

Beechwood Bulletin

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Happy Half Term

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had a very busy final week of this first half term.

Our Year 6's are exhausted but very proud of themselves as they recover from the exertions of their residential. It has been great hearing about all their adventures and how far they stepped out of their comfort zones to achieve great heights (literally!) on residential. Once again, a huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to give the children this opportunity.

We have seen a real upturn in our attendance this half term and a reduction in the number of pupils who are persistently absent. We're not quite at our target but are really pleased to be moving in the right direction.

We are at the point of the year when families are choosing Primary Schools and it was a pleasure showing round prospective families this week. The children were focused, hardworking and very polite to our visitors. They were all a credit to Beechwood.

Aspiration Day is upon us tomorrow and we are very much looking forward to seeing what the children want to be when they grow up and hearing from our special visitors.

Finally, I hope all our families who celebrate Diwali had a wonderful time. It certainly has been great to hear about the exciting traditions.

I wish you all a very happy half term.

Kind regards



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Eagles with 99.3%. Well done Eagles!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who were top bookworms last week.



PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO:

Friday 24th October

Tickets still available for Friday's disco. Fancy dress welcome but NO masks please. Tickets available on ParentPay until 1pm tomorrow



RAFFLE WINNER:

Autumn from Hawks class won the raffle in the 'Name the Tortoise' competition - the cuddly tortoise, Ozzy has now gone to his new home!

WEAR IT PINK:

On Friday 7th November we will be supporting 'Wear it Pink Day' for Breast Cancer Now charity. Children (and staff) are invited to come to school wearing as little or as much pink as they would like. Any donations for this important cause would be gratefully received

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 was 94.8% which is unfortunately below our target.

Star Pupils -w/c 13/10/25

Woodpeckers— Taj	
Butterflies - Omer	Owls— Alayna & Yahya
Robins — Khadija	Kites— Alex
Foxes — Hafsa & Mia	Falcons— Hamza
Badgers — Angelo	

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Diwali this week, we have enjoyed designing henna patterns on hands and decorating rangoli patterns with loose parts. We have been learning all about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Maths and have been learning one more, one less and composition. Well done on all your hard work Butterflies, have a wonderful half term!

Year 1 have focused mainly on oracy in English. The children worked hard on story 'Room on the Broom' so they could sequence it, re-tell it and do some independent writing. In Science we identified and named a variety of common animals that are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Today we finished our indoor PE unit on gymnastics where children developed stability and control when performing balances.

Year 2 have written a diary entry as Toby, the character from Toby and the Great Fire of London. In Maths we have been adding 2 single digit numbers by making ten. In Art we have been completing our final pieces using both paint and pastels to create amazing pictures of The Great Fire of London.

Year 3 have proudly completed our Stonehenge paintings, taking inspiration from the techniques of John Constable. The children showed great attention to detail and creativity in their work. In English, we are exploring the features of a biography and continuing our writing on the fascinating life of Mary Anning. The children are developing their understanding of how to structure a biography while honing their research and writing skills. In Maths, we are working on column addition and subtraction, gradually building confidence with more complex calculations, including those that involve exchanges. This week also marks the end of our History and Science topics for the term, and the children are completing quizzes to reflect on and celebrate everything they have learned. We are all looking forward to Aspiration Day tomorrow, a special opportunity for Year 3s to dream big and think about their futures.

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic on Romans and are concluding this with a 'fan fact quiz' and a non-chronological report about Roman life. As it is the end of term, the children are completing end of unit assessments. They are really looking forward to starting swimming sessions next half term.

Year 5 are coming to the crux of their non-chronological writing with a report on a planet imagined by them! They are finishing off their Art unit this week and will produce a retro futuristic painting showcasing all of the skills and techniques they have learnt. This week, Palmer Park Leisure Centre hosted a fun session in the pool to celebrate the progress year 5 have made this year in swimming.

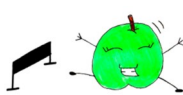
Year 6 had a great week last week, whether on residential or taking part in activities at school. Highlights from Liddington last week include the zip wire, the giant swing, canoeing and Mr Hamilton's jokes! This week, we are continuing to write narratives based on our class book 'The Midnight Guardians' and we are learning lots about evacuations during WW2 as well as how the Battle of Britain ended.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges



Amazing Apples



Super Strawberries



Brilliant Bananas



House points will continue after half term

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th October	— Halloween Disco
Monday 27th —Friday 31st Oct	— HALF TERM
Monday 3rd November	— INSET - School NOT open to children
Wednesday 5th November	— Individual school photos
Friday 7th November	— Wear it Pink Day NEW
Mon 10th & Wed 12th November	— Parents evening—in person—3.30-6.00pm BOOKING INFO TO FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE
Tues 11th—Tues 18th November	— Book Fair
Thursday 13th November	— Open Morning for Prospective Parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Wednesday 19th November	— Hawks Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Thursday 27th November	— Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Tuesday 2nd December	— Year 6 Height and weight checks
Wednesday 3rd December	— Owls Class Assembly -@ 2.30pm
Monday 8th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (booking required)
Friday 12th December	— SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am
Tuesday 16th December	— KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Church Service
Friday 19th December	— END OF TERM - 1.15pm