

Beechwood Bulletin

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Excellence in Enterprise

Dear Parents and Guardians,

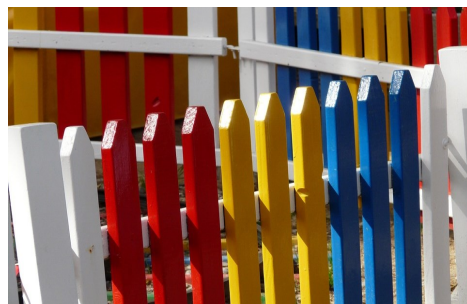
Our Enterprise Week was a great success last week, with the children working hard throughout the week to plan and prepare for our event on Friday. Every class made something different and it was great to see the range of items and experiences available - the "Hold a tortoise experience" was a highlight for many!

A huge thank you to the staff and pupils for working so hard throughout the week and for providing this valuable real life learning experience. We raised a total of £300 so each class now has £30 to spend on books. I am sure we have planted the seed of enterprise and entrepreneurship in many of our pupils.

Speaking of experiences, Year 6 are having an adventurous and productive week. As you may have seen from our Facebook page, half the year group are away on residential at PGL Liddington and having a wonderful time. Those who remain with us have had a very fun week planned, including local visits, sports activities and a Groundforce day. I'm sure those of you who drop off and collect in person will have noticed the incredible amount of work they put in on Monday to paint our Reflective Garden fence and clear the area to be used more extensively at break and lunchtime. Thank you to all of them and the adults who got stuck in too to help make that area more welcoming.

Kind regards

Ms Quinell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Falcons with 98.7%. Well done Falcons!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who were top bookworms last week.



PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO:

Friday 24th October

Tickets still available for 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 ParentPay.



PARENTPAY:

Please ensure you are up to date with payments via Parentpay for trips and lunches, if your lunch balance goes over £30.00, we may ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child until the balance is cleared or significantly reduced.

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 95.5% which is unfortunately below our target.



Star Pupils -w/c 06/10/25

Kites— Paige
Butterflies - Raabia
Robins — Maryam
Foxes — Eiliyah
Badgers — Humaina

Woodpeckers— Illia
Owls— Two star pupils
next week
Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning about Autumn this week and have been doing lots of autumnal activities during discovery time. In Drawing Club we have been reading 'We're going to find the Monster' and drawing our own monsters. We have had a wonderful art day today, learning about the work of Frank Bowling and creating our own large scale abstract art.

Year 1 have started their addition and subtraction unit in Maths. We have been learning about different number bonds to 10 and started adding 2 groups together. In English we have been writing labels, lists and captions based on the story 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson. In outdoor PE the children focused on controlling the ball using football skills. We had a very enjoyable music lesson yesterday, learning a song about autumn, singing in different pitch, tempo and dynamics and playing xylophones along with the music.

Year 2 have been looking at the features of a diary in English, using Samuel Pepys diary as an example and will be writing their own diary over the next two weeks. In Maths we have started our unit on addition and subtraction. In Science we have come to the end of our unit on materials and their properties and in History we are looking at how London changed after the Great Fire of 1666.

Year 3 had a fantastic time selling their homemade crafts at Enterprise Day – we completely sold out of our goodies! It was such a fun and rewarding experience for everyone involved. In Music we are continuing to enjoy our Friday recorder lessons and are making great progress. In French we've been singing catchy songs to help us remember the alphabet – a fun and effective way to learn! In English, we are focusing on writing biographies, using the fascinating story of the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning to inspire us. In Maths, we've been working on column addition and subtraction with up to three-digit numbers, building our confidence with these key skills. In Science, we had an exciting hands-on activity where we made bionic hands. We tested them to see if they could pick up objects – a great way to explore how our muscles and joints work. Another fun-filled week of learning in Year 3!

Year 4 have continued exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Rome. The children have used their knowledge to write a non-chronological report to detail what life would have been like during that time. In Maths, we have focused on column subtraction with exchanges. We have used these skills to solve real life word problems. In Art, we have begun to create our own mosaic designs taking inspiration from our research into the Romans and the work of Gaudi.

Year 5 have enjoyed swimming in their pyjamas on Tuesday! This week pupils have been learning and practising relative clauses and parenthesis as part of their non-chronological report investigations. In Maths they have been learning about multiples and factors and in Art they are preparing their final piece of work on Retrofuturism.

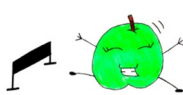
Year 6 have been having a fantastic week at their residential at PGL Liddington, taking part in lots of exciting and challenging activities, they have all participated with great enthusiasm and bravery! Our non-residential children have been a credit to the school, doing an amazing job of rejuvenating the reflective garden, learning new DIY and gardening skills in the process! They have also enjoyed taking part in lots of sports activities with Core Kids and had fun over at Woodford Park this morning.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
113



**Amazing
Apples**
82



**Super
Strawberries**
116



**Brilliant
Bananas**
95



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

Dates for your diary:

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
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
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
Friday 19th December	— END OF TERM - 1.15pm