

Beechwood Bulletin

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Parent Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey in July. We are delighted that a high percentage of you feel your child is happy and feels safe in school, and the school offers opportunities for your child to take part in a range of clubs and activities and teaches the children to respect those from different backgrounds, races and religions.

Some parents felt that something we could improve further was communication from the school, and therefore I plan to run a series of information sessions across the year on different aspects of school life at Beechwood. As we are fast approaching a year since we were visited by Ofsted, first and foremost, I feel it would be timely to hold an information session for parents to update you on what we have been focusing on since our inspection and share our priorities for this academic year. This information session will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 15th October.

As you may be aware, all teachers are entitled to PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time each week, which means they spend time outside of the classroom to carry out these tasks. During these times, we always endeavour to ensure your child's class is covered by the same member of staff each week. We are delighted to have Mrs Bolton, Mrs Dahele and Mrs Clays as part of the Beechwood Team to do this. In addition, some teachers have extra responsibilities which may mean they spend more time outside the classroom at different points throughout the year. On these days your child may not be dismissed at the end of the day by their class teacher, but instead by the member of staff covering the class. This is common practice across all schools and is not unique to Beechwood.

Whilst changes are sometimes unavoidable and there will be other times when class teachers may not be in class, timetabled PPA for this term is scheduled as follows:

Monday pm: Year 4

Wednesday am : Year 1 and Foundation Stage, pm: Year 6

Thursday am: Year 5, pm: Year 2/3

Coming home alongside this Bulletin, is an information sheet detailing which teaching assistants are working in which areas of the school this term.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Hedgehogs with 98.4% attendance! Well done to Hedgehogs!



REMINDER PTA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

9am-9.45am THIS FRIDAY

Please join us in the school hall. We would love parents, grandparents and guardians to join us. We would be grateful for any cake donations on the day (no nuts please).



PARENTS EVENINGS:

Parents Evenings for this term will be taking place on Monday 14th October and Wednesday 16th October from 3.30-6.00pm. Both evenings will be face to face in school. Please look out for details regarding booking appointments which will be coming out soon.

SCHOOL DINNER ORDERS YEARS 3-6:

Please can we ask you to remind your child to order their hot lunch in class each day (unless already ordered at home or they are packed lunch). Orders must be completed by 9.30am and if your child orders after this time they may have to wait for all ordered meals to be served before they are able to get their meal. The meal option also cannot be guaranteed at this point and they may not get their first choice. This is particularly important on a Friday when they must chose their meal before going into morning assembly. Thank you



Lunch Orders

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 95.3% which is slightly below our target. Let's get it back over our target!



Star Pupils -w/c 16/09/24

Robins — Azlan

Hedgehogs — Oly

Badgers — Yashvi

Foxes — Zainab

Woodpeckers — Reggie

Owls — Tara

Kites — Rosie

Falcons — Vladyslava

Hawks — Josef

Eagles — Hajra

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about houses this week. They have been reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and have been drawing the characters and setting and doing a really great job of hearing initial sounds. They have started learning about matching and sorting in maths this week. Thank you for all your donations of junk modelling. They have made some super houses!

Year 1 have been working hard this week to write their own version of 'The Gruffalo'; sequencing the story and then writing the story. They have been writing some super sentences. In maths they have been learning about comparing numbers using the words 'greater than, less than and equal to'. In science the children have been learning about their bodies and naming common body parts. On Wednesdays, the children have been enjoying the dance unit in P.E.; They have explored different moves to the rainy, sunny, frosty and windy weather last week.

Year 2 and 3 have been writing instructions about how to wash a stone age animal using imperative verbs and fronted adverbials. In science, they have been testing the durability of different rocks using acid (vinegar), water and force. In PE the children have been improving their fitness with running and skipping.

Year 4 have worked very hard on their retelling of their story by including similes, alliteration and great sentence starters. In maths they have continued their learning on place value by representing numbers and partitioning flexibly. They have continued learning about the Romans and who is Boudicca. In science they have been looking at teeth and what each of their functions are.

Year 5 have enjoyed writing character descriptions this week in English, using similes, metaphors, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In music they have begun to compose a piece of music in groups inspired by their chosen planet. In science, they enjoyed using playdough in an experiment to investigate the size of the planets in our solar system.

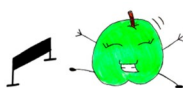
Year 6 have enjoyed designing their own hexapods this week for their independent non-chronological reports in English and enjoyed getting to know the characters in The Midnight Guardians in reading. In maths, they have been practicing how to multiply 4 digits by 2 digits using the formal method and have developed their reasoning and problem-solving skills. In PSHE they have been thinking about the different opportunities children have across the world and how this differs to how we live. In gymnastics they have been practicing rolls and challenging themselves to connect movements over different apparatus.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
137



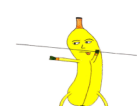
**Amazing
Apples**
106



**Super
Strawberries**
141



**Brilliant
Bananas**
131



Congratulations to Super Strawberries for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

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| Friday 27th September | — PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning— 9.00-9.45am |
| Wednesday 2nd October | — Nasal Flu Vaccinations |
| | — Falcons Class Assembly @2.30pm |
| Tuesday 8th October | — FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Harvest Church Service |
| Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th
October | — Parents evening—in person—3.30-6.00pm |
| Tuesday 15th October | — Parent Information Session—2.30pm NEW |
| Wednesday 16th October | — Owls Class Assembly @2.30pm |
| Monday 21st—Friday 25th Oct | — Year 6 Residential/Activity Week |
| Wednesday 23rd October | — Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required) |
| Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov | — Half Term |
| Wednesday 6th November | — School Photos (Individual) |
| Thursday 14th November | — Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required) |
| Wednesday 20th November | — Family Learning Session |
| | — Hedgehogs Class Assembly @ 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 26th November | — Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required) |
| Tuesday 10th December | — Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required) |
| Monday 16th December | — FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service |
| Tuesday 17th December | — Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service |
| Friday 20th December | — End of Term |