

Beechwood Bulletin

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Our expectations.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Reminder: Uniform and End of Day Collection

As we move further into the term, we'd like to remind families of a few expectations that help us keep the school day running safely and smoothly.

School Uniform Wearing the correct school uniform is important because it shows respect for the school and helps maintain a positive learning environment. When students follow the uniform rules, it creates a sense of discipline, equality, and belonging. Correct uniform also creates a great sense pride and community so let's wear our uniform correctly everyday and show the community how fantastic the children of Beechwood are.

If you are unsure about any part of the uniform policy, you can find full guidance on our [website](#) or by contacting the school office.

End of Day Collection We are seeing a growing number of pupils being collected from the school office after the gate has closed. This should only happen in exceptional circumstances. Please see below a reminder of our end-of-the-day gate opening times door.

Gates open: **3.10pm**

Collection time: **3.15pm**

Latest pick up: **3.25pm**

Please make every effort to arrive on time and collect your child from the correct location. Your cooperation ensures a calm, safe end to the school day for everyone.

It has been an exciting term with regards to writing at Beechwood as the teachers have received training in Talk for Writing which is an immersive and interactive way of developing our writing orally before writing it down. It has been wonderful to walk around the school seeing all the children enjoy their first unit. Please do ask your child about their class story as they should be able to retell it to you using some inventive actions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Woodpeckers with 98.9%



Well done Woodpeckers!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

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



OUT OF SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS:

We understand that getting medical appointments can be tricky, but please can you ensure that non-urgent appointments are booked after school, or during the school holidays.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Whilst the children can continue to wear their winter school uniform throughout the academic year, children also have the option to now switch to our summer uniform of red and white checked dresses, or black shorts with a white shirt or polo shirt.

EXTERNAL INFORMATION—LINKS AND FLYERS

Rather than inundate your email with copious flyers, we will now regularly update the news section, under News and Events, in our website. Please click [here](#) to see the latest updates! We have recently updated the page with some Adult Education courses.

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 **93.7%** which is below our target.

STAR PUPILS

Butterflies — Cooper	Owls — Kuvasthihaa
Robins — Eden	Kites — Ace
Foxes — Saifullah	Falcons — Adam
Badgers — William and Ali	Hawks — Tyler
Woodpeckers — Carlton	Eagles — Phoenix

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Henrique	Owls — Ariba
Robins — Zaniah	Kites — Paige
Foxes — Umaima	Falcons — Harvey
Badgers — Benny	Hawks — Ashar and Muhammad
Woodpeckers — Lottie	Eagles — Kenda

★ Well done to all of our Star Pupils and Maths Award recipients ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about worms and spiders this week, they have learnt lots of interesting facts about both, ask your children if they can remember what they have learnt! In Drawing Club, we have been using the story 'Superworm' to describe the setting, writing an 'I can see...' sentence. We have been working really hard on our 'mountain challenges' this half term, each week the children have 3 learning challenges they need to complete independently during their discovery time, they have been so excited to climb to the top of the mountain this week and we have seen some super challenge efforts. Well done Butterflies!

Year 1— In History we've been comparing seaside holidays in different times. So far, we have looked at Victorian holidays and seaside holidays in 1950s. In PE the children practised underarm and overarm throws as a part of team challenges and they explored hitting with a racket based on our 'Net and wall games' unit. In Art we have studied the work of Emily Kame Kngwarreye and next we will be exploring a style of a cross-hatching (shading) technique.

Year 2— In Foxes class the children have been learning to retell the story Kassim and the Greedy Dragon, which we will be using as a platform for our Talk 4 Writing unit. In Maths the children enjoyed exploring different volumes and capacities of containers. In History we learned when and why castles were first built. In Science we learned about microbes, in particular bacteria and we began an experiment using bread to see which slice grows the most mould, showing how germs spread and why hygiene matters. We should see some exciting results this week!

