

Beechwood Bulletin

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School Pride...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Year 6 pupils impressed the whole school with a thoughtful and beautifully presented sharing assembly. They spoke with maturity, confidence, and real pride as they reflected on their learning, showcased their recent projects, and demonstrated just how much they have grown as leaders within our school community.

I would also like to recognise a wonderful act of community spirit shown by a group of Year 5 boys who have taken it upon themselves to care for our reflection garden. Without being asked, they have spent their breaktimes tidying, clearing and improving the space so that everyone in school can enjoy a calm and welcoming place to pause and reflect. Their initiative, teamwork, and kindness embody our school values perfectly, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

As some parents will now be aware, I will be leaving my role at Easter to take up a new position as an Ofsted Inspector. Although my time here has been relatively short, I am incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together. It has been a privilege to work with such wonderful children, a dedicated and talented team, and a supportive, vibrant community. I will miss the school enormously, and I am deeply grateful for the warmth and trust shown to me during my time here.

As we move further into the term, it is moments like these—of leadership, responsibility, creativity, and compassion—that remind us what a special community we have here. Thank you to all pupils, staff, and families for continuing to support and nurture the positive ethos that makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

Ms L Quinell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Butterflies with 98.2%%

Well done Butterflies!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who were top bookworms last week.



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - NEW

Curriculum Overviews for the Spring Term are now on our [website](#).

REMINDER—ROADWORKS ON WOODLANDS AVENUE

This is just a reminder that from 26th January until mid-August intersections of Woodlands Avenue will be closing.

26th January—Road Closure—Lytham Road to Roslyn Road. Diversion via Howth Drive, Beechwood Avenue and Lytham Road.



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 the last week of term was 91.2% which is below our target.



Star Pupils -w/c 12/1/2026

Butterflies— Omer

Robins — Loris

Foxes — Oscar

Badgers — Not present

Woodpeckers — Dolly

Owls—Enzo

Kites— Rajveer

Falcons— Ivy-Rose

Eagles— Amjad

Hawks— jaya

*Well done to all of
our Stars!*

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about Italy this week, we had a very fun day yesterday where we made our own pizza, we really enjoyed tasting it! Today we thought about the process of making pizza and how the materials changed. In Drawing club this week, we have been using the story 'The Little Red Hen' and thinking of things to add to the bread to trick the other animals. Next week in Maths we will be starting to learn about the number 6.

Year 1— In Maths we looked at numbers 11-20 and we used a number line to identify 1 less and 1 more. Next week we will be comparing numbers to 20 and ordering them. In RE we familiarised ourselves with Abraham's story as an introduction to Judaism. In Computing we have been giving instructions to our partner so we understand basics of programming.

Year 2— In Year 2 this week we have completed fact files about foxes as a whole class. Next week we will be researching and writing fact files about our own choice of animal. In maths we finished our unit on shape and have moved onto money - making amounts using different coins and notes. In Science we learned the basic needs of humans and animals to survive. In History we continue to learn about different explorers including Ernest Shackleton and Captain James Cook and how exploration has changed over time.

Year 3— In Year 3 we explored the key issues affecting bees and wrote a letter to the Mayor of Woodley giving our ideas on how we can make Woodley Bee friendly and encourage these very important insects to pollinate our flowers. In English used the Ipads to research a rainforest animal and wrote a fact file for our information text. In Maths we are exploring the link between multiplication and division. In computing we are learning about programming in Scratch and building on our skills each week.

Year 4— Year 4 have been working hard this week. In Maths, they have been challenging themselves to use part-whole models and their multiplication number facts to help them work out division number sentences. In English, we have started an Anglo-Saxon adventure story as our piece of independent writing. In PE, we have been learning basketball skills. We are also learning about honesty and integrity are important in sport.

Year 5— Year 5 have had yet another busy week! We have been continuing consolidating our learning on Multiplication and Division in Maths. The children have really been working hard! We have also started our independent writing on our River topic in English. Our Science lesson was brilliant - the children loved investigating what materials were magnetic and were able to find out why not all metals are magnetic.

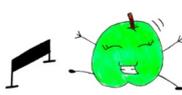
Year 6— In Year 6, we have been learning about function machines in Maths and have started writing instructions about looking after the Lost Thing, independently. In Computing, Mr Hamilton has been teaching us how to program a Micro:Bit - using inputs to change a variable. Our RE lessons are currently based around Christianity and this week we learnt the parable of the Sheep and the Goats.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
130



Amazing Apples
151



Super Strawberries
123



Brilliant Bananas
141



Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who are this weeks leaders!

BIG SISTER PROJECT

On Monday, 10 girls from Year 6 attended the Big Sister project - an initiative which offers free (or discounted) membership to all girls in the local area from 11-19. These events are run at Bulmershe Leisure Centre and Loddon Valley Leisure Centre.

[Big Sister Project | Places Leisure](#)



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th February — Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th February — Bikeability for Year 6

16th February—20th February — Half Term

Wednesday 11th March — Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March — Easter Service. Year 3 — Year 6. 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th March — Falcons Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Thursday 26th March — Rocksteady Concert — 9.30am

Friday 27th March — End of Term — 1.15pm