

Beechwood Bulletin

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Another busy week.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been yet another busy week at Beechwood this week as we begin to gear up for the festive period.

An absolutely enormous congratulations to the school choir who took part in the Reading Junior Music Festival at the Hexagon on Friday night. It was an incredibly long day of rehearsals and performance and the 24 strong choir did themselves and the school proud. A huge thank you to Miss Hill for organising, rehearsing and preparing so well for the event. Thanks too to the helpers who accompanied her. The next date in the Choir Calendar is the Hub Christmas Choir event at All Saints Church in Wokingham on Monday 15th December.

Football update: Valiant efforts from the football teams on Friday and Monday saw brave performances in a 9:3 defeat against Westende and a 7:1 defeat against Dolphin. Our teams showed determination and resilience, two key components of sporting success. Thanks to Mr Hamilton for organising and running the games.

We had our Trust teaching and learning review yesterday with leaders from the Trust visiting classrooms and speaking to children. They were incredibly positive about the teaching and learning they saw, and gave great feedback about how well the children were able to articulate what they enjoy about coming to school and what helps them learn well. Well done everyone!

Kind regards,

L. Quinnell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers with 97.9%.



Well done Woodpeckers.

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

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



PUNCTUALITY

A reminder our school gates open and close promptly at the following times:

- ⌚ 8.35am open, closing at 8.50am.
- ⌚ 3.10am open, closing at 3.25pm.

CHRISTINGLE DONATIONS—

Year 3 & 4 only:

We are asking for donations of oranges so we can make Christingles to take to the KS2 Christmas service on Tuesday 16th December. Please bring any donations to the office by Friday 12th December. Many thanks.



A POLITE REMINDER:

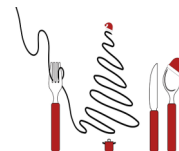
We appreciate that it is a busy time of year, but please can you check that your child has everything they need with them for the school day. Please make sure they have a coat, water bottle, a lunch organised, and football boots if it's their scheduled day.

CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 10th December. All meals need to be pre-ordered on ParentPay by Monday 1st December, no orders will be accepted after this date. Thank you.

Menu Choices:

Roast Turkey or Beetroot & Squash Wellington, with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots and Seasonal Vegetables.



Dessert:

Gingerbread Cookie

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 94.9% which is below our target.

Star Pupils -w/c 24/11/25

Butterflies - Zac

Robins — Emel

Foxes — Patrik, Harris

Badgers — Jorge

Woodpeckers— Aishvi

Owls— Anne

Kites— Jack

Falcons— Layton

Eagles— Gurnoor

Hawks— Autumn

Well done to all of
our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood, and looking forward.....

Foundation Stage Butterflies have been continuing their learning about bears and today wrote some facts about bears. We have been learning the number 5 and consolidating our learning on numbers 1-4. We have been busy starting our nativity, your child has come home with a slip detailing their part in the play and any costume they need, please speak to a member of the Butterflies team if you have any questions.

Year 1 In Computing the children created pictures in a style of Piet Mondrian by drawing lines and creating rectangle shapes, then filling them in with primary colours. In PE the children developed dance to the theme of 'weather' - they used counts of 8 to move in time and made their dance to music look interesting. In PSHE we talked about what bullying is and in RE we discussed why the gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold given to Jesus might have been meaningful in Bethlehem. Next week in Maths we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2 This week we started independently writing our version of Bog Baby using the characters we have created – we certainly have a lot of creative and imaginative minds in Year 2! In Maths we are now challenging ourselves by subtracting using the column methods. In Geography we have built on last weeks topic of exploring London with maps and aerial photography by looking at other London landmarks. Our science topic this week has been to explore the season throughout the year.

Year 3 Maths we have just completed our unit on addition and subtraction and will now be moving on to multiplication and division, building our fluency with times tables and exploring how these operations link together. In English we are putting the finishing touches on our news reports before beginning an exciting new unit on adventurous story writing, where we'll be creating imaginative characters and dramatic settings. In Science we will be investigating shadows—how they are formed, how they change, and what affects their size and shape. In Geography our focus is the South East Region of the UK, identifying and describing key human and physical features of this area. In DT we are studying Stone Age homes to inspire us as we design and construct our own models using 3D nets.

Year 4 We have been excited a thinking about a setting for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we have been writing some descriptive sentences using our favourite adjectives. In Maths, we have been learning number facts around the seven times table. In History, we have been learning about Boudicca.

Year 5 we have been busy working on our assessments and smashing them! In between assessments, we have had a fun Science lesson where we made paper planes to test air resistance. We tested them, flew them and measured them to see which plane would perform the best. In History, we have been learning about crimes and punishment in Roman and Tudor times - ask us which punishment we think was the worst!

Year 6 In Year 6, Hawks celebrated their learning with their class assembly last Wednesday. We have been learning about the circulatory system in Science - looking specifically at the heart and how it works. We are currently writing flashback narratives linked to World War 2 after finishing writing our biographies about Lesley Owusu last week. In maths we have been busy multiplying and dividing fractions by integers and other fractions.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
120



**Amazing
Apples**
121



**Super
Strawberries**
100



**Brilliant
Bananas**
78



Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who are this weeks leaders!

Welcome to our new Online Safety Information Zone. We will explore a different aspect of how we can stay safe when online. This week we are exploring the topic of 'Self-image and identity'. Scan the QR code below to watch a video.

The internet can help you explore and express who you are in loads of fun, creative ways. You can try out different avatars, outfits and usernames and be all kinds of characters in all kinds of games without having to do it in real life. Remember, always be true to yourself!



Dates for your diary:

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| Tuesday 2nd December | — Year 6 Height and weight checks |
| Wednesday 3rd December | — Owls Class Assembly -@ 2.30pm |
| Monday 8th December | — Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (Booking required) |
| Wednesday 10th December | — Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (NEW) |
| Thursday 11th December | — Foundation Stage Nativity (NEW) |
| Friday 12th December | — SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am |
| Tuesday 16th December | — KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Church Service |
| Wednesday 17th December | — KS1 Nativity (NEW) |
| Friday 19th December | — END OF TERM - 1.15pm |