Beechwood Bulletin

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Growing in Courage, Reading for Values, and Learning Together

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our value of the week has been **Courage**. Throughout the week, children have reflected on times when they have demonstrated courage and considered how they can continue to show courage both in school and beyond. We encourage you to talk with your child about what courage means to them and how they can show this value in everyday situations. Next week's value will be **Respect**.

This afternoon, **Miss Pilbeam** launched our new **Reading Competition** during assembly. Children have been challenged to find and read books linked to our school values of **Courage, Independence, Community, Respect, Aspiration and Resilience**. Pupils will have the opportunity to earn house points and receive a special bookmark as part of the competition. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful books they discover.

This week, we held our first **SEND Coffee Morning** of the year. Thank you to those who attended. Our next session will take place on **Wednesday 25th November**. If you would like to discuss your child or any SEND-related concerns, we would be delighted to see you there. Alternatively, please feel free to speak to **Mrs Reece** or **Mrs Minter** on the gate.

Over the past two weeks, teachers have taken part in **Pupil Progress Meetings**, reviewing children's starting points and identifying next steps to ensure every pupil has the strongest possible foundations for learning. These discussions help us tailor teaching and support to meet individual needs and enable all children to make the best possible progress.

Next week, we will be hosting our first **Open Morning** for families interested in joining us in **September 2027**. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and children into school. If you have a younger child due to start school next year, we would be delighted for you to join us, hear about our vision and see our Early Years provision in action.

A reminder to parents regarding the school car park: unless you have authorised permission to park on site, please do not enter the car park during drop-off or collection times. We have noticed an increase in vehicles following authorised cars through the gates without contacting the school office. This poses a significant safety risk, as the gates may close on vehicles that do not have approved access. We cannot accept responsibility for any damage caused in these circumstances. We will be monitoring access closely moving forward and appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

We wish you all a wonderful week ahead and a relaxing weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind 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 Butterflies and Eagles with 98.2% each.

Well done Butterflies and Eagles!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:
Well done to Foxes who were top Bookworms last week.

Congratulations Foxes!

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS DAY –ROCK DAY
Don't forget to dress as a RockStar on Friday 2nd October to celebrate TT Rock Star—Rock Day. Children will be participating in TTRS battles and maths challenges in their classrooms.

REMINDER—CENSUS DAY—STREET FOOD DAY!:
Please don't forget that Census Day is on **Thursday 1st October**. Prebook your meal on The Pantry by 9am on Thursday 1st!

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!).

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW:
Please click on the **Curriculum Overview** link to find out what your child will be learning in school this term.
Beechwood Primary School—Termly Curriculum News.

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%** which is below our target.

Beechwood Stars

Butterflies —
Robins — Whole Class!
Foxes— Loris
Badgers—Gia
Owls — Charlotte
Falcons — Presley
Hawks— Ivy-Rose
Eagles— Natalia

★ Well done to all of our Beechwood Stars ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been doing the story 'Rosie's Walk' this week, in Drawing Club we drew the fox as well as thought of a new way to trap the fox. In maths this week we have been focussing on counting, making sure we touch one object a time as we count. We were hoping to do our scavenger hunt around the precinct today but the weather was not on our side, so we have rescheduled this for next Tuesday morning.

Year 1— Robins class are now using 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson as our stimulus for writing. This week we have focused on using finger spaces between our words. In maths we have been comparing groups of objects and numbers using symbols. In Geography we sorted physical and human geographical features. Our class visit to Trilakes was a success, the children had a great time and were all beautifully behaved. Well done Robins!

Year 2— This week, we have been thinking like historians and using evidence to find out what happened during the Great Fire of London. In Science, we have compared everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic and glass, discussing their different uses. Children have also enjoyed learning about online safety and how technology is used both in and outside of school.

Year 3— Another busy week in Year 3! In English, we have started our innovation writing, using our own characters and making changes to prepare us for invention week. In Science, we learnt about the three main rock types – igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic – and compared their features. In History, we are taking a walk around the school grounds to spot things Mesolithic people might have used as sources of food. In PSHE, we designed our dream and nightmare schools using feelings vocabulary to explain our ideas. In RE, we continued learning about Sanatana Dharma and explored the importance of the River Ganges.

Year 4— Year 4 have been brilliant this week! They have all progressed in the swimming lessons - Mrs Caswell is so proud of all of them! The children have been innovating their story in English this week with a view to completing some independent writing next week. The children have also been fantastic in Maths. They have been building upon their place value knowledge to great effect. The children have also been displaying excellent footwork in their PE lessons this week. Well done Owls!

Year 5— Year 5 have been catching up on their French this week, with the lovely Madame Clays; the children have been learning how to express emotions in the French language. In PE, the children have been making great progress in swimming, which has been lovely to see. In maths, we have moved on to our addition and subtraction unit. Lease look out for homework on Spelling Shed and TT Rock Stars. Next week, the children will start to plan their invention work in English.

Year 6— Year 6 have really enjoyed their work on Beyond the Lines looking at the D Day landings and writing a flashback account of their experience. Our next focus is Red based on Little Red Riding Hood. Mr Hamilton and Miss Trussler dressed in red for the day to pique the children's interest. In art we are continuing with our detailed sketching of insects, with the dragonfly last week and the fly this week. We also had our meeting about SATs and PGL. The children were very excited about one and less excited about the other. I think you can guess which was which!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

Positive Online Behaviour

This week, we discussed how our behaviour online can affect other people and how kindness helps build positive digital communities. The children considered ways to communicate respectfully and how positive interactions create a safer online environment for everyone.

You may enjoy watching the Jessie and Friends videos with your child to help facilitate discussions around online safety. Jessie and Friends.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
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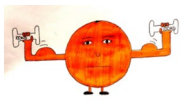

Amazing Apples
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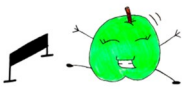

Super Strawberries
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Brilliant Bananas
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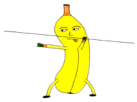

Congratulations to the Amazing Apples who were this weeks leaders!

Dates for your diary:

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 1st November	— Aspiration Day
Wednesday 11th November	— Open Morning 9.45-10.45am (Reception 2027), Remembrance Service—Years 3,4,5,6
Thursday 12th November	— Michael Rosen Day
Wednesday 18th November	— Eagles Class Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 23rd—29th November	— Book Fair
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
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**