

Beechwood Bulletin

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The Importance of Attendance

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week at Beechwood we have enjoyed hosting our second open morning for prospective parents and welcoming a number of the members of the leadership team from Frays Academy Trust into school.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in future life. Please see the attached Attendance ladder. Every half day absence from school, by law, has to be classified as either authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of absence is always asked for.

Authorised absences

These are mornings or afternoons away from school for a valid reason such as illness, emergency medical or dental appointments (routine appointments should always be made out of school hours) and emergencies.

Unauthorised Absences

An absence is classified as unauthorised if the reason was not recognised as acceptable. The Department for Education (DfE) and Local Education Authority provide information for schools as to what is acceptable and what is not. Examples of reasons that would not be accepted would be: a birthday, a shopping trip, a day out or holidays (unless they have been agreed as exceptional circumstances).

Ensuring your child arrives at school on time is also extremely important as vital learning begins as soon as your child enters their classroom, and late arrivals mean these learning opportunities are missed.

Just to remind you that on Friday 17th November, children (and staff) are invited to come to school wearing Spots in support of Children In Needs theme this year 'Spotacular'. If you would like to make a donation (suggested donation £1.00) to Children in Need please send this into school with your child on the day.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD



PARKING

Recently we have received a number of reports of dangerous and inconsiderate parking (see an example shown in the photograph below) at drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask that when dropping off and/or picking up from school you do not park on the turning circle, down Ambleside close or in such a way which restricts access for our neighbours to their own properties. Please could we kindly ask that you use the surrounding roads respectfully or obtain a parking permit for the Library car park from Wokingham Borough

Council at a reduced rate for the year. We would like to ask the children to help design some 'park safely' posters which could be made into road signs and displayed around Ambleside Close. Please send any entries into the office.



STAFF VACANCIES

We have vacancies for Lunchtime Controllers. Please contact the school office for more information.

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 1st November 2022 was 92.75% which is unfortunately still below our target.

Star Pupils w/c 1/11/22

Butterflies—Gabor

Robins — Reeve

Wrens — Muhammed

Rabbits - Reggie

Hedgehogs— Natalia

Badgers— Rowan

Foxes— Kailen-Wayne

Woodpeckers — Grace

Owls— Emily

Kites - Eva-Jane

Falcons— Maisie

Hawks— Darcy

Eagles— Erin

Well done to all of our

Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning about fireworks .They have made firework patterns using paint and forks and made rockets and sparklers using junk modelling and various craft materials. They have learnt about firework safety and were visited by a fireman. During maths they have looked at shapes in the environment, focusing on circles and triangles. During literacy they have listened to the sounds that fireworks make and practised sounding out and writing words such as bang, fizz and pop.

Year 1 have been thinking about adjectives to describe fireworks and writing acrostic firework poems. They have explored the events leading up to the gunpowder plot in history and, in science, the children have thought about how they have changed since they were babies. On Friday, the children worked together to create large scale pieces of work about Remembrance Day.

Year 2 have been adding and subtracting 10s in maths this week, using a hundred square and base 10. The children are now going to start column addition. The children had a wonderful time on Tuesday, tasting lots of different types of bread and making their own bread. They can't wait to taste it!

Year 3 have started a new project in design and technology and have been looking at how Stonehenge was made. In english the children have continued looking at diary entries and have been looking at the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables in maths. In computing they had fun making their own flipbooks to make some awesome animations!

Year 4 have been looking at different ways to start sentences and punctuate speech in english. In maths they have been revising area and in topic they have been looking at the features of the Savannah Biome.

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about persuasion in english; they have started to plan letters to the Governor of Texas demanding that he close down Camp Green Lake (Holes by Louis Sachar). In maths, the children have been learning how to order and compare fractions using both the numerator and the denominator. They have explored forces in science, learning the difference between balanced and unbalanced forces - it was interesting to think about different forces at work during their gymnastics lesson when they designed group balances.

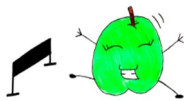
Year 6 have begun an independent write, where they will create their own wonder from the book *The Nowhere Emporium*. In order to do this, the children will be reading the first few chapters of the exciting and beautifully descriptive novel. In maths, they are finishing up their unit on the four operations, and working on multi-step reasoning and problem solving questions.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
140



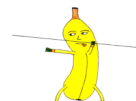
**Amazing
Apples**
170



**Super
Strawberries**
121



**Brilliant
Bananas**
178



Congratulations to Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most tokens last week.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 14th November	- In Person Parents Evening— 3.30-6.00m
Wednesday 16th November	- Owls Class Assembly —2.30pm
	- Online Parents Evening—6.00-8.30pm
Thursday 17th November	- FS Vision Screening
Friday 18th November	- Children in Need Spotacular—Wear spots to school
Wednesday 23rd November	- Year 6 Trip to CadburyWorld
	- Foxes Class Assembly—2.30pm
Thursday 24th November	- Prospective parent open morning 9.30-11am
Tuesday 6th December	- Year 5 Winchester Trip
Wednesday 7th December	- Christmas dinner day, wear your Christmas jumper <u>NEW</u>
	- Prospective parent open morning 9.30-11am
Friday 16th December	- End of Term—1.10-1.30pm finish
Tuesday 3rd January	- INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January	- Start of Term <u>NEW</u>
Wednesday 11th January	- Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm <u>NEW</u>