

Beechwood Bulletin

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Another busy week at Beechwood.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to start by saying how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children this week. Each and every one of them has shown such determination, focus and resilience during their SATs. At the time of writing, they have just one more test to complete before they can celebrate the end of a very busy week. Well done, Year 6 — we are all so proud of you!

It was also wonderful to see the children dressed up on Friday to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. We saw a fantastic range of costumes, from David himself to a wide variety of animals — some of the ideas were incredibly creative!

This week, we welcomed an external visitor as part of the RISE support the school is currently receiving. They spoke very positively about the strength of our EYFS provision and our use of *WalkThrus*. *WalkThrus* are designed to translate educational research into clear, practical steps for teaching, helping to ensure consistency and high-quality learning experiences across the school. Alongside this, teachers have been working with RISE to develop self-scaffolding strategies, supporting children to become more independent and confident learners.

Last week, Miss Chick hosted a SEND coffee morning to support Year 6 parents in managing SATs-related anxiety. Thank you to those who attended. The next SEND coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 1st July and will focus on transition and supporting children as they move on to their next year group or school.

Next week is the final week of the half term. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible into school on Tuesday at 2.00pm for our Family Learning Session. This is a lovely opportunity to join your child in their classroom and experience their learning first-hand. You are very welcome to move around the school, particularly if you have more than one child.

Finally, a gentle reminder that children should be in school and ready to learn by 8.50am. We are continuing to see a number of late arrivals each morning, and this lost time does have an impact on learning over time. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece

*** INFORMATION—Thursday 14th May***

Year 6 will have a visit from the ice cream van on Thursday afternoon (don't forget your money Year 6!). It will also be open to all families at the end of the day for anyone wishing to buy an ice cream. Many thanks.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was both Eagles and Hawks with 97.2. Well done Eagles and Hawks!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Badgers who were the top Bookworms last week.



CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 21st MAY

Census Day is on Thursday 21st May, 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 school dinner. **This is especially important if your child has a free meal provided by the school.** Thank you.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS—WEDNESDAY 20th MAY

Please can we remind everyone that all pupils must be in full uniform on Wednesday 20th May for the class photographs. Thank you.

PARENT GOVERNOR—VACANCY

The opportunity has arisen for a new Parent Governor. If you would like to find out further information, please click [here](#).

PARKRUN JUNIORS— #TEAM BEECHWOOD

There were 12 runners out representing Team Beechwood at Woodley junior parkrun on Sunday. Bilal, Arianna, Maxi, Natalia, Eddie, Wiktor, Lottie, Rowan, Piper, Luka, Cooper and Phoebe all took part in another fantastic event. Phoebe ran a PB of almost 2 minutes which is amazing!

Another shout out goes to Rowan, who not only ran in the junior event on Sunday, but also ran the 5k event on Saturday, finishing in an incredible time of 29:56 - beating Mr Hamilton by almost a minute!

Over the last 6 weeks, the children were given the opportunity to run and compete in the London Marathon in Schools event. Seventeen children ran at least 2 junior parkruns, which means that they have completed the required distance. Certificates will be presented in assembly on Friday to the following children: Yusof, Luka, Phoebe, Lowena, Maxi, Aanvi, Sahasra, Rowan, Elliot, Charlotte, Alayna, Piper, Cooper, Arianna, Edward and Lottie.

Junior parkrun is a free event held weekly for children aged 4-14. Please speak to Mrs Caswell if you would like more details or click the [here](#).

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 **95.6%** which is below our target.

