

Beechwood Bulletin

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Start of a New Term!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all our families back to Beechwood for the summer term. We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing and happy Easter break.

We are delighted to be leading the school this term and share a strong commitment to ensuring that all children at Beechwood thrive. Our priority is that every child feels safe, experiences high-quality learning in the classroom and is supported to be the very best version of themselves.

We have high expectations of our children in terms of appearance, behaviour, attendance and punctuality, and we value your support in helping us uphold these standards. Research shows that repeatedly arriving late to school, even by a few minutes, can have a significant negative impact on children's learning over time. We therefore encourage all families to ensure that children attend school every day and arrive on time. Please do come and speak to us if you require any support with this.

You may notice that our bulletins look a little different moving forward, as we are keen to celebrate the wide range of activities and achievements our children enjoy both in and out of school. This week we are showcasing the WASMA choir concert at the Hexagon, which took place before Easter, as well as a fantastic win for our girls' football team earlier this week. Well done to all those involved, and a huge thank you to our dedicated staff who give up their time to support these opportunities.

We hope you have a wonderful week ahead, and please do come and chat with us at the school gates in the morning or afternoon.

Warm regards,

Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for the last week of the Spring term was Robins with 97.1%



Well done Robins!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

We didn't have a Bookworm winner at the end of the Spring Term, so we will look forward to seeing who will be the first winner of the Summer Term!



THE PANTRY:

A reminder that lunches must be ordered by 9am. If a lunch has not been ordered, the only option will be a jacket potato and fruit.

If you have any queries, please contact Pantry Customer Service Team Monday to Friday 7:00am to 4:30pm on 020 8813 7040, or email office@thepantrycatering.co.uk. The school office does not have the ability to access the Pantry system.

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.

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.



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 **93.5%** which is below our target.

STAR PUPILS

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Izaiah

Kites — Prince

Robins — Lowena

Falcons — Arthur, Konni, Bilal

Foxes — Iqra

& Hardhik

Badgers — Ruby

Hawks — Daniel

Woodpeckers — Sami

Eagles — Kailen-Wayne

Owls — Lazario & Ella-Mai

Butterflies — Mia

Kites — Muhammad

Robins — Khadija

Falcons — Maisy

Foxes — Remy

Hawks — Tillie

Badgers — Rosamay

Eagles — Nathan

Woodpeckers — Dolly

Owls — Ariba

★ 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 started their new topic of 'We Are Investigators' with a focus on minibeasts. On Monday we went on a minibeast hunt around the school and found lots of exciting bugs. We then came back and were introduced to our very own caterpillars to look after and watch them turn into beautiful butterflies. In Drawing Club we used the book 'Nature Trail' and wrote about what minibeasts we saw on the log. Next week we are going to be learning about wriggly minibeasts (snails and worms) as well as investigating more about plants.

Year 1— In English we have used 'The Snail and the Whale' story for writing acrostic poems. In Maths we have been using numberlines to 50. In our new music unit 'Dinosaurs' the children moved to the pulse thinking about dynamics and in PE they worked with a partner to complete challenges. In Computing we have started a digital writing unit so the children have explored a keyboard today.

Year 2— In year 2 we have started an exciting topic of Castles and Catapults. We have drawn dragons in art and will be using descriptive language in our English lessons to describe what they look like and their magical powers. In Maths we have started a unit on measuring length and height and in Science we continue learning about animals and humans, this week looking at food chains. In history we will be learning about the features of castles - what makes a castle?

Year 3— Year 3's are looking forward to a busy Summer term filled with new learning. In Maths this week, we are focusing on Mass in grams and Kilograms. We are solving problems and creating our own for our peers to solve. In Geography we started our unit on Field work and had a look at maps of our area here in Woodley to see how the land has been developed and used. In French we are learning how to pronounce family members correctly. In Science this week, we will be exploring properties and changes of different materials. We have focused on grammar in English looking at similes, metaphors and tenses.

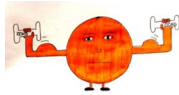
Year 4— After a long Easter break, Year 4 are getting back into the swing of things once again. In English, we have been refreshing our use of conjunctions and prepositions. In Maths, we are looking at tenths and hundredths as fraction and decimals. In French, we have been practising how to say the school subjects. This term, we are looking forward to playing rounders for the first time!

