maximising school attendance - please keep it up!

Kind regards

Ms Quinell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Butterflies again with another 100%. Well done Butterflies, this is fantastic!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who were top bookworms last week.



CENSUS DAY:

Census Day is on Thursday 2nd October. 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 hot dinner on this day. This is particularly important for EYFS-Year2 & free school meals children where the school receives funding for Universal Free school meals based on the number of children who take a hot dinner option on this day. The cost to children in Years 3 - 6 is £2.65.

The Meal options on the day will be: Fish fingers & Chips, Falafel & Chips, Tomato Pasta, Jacket Potato with beans or Ham, Cheese or Tuna sandwich.

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 94% which is still below our target.

Star Pupils -w/c 15/09/25

Kites— Boston & Reggie

Falcons— Omar

Robins — Loris

Hawks— Heitor

Foxes — Jeremy

Eagles—Shafi

Badgers — Benny

Woodpeckers— Logan

Well done to all of our Stars!

Owls—Caleb

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about houses and homes this week, thinking about our own houses, making houses using different materials and designing our own houses. In Drawing Club we have been using the story 3 Little Pigs, drawing and thinking about the characters and setting. We have also started learning some autumnal songs.

Year 1 have been writing labels, lists and captions in English. The story we are working on this week is 'Tiddler'. In Science, we talked about our 5 senses. We tasted 4 different foods and identified which ones were salty, sweet, sour and bitter. During our Art session we discussed the work of Lynn Bailey and Piet Mondrian and then based on their work, we did printing, using lots of classroom objects.

Year 2 have been reading and sequencing the story Toby and the Great Fire of London. We will be using this book as a platform for our writing over the next few weeks. In Maths we have been reading number lines to 100, counting in tens, and estimating where to position numbers on the line. In Science we have begun looking at the properties of materials and in History we created a mind map of facts about the Great Fire of London.

Year 3 have continued writing instructions on *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*, using adventurous vocabulary. In Maths, they explored place value by finding 1, 10, and 100 more or less. In History, they became archaeologists, investigating fossils and making guesses about animals from the Palaeolithic period. During Art, they painted colour wheels to learn about tertiary colours, and in Music, they had their first recorder lesson. A fun and engaging week of learning!

Year 4 have been inspired by our visiting athlete Lesley Owusu. She spoke passionately about what inspired her and the children have been talking about their aspirations for their futures. In English we are using our creative skills to help us write a setting description of an ancient amphitheatre. In Science, we have set an experiment in motion. We have submerged 5 boiled eggs in varying liquids to simulate tooth decay. We are looking forward to seeing the results later on this week. We have linked our Art lessons to our History topic of Romans and we are going to be creating some mosaics.

Year 5 have been really enjoying English. They have been making up their own characters and describing them, this has really shown off some fantastic imaginative skills! It has been entertaining reading them. Year 5 have also been finding Geography fascinating - they loved researching the ecosystems found within the New Forest. We are looking forward to when we investigate our local ecosystem. Science has also been great to learn about - the children were intrigued to find out how orbiting planets work.

Year 6 have been finalising their roles within the year. Congratulations to those students who have become House Captains, School Council members and Prefects. We continue to work on writing non-chronological reports - designing our own hexapods to write about. Within Maths, we are learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division whilst looking at factors and multiples too.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
146



**Amazing
Apples**
177



**Super
Strawberries**
185



**Brilliant
Bananas**
156



Congratulations to Super Strawberries for collecting the most house points last week

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 25th September	— Year 1 Scooter Training
Thursday 2nd October	— Census Day - change of menu to Fish and Chips
Monday 6th October	— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Harvest Church Service
Wednesday 8th October	— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am
Thursday 9th October	— Year 5 walk to Highwood
Monday 13th—Friday 17th Oct	— Year 6 Residential/Activity Week
Monday 20th October	— Open Morning for Prospective Parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Wednesday 22nd October	— Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 27th —Friday 31st Oct	— HALF TERM
Mon 10th & Wed 12th November	— Parents evening—in person—3.30-6.00pm <u>BOOKING INFO TO FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE</u>
Tues 11th—Tues 18th November	— Book Fair
Thursday 13th November	— Open Morning for Prospective Parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Wednesday 19th November	— Hawks Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Thursday 27th November	— Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Wednesday 3rd November	— Owls Class Assembly -@ 2.30pm
Monday 8th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Friday 12th December	— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am
Tuesday 16th December	— KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Church Service
Friday 19th December	— END OF TERM - 1.15pm