STAR PUPILS

Butterflies — Clem	Owls — Kuvasthihaa
Robins — Khadija	Kites — Maria
Foxes — Miray and Hafsa	Falcons — Toka
Badgers — The Whole Class!	Hawks — Kseniia
Woodpeckers — Angad	Eagles — Vanessa

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Harper	Owls — Eddie
Robins — Xyla	Kites — Manmeet
Foxes — Reggie	Falcons — Emily
Badgers — Leo	Hawks — Arabella
Woodpeckers — Illia	Eagles — Wiktor

★ Well done to all of our Star Pupils and Maths Award recipients ★

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have been learning all about wasps and bees this week and how important they are for the environment. In Drawing Club we have been using the story 'The Giant Jam Sandwich', writing descriptions of the wasps and also thinking about how else we could trap them. In our independent mountain challenges this week we have been applying our learning of life cycles last week to draw our own life cycle of a butterfly.

Year 1— In English the children have been writing their innovated stories with the focus of using adjectives . In Maths we have finished a multiplication and division unit and we have moved on to fractions, identifying halves and quarters in shapes and objects. In Computing we practised writing sentences by using a variety of letters, backspace, enter and a space bar key. In PE the children learnt some basics on tennis - hitting with a racket and sending a ball.

Year 2— This week in Year 2 we have been innovating the story of Kassim and The Greedy Dragon by changing certain aspects of the story, e.g. a character other than Kassim, a creature other than a dragon in the cave and will be writing our own versions of the story. In maths we continue with fractions, halves, quarters and thirds. In History, the children enjoyed learning how castles changed over time from strong, defensive fortresses into comfortable family homes. They were particularly fascinated by the toilets! In Science we felt our pulses and monitored our pulse rate before and after exercise, learning why it beat faster.

Year 3— In Year 3 we will beginning our new Maths unit on Money. In English, we have innovated our stories and have used the most adventurous vocabulary, even adding in similes and personification to our writing. We are planning our Greek Flat bread which we will be making for D.T next week and in Geography we did some field work by interviewing people who live in Woodley to find out about the facilities and transport in our local area.

Year 4— Year 4, have been busy practising for their Class Assembly next Wednesday. We are very excited and nervous about it, so please wish us well! In Maths, we have been converting pounds into and pence into pounds. In English, we are writing our own version of the Elf Road story and astounding ourselves with the vocabulary and powerful verbs that we already know. In Art, we have been working step by step on our McCoo paintings and we hope to finish them this week. Finally, we have found that "How to Train Your Dragon" is a very funny book!

Year 5— Year 5 have been innovating their text about Zelda Claw in preparation for their independent write next week. In maths, we have moved on to our second unit on decimals. During PE, the children have been enjoying cricket, playground games and dance practice ahead of next week's competition. We hope than many parents are able to join us on the day for support.

Year 6— This week, Year 6 have completed their SATs papers. At the time of publishing there is 1 more paper to complete. Mr Hamilton and Miss Hill have been so impressed by the students' attitude and application.

House Points

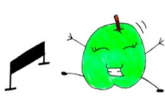
Outstanding Oranges

Coming next week



Amazing Apples

Coming next week



Super Strawberries

Coming next week



Brilliant Bananas

Coming next week



Our upgraded House Point system, supporting our school rules of Ready—Respectful—Safe, launched this week. Top scorers will be published next week !

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

Why "Free" Isn't Always Free

Theme: App Permissions and Data

Have you ever wondered why a simple torch app or a basic puzzle game needs access to your camera, microphone, and contacts? Often, "free" apps pay their bills by collecting and selling user data. This week, take five minutes to look at the **App Permissions** on your child's device. If a game is asking for their location or contact list and doesn't need it to function, it's best to toggle those permissions "Off."

Action Tip: Go to *Settings > Privacy* on your tablet or phone to see which apps are "spying" on your location.

Explore about 'Terms and Conditions' [here](#).

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May	— SATS week
Tuesday 19th May	— Family Learning Session—2.00pm (NEW)
Wednesday 20th May	— Class Photographs
Wednesday 20th May	— Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	— HALF TERM
Wednesday 10th June	— Robins Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 24th June	— Butterflies Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 24th June	— Year 6 Transition day (NEW)
Tuesday 30th June	— Sports Day (More information to follow)