

Beechwood Bulletin

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Half-Term Exhale—looking ahead to a bright Summer.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done to all our year groups for taking part in Woodley Sports Week. The children have enjoyed participating in a range of sporting activities and have represented the school beautifully.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the family learning session yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging in the learning alongside your children, and we hope you found the experience enjoyable and valuable.

On Monday, we held our first “Hot Chocolate with the Headteachers” event since introducing our new reward system. Two children from each class, who achieved the highest number of house points, were invited to join us in the Headteacher’s office to enjoy hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows. We look forward to welcoming more children to this celebration in the coming weeks.

Next half term, we will begin the process of re-imagining our school vision. We feel it is important that our vision truly reflects our whole school community, and we will therefore be consulting with all stakeholders, including parents. A survey will be sent out early next half term, and we would greatly value your thoughts and contributions. The second half of the summer term is always focused on transition. We will be working carefully to ensure that all children experience a smooth and positive transition, whether they are moving into a new year group or on to secondary school. As soon as arrangements are confirmed, we will share staffing information and our transition plans with you.

After half term, weather permitting, children in Years 5 and 6 will be able to eat their packed lunches on the field. We would appreciate your support in reminding children to dispose of any rubbish responsibly or return it to their lunchboxes.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 1st June for the final half term of the academic year. In the meantime, we wish you a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was both Eagles with 99.6%



Well done Eagles!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

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



NON-UNIFORM DAY—£1

Friday 22nd May is non-uniform day. Please bring a £1 donation to participate and to raise money for our book collection.

SCHOOL DISCO—FRIDAY 22ND MAY

Get ready to throw some shapes on the dance floor—it’s Disco time! Tickets can be purchased for £2.50 each on ParentPay.



FS to Year 2—6pm to 6.45pm
Year 3 to Year 6—7pm to 8pm

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 21st MAY

Census Day is on Thursday 21st May, the data collected impacts the amount of funding the school receives so it is greatly appreciated if you are able to support the school by ensuring your child has a school dinner. **This is especially important if your child has a free meal provided by the school.** Thank you.

PARENT GOVERNOR—VACANCY

The opportunity has arisen for a new Parent Governor. If you would like to find out further information, please click [here](#).

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 **97.1%** which is **ABOVE** our target.

STAR PUPILS

Butterflies — Ocean
Robins — Rufus
Foxes — Oscar
Badgers — Charlotte
Woodpeckers — Bedansh

Owls — Eddie
Kites — Simon and Reggie
Falcons — Krithik
Hawks — THE WHOLE CLASS
Eagles — THE WHOLE CLASS

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Marshall
Robins — Olivia
Foxes — None this week
Badgers — George
Woodpeckers — Molly

Owls — Caleb
Kites — Alex
Falcons — Student Teaching Assistants
Hawks — THE WHOLE CLASS
Eagles — THE WHOLE CLASS

★ 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 consolidating all our learning about minibeasts this half term, this week sorting and classifying minibeasts based on different characteristics. In Drawing Club this week we have been using the story 'The Big Bad Bug' to create our own big bad bug as well as writing our own minibeast riddles. After half term we will be starting our new topic of 'We Are Adventurers'.

Year 1— In Maths we have finished a fraction unit by learning how to recognise and find halves and quarters in different quantities. The Robins enjoyed their Family learning Art session where they explored Aboriginal Australian styles of dot painting by using cotton wood buds. In PSHE they learnt about what makes a good relationship and in Science they made simple predictions about deciduous and evergreen trees.

Year 2— In Foxes this week the children have been writing their own version of Kassim and the Greedy Dragon. In Maths we have been learning unit and non-unit fractions. In Science we completed our unit - animals including humans. After learning about viruses and bacteria in Science, the children enjoyed creating their own microbes from playdough. In History we completed a carousel of activities as an assessment of our learning about castles.

Year 3— Year 3 are writing independently this week with their own invention warning tales. Their setting choices were The lighthouse on Black rock, The toy shop down Willow Lane or Platform 13. In Geography we are town planners this week creating our own town with map. We look forward to Woodley sports on Wednesday! It's been a busy term and Year 3 have worked so hard! Well done!

Year 4— This week, Year 4 will be using all their knowledge of personification, power of three and setting description to plan and write their own portal story. In Maths, we have been using subtraction calculations with pounds and pence to find change. We also had an amazing time practising for our assembly and we hope you enjoyed it to.

Year 5— Year 5 have had a brilliant week! Not only have we been practising our dance and smashing it at the Woodley Sports Week, but we have also had a lovely family learning session too! Our dance was epic- thank you to the parents who came to watch us! Your support was much appreciated! In between all the dancing, we have been writing our stories full of suspense and fear - the language being used has been amazing!

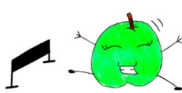
Year 6— After SATs last week, Year 6 are now back into the swing of their writing - we are writing newspaper reports about Junko Tabei and her Everest expedition. In Maths, we are learning about bar charts and data and problem solving around this. Computing lessons have revolved around designing our own websites and we have enjoyed making these this half term.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
223



**Amazing
Apples**
249



**Super
Strawberries**
273



**Brilliant
Bananas**
227



Congratulations to the Super Strawberries who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

Week 4: Spotting the "Phish"

Theme: Critical Thinking and Scams

Online security isn't just about software; it's about "human software"—our ability to spot when something feels wrong. From "free V-Bucks" offers in Roblox to emails claiming you've won a prize, scammers love to target young users. Teach your child to be a **Digital Detective**: if an offer seems too good to be true, or if a message creates a sense of "urgency" (e.g., "Act now or your account will be deleted!"), it's likely a phishing scam.

Action Tip: Play a game of "Spot the Scam" by looking at your own junk email folder together (carefully!) to see the tricks people use.

Explore: [Google Interland: Reality River \(Educational Game\)](#)



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 21st May	— Census Day
Friday 22nd May	— Non- School Uniform Day (NEW)
Friday 22nd May	— School Disco (NEW)
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	— HALF TERM
Wednesday 10th June	— Robins Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 24th June	— Butterflies Class Assembly—2.30pm
Tuesday 30th June	— Sports Day (More information to follow)
Friday 17th July	— LAST DAY OF TERM—1.15PM

Beyond the Classroom

Foxes Bowl and Roll!

On Tuesday 19th May the Foxes attended the Cricket Festival at Woodford Park for Woodley School Sports Week. Mrs Nicols was delighted with how hard the children worked and was very proud to be with the Foxes. Well done everyone!



London Marathon Challenge with parkrun.

Last week, 19 children were presented with their London Marathon Certificates, including Rosie and Natalia who were missed from the list last week! Well done to everyone taking part!

Team Beechwood at Junior parkrun



On Sunday there were 8 Team Beechwood runners at Woodley Junior parkrun.

Rowan led us home in a PB time of 11:24 followed by Yusof, Penelope, Emily, Alayna, Luka, Phoebe and Samuel! Don't forget to come and join us on Sunday morning!