

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## This Week at Beechwood

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week at Beechwood we have been involved in a number of community events and activities.

On Monday, Years 1 - 6 joined our local community in Woodford Park to take part in the Remembrance Service. Our Head Boy, Bear, and Head Girl, Hajra, laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the school. Well done to all the children who attended and represented the school so wonderfully. We were very proud of you all.

Yesterday, Year 2 and Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Butser Ancient Farm, where they took part in jewellery making, fire making and weaving. Well done to everyone in school who came in wearing odd socks to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique as part of Anti Bullying week.

Today the children have been part of a special Anti Bullying week assembly which focused on the theme 'Choose Respect'.

Next week we will be carrying out our first formal assessment week of the academic year where children will complete some reading and maths papers.

Don't forget, Friday is Children in Need and children (and staff) are invited to come into school wearing Children in Need accessories with their school uniform.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,  
Headteacher



## NOTICEBOARD

### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Badgers again with 99.2% attendance. Well done Badgers!



### LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who had the most bookworms for the second week running and have kept the trophy! Keep up the super reading. Can anyone beat them next week?



### WINTER ILLNESSES GUIDANCE:

We know that winter is one of the peak times for adults and children to come down with mild illnesses such as colds, coughs and sore throats. We would like to share the following guidance from the NHS to guide you in making judgements about mild illness, as well as wider guidance around illness and attending school.

[NHS Guidance: Is my child too ill for school?](#)

### SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photos are ready to order from Vancols using the photo slip that your child will have brought home last week. Order by 22nd November for free delivery to school.

### Star Pupils -w/c 04/11/24

Woodpeckers— Hamza

Owls— Finley

Kites— Emilly

Falcons—Giulia

Hawks— Nieve

Eagles— Ayri

Well done to all of our Stars!

### 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% which unfortunately is well below our target.

## Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning about Remembrance Day and the importance of poppies. They have completed some lovely poppy activities including making some beautiful remembrance butterflies. In drawing club this week, the children have been using the story of The Little Red Hen and drawing the setting of the story including an extra sneaky animal that does not belong on the farm. In maths the children have been looking at shape, specifically the difference between circles and triangles.

Year 1 have carried on discussing Remembrance Day in history and in english too. They wrote an acrostic poem using the word 'poppy'. They enjoyed the Odd Socks Day yesterday which fitted nicely with our PSHE learning where we discussed the differences and similarities between each other and how we show respect to each other. In science we tried lots of different actions our bodies can do - can you roll your tongue or make a pop sound with your cheek?

Year 2 and 3 had a wonderful time at Butser Farm yesterday for their school trip, it brought their learning of the stone age to life through making fires and their own jewellery! Following on from making our volcanos last week in geography we will be learning all about the different layers of the earth. In science we will be exploring light and dark and finding out different sources of light.

Year 4 have continued their learning in maths on area and have started to look at multiplication and division. In english we have been developing our vocabulary linked to Wonka land. In geography we have been using the 8 compass points to give direction. We have been looking at anti bullying week and have discussed how to show and choose to be respectful in school.

Year 5 have been writing persuasive letters in english to try and get Camp Green Lake closed down, inspired by their book, 'Holes'. In french they have been learning to say different parts of the body and in science they have been looking at forces; learning about the difference between mass and weight and investigating their relationship to each other.

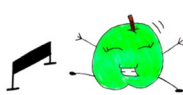
Year 6 have enjoyed the beginning of Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman; a beautifully written book that links to our science topic of The Circulatory System. In maths we have continued to explore fractions and practiced adding and subtracting mixed numbered fractions. In computing we have investigated how data is transferred between networked computers in data packets and had fun creating our own human network. In art we have explored the work of some renowned artists and have attempted replicating sketches of their work.

## House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
474



**Amazing  
Apples**  
326



**Super  
Strawberries**  
395



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
353



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

## Dates for your diary:

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)
Wednesday 27th November	— Year 1 Scooter Training
Tuesday 3rd December	— Year 6 Height & Weight Measuring
Tuesday 10th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 11th December	— Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day <b>More details to follow</b>
Thursday 12th December	— Year 5 Trip
Friday 13th December	— FS Nativity Performance <b>More details to follow</b>
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
Wednesday 18th December	— Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 2-3pm <b>More details to follow</b>
Thursday 19th December	— Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 6-7pm <b>More details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	— <b>End of Term—1.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	— <b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	— <b>Start of Term</b>