Beechwood Bulletin

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Rock Stars, Role Models and Harvest Celebrations...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Beechwood. Our youngest children enjoyed exploring Woodley as part of a local scavenger hunt, and they had a wonderful time spotting landmarks and learning more about their community. Please do take a look at the photographs on our Facebook page.

Friday's Times Table Rock Stars Day was a huge success. It was fantastic to see so many children embracing the theme, arriving dressed as rock stars and enthusiastically practising their multiplication facts. There were some fierce competitions between year groups, with children showing great determination and resilience. We even heard that some pupils continued practising over the weekend to boost their scores. Their enthusiasm for learning was wonderful to see.

This week, Mrs Reece and Mrs Minter have been supporting a Teaching and Learning Review at one of our Trust schools. Collaboration across the Trust provides valuable opportunities to share effective practice and learn from one another. Next week, we look forward to welcoming one of our peer Headteachers to Beechwood as part of our own Teaching and Learning Review process.

We greatly value the positive relationships we have with our families and always welcome conversations with parents and carers when there is something you wish to share or a concern that needs addressing. We are committed to listening carefully and working together to resolve issues. We would, however, like to remind everyone of our expectation that all communication with staff remains respectful and courteous. Our staff work incredibly hard to support our children and families, and we ask that they are spoken to with the same respect and consideration that we would extend to others. For this reason, we have attached our Parent Code of Conduct for your information and reference.

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 Leadership Team, who represented Beechwood brilliantly during our first Open Morning today. They spoke confidently and enthusiastically to prospective parents about their experiences at school and were excellent ambassadors for our community. Their pride in Beechwood shone through in every conversation, and they did themselves, and the school proud.

Tomorrow, our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children will be attending our Harvest Festival service at church. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for the walk to church and the service itself. We will be leaving school at approximately 1.10pm. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would also be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items, which will be passed on to the local food bank to support those in our community who may need a little extra help.

Finally for this week, our Aspiration Day is on Thursday 3rd December - we have had a couple of parents who have offered their time to come and talk about their job roles which we are very grateful for. If you feel that you could give up some of your time to come and talk about the work that you do we would be super thankful - please do contact the office if you feel this is something that you could do or come and talk with us if you would like further information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Kind regards,

Rachel Minter and Sarah Reece
Co-Headteachers

NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Eagles with 98.6% each.
Well done Eagles!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who were top Bookworms last week.
Congratulations Robins

LUNCHBOX GUIDELINES:

Packed lunches can include:
-Sandwiches/wraps/pitta bread or pasta/rice
-Healthy snack (e.g. cereal bar (no nuts), carrot sticks)
-Savoury snack (e.g. sausage roll, cracker biscuits)
-Pieces of fruit
-Yogurt
-1 packet of crisps
-1 small sweet biscuit bar

Packed lunches should not include:
-Nuts
-Fizzy drinks or energy drinks
-High sugar drinks or glass bottles
-Sweets/ confectionary items
-Cold leftover takeaway food

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Where possible, please arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

If an appointment must take place during the school day, please allow plenty of time before the appointment for the school to collect your child from their class and bring them to reception. 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 last week was **94.9%** which is below our target.

Beechwood Stars

Butterflies —
Robins — Molly
Foxes— Amelia
Badgers—Daisy
Owls — Benny
Falcons — Clint
Hawks— Layton
Eagles— Virat

★ Well done to all of our Beechwood Stars ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have had a very busy and exciting week. Our focus text this has been The Gruffalo, on Monday we made Gruffalo crumble and ate it and today we talked about what we did to make the crumble, trying hard to hear the first sound in some of the key words like mix, stir. Yesterday we went on our scavenger hunt around Woodley Precinct, where we solved clues to find different things in our local area. We have been busy practising our harvest songs for our church visit tomorrow.

Year 1— In English, Year 1 have been writing lists, speech bubbles and messages, learning how we write for different purposes. In maths we have come to the end of our unit on place value and are moving onto addition and subtraction within 10. In Geography we sorted human and physical features. On Friday the children enjoyed a morning of science - learning about our senses, tasting sweet, sour and salty foods, identifying different smells and listening carefully to sounds in the environment.

Year 2— We have been exploring whether more could have been done to stop the spread of the Great Fire and sharing our ideas through class discussions. In English, children are beginning to rewrite their class version of 'Betty and the fearsome flames'. They will be using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make their stories sound exciting. In Music, we are using rhythm, pulse and dynamics to create pieces inspired by the Great Fire of London.

Year 3— In Year 3 this week, we will be building the layers of soil using fun ingredients such as Oreos and chocolate pudding! The children have been learning about the Earth's crust and even had the challenge of explaining what a rock is to an alien! In English, we are moving into invention week and are excited to write our very own meeting tales and showcase our fantastic writing. In Maths, we are nearing the end of our Place Value unit and are continuing to embed those important number skills. Badgers have also been encouraging one another to read more, and we will be using our reading challenge to inspire even more reading as we explore a variety of texts. Well done, Year 3 – keep up the fantastic work!

Year 4— Year 4 have had yet another successful and busy week! They have been innovating their finding tale with a view to completing a piece of independent writing this week. They have worked incredibly hard on this unit. We have moved onto addition and subtraction in maths - the children have been looking at different ways to solve problems. The children have also been enjoying the last of the beautiful sun in our outdoor PE slots.

Year 5— Year 5 have started to plan their invention writing this week in English. In maths, they have been working on the addition and subtraction unit. In science, the children learned about how the Earth orbits the sun and the moon orbits the Earth at the same time.

Year 6- Year 6 have really enjoyed working on their English this week and building atmosphere into their stories. In science we have been proving that yeast is a living micro-organism - we created carbon dioxide and observed how much we could inflate a balloon. In PSHE we were discussing choices and the consequences of our actions. This lead to some great discussions about "the punishment fitting the crime". The year 6s are looking forward to next week, whether they are on PGL or getting involved in the activities at school.

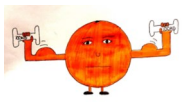
Online Information Safety Zone

Thinking about what we see online

This week, we explored how information, photographs and videos online can sometimes be changed, edited or presented in different ways. Children learnt to question what they see and to seek support if they are unsure whether something is true. Families may find this video useful: **https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z6mc239**

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
450



Amazing Apples
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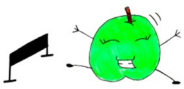

Super Strawberries
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Brilliant Bananas
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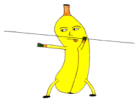

Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who were this weeks leaders!

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 7th October	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Thursday 8th October	— FS/KS1 Harvest Festival Church Visit
Monday 12th October	— Yr 6 Residential Week
Tuesday 13th October	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Mondy 19th October	— Enterprise Week
26th October—30th October	**— HALF TERM**
Monday 1st November	— Aspiration Day
Wednesday 11th November	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027), Remembrance Service—Years 3,4,5,6
Thursday 12th November	— Michael Rosen Day
Wednesday 18th November	— Eagles Class Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 23rd—29th November	— Book Fair
Monday 23rd November	— Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Tuesday 24th November	— Open Evening 5.00-6.00pm (Reception 2027)
Wednesday 25th November	— Parents Evening (more info to follow). SEND Coffee Morning
Monday 7th December	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Tuesday 8th December	— EYFS Nativity
Monday 14th December	— KS2 Church Visit