Beechwood Bulletin

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Moving In The Right Direction…….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the changes to COVID restrictions which came into effect for us all on Monday 17th May and some updated guidance to schools, we are delighted to be able to move the children back into groups rather than rows in classrooms. I know both the staff and children are equally thrilled by this move. We know this will further support the children with their learning at school.

However, for the current time we will still need to keep lots of our measures in place.

At this stage we will be keeping;

- Class and year group bubbles. We will not be mixing children from different year groups.
- Staggered break and lunchtimes
- Our twenty-minute window of drop off and pick up
- Enhanced, regular and robust cleaning schedule
- Regular and thorough hand washing for pupils and staff
- Social distancing on the school site.
- All adults (unless exempt) wearing face masks when on the school site.

Over the coming weeks all these measures will be kept under constant review. We will be watching the guidance very closely and making any further adjustments that we can. We are still hoping that we will be able to hold our annual Sports Days in July, be able to invite our new FS children into school for transition visits, and plan an exciting end to the school year for all pupils, including our year 6's who will be moving on to secondary school.

Enjoy your first weekend of being able to meet as a group of 6 or two households indoors.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

NOTICEBOARD

School Census Day Tomorrow

We would like to encourage all children that are eligible for free school meals, especially those from Foundation to Year 2, to order a school lunch tomorrow. The number of free school meals eaten on this day is collected in our Census and used to provide the funding for the children's lunches for the school year.

Tomorrow maybe a good opportunity for your child to try a school dinner if they have not done so before! A reminder of tomorrow's menu is attached to this email.

Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

We have had some marvellous entries received in the office. Please don't forget to send your child's entries to school by Monday 24th May.

A reminder that if anyone in your household or support bubble is unwell with any Covid-19 symptoms, please all remain at home and follow NHS guidance arranging a full PCR test if instructed to.

If your child/children are asked to self isolate or quarantine due to Covid-19, please log onto Google Classroom where work will be set by the class teacher.

Reading Top Tips

Go into a bookshop or library with your child and buy/ borow a book that your child wants.

Star Pupils

Robins— Jaya
Wrens— Oliver
Hedgehogs - Henley
Rabbits - Olivia
Badgers – Bobby
Foxes— Parker
Owls— Oscar
Woodpeckers— Alisha
Falcons– Jack
Kites — Fatima
Eagles - Onkar
Hawks– Billie

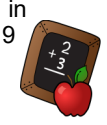
Well done to all!
Butterflies will join later in the school year!

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 week commencing the 10th May was below our target at 94%.

We continue to follow guidance from WBC, children not in school due to isolation/quarantine in relation to Covid-19 are not reflected in our weekly figures.



Over the last week at Beechwood……

Butterflies have been busy extending their learning about space and aliens . They have enjoyed designing and making their own space related clay tiles, designing and writing about alien underpants and making shape aliens. During math's sessions they have explored taking away and subtraction sentences. During literacy they have listened to the story of "Aliens love underpants" and have started to retell the story in their own words.

Year 1 have been enjoying the story The Magic Paintbrush. They worked really hard to complete some great story maps and have thought about what they would paint if they had a magic paintbrush. In Maths they have been recapping everything they have learnt in their multiplication and division unit.

Year 2 have been working on the their musical talents and keeping cacophony at bay! In Maths, they will start assessments after a consolidation session and in English they will start a new piece for assessment. They have experimented on the mechanism for catapults and will complete the design this week (DT) In Science they will be planting seeds, ready to observe their growth.

Year 3 have been continuing their Friday violin sessions and are starting to have a go at plucking some beginners pieces. The children have completed their Greek Myths, which have been of a very high standard, with lots of heroes overcoming a host of mythical beast creations. In maths, they have been working on telling the time - make sure to keep practicing with any clocks at home. To end the week, the children had a go at bringing their Greek pot designs to life with clay. They can't wait to start painting them in a few days time.

Year 4 have been working really hard completing their assessments, we are very proud! In English, the children will be writing a newspaper article all about the pandemic starting last year! In Science, they will be taking part in a very exciting practical- making poo!

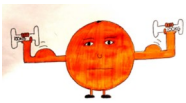
Year 5 have been creating the story of the lighthouse keeper. The children have had to use their knowledge of different sentence structures to draw the reader in and use descriptive sentences to show how the character is feeling. In the afternoons, the children have been learning about water resistance and planning their experiment for next week.

Year 6 have started Golden Book writing, where they are retelling the story of 'The Lighthouse.' They have been exploring angles on a straight-line, around a point, and in various types of triangles.

House Competition :

Well done to all of our Super Strawberries for collecting the most tokens this week!

Outstanding Oranges
122



Amazing Apples
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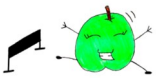

Super Strawberries
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Brilliant Bananas
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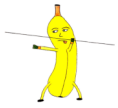

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"A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

Our big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100/€120 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

Find out about other previous winners, and enter this year's competition, below. The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term" For information please visit:
https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Dates for your diary:

Mon 17th—Fri 21st May—Walk to school week
Friday 21st May - Last day to order Yr6 Leavers Hoodies
Mon 24th May - Stanley Baker School Photographer Class Photos, Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Competition deadline
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June - **Half Term**
Thursday 10th June - Year 6 Ferny Croft Activity Day at Beechwood
Wednesday 30th June - Year 6 Dinton Activity Day
Wednesday 21st July - End of Term

Mrs Caswell and Mrs Minter's MoonWalk

On Saturday 15th May we pounded the streets of Earley and Woodley in aid of the breast cancer charity Walk the Walk. We started early at 6.20am and we headed out through Southlake towards Earley. After an interesting encounter with the geese and their goslings which sent our mascot Tara into a frenzy we continued our walk around Maiden Erlegh Lake before heading across to the University where we got lost in Harris Gardens. After another encounter with more geese and their goslings at the University Lake we were relieved to head back to Woodley for the second half of the walk. The experience of walking around Woodley was incredible: around every corner there was a family or member of staff waiting to cheer us on with banners, cakes, sweets, posters, flowers, drinks, general encouragement, whistles, cars tooting and a lot of smiles! The last part of the walk flew by because of the immense support from the Beechwood community for which we were and are very grateful. We took loads of photos to remember our day and we would like to share some of those with you. We managed to raise £1,165 and this amount is still going up so a huge thankyou to everyone who either supported us out on the course and also to anyone that sponsored us. We finished our walk along Kingfisher Drive and were greeted by a large number of Beechwood children, friends and family which was a joy to see after our long walk.

Mrs Caswell and Mrs Minter

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More photos over the page….

GOOD LUCK!
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GOOD LUCK MRS ALINTER MRS CASWELL

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Finish Line

MRS ALINTER

Picture News at Home

17th May 2021

What's going on this week?

Sing2G7, an ambitious project aiming to give children a voice ahead of the upcoming G7 Summit, have recorded a song at Truro cathedral. The song, titled Gee Seven has been written by Sir Tim Rice and composed by Peter Hobbs, aims to put children's voices at the heart of the upcoming summit which opens in Cornwall on 11th June. The G7 (or Group of Seven) is an organisation made up of seven of the biggest economies, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. The group considers itself as "a community of values".

Things to talk about at home…

- Why do you think a message in a song might be more powerful than a message in a letter?
- If you could speak or sing directly to the world leaders, what would you want to tell them?
- Do you think world leaders should listen to children rather than just to adults?
- Think about the type of music you like; how does it make you feel when you hear it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here…