

Beechwood Bulletin

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Our learning never stops...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The last week has been very busy, and it has been lovely to see the children so settled and engaged in their learning as we have walked around the school. We have also enjoyed spending time with the children during lunch times, talking with them about their favourite dishes and getting ideas on how to improve their breaktimes.

On National Offer Day, we were incredibly proud to learn that Beechwood will be welcoming 24 children into Butterflies next year. A big thank you to Miss Pilbeam for creating such an inclusive and welcoming environment in which our children thrive and make fantastic progress. Since offer day, this number has continued to rise and we now have only a few places remaining. If you know of anyone still looking for a Reception place, please do encourage them to get in touch to arrange a tour.

Last week, all teachers took part in their second Talk for Writing training session. Talk for Writing is a national programme developed by Pie Corbett, a well known educationalist specialising in English and literacy. It supports children to develop strong writing skills through talk, oracy and structured modelling. This week, the teaching of Talk for Writing officially began across the school (with the exception of Year 6, who are currently revising for their SATs, and Butterflies, who will begin later in the summer term). Teachers have already been showcasing some wonderful examples of children's writing, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on writing progress across the school.

Our Teaching Assistants have also taken part in training focused on supporting children to self scaffold. This approach promotes high levels of pupil independence by allowing time for observation, thinking and processing, rather than jumping in too quickly. Children who are effective self scaffolders are able to plan how to approach tasks, problem solve as they work and reflect on how they completed their learning.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Warm regards,

Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Butterflies with 98%



Well done Butterflies!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes 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.

ONLINE SAFETY WEBINAR

The Ben Kinsella Trust are running a free two-hour workshop for parents and carers to learn more about topics such as the influence of social media, the signs and stages of exploitation, and how to prevent young people being affected by knife crime. Places can be booked here: [Helping our children stay safe session | 23rd April | 6-8pm](#)

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.

TOYS & JEWELLERY FROM HOME

Please can we kindly ask that pupils do not bring toys or jewellery into school. These items can cause distractions in class, and we are unable to take responsibility for any belongings that are brought in from home. Thank you for helping us keep our school environment calm, focused, and safe for everyone.

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 **94.4%** which is below our target.

STAR PUPILS

Butterflies — Izaiah

Robins — Emel

Foxes — Theo

Badgers — Gabor

Woodpeckers — Clint and

Logan

Owls — Ariba

Kites — Kenzi

Falcons — Tronie

Hawks — Mohammed

Eagles — Shafi

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Zeyd

Robins — Maryam

Foxes — None listed

Badgers — Piper

Woodpeckers — Isaac

Owls — Samyuktha

Kites — Jack

Falcons — Ivy-Rose

Hawks — Autumn

Eagles — Sahasra

★ 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 using the story Jack and the Beanstalk this week, drawing and describing the giant and thinking about what is on the top of their beanstalk. Today we planted our own beanstalks, we can't wait to watch them grow! In Maths we have been recapping number bonds as well as learning about some teen numbers, focusing on 11, 12 and 13. In art we have been using the artwork 'The Snail' by Matisse and recreating our own.

Year 1— In English we have started our Talk 4 Writing this week. Our focus book until half term is 'Handa's surprise'. The children have explored lots of different fruits by using their senses which helped them to create a bank of many exciting adjectives. In Maths we have started a 'Multiplication and Division' unit by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be learning about equal groups and how to add them together. In Science we started learning about plants and the children will be planting and observing seeds over the next few days.

Year 2— In Year 2 the children have been using the dragons they created last week for descriptive writing and poems. In maths we completed our unit of measuring length and height and have moved on to measuring mass. In art we looked at the work of Ciruelo Crabal who is famous for his dragon paintings and will be using his art as inspiration to explore different painting techniques. In Science we learned what makes a food chain and in History we learned about the features of castles.

Year 3— In Year 3 this week in Maths, we are continuing our learning on measuring mass, focusing on adding and subtracting kilograms and grams. The children are growing in confidence using different units and applying their skills to problem-solving activities. In English, we are developing our writing by talking through our ideas first. The children are completing short burst writes after orally rehearsing their text, using a story map to support the story we are focusing on this term. For PE, the children are thoroughly enjoying their outdoor sessions, where they are learning and practising cricket and golf skills, developing coordination, teamwork, and technique.

Year 4— Year 4 have been thinking about setting descriptions in English and have been gathering powerful descriptions for a magical forest. In Maths, we will be using part whole models to partition decimals with tenths and hundredths. In Science, we have been designing electrical circuits with switches and turning lamps off and on.

Year 5— We have started our new writing unit based on suspense this week. The children will be learning and rehearsing a new short story about Zelda Claw. In Maths, we are continuing to focus on drawing and measuring angles. Alongside our usual PE lessons, we have also been learning a dance routine to 'Zoo' for an upcoming dance competition in May!

Year 6— In English, we are continuing learning about news reports - focusing on past progressive and past perfect tenses within our writing. In Maths, Mr Hamilton's class have learned about the properties of a triangle and missing angles. In Miss Hill's class we have been learning about percentages of amounts, written methods for the 4 operations and are starting to apply this to area and perimeter. Our RE lessons have focussed on how Christianity is affecting our day-to-day lives and in our computing lessons we are learning about what makes a good website.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
103



**Amazing
Apples**
130



**Super
Strawberries**
77



**Brilliant
Bananas**
136



Congratulations to the Brilliant Bananas who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

This half term we are focusing on Privacy and Safety. Remember ...

Keep your information private: Learn what personal information is, like your name, address, or phone number, and understand why it's important to keep this information private.

Use strong passwords: Understand how passwords protect your information online. Learn how to create strong, unique passwords and why you should never share them with others.

Be careful: Know that some people online might try to trick you into sharing your information. Always be cautious about who you talk to online and ask a trusted adult if you're not sure.

Take a look at this video [HERE](#) for more information. Thank you.

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

TEAM BEECHWOOD AT PARKRUN



On Sunday, we had 8 children representing Team Beechwood at Woodley Junior parkrun.

The first runner home for the team was Natalia, in an incredible time of 10 minutes and 29 seconds. We also had Penelope, Alayna, Maxi, Aanvi, Cooper, Henrique and Samuel taking part.

Cooper was awarded his marathon band for completing 21 runs and Henrique ran a personal best time of 14 minutes 18 seconds. It was a special event for Samuel, who ran his 150th junior parkrun at Woodley (he has completed an incredible 171 runs in total!)

As we near the end of April we look forward to being inspired by the thousands of people who take part in the London Marathon! Also, please remember, with the London Marathon in mind, any child representing Team Beechwood, in two or more junior parkruns between 1st April and 10th May (extended by two weeks) will have completed the required distance for the TCS Mini Marathon for Schools and will earn themselves a TCS Mini Marathon Certificate and a School medal. Remember, you must sign up to Team Beechwood to qualify! Register for parkrun [here](#).

We will be looking out for you in the results!

