

Beechwood Bulletin

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Welcome back....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Beechwood. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. It has been wonderful to see the children all chatting excitedly as they returned to school, as well as hearing all about their Christmas' and new years resolutions.



Each year group has now started their new topic for the term. Curriculum Overviews will be coming home on Friday, outlining the learning taking place in each of the different subject areas.

Celebration Assemblies will continue on a Friday morning. We love hearing about the clubs the children attend and the hobbies they enjoy outside of school. If your child has an achievement, medal, trophy or certificate they would like me to share with the rest of the school we would really like to see them. Please can we ask that they bring them into school on a Thursday.

As we begin the spring term I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school closure procedure. A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and is something we would endeavour to notify you of as early as we can. In the event of a school closure you will be notified via text message as soon as a decision has been made and we will also notify the local radio station (Heart FM). If you have recently changed your mobile number, please ensure you notify the school office as soon as possible so we have the correct number on the school system.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD: The classes with the best attendance across the whole school last week were Falcons, Kites and Hawks all with 100%. Well done to all!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE: The PTA will be selling second hand uniform in the school hall after school on Friday.

HEAD BUMP TEXT: If your child has a minor bump to their head at school (such as bumping heads with another child) we will send a text home to advise you. Your child would also be given a medical slip to bring home and will be monitored for the rest of the school day. Please rest assured if there is ever a concern or if the injury is not minor we would always speak to you.

CENSUS DAY: Thursday 19th January is school census day. The data collected impacts the amount of funding the school receives so it is greatly appreciated if you are able to support the school by ensuring your child has a hot dinner on this day. This is particularly important for EYFS-Year2 & FSM children where the school receives funding for Universal Free school meals based on the number of children who take a hot dinner on this day. The cost to children in Years 3-6 is still £2.30. The meal options will be: Fish fingers or cheese omelette with chips or Jacket Potato with beans. The options have been changed on parentpay & are available to pre-order now.

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 4th January was 94.6% which unfortunately is below our target

Star Pupils

Star Pupils will resume next week

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage's topic this term is 'We are Explorers'. On Friday we turned the hall into an airport and the children jetted off with their passports and teddies on 'Beechwood Airways'. After landing in Italy, the children have had a great time learning about the country this week. We have been learning to speak some Italian words and created mosaics and flags on the iPad. In literacy, we have made delicious pizza and written recipes. Our maths learning this week has been focusing on matching the numerals to quantities with numbers 1-5.

Year 1 have explored the life of Queen Victoria in their topic lessons and completed some great writing about Victorian artefacts in English. In science we have started our unit on materials and the children had the opportunity to explore the different types of everyday materials.

Year 2 have started their topic 'Carnival of the Animals', they were very excited to have the animals visit yesterday and enjoyed holding them as well as finding out about them. They are going to be using the facts they have learnt to write some fact files about the animals. In maths they have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 3 have begun learning about the rainforest as their new topic, they have located rainforests on a map and have been writing information reports about them in English, getting facts from our book, Rainforests in 30 seconds. We have also been learning some painting techniques with help from a visiting artist! In P.E we have learnt about the footwork rule in netball and some balances in gymnastics.

Year 4 have been to our first swimming lesson at Palmer Park which we really enjoyed. In English, we have been writing adventure texts and we have also begun our new class book - Sky Hawk. In science we have been making electrical circuits and we have also been fascinated to learn about aeroplane design in DT.

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about rivers and have been exploring techniques of comparative writing. In maths, we have been applying our multiplication skills to word problems and are now moving onto division. We have had fun in PE learning how to "Dance by Chance", a technique developed by dancer and choreographer Merce Cunningham where movements are generated by randomly selecting numbers.

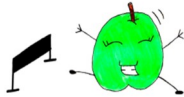
Year 6 have been creating beautiful figurative sentences in English. We have used a poem called 'The Dreadful Menace' to build our own sentences, using personification, similes, metaphors, and more. In maths we have finished off fractions and started a unit on measurements.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
54



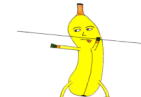
**Amazing
Apples**
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**Super
Strawberries**
45



**Brilliant
Bananas**
38



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

Dates for your diary:

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| Friday 13th January | - PTA second hand uniform sale in hall <u>NEW</u> |
| Wednesday 25th January | - Badgers Class Assembly—2.30pm |
| Monday 30th January | - FS Visit to the Library |
| Wednesday 1st February | - Family Learning Session 9.00-10.00am |
| Wednesday 8th February | - Falcons Class Assembly— 2.30pm |
| Friday 10th February | - School disco <u>NEW—Information to follow</u> |
| Monday 13th–Friday 19th February | - Half Term |
| Monday 20th February | - INSET DAY |
| Friday 24th February | - Year 3 Living Rainforest visit <u>NEW—Information to follow</u> |
| Wednesday 1st March | - Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm <u>NEW</u> |
| Friday 3rd March | - Bingo Bongo <u>NEW—Information to follow</u> |
| Wednesday 15th March | - Hedgehogs Class Assembly—2.30pm <u>NEW</u> |
| Friday 31st March | - End of Term 1.10-1.30pm <u>NEW</u> |

JAN/FEB 2023

Full Course delivered
over 2 dates.

SLEEP MATTERS



Learn about:

- The stages of sleep & the sleep cycle
- Sleep issues, triggers & sleep associations
- Sleep strategies, tips & ideas
- Sleep diaries & sleep routines

This course is for parents, carers & practitioners with an interest in sleep difficulties in children/young people with SEND.

For more information email Jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org

To book visit:
Tinyurl.com/ASDFHSleepPM

Training delivered by practitioners trained by
The Sleep Charity



Venue:

Floreat Montague
Park Primary School
Wokingham, RG40 1BG

2 dates to be attended:

26th Jan: 5.30 – 7.30pm

2nd Feb: 5.30 – 7.30pm

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**Full Course delivered
over 3 days.**



BEING A PARENT CARER MATTERS

**Gain a better understanding of the
recognition you deserve as a carer & learn
what support, rights & benefits you are
entitled to.**

**This course is for
anybody in an unpaid
caring role (for an
adult or your own child
with SEND)**

**For more information email
Jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org**

**To book visit:
[Tinyurl.com/ASDFHCarer](https://tinyurl.com/ASDFHCarer)**

**Venue:
The Oakwood Centre
Woodley, RG5 4JZ**

All 3 dates to be attended:

**In person
26th Jan: 9.45 – 2.15pm
2nd Feb: 9.45 – 2.15pm**

**Online
9th Feb: 9.45 – 11.45am**

Waking up to Healthy Sleep

Face to face course for parents who have a child or young person aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham borough

*Please note parents with a child or young person who does not have a disability may attend this course if capacity allows

Is your child experiencing sleep problems?

We can help you to improve their sleep routine.

Thursday 26th January 2nd & 9th February 2023

10am – 11.30am

The Ambleside Centre

Woodley

RG5 4JJ

To book or for more information, please contact us via:

Email – First@wokingham.gov.uk

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Sleep Charity & Southampton University Hospital Sleep Disorder Service

Attendees are required to attend all 3 sessions which include:

Understanding sleep cycles

Causes of sleep issues

Establishing appropriate routines

Identifying and managing sleep problems

Positive bedtimes



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