Year 3— This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks as we have started reading our Non-Fiction text which moves into our Fiction text called Atticus and the Ancient Greeks. Keeping with the theme in D.T we have been learning about the food in Greece, comparing it to what we eat here in the U.K. The children shared that they thought the Ancient Greeks were a lot healthier! In English we are learning to imitate and hug a text, which has activated our minds for such adventurous adjectives and verbs. Year 3's are excited about performing in their first assembly of the year this week too!

Year 4— This week, Year 4 are working with decimals - partitioning 2-digit numbers in different ways, comparing decimals and ordering decimals. In English, we are creating a story map of the Elf Road story and choosing powerful verbs which we can later use in our own stories later. In PE, we have been taking advantage of all the great weather and getting in some sports day practice. Finally, well done to those Year 4 children who went to the golf event at Maiden Erleigh School. They represented the school perfectly and enjoyed the event thoroughly.

Year 5— Year 5 have been introduced to Talk for Writing in English and they have been loving it! We have enjoyed learning our story and using actions and story maps to orally rehearse. We have moved onto Shape in Maths - the children have been getting to grips with 3D shapes. In Science, the children have been learning all about different life cycles - ask them about the life cycle of a butterfly!

Year 6— Year 6 have been working hard in prep for SATs. In Miss Hill's Maths class children have been working on area and perimeter of a shape and revising Maths skills from earlier in the year. Mr Hamilton's group have been applying their maths knowledge to reasoning questions. In English the children have finished their Everest live report before moving onto a more SPaG focus in lessons.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
58



**Amazing
Apples**
68



**Super
Strawberries**
45



**Brilliant
Bananas**
47



Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

The "Grandparent Test" for Privacy

Theme: Digital Footprints and Oversharing

It's easy to forget that what we share today becomes our child's "digital footprint" tomorrow. This week, we're encouraging families to use the **Grandparent Test**: if you wouldn't want it pinned to a physical noticeboard in the local supermarket for everyone (including grandparents!) to see, it probably shouldn't be online.

Reviewing privacy settings on social media and gaming platforms is a great way to ensure that only "Real Life Friends" can see your family's business.

Action Tip: Check the "Audience" settings on your most-used apps this evening.

Explore: [Digital Footprint : What is it and why should you care?](#)

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th May	— BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May	— SATS week
Wednesday 20th May	— Class Photographs
Wednesday 20th May	— Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	— HALF TERM
Wednesday 10th June	— Robins Class Assembly—2.30pm (NEW)
Wednesday 24th June	— Butterflies Class Assembly—2.30pm (NEW)
Tuesday 30th June	— Sports Day (NEW)

Beyond the Classroom

Team Beechwood at parkrun

London Marathon fever hit Woodley on Sunday, with 19 members of Team Beechwood taking part!

First home was Bilal with a PB time of 8 minutes 30 seconds. Also out running were Ariana, Maxi, Eddie, Charlotte, Sahasra, Rowan, Elliot, Rosie, Penelope, Charlotte, Piper, Alayna, Luka, Cooper, Samuel, Lowena, Aanvi and Phoebe. Eddie, Charlotte and Lowena all joined Bilal in bagging themselves a PB time at Woodley Junior parkrun.

Unfortunately, Mrs Caswell was unable to be there on Sunday as she was volunteering at London Marathon, so there are no photos of the children. She did however manage to grab a selfie with Joe Wicks and Daddy Pig!



If you were inspired by the London Marathon, then we are holding a mini-marathon for schools for Team Beechwood runners. All they need to do is complete two or more junior parkruns between 1st April and 10th May (extended by two weeks) and they will earn themselves a TCS Mini Marathon Certificate and a School medal.

Remember, you must sign up to Team Beechwood to qualify!

From parkrun to London Mini-Marathon

Two of our junior parkrunners, Maxi and Yusof, found themselves in London on Saturday, to support their older siblings in the mini-marathon. They both managed to get themselves an entry in the race, which was a mile in distance, and earn a London Mini-marathon medal. We are extremely proud of them!

