

Beechwood Bulletin

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Christmas Festivities

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today our children have enjoyed their Christmas dinner, thank you to all the staff for making it a fun and festive time.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Year 6 exhibition this afternoon where the children showcased their learning on World War 2 and the Battle of Britain. Well done to all the pupils on their amazing work this term.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and the whole school community for all the amazing fundraising you have done for the school this term, which has enabled us to buy resources and equipment for the school. The discos are always extremely popular and I know the Christmas Fair was a huge success last week.

Congratulations to Grayson who won the "Name the Koala" competition with the winning name of Colin and to Penelope who won the "Name the Dog" competition with the winning name Peppermint. The children were awarded their huge winning plush toys in assembly on Friday.

To end the week, our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to Winchester Science Museum tomorrow and our Foundation Stage children are excited to be performing their nativity to parents on Friday.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week were Badgers class with 98% attendance Well done Badgers!



We are pleased to announce that the winners of the Attendance Competition for this half term are Badgers Class with an overall attendance of 97.7%, **enjoy your non uniform day on Thursday 19th December!**

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who won last week and Robins who once



again have had the most bookworms this week and have won back the trophy! Keep up the super reading.

NON-UNIFORM DAY—FRIDAY 20TH

DECEMBER: The last day of term will be a non-uniform day for all children and staff. We look forward to seeing your festive outfits.



Star Pupils -w/c 02/12/24

Woodpeckers— Indie
Owls— Hosna
Kites— Jonty
Falcons— Two star pupils next week
Hawks— Josef
Eagles— Cristian
Butterflies— Muhammad
Robins — Umaina
Hedgehogs— Carlton
Badgers— Isaac & Phoebe
Foxes — Molly

Well done to all of our Stars!

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 95.1% which unfortunately is well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been very busy practising their nativity play and we can't wait to show you on Friday. This week we have also been learning about Winter and the changes that happen from Autumn to Winter. In maths we have been learning about squares and rectangles this week.

Year 1 have started their Design Technology project this week. They have been designing and making a woodland animal puppet (finger or hand puppet). They have been developing their skills of combining materials by using simple running stitch. In Maths they have been learning to recognise and sort 2D shapes. In PSHE we discussed how to make new friends.

Year 2 and 3 have been planning their own volcano adventure stories and we look forward to reading some exciting tales. In maths year 3 are continuing with their unit of multiplication and division, while year 2 are investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In science we have explored how shadows change according to the height of the sun and in art we are working to complete our final pieces inspired by the artist Lois Mailou Jones. Year 2 have been busy rehearsing their nativity play and are excited to be showing it to parents next week!

Year 4 have enjoyed planning their final piece of independent writing for this term, it is based on their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have worked hard on designing their Christmas cross stitch patterns and have begun putting them together. Christmas lunch was a huge success and all the children have had a fabulous day.

Year 5 have had an exciting week learning to design and make a pop-up book. They have worked extremely hard to create the mechanism required for the book to work smoothly. In English, they have been writing a narrative inspired by our reading book - Holes.

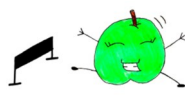
Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their DT day, designing and building their Anderson Shelters. We are looking forward to testing them during our WW2 Exhibition with our parents and guardians. In English we have started writing the flash back of a WW2 soldier and have done a brilliant job incorporating figurative language, experience of the senses and show not tell writing. We have started consolidation lesson in maths from our Autumn term learning and have produced some impactful Blitz water-colour sketches in art.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
302



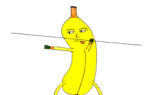
**Amazing
Apples**
224



**Super
Strawberries**
142



**Brilliant
Bananas**
334



Congratulations to Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most house points again last week!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 12th December	— Year 5 Trip
Friday 13th December	— FS Nativity Performance
Monday 16th December	— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service
Tuesday 17th December	— Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service
Wednesday 18th December	— Year 2 Nativity Performance 2-3pm
Thursday 19th December	— Year 2 Nativity Performance 6-7pm
Friday 20th December	— Non Uniform Day - End of Term—1.15pm
Monday 6th January	— Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January	— Start of Term
Wednesday 22nd January	— Year 1 Trip — Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Monday 10th—Friday 14th February	— Year 6 Bikeability