Year 5— Year 5 have been improving their SPaG skills this week, building single-clause sentences and using pronouns. In maths, we have started looking at angles and degrees. During PE, the children playing some team games and will also be doing cricket.

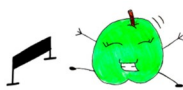
Year 6— Year 6 have started writing newspaper reports - we have been learning about active and passive voice and how this can be used within these reports. In Maths, we are preparing for SATs by practicing arithmetic and learning about angles, co-ordinates and translations. Our RE lessons are focussing on symbolism and we have researched charities and their symbols this week.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
81



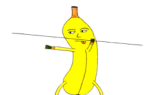
Amazing Apples
151



Super Strawberries
158



Brilliant Bananas
96



Congratulations to the Super Strawberries who are this weeks leaders!

BEHAVIOUR AND SAFEGUARDING SURVEY—HAVE YOUR SAY!

We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete this [Behaviour and Safeguarding Survey](#). This survey provides parents and guardians with an opportunity to share their views on behaviour and safeguarding, including what the school does well and where we can improve.

Your feedback will help us to strengthen our practice, support pupils' wellbeing, and ensure we are providing a safe, positive environment for every child.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 29th April — Badgers Class Assembly—2.30pm
- 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**

Beyond the Classroom

WASMA

On 21st March, the school choir performed at The Hexagon in 'Radio WASMA' alongside 13 other primary schools.

Throughout the spring term, they attended rehearsals at Waingels, learning 15 songs, dance routines and script lines for the concert. Rosie, who was successful with the soloist auditions, performed a spectacular solo of Scarborough Fair!

The children all choreographed a fabulous dance to the disco medley and shone like superstars underneath the glitterball with our sparkles. We definitely have DJ's in our school as their performances with the script was tremendous .

The choir were a privilege to take and showed all of the school values throughout the whole process. We were all extremely proud of the confidence and commitment from all performers. They were all AMAZING!



JUNIOR PARKRUN

On Sunday we had 10 children take part in Junior parkrun at Woodford Park. Maxi and Sahasra both got new PBs....AMAZING RUNNING TEAM BEECHWOOD!

EARN A LONDON MARATHON MEDAL!!

April is London Marathon Month, and to celebrate we are taking part in the London Mini Marathon for schools.

Any student representing Team Beechwood, in at least two junior parkruns during April, will have completed the required distance and will earn themselves a London Marathon in Schools Badge! So, come along on Sunday to Woodford Park at 8.55am...join in the fun!

junior parkrun

FOOTBALL



Beechwood vs Hatch Ride Semi-final of the Wokingham Schools FA Shield.

Beechwood ran out **3-0 winners** in the semi-final against a very good Hatch Ride side. Hatch Ride dominated the early proceedings before a corner was turned into the net by a Hatch Ride defender. Natalia then scored clinically from a cross which meant the score was 2-0 at full time. During the second half, Hatch Ride continued to press for a breakthrough and Tara blocked a vicious shot with bravery. The third goal came courtesy of a goal on the break scored by Ivy-Rose.



The result of 3-0 was well-deserved and every player should be proud of their efforts and achievements in reaching the final.

Squad: Tara, Aanvi, Zoya, Arianna, Sahasra, Ivy-Rose, Emily, Natalia, Paige



A SPECIAL MENTION TO OUR UNSUNG HEROES.....

WASMA—We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Miss Hill for her dedication and for generously giving up her own time to support the children in learning the songs and enabling them to take part in this wonderful event. Our thanks also go to the other members of Beechwood staff who supported both the rehearsals and the concert itself. It was truly a memorable and enriching experience for our children.

PARKRUN—A massive thank you to Mrs Caswell for being the heart and soul of Team Beechwood at parkrun; come rain or shine Mrs Caswell (and Cairo) will be there cheering on the runners. We do not know what we would do without your unmatched energy and commitment!

FOOTBALL—A huge celebratory cheer to Mr Hamilton for coaching and supporting both the girls and boys football teams. The progress and comradery these teams have made is down to his dedication to the pupils. Thank you Mr Hamilton.

