Beechwood Bulletin

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Sunny Days, Strong Attendance and New Family Support Opportunities

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to see the children making the most of our field during this beautiful spell of weather. Many classes have also enjoyed taking their learning outdoors, making the most of the sunshine while engaging in their lessons.

As a reminder, mobile phones should not be used anywhere on the school site. Whilst signage is displayed around the school, we have recently noticed some parents taking calls or responding to messages during drop-off and collection times. This rule is in place to support our safeguarding procedures and help protect all children from the possibility of photographs or videos being taken without permission. We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our school remains a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you to all families who are supporting good attendance by ensuring their children arrive at school on time and attend every day whenever possible. We understand that children will sometimes be unwell, but if you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please contact the school office for advice. Attached to this bulletin is the new Frays Parent Attendance Flowchart, which explains the processes we follow when absences become a concern over time. In the first instance, we kindly ask that you inform the school office as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school on any given day.

We are also delighted to share some exciting news from Wokingham Borough Council. Yesterday, we met with Emma Barley, our Family Support Worker based at Ambleside. Emma has shared a range of workshops, courses and support opportunities that may be of interest to Beechwood families.

To introduce these opportunities, Emma will be hosting a **parent coffee morning at Beechwood on Wednesday 4th November at 9am.** This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the support available to families across Wokingham, while also meeting and connecting with other parents within our school community. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Information about the workshops, courses and support services will be displayed near the large green gate. You will also find details about joining the Wokingham Family Hub, which provides access to a wide range of activities, events and resources for local families.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a pleasant remainder of the week and a relaxing weekend.

Warm regards,

Rachel Minter and Sarah Reece
Co-Headteachers

NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Robins with 99%.

Well done Robins!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who were top Bookworms last week.

Congratulations Foxes!

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS DAY –ROCK DAY

On Friday 2nd October children and staff may come to school dressed up as rock stars to celebrate TT Rock Star—Rock Day, during the day children will participate in TTRS battles and maths challenges in their classrooms.

CENSUS DAY—STREET FOOD DAY!:

Census Day is on **Thursday 1st October**. 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 hot dinner on this day. This is particularly important for EYFS -Year2 & free school meals children where the school receives funding for Universal Free school meals based on the number of children who take a hot dinner option on this day. The cost to children in Years 3 - 6 is £2.66.

The meal options on the day will be: Loaded hot dogs (pork or vegan), with ketchup & fried onions, with seasoned wedges & BBQ beans and The Pantry's brookie (half vanilla cookie, half chocolate brownie!).

SEND COFFEE MORNING:

Our SEND coffee morning will take place on Monday 28th September—9.45am-10.30am.
If you wish to attend, please come to the Office at 9.45am.

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 **92.7%** which is below our target.

Beechwood Stars

Butterflies —
Robins — Mia
Foxes— Emel
Badgers—Hafsa
Owls — Angelo
Falcons — Illia
Hawks— Finlay
Eagles— Shanaya

★ Well done to all of our Beechwood Stars ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about houses this week, we have been learning about different types of houses, making our own houses and then thinking about the different rooms inside our houses. In Drawing Club, we have been using the story of the three little pigs, drawing one of the pigs and listening to the sounds we hear in the word 'pig', we also drew a house and made up a code to make it super strong. We also started maths this week, learning all about subitising the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Year 1— In English this week, Robins have been learning to 'hold a sentence', that is, to compose and write a simple sentence from memory. In Maths we have been comparing groups of objects using the language more, fewer and the same. In Geography we learned about physical features of the environment. In Science we are learning about our different senses.

Year 2— We have been using our historical knowledge to sequence key events from the Great Fire of London and explain why the fire spread so quickly. In English, children are developing their narrative writing skills by retelling events from the story. In Maths, we are continuing our work on place value and beginning to apply our understanding to addition and subtraction problems.

Year 3— Another good week in Year 3! In Science, the children were excited to test how different rocks reacted to vinegar and considered which would be best for a park statue exposed to acid rain. In English, we began innovating our stories using circle plans, while in Maths we explored different ways to partition the same number. In Art, we looked at how animals were depicted in Stone Age cave paintings and will be using smudging, blending and sketching techniques on Friday.

Year 4— Year 4 have been busy with lots of learning this week! In English, the children have been learning their new model text, Marcus and the Cursed Coin. This is a 'Finding Tale' and the children will be using this model text to write their own soon. Ask your children to recite the story for you at home! The children have been continuing to learn about the Romans in History which is providing great context for our English work! Homework has now been set so please ensure your child is logging on complete it.

Year 5— Year 5 have continued to look at the extract 'Zelda Claw' in their English writing this week. They have started to look at the pattern of the story ready to innovate later this week. In maths the children have been comparing and ordering numbers up to a million. In science, the children explored how we know the Earth is round and how Aristotle observed ships disappearing over the horizon.

Year 6— In Year 6 we have been creating story maps in English - learning and imitating a story based on Beyond the Lines. In Maths we have learnt how to compare and order numbers as well as practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Our Art lessons have consisted of drawing lifelike pictures of insects - linking to our Science lessons.

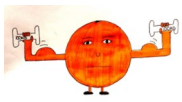
ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

Staying Safe and Speaking Up.

Children explored how to recognise situations that may make them feel worried, uncomfortable or upset online.
We reinforced the message that they can always say "No", "Stop" or tell a trusted adult if something does not feel right.
Watch **'How to stay safe when setting up gaming profile'** together and discuss who your child's trusted adults are.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
645



Amazing Apples
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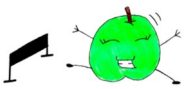

Super Strawberries
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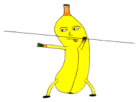
Brilliant Bananas
457



Congratulations to the Super Strawberries who were this weeks leaders!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 28th September	— SEND Coffee Morning
Friday 2nd October	— TT Rock Star—Rock Day
Wednesday 7th October	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Thursday 8th October	— FS/KS1 Harvest Festival Church Visit
Monday 12th October	— Yr 6 Residential Week
Tuesday 13th October	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Mondy 19th October	— Enterprise Week
26th October—30th October	**— HALF TERM**
Monday 23rd—29th November	— Book Fair **(CHANGE OF DATE)**
Wednesday 11th November	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027), Remembrance Service—Years 3,4,5,6
Thursday 12th November	— Michael Rosen Day **(CHANGE OF DATE)**
Wednesday 18th November	— Eagles Class Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 23rd November	— Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Tuesday 24th November	— Open Evening 5.00-6.00pm (Reception 2027)
Wednesday 25th November	— Parents Evening (more info to follow). SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 3rd December	— Aspiration Day
Monday 7th December	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027)
Tuesday 8th December	— EYFS Nativity
Monday 14th December	— KS2 Church Visit
Tuesday 15th December	— KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 16th December	— KS1 Nativity
Friday 18th December	**— END OF TERM**

Beyond the Classroom

Woodley Junior parkrun

Well done to those who that were out running at the weekend.
Maxi completed Woodley parkrun (5k) on Saturday in an amazing time of 31:38.

It was good to see Yusof, Remy, Penelope, Rufus and Hatab all out running at Woodley Junior parkrun on Sunday morning.

A huge congratulations to Samuel, who was one of the first juniors in the country to be awarded his V100 wristband, for volunteering at 100 different events, following his role as barcode scanner on Sunday.

Mrs C also achieved her V100 award for volunteering at 100 different parkruns across the country!

Junior parkrun is every Sunday morning at 9am, and we are very lucky to have Woodley juniors right next door at Woodford Park.

A great weekend for all at #TeamBeechwood.

junior parkrun