

Beechwood Bulletin

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End of Term

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been a wonderfully busy week at Beechwood! Some of our children had the exciting chance to take part in Bikeability sessions, where they learnt new cycling skills and grew in confidence on the road. It has been lovely to see how proud they are of their progress.

Year 5 have also had a fantastic week, with several pupils taking part in a Bake Off competition at Bulmershe School. Their brilliant baking impressed everyone, and they represented Beechwood beautifully.

As we head towards half term, we wanted to remind you that World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March. Miss Pilbeam will be sending out more information soon, but we can share that there will be a dressing-up day. Children are welcome to come in either their comfiest reading clothes or dressed as a favourite book character. Half term might be the perfect time to get creative with a costume!

Finally, we would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak or a peaceful Lent to all those observing.

We hope everyone enjoys the week ahead, school finishes at the usual time on Friday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards,

Ms. Quinell

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%** which is below our target.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Woodpeckers with 96.4%



Well done Woodpeckers!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who were top bookworms last week.



TOYS & JEWELLERY FROM HOME

Please can we kindly ask that pupils do not bring toys or jewellery into school. These items can cause distractions in class, and we are unable to take responsibility for any belongings that are brought in from home. Thank you for helping us keep our school environment calm, focused, and safe for everyone.

SCHOOL TRIPS—PAYMENTS

Please take a moment to check ParentPay and make sure all school trip payments are up to date. Our October residential is now fully confirmed, and all places have been secured. As a result, pupils who have booked a place are committed to attending, and the full payment will still be required. If you're paying by instalments, please check that your plan is on track. If you need to follow a different payment arrangement, please make the school office aware this week. Thank you for your support!

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

A polite reminder that children remain the responsibility of parents until they enter the green school gates; we have noticed recently some of our younger children arriving ahead of their parents or without their parents. All children should enter through the school gate and not through the main office unless they are late and arriving after 8:50am.

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Allergies First Aid

STAR PUPILS

MATHS AWARDS

Butterflies — Rachael
Robins — Olivia & Xyla-Llords
Foxes — Umaima
Badgers — Junior
Woodpeckers — Megan
Owls — Jack

Kites — Ivy & Shanaya
Falcons — Tobias
Hawks — No recipient
Eagles — Gagandeep

Butterflies — Omer
Robins — Halo
Foxes — Haris
Badgers — Gabor
Woodpeckers — Manreet
Owls — Presley

Kites — Grayson
Falcons — Elliot
Hawks — No recipient
Eagles — Rowan

★ 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 reached the end of their exploration around the world and this week are learning about China as well as the celebration of The Lunar New Year. They have read the story of The Great Race and in drawing club, drawing and writing about another animal to join the race as well as thinking of a potion to wake the sleeping cat. In Maths we have now learnt in depth all the numbers to 8! Well done on a super half term Butterflies, next half term our topic will be 'We Can Be Heroes'!

Year 1— In Art we learnt how to mould the clay effectively so we could create a miniature sculpture for Queen Victoria inspired by the artist Barbara Hepworth. In History we discussed what toys children played with during Victorian times. In Maths the children learnt how to find and make number bonds to 20. Enjoy your half term break everyone.

Year 2— In Foxes class this week, the children have created their own animal hybrids and have been writing fact files in English for their imaginary creatures. In maths we have moved on to a new unit of multiplication and division and this week began by recognizing and making equal groups. In Science we created posters to share what we have learned about how to stay healthy and in History we completed our unit on explorers by hot seating as a famous explorer and answering questions from the audience (the rest of the class).

Year 3— In Year 3 we have been learning about the sketching techniques of Gary Hodges. This week we are working on our final sketch in Art using all the techniques we have been practising over the term. We watched a live Internet safety lesson on BBC for Safer internet day followed by a class activity exploring different scenarios and deciding whether they were safe or not. We have had a busy term filled with lots of new learning and fun activities involving exploring, discovering and achieving. We look forward to another term of continued learning in Year 3.

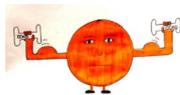
Year 4— Bikeability came to Year 4 this week and it has proven to be very popular with riders and new learners alike. Also, Year 4 have been thinking about what are AI assistants and how we can use them safely. In Maths, we have been learning how to measure the perimeter of a regular and irregular polygon shape. We will be moving on how to make a whole with two fractions that are alike. In science, we have been learning about the water cycle and learning about evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

Year 5— Year 5 have started to write their independent suspense story in English. In maths, we have begun to look at decimals and their relationship with fractions. In PE, children have continued with their rock and roll themed dance.

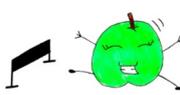
Year 6— In Maths, we have been learning about decimals within 1 by partitioning and comparing the decimal values. In English we are campaigning for change by writing to our school leaders to demand change around the school - did you know that our school jumpers are made from 100% synthetic materials? During R.E. we have been learning about Christianity and whether anything can be eternal and in Geography we have been looking at the impact of climate change on our planet and oceans and how rising Oceans are affecting islands like Tuvalu. We have also had 1/3 of the Year group attend Bike Ability sessions over the past 2 days.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges
158



Amazing Apples
176



Super Strawberries
158



Brilliant Bananas
177



Congratulations to the Brilliant Bananas who are this weeks leaders!

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ZONE



We all know how important it is to start our day off right. A good breakfast, some nice music, a sunny walk to school? Though this sounds great, we often spend the first minutes of the day laying in bed and looking at our phones. Watch the video [here](#) for some helpful hints and tips about how to deal with spending too much time on screens/phones.

Remember, Miss Hughes will ask questions in assembly on Friday. Watch the video to be able to earn those valuable house points.

Dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 12th February | — Bikeability for Years 4 and 5— Learn to Ride |
| Thursday 12th February | — The National Child Measurement Programme—Butterflies Only (NEW) |
| 16th February—20th February | — Half Term |
| Thursday 26th February | — Year 2 and Year 3 Trip |
| Wednesday 4th March | — Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 11th March | — Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm |
| Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th March | — Parents Consultations—More information to follow |
| 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 |