Beechwood Bulletin

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"Strong Foundations, Limitless Potential"

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. They have settled into their new classes and routines extremely well, and it has been lovely to see them so engaged in their learning.

Next week, parents will receive their child's **Curriculum Map**, providing an overview of what each year group will be learning this term. We hope this will help you support and celebrate your child's learning journey at home.

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Meet the Teacher** event yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents and gaurdians taking the opportunity to connect with teachers and learn more about the year ahead. We will also be arranging a coffee morning later this term, giving parents the opportunity to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team. Further details will be shared soon.

Our teaching staff are currently finalising homework arrangements for this year. In general, children can expect regular homework focused on:

- **TT Rock Stars** for mathematics practice
- **Spelling Shed** activities
- **Reading at home**

Year 6 pupils will also begin working from their CGP revision books once they have arrived in school.

We would like to remind parents that if a child's hair is long enough to be tied back, it should be worn up throughout the school day. This supports both health and safety by reducing the spread of head lice and preventing hair from becoming accidentally caught during activities. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive at school with their hair tied back where appropriate.

During this week's Headteacher's Assembly, we revisited our expectations regarding smart school uniform, including ensuring shirts are tucked in. Thank you for your continued support in helping children take pride in their appearance and represent the school positively.

We also have a small number of children who are arriving late to school. We completely understand that occasional unforeseen circumstances can affect punctuality. However, when lateness becomes a regular occurrence, it can have a significant impact on a child's learning, as valuable lesson time is missed over the course of the year. We are very grateful for your efforts in ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day and is collected promptly at the end of the school day before the gates close at 3.20pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

We wish you all a wonderful week and a relaxing weekend ahead.

Kind regards,
Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece.

NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Hawks with 100%.

Well done Hawks!

FLU IMMUNISATIONS:

Reminder—the school nurse will be in attendance on Friday 18th September to provide flu immunisations. Please ensure you have given consent/ no consent via links previously emailed to all Parents/ Guardians.

PARENT COURSES:

Please visit the News page on our website for details of upcoming parent courses arranged by Family Interventions, Resources and Support Team (F.I.R.S.T) Wokingham, which maybe of interest.

TT ROCK STARS:

Rock Day will be on 2nd October.
More information to follow!

FOOTBALL CLUB—Year 5 and 6:

Places are now available for the Beechwood Football Club, **Years 5 and 6 only**.

Monday Lunchtime—Yr 5 & 6 Girls. 15 spaces only.

Monday Afterschool—Yr 5 & 6 Boys. 28 spaces only. The school team will be selected from this group.

To register your child, please go to ParentPay.

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 **95.2%** which is below our target.

Beechwood Stars

Butterflies — None this week
Robins — Omer
Foxes—Eden
Badgers—Elijah
Owls — None this week
Falcons — Logan
Hawks— Phoebe
Eagles— Prince

★ Well done to all of our Beechwood Stars ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about our bodies this week, naming our body parts and exploring our senses. We have also started drawing club this week using the rhyme "Humpty Dumpty", we drew Humpty on his wall and then today thought of a different way the kings men can travel to Humpty instead of on their horses. Tomorrow we're excited to do our first PE lesson, please wear PE kit to school tomorrow.

Year 1— Year 1 are enjoying the story 'Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip' and we are using this as a platform for our English lessons, developing our sentence writing skills and writing labels using our phonics. In Maths we have begun our unit of place value, recognising numbers to 20 and saying one more or less than a given number. In Geography we drew a map of landmarks we see on our way to school. In Science we are looking at the human body - naming and labelling different parts of our bodies.

Year 2— This week, we have been investigating how the Great Fire of London started and discussing what life was like in London in 1666. In Science, we have started learning about different materials and their properties, identifying which materials are suitable for different purposes. In Art, we have begun exploring paintings by Jan Griffier as inspiration for our London skyline project.

Year 3— Year 3 have had another busy week of learning! In English, we have continued rehearsing our Talk for Writing story, The Hunter and the Fisher, and used descriptive language to write paragraphs and senses poems. In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of place value up to 1,000, building on our prior knowledge. In Science, we investigated rocks further and introduced the new vocabulary permeable and impermeable. In History, we compared the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods of the Stone Age, exploring their differences and similarities. In Reading, we have continued our journey through The Stolen Spear, reading Chapter 2

Year 4— Year 4 have been diving further into the world of the Romans this week. We have continued reading our 'We are the Romans' book - we have been finding out about all different kinds of people. Do you know who a patrician was in the Roman era? We have also been using Base 10 and place value counters to really think about our place value. Also, we have been practising our 2 times table - we need to keep practising as much as we can as we are moving onto our 5 times tables soon!

Year 5— This week Year 5 have been starting to learn actions to help remember their writing text, Zelda Claw. In maths they have focused on place value and had the dice out to create larger numbers and then show their understanding of place value. In Science, they have started their topic on Space and have learnt a song to help remember the planets in our solar system.

Year 6— Year 6 are settling well into their classes and working hard. They are enjoying their reading book "The Midnight Guardians". Today we have started to talk about PGL and we have a parent meeting on the 23rd to provide more information. We are also talking to the children who will be in school about some fun activities that they would like us to include in the planning for the week.

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

Being Yourself Online

This week, the children have been learning about identity and what makes us unique. We discussed how people may present themselves differently online and offline, while remembering the importance of being kind, respectful and true to ourselves. As a family, you could watch **BBC Own It: Being Yourself Online**: Self image and identity – an introduction and overview for KS2 (7-11) - BBC Teach https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/ztt

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
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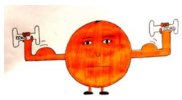

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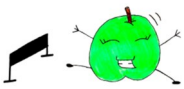

Super Strawberries
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Brilliant Bananas
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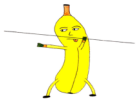

Congratulations to the Super Strawberries who were this weeks leaders!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 18th September	— Flu immunisations **(NEW)**
Wednesday 23rd September	— SATs Parents Evening (Year 6)
Monday 28th September	— SEND Coffee Morning
Friday 2nd October	— TT Rock Star—Rock Day **(NEW)**
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**
Tuesday 10th—17th November	— Book Fair
Wednesday 11th November	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027), Remembrance Service—Years 3,4,5,6
Friday 13th November	— Michael Rosen Day
Wednesday 18th November	— Eagles Class Assembly 2.30pm
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
Thursday 3rd December	— Aspiration Day
Monday 7th December	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Tuesday 8th December	— EYFS Nativity
Monday 14th December	— KS2 Church Visit
Tuesday 15th December	— KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 16th December	— KS1 Nativity
Friday 18th December	**— END OF TERM**