

Beechwood Bulletin

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Choir at Carnival

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had a hot start to the week and it is looking to continue for some time, so we are not expecting children to wear ties. Please ensure children have water, sunhats and have taken hayfever medication if required and have applied suncream before coming to school.

Punctuality is wobbling again so I will take this opportunity to thank all the parents who bring their children to school on time. I know mornings are not without their challenges but I would urge you to do all you can to ensure your children are in their classroom by 8.50am in order to have a settled start to the day. Please do contact us if you feel you need further support.

Well done to our wonderful choir who performed brilliantly at Woodley Carnival on Saturday—you are all a credit to the school! There are photos of this event on our Facebook page if you have not already seen them. A huge thank you must go to all staff who supported them and especially to Miss Hill who prepared them brilliantly and is doing great work to grow our choir, get them out in our community and participate in a wide range of events. Thank you for going above and beyond to give our pupils these wonderful opportunities!

Have a great week

Ms Quinell



Star Pupils -w/c 09/06/25

Butterflies— Reggie
Robins — Whole Class
Hedgehogs— Whole Class
Badgers — Georgia
Foxes — Sophia & Ysis
Woodpeckers— Josh

Owls— Tronie
Kites— Archie
Falcons— Giulia
Hawks— Amara & Nieve
Eagles— Nishkkalaa, Bella & Melvin

Well done to all of our Stars!



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The classes with the best attendance across the whole school last week were Foxes with 98.9%. Well done Foxes.



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Badgers who were top bookworms again last week.



PUNCTUALITY UPDATE:

Total minutes late between 11.06.25 and 17.06.25 was 786, which is 109 late minutes up from 677 the previous week, please ensure you do all you can so your children are in their classrooms by 8.50am.

OUT OF SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS:

Please ensure medical appointments are booked outside of school hours unless completely unavoidable. If you do need to take your child for a medical appointment please ensure that both their teacher and the office are made aware to ensure our records are correct. Early collections from the office should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS:

Cut off date for orders is tomorrow Thursday 19th June at midnight. Should you require further assistance placing an order with Van Cols please contact their customer service team on 01206 273711 or aftersales@vancols.com

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 the last week of term was 95.4% which unfortunately is well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about creatures that live under the sea this week and have been creating some lovely sea creature art work using different painting techniques. In Literacy, we have been writing simple sentences about the story 'Sharing A Shell'. We have also been learning about Summer this week and the changes that happen from Spring into Summer.

Year 1 have finished the Position and Direction unit in Maths and the children took their end of year assessment. We will be moving to Place Value within 100 this week. We started our History unit 'Seaside holiday in the Past' by identifying features of a seaside holiday. In English we have been learning about Australian animals so we can write a fact file about them. In Computing the children use the animation programme Scratch Jr. They have been learning how series of commands can be joined together.

Years 2 and 3 have planned and written some exciting myths which included their own imaginary creatures and heroes. In Maths year 2 have begun their unit on statistics while in year 3 they have been learning units of time - minutes and seconds. In Science we explored the effect of friction on wheeled vehicles by experimenting with vehicles on different surfaces. In History we enjoyed learning about the Olympics in Ancient Greece and compared them to modern day Olympics. The children were amazed to learn that the competitors in Ancient Greece took part naked!

Year 4 have begun writing their own travel brochure for Crete in Greece. They have learnt key facts about the island and are now applying it to their independent writing. In Maths, Year 4 have continued to look at money, they have been estimating amounts and calculating using all 4 operations with money. In Geography, we are carrying out field work to look at how windy, rainy and cloudy it is this week. In PE, Year 4 have begun practising their athletics for sports day. This week we have looked at relay and long-distance running. In Science, we have been classifying animals as to whether they are a vertebrate or an invertebrate.

Year 5 have been creating tennis themed Keith Haring artwork in celebration of Wimbledon this week. In Maths, they have begun to learn about negative numbers whilst in English they have been writing balanced debates. Finally, In French they have been learning about the Euro and how to talk about money in French.

Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for their performances on July 1st (PM) and 2nd (eve) - please make sure your child attends both performances. Year 6 have also started to learn about the changes in monarchy; starting with King John. We have continued our Electricity unit in Science where we have made games using circuits. We are looking forward to our secondary school transition day on Wednesday next week plus our school trip on Thursday next week!

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
269



**Amazing
Apples**
108



**Super
Strawberries**
145



**Brilliant
Bananas**
97



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points last week!

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 25th June	— Brickies Workshop for FS & Year 1
Thursday 26th June	— Year 6 Trip
Tuesday 1st July	— Year 6 Leavers Production—1.45pm
Wednesday 2nd July	— Butterflies Class Assembly—2.30pm — Year 6 Leavers Production—6.00pm
Thursday 3rd July	— Sports Day
Friday 4th July	— SEN Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am
Thursday 10th July	— Sports Day, backup day
Friday 11th July	— PTA Disco—FS—Y3 6.30-7.30pm, Y4-6 7.45-8.45pm <u>NEW—More details to follow</u>
Friday 18th July	— Year 6 Leavers Evening—3.30-6.00pm
Monday 21st July	— Year 6 Leavers Assembly—9.30am
Tuesday 22nd July	— End of Term—1.15pm