

Beechwood Bulletin

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Music Mark

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share with you that we have been awarded the Music Mark for Dedication and Improvement by the Berkshire Music Trust for the work we have been doing to raise the profile of Music in our school and for providing a wealth of opportunities for our pupils to access Music both in curricular and extra-curricular time. This term we have started whole class instrument tuition in Y3, have begun our group Saxophone lessons and classes have been making the most of our new music room. The now 31-strong choir have been busy rehearsing for their November performance at the Hexagon and all classes have been enjoying listening to music from a variety of genres in their classes each morning. This week has got off to a particularly jaunty start as Dolly Parton is our artist of the week!

Music is not our only focus - I have seen several fixtures for our Boys and Girls football teams coming up over the next few weeks so I am looking forward to sharing the results with you.

We've had business and entrepreneurship at the forefront of our minds this week and school has been a hive of activity thanks to Enterprise Week. Classes have been completing lots of activities and are really looking forward to our Enterprise Event on Friday from 3pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday.

Kind regards

L. Quinell

Ms Quinell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers with 99.5%. Well done Woodpeckers!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Badgers who were top bookworms last week.



KEEPING US INFORMED: Please email us at office-beechwood@fraysacademytrust.org to inform us of any changes to your home address or telephone numbers for your child's emergency contacts. Many thanks

THANK YOU to the parents, guardians and grandparents who joined us and helped walk the children to the Harvest Service this week and also for the donations received for the foodbank.



PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO:

Friday 24th October
FS, Yr1 and 2, 6.00pm to 6.45pm, Parents allowed to stay.

Year 3 to 6, 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Fancy dress welcome but no masks please. Tickets available on Parent Pay.

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 95.7% which has slipped below our target, let's try and get it back up over the target again!

Star Pupils -w/c 29/09/25

Butterflies - Jannat-Fatima

Robins — Abdul

Foxes — Enver

Badgers — Charlotte

Woodpeckers— Isaac

Owls— Presley

Kites— Phoebe

Falcons— Two star pupils next week

Hawks— Sam

Eagles— Zainab

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Harvest this week and had a wonderful time at the Church on Monday. We have also been exploring the book 'The Gruffalo' and today made a delicious Gruffalo crumble. Tomorrow we will be talking through the steps that we used to make it. We have also been busy this week for enterprise week, we have worked hard making seed bombs and look forward to selling them on Friday in Butterflies' garden!

Year 1 have learnt what human features (such as shops, schools, bridges etc) are in geography and then children worked in small teams and made some of these features out of junk modelling. In Maths we have been revising the Place Value unit and we are about to start Addition and Subtraction within 10. In Science we learnt about characteristics of different animals' groups like fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles, insects and birds. Last week in PE we practised lots of gymnastics poses so we could be applying them whilst using equipment in our next sessions.

Year 2 have been learning to edit their work by reading over their writing and correcting any missing capital letters and full stops. We also looked at the features of posters before creating our own to advertise our 'Love-a-Toy' stall on Friday, which the children are very excited about! **Please keep sending in any unwanted soft toys.** In Maths we have started our new unit on addition and subtraction. In Science we evaluated our houses that we made last week and whether the materials we used had been more suitable than others.

Year 3 have been gearing up for Enterprise Week, getting ready to sell our handmade crafts at our stall on Friday. In English, we completed independent writing tasks where we wrote a full set of instructions on how to make our favourite sandwich. In Maths, we've started a new unit on Addition and Subtraction, focusing on number bonds within 10 and tackling problem-solving challenges. We've also been enjoying our Music a Day calendar, discovering songs from movies, and after a class vote, our favourites were the theme song to the original Superman and Jurassic Park. It's been a busy and fun-filled term for us so far!

Year 4 have been very busy this week making bookmarks for Enterprise Week. We have been coming up with some amazing designs and we hope they will sell well. We have had a much-anticipated time-traveller from Roman times visit us this week, telling us all about how the Romans lived in Britannia two thousand years ago and we had great fun dressing up as Romans too. In Maths, we have been adding 4-digit numbers. In English, we have been reading a non-chronological text about the Roman army. We have been finding out about prey, predators and producers in Science.

Year 5 have had a busy week! We had a fantastic and special Science lesson on Friday for World Space Week - a livestream lesson where we met Tim Peake and learnt all about the ISS. We had a fun time interacting and Mrs Caswell even got us a shout out from her sick bed! We have also been planning what we will investigate on our walk on Thursday. English has been great - the children have been making their own poems this week and we can't wait to see the finished poetry!

Year 6 have been creating our own creatures to have features of various animals in order to classify them on dichotomous keys. Within Art, we have been drawing life-like pictures of flies and in Music we are learning period music from WW2. Short and long division have been our focuses in Maths, following on from multiplication. We are also looking forward to our residential week next week with lots of talk about who we will be roomed with!

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
162



**Amazing
Apples**
246



**Super
Strawberries**
182



**Brilliant
Bananas**
152



Congratulations to Amazing Apples for collecting the most house points last week

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 9th October	— Year 5 walk to Highwood
Friday 10th October	— Enterprise Market—3.00pm—Cash only
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
Friday 24th October	— Halloween Disco
Monday 27th —Friday 31st Oct	— HALF TERM
Monday 3rd November	— INSET - School NOT open to children
Wednesday 5th November	— Individual school photos NEW
Mon 10th & Wed 12th November	— Parents evening—in person—3.30-6.00pm BOOKING INFO TO FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE
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)
Tuesday 2nd December	— Year 6 Height and weight checks NEW
Wednesday 3rd December	— 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