

Beechwood Bulletin

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Let's Connect

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the last week at Beechwood, we have been thinking about kindness and inclusivity.

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **6th to 12th February 2023**. This year's theme is **Let's Connect**.

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways. Look out for more information coming home soon.

Wishing a very Happy New year to all our families celebrating Chinese/Lunar new year this weekend.

Kind regards

Miss S E Hunter
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD



ATTENDANCE AWARD: The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers at 97.9%. Keep it up Woodpeckers!

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 as the school receives funding based on the number of children who take a hot dinner on this day. The cost for 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.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible, unless hospital appointments have been made or there is a medical/dental emergency.

If your child has a medical appointment please notify the school office, please provide a copy of the appointment letter/text if possible. When collecting your child for their appointment please come to the school office and your child will be collected from class. Please help us by ensuring that you leave plenty of time to collect your child as they may be out on the field or in the playground.

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 9th January was again 94.6% which unfortunately is below our target

Star Pupils—w/c 09/01/23

Butterflies— Finnley
Robins — Senthuran
Wrens — Enzo
Rabbits— Phoebe
Hedgehogs— Adam
Badgers— Reyansh
Foxes— Kailen-Wayne

Woodpeckers — Lola

Owls— Imad

Kites— Millie

Falcons— Alex

Hawks— Isla

Eagles— Jayna

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Nigeria and were lucky enough to have a visit from a parent to show the children some traditional food and clothing. We have also tasted and described some tropical fruits that even the teachers hadn't heard of before. We have explored and discovered that fruits have seeds of all shapes and sizes.

Year 1 have made their first visit to the school library which the children really enjoyed. They have also started their unit on *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* in English and the children have been making predictions and inferences using the book to help them. In maths they have been focusing on numbers 11-20 as well as introducing the concept of tens and ones.

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about exotic animals when Zoolab visited. In English they have been learning about the hare and the tortoise and are going to re-tell the story. In maths they have started their unit on money.

Year 3 have been learning about how seeds are dispersed in science and have started to learn about miracles in Christianity. In English they have become experts at writing fact files filled with information about the rainforest, which they have been researching by using the iPads and their reading books. In computing they have continued to develop their programming skills by using Scratch to programme sprites.

Year 4 have been developing their long multiplication skills in maths, while in English we have started writing our own adventure stories. A big new box of basketballs have just arrived at school which we can't wait to use in PE!

Year 5 have started to learn to group and sort information in flat-file databases. In English, reading and geography, they have been learning all about the different features of rivers, and have started to independently research and compare their own choice of rivers. In maths, the children are moving on to multiplying fractions.

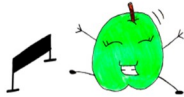
Year 6 have continued reading the non-fiction text, *Blue Planet*. In English we have finished up our poetry unit and started writing persuasive and descriptive 'Save the Planet' stories from the perspective of a turtle. In maths, our Year 6s have been working very hard and doing a fantastic job learning about ratio and proportion.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
172



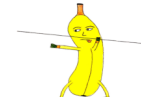
**Amazing
Apples**
165



**Super
Strawberries**
177



**Brilliant
Bananas**
252



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

Dates for your diary:

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>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>Information to follow</u>
Wednesday 1st March	- Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 8th March	- Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm <u>NEW</u>
Friday 3rd March	- Bingo Bongo <u>Information to follow</u>
Wednesday 15th March	- Hedgehogs Class Assembly—2.30pm
Monday 27th March	- Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm <u>NEW—booking information to follow</u>
Wednesday 29th March	- Parents evening 6.00-8.30pm <u>NEW—booking information to follow</u>
Friday 31st March	- End of Term 1.10-1.30pm