

Beechwood Bulletin

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SATs Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend with your families.

All children have been working hard in class this week; in particular Year 6 are gearing up for their SATs next week. Bearing this in mind we wanted to say to the Year 6 children we know how hard you've worked but there is something very important you must know:

The SATs do not assess all of what makes each of you special or unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not the way your families do. They do not know that some of you love to sing, or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your brother or sister after school. They do not know that you're kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try your very best. The scores from this test will tell you something but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! Year 6 - Sleep well and believe!

Just a reminder to all our parents that it is incredibly important to make sure that children arrive at school on time and before 8.50am when the gate closes. We do not want children missing out on any of their learning and therefore there will be an increased presence in the reception area from us, just checking in on why children are late in to school. We understand, that occasionally things happen but this needs to be the exception, not the norm. We thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Minter and Mrs Reece



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Robins with 100%!



Well done Robins!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

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



SPORTS—SUMMER TERM 2

During the second half of the summer term, football will no longer be allowed at break and lunchtimes. Sports Leaders will be in charge of handing out equipment for summer sports such as cricket, rounders and tennis; students will be encouraged to take part in these sports during their free time. If you have any questions, please do come and talk to me. Thank you for your continued support. Mr Hamilton.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM—parkrun

On Sunday, 9 members of Team Beechwood took park in Woodley Junior parkrun. 1st home was Arianna in 9:34, followed by Sahasra in 10:38. Maxi, Yusof, Rowan, Luka, Rosie, Aanvi and Layton were all out taking part!

Sahasra, and Luka both ran a PB, and both Arianna and Yusof finished their 21st run, completing a marathon distance in total. They will be presented milestone bands on Sunday.

Class appearance totals since we became a parkrun school are: Falcons 60. Badgers 58. Kites 34. Owls 28. Butterflies 25. Hawks 20. Eagles 14. Robins 8. Foxes 2. Woodpeckers 2.

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 **94.6%** which is below our target.

STAR PUPILS

Butterflies — Freddie
Robins — Halo
Foxes — Two next week!
Badgers — Sasha
Woodpeckers — Georgia

Owls — Jack
Kites — Denli
Falcons — Leah
Hawks — Jonty
Eagles — Archie

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Rayan
Robins — Loris
Foxes — Mia
Badgers — Rocco
Woodpeckers — Logan

Owls — Bradley
Kites — Yeva
Falcons — Arthur
Hawks — Autumn
Eagles — Tyler

★ 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 life cycles this week, observing and recalling the life cycle of a bean using our own beanstalks as well as continuing to observe the butterfly life cycle in real time, we are hoping to be releasing our butterflies very soon! In maths this week we have been recapping doubling.

Year 1— In English we have learnt the whole 'Handa's Surprise' story by using actions and children identified the beginning, middle and end part of the story. We will now start innovating the story by changing animals and fruits. In Maths we have worked on doubles and equal groups. During Science lesson, yesterday, we went on a tree hunt walk - we looked at different trees and recognised a birch, oak and sycamore, based on their leaves.

Year 2— In English this week, Year 2 have used the Talk for Writing text to develop their descriptive writing skills, using these to write both a character profile and setting description. In maths we have begun a new unit of Fractions and have begun by looking at halves and quarters of a number. In History we learned how they built castles to make them strong with effective defences and in Science we had the results of our bread experiment and what caused the most mould to grow.

Year 3— In Maths this week we are adding and subtracting fractions. In English we have moved onto innovating our story as a class focusing on small changes and using our writers toolkit to bring our setting description to life. In Reading we have been reading about the Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece, learning all about their different powers. This has been following our theme in Music where the children have been learning to play notes accompanied by music inspired by Greek Mythology.

Year 4— Year 4 are coming to the end of their Decimal Unit, and will be finishing off by representing quarters and halves as decimals. Next week they will be starting a unit on Money. In English, we are looking at how we might change details of the portal story Elf Road. In Science, we have been looking at different ways electricity can be generated.

Year 5— Year 5 have enjoyed acting out the story of Zelda Claw and then innovating to create their own version. In maths, we have started to look at shape translation and lines of symmetry. In PE the children have continued to play cricket and enjoy fast-paced playground games.

Year 6— In Year 6 we have been continuing our learning on mountains in Geography lessons and have learnt all about how they are formed - we even tested our pronunciation of tectonic plate! In Computing lessons, we are using Google Sites to build and publish our own websites. Our English lessons have been grammar focussed, recently looking at verb tenses, determiners and speech punctuation. In Maths, Mr Hamilton's class has been learning about reflection and translation and Miss Hill's class have been practising their methods for division. Next week, SATs test are happening - Year 6 parents should have received a letter about SATs testing and a trip next Friday.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
137



**Amazing
Apples**
137



**Super
Strawberries**
130



**Brilliant
Bananas**
137



Congratulations to the Outstanding Oranges, Amazing Apples, and Brilliant Bananas who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE

Week 2: Building "Fortress" Passwords

Theme: Account Security

Passwords are the keys to our digital front doors, but "Password123" is a bit like leaving the key under the mat! Help your child create a "Fortress Password" by using three random, memorable words (e.g., *PurpleToasterRiver!*). This is much harder for computers to crack than a single word with a few numbers. If an account offers **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)**—where it sends a code to your phone—turn it on for an extra layer of armour.

- **Action Tip:** Ask your child to come up with a 3-word password for a fictional "Secret Club" to practice the technique.

Week 2 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z67t9ty>

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May	— SATS week
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
Tuesday 30th June	— Sports Day (More information to follow)