

Beechwood Bulletin

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Ofsted Journey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are now less than two weeks away from the Christmas holidays, which will also mean we have done one third of another academic year.

Since Beechwood's last Ofsted Inspection, which took place in 2018 and before the school joined Frays Academy, much has been done to improve the school and the provision and outcomes for all pupils. As part of this we have improved and developed a number of aspects. These have included; improvements to teaching and learning, our curriculum, leadership, Early Years, SEND provision, assessment, marking and feedback, behaviour strategies as well as developing our vision 'Explore, Discover and Achieve'. We recognise the school written about in the 2018 Ofsted report does not reflect in any way the school Beechwood is today. We are confident that Ofsted will also recognise this when they carry out their next visit which we anticipate will be at some point this academic year.

When the time comes, we know they will also be keen to hear from you, as parents, on your views of our school.

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sandhu (Woodpeckers class teacher) at the end of this term. I know you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done for the children in her class. I am very pleased to say that Ms Glasby will be joining the Beechwood team and will be Woodpeckers permanent class teacher from January onwards. Ms Glasby has been in school today to ensure a smooth handover and has spent time getting to know the children in Woodpeckers class.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

NOTICEBOARD



ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Falcons with 99.3%. A very well done to Falcons!



REMINDER: Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds, please wait until you are completely off the school site, thank you.



THANK YOU for your generosity, this year we raised £113.67 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

For safeguarding reasons mobile phones should not be used on the school site, thank you



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 28th November 2022 was 91.7% which unfortunately again is very much below our target.

Star Pupils—w/c 28/11/22

Butterflies— Leo

Robins — Mackie

Wrens — Alayna

Rabbits— Harvey

Hedgehogs— Omar

Badgers— Vanessa

Foxes— Arabella

Woodpeckers — Sophie

Owls— Jamie

Kites - Oliver

Falcons— Keegan

Hawks— Alayham

Eagles— Will have 2 star pupils next week

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood

Foundation Stage have listened to the story "Paddington's Christmas Post". We have learnt about how the post office sorts and sends letters. We have made Christmas cards and drawn arctic animals. During maths sessions we have been looking at part and whole numbers and in literacy sessions we have written about arctic animals.

Year 1 have been writing letters to Father Christmas asking him to tell our class elves to behave! In maths we have started our shape unit and have compared 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been thinking about the differences between Woodley and Sydney and investigating seasons in geography.

Year 2 have been busy practising their nativity show, we can't wait to show you! We have also been writing a letter to Miss Hunter to tell her what we have learnt over the past few months about the Great Fire of London.

Year 3 have been investigating how shadows are made and how they change in science. In DT we have continued to make our 3D Stonehenge models. In maths we have been reviewing the skills we have learnt so far in year 3 and have created our own stop frame animation in computing.

Year 4 have been writing letters to a friend in english, while in reading we are coming to the end of the Butterfly Lion. In geography we have been comparing the UK to the African Savanna. In PE we have become excellent netball players and also produced some controlled performances in gymnastics.

Year 5 have had a brilliant week! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Winchester Science Centre - we loved learning how to make aerodynamic rockets and the planetarium show was AMAZING! In maths, we have started recapping on the formal multiplication methods from Year 4 and challenging ourselves with reasoning and problem questions. We have been planning our adventure narratives in english, detailing how Stanley and Zero will escape Camp Green Lake.

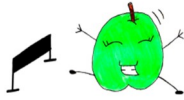
Year 6 have been continuing to work with fractions in maths. Our students had a wonderful time completing a maths relay race at the end of last week, focused on our fraction work. In english, we have been working on a non-chronological report unit, focusing on creating a creature for the planet, Pandora, from Avatar.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
292



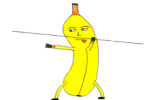
**Amazing
Apples**
196



**Super
Strawberries**
215



**Brilliant
Bananas**
258



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most tokens last week.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 9th December	- FS Nativity performance—10.00am
Monday 12th December	- Year 3 Prehistoric workshop NEW
Tuesday 13th December	- Year 2 Nativity afternoon performance —2.00-3.00pm
	- Year 2 Nativity evening performance—6.30-7.30pm NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
	- Christmas market day in FS NEW
Wednesday 14th December	- FS singing @ The Chestnuts housing care NEW
Thursday 15th December	- Christmas based learning session 9.00-10.00am
Friday 16th December	- End of Term—1.10-1.30pm finish
Tuesday 3rd January	- INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January	- Start of Term
Wednesday 11th January	- Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 25th January	- Badgers Class Assembly—2.30pm