

Beechwood Bulletin

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World Book Day—such a success!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a truly fantastic week last week celebrating World Book Day, and I want to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for contributing to such a joyful and book filled atmosphere. The children embraced every activity with great enthusiasm, from sharing their favourite stories to taking part in creative literacy challenges. It was wonderful to see reading taking centre stage across the school.

A particular highlight of the week was Friday afternoon's *Books and Biscuits* event. We were absolutely delighted by the number of parents and guardians who came in to share books with the children in their classrooms. Your presence created a lovely buzz around the school and reminded us how special it is when home and school come together to celebrate the joy of reading. Thank you for taking the time to join us—your support makes a real difference.

As a final reminder, please don't forget to use your World Book Day token at your local bookshop. These tokens are a brilliant way for children to enjoy a new story and continue their reading adventures at home. We hope every child has the chance to choose something they're excited about.

Kind regards,

Ms. Quinell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Woodpeckers with 98.9%



Well done Woodpeckers!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who were top bookworms last week.



THE PANTRY:

The new system for ordering lunches will go 'live' on Monday 16th March. We will no longer be ordering lunches in class for pupils, they will need to be ordered in advance at home. Please see email sent home yesterday, if you have any queries, please contact Pantry Customer Service Team Monday to Friday 7:00am to 4:30pm on 020 8813 7040, or email office@thepantrycatering.co.uk.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be on Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March. Bookings are now live.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

On Tuesday the 5 and 6 girls' football team played Alder Grove and ran out 7-1 winners. This victory means that the girls are through to the next round of the cup. The sportsmanship and level of play was exemplary. Well done to all involved.



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 **95.9%** which is below our target.

Stingers Netball

Over the past 3 weeks our Year 6 netball team has taken part in 3 tournaments against St Dominics, Charvil Piggott, South Lake and Gorse Ride. The team, from week one, showed a willingness to improve and worked very hard as a team. In the first and second tournaments, Beechwood came in 4th place but in the final tournament we placed 2nd, winning two and drawing one game. Well done to the girls who took part and a massive thank you to Miss Mummery for helping.



★ Due to our World Book Day, Books and Biscuits event, we were unable to hold our presentation assembly—therefore all star pupils and maths pupils will be carried over to next week ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about firefighters this week, they have been learning more about their job and are hopefully expecting a visit from some firefighters, as long as an emergency does not happen! In art we have been using straws to create fire painting. In maths we have been learning about the number 9 and representing this.

Year 1— This week in Maths we have revised addition and subtraction within 20 and the children took reasoning and arithmetic assessments. In PSHE we learnt how to make healthy lifestyle choices. This afternoon the children showcased their homework projects to another 2 classes in the Great Exhibition. They talked about their item confidently and with enthusiasm. Well done, Robins!

Year 2— In Year 2 we have been learning how to uplevel our sentences by using subordinating conjunctions (because, when and if), interesting sentence starters in readiness for writing a retell of the Elephant's Child. In Maths we have been learning our 2 times table and using this to solve simple multiplication and division problems. In Science we are looking at how animals have adapted to their habitats and in Geography we will be learning about the equator and the poles.

Year 3— This week in History, Year 3 learned about the Beaker People and how they travelled from Europe to Britain, bringing their distinctive bell-shaped beakers with them. We also explored a fascinating burial site in Wessex that is very close to our local area. In English, the children finished writing their recounts about our visit to the rainforest, using their experiences to create detailed and engaging pieces of writing. We have also been enjoying spending time outside on the field during PE, playing tag rugby, and are looking forward to more sunny days ahead!

Year 4— This week, Year 4 have been planning a narrative story about a lonely farmer who realises he is not alone after all. In Maths, we have been learning how to add Mixed Numbers and fractions, as well looking at how to subtract fractions from each other. In Science, we have started learning about electricity and how different appliances are powered. The children also made an electrical circuit with wires and a battery to make a bulb light up. In dance, the children have been showing off their skills doing the Twist!

Year 5— Year 5 have been completing research and writing their independent writing on their chosen Tudor monarch. They have loved researching and we're sure the writing will be fantastic! In maths, we have started a new topic of area and perimeter. The children have been learning all about rectilinear shapes - make sure you ask them about it!

Year 6— This week - In English we have been writing narratives based on the book 'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans, this links directly to our guided reading lessons. In Science, we learnt all about the eye and how we see - the students were shocked that our eye turns everything upside down and it is our brain that processes this and turns it the right way up. In P.E. We have been learning badminton and tennis - looking at forehand and backhand shots.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
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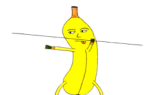
Amazing Apples
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Super Strawberries
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Brilliant Bananas
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All house points have been carried over until next week

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

We are learning how to find information safely online using digital tools like search engines and voice activated searching. We practiced choosing the right key-words and spotting which results are trustworthy. This helps children become confident and careful online researchers.

Here are **three child friendly search engines**:

- [Kiddle](#) – a visual, child safe search engine with strong filtering.
- [SafeSearch Kids](#) – powered by Google but with strict SafeSearch always on.
- [KidzSearch](#) – a safe search tool designed specifically for children.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th March — Parents Consultations
- 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**