Beechwood Bulletin

Beechwood Primary School

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NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD: The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Hawks at 99%. Keep it up Hawks!



No Parking We have received a plea from local residents to please be considerate when

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to school by car. As we have said before please do not attempt to drive down Ambleside Close. No-one should be driving, stopping or parking there when bringing children to school.

Please also be mindful and respectful to our neighbours along Arundel Road and other surrounding roads by ensuring if parking on residential roads that you are doing so safely. Please ensure you are not blocking pathways, driveways, the road or emergency vehicle access. Thank you. A reminder once again that a parking permit is available to park at Headley Road/Lytham Road Car parks at drop off/collection for £17.50 a year, forms available from the school office/website.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: If your child is not in school please remove their order or mention to the school to remove their order when leaving your absence message.

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle each day for all weathers.

NEU STRIKE ACTION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you will be aware the National Education Union (NEU) have announced strike action after balloting their members. The strike is happening because of a dispute between the unions and the government, and not because of any disputes at our school.

The dates for strike action that may affect Beechwood Primary School are:

Wednesday 1st February Thursday 2nd March Wednesday 15th March Thursday 16th March

I recommend that you start to think about alternative childcare arrangements for these dates just in case your child's class is affected.

We are working closely with our staff and Frays Academy trust to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible. As many teachers are in different unions, I do not yet have a full picture of how the school will be affected and which classes may be impacted. NEU members are also under no obligation to inform me of their planned strike actions or which union they belong to until the day of the strike, so the list of affected classes may change up to, and including, the day of the strike.

As a result of this, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone the Family Learning Session which was planned for Wednesday 1^{st} February. This will now take place on Wednesday 22^{nd} February.

My plan is to continue to communicate with the union members and when I have more detailed information I will write to you so that you are aware of what arrangements you may need to make.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

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Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

Star Pupils—w/c 16/01/23

Butterflies — Junior Robins — Phoebe Wrens — Finley

Rabbits— Mohammaed Hedgehogs– Yeva

Badgers— Laycie Foxes— Michelle

Woodpeckers – Will have
2 star pupils next week
Owls — Dunsin
Kites — Harriett
Falcons — Imogen
Hawks — Akshay
Eagles — Diya
Well done to all of our
Stars!

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 16th January was again 96.1% which unfortunately is just below our target

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about China and the Lunar new year. We have listened to and acted out the story of the great race. We have made lanterns and painted blossom trees. We have also constructed The Great Wall of China out of Duplo and wooden blocks. In maths we have looked at the composition of 5.

Year 1 this week we have been experimenting with magnets. In maths we have been comparing numbers to 20. In English we have been continuing our unit exploring The Tale of Peter Rabbit.

Year 2 have enjoyed retelling the story of The Hare and the Tortoise to Year 1 on Monday. We have since been writing our version of the story using some fantastic vocabulary. In maths we have been finishing our money unit, making £1 and giving change.

Year 3 have continued to develop their gymnastic skills, focusing on rolls and balances. In netball we have worked on our passing and defending skills. While in art we created leaf prints using leaves from the school gardens, creating our own shades of green. We also began learning about Francisco de Orellana, an Amazon explorer!

Year 4 have continued to enjoy their swimming lessons and are making great progress in the pool. In maths, we have been developing different strategies for solving multiplication problems, while in Science we have been using electrical circuits to sort conductors and insulators.

Year 5 have been working on finding a fraction of an amount in maths. In English we have started our suspense writing unit linked to our guided reading book, River Boy. In DT our Formula 1 teams have designed their logo, slogan and considered the branding of their teams as well as researched the aerodynamics of an F1 car. We have enjoyed practising dodging into space to receive a ball in netball and are looking forward to playing matches.

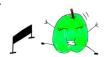
Year 6 have been busy writing our piece about the Turtle's plight. We have been reading our Blue Planet books and really trying to use our descriptive writing tools to our best abilities. In science, we completed an investigation that looked into light and shadows - that was fun! We have also been continuing to learn about artists in the Impressionist movement and trying to recreate aspects of our own.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges



Amazing Apples



Super Strawberries



Brilliant Bananas



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

Dates for your diary:

Monday 30th January

Wednesday 8th February

Friday 10th February

Monday 13th–Friday 19th February

Monday 20th February

Wednesday 22nd February

Friday 24th February

Wednesday 1st March

Friday 3rd March

Wednesday 8th March Wednesday 15th March

Wednesday 22nd March

Monday 27th March

Tuesday 28th March Wednesday 29th March

Friday 31st March

- FS Visit to the Library

- Year 5 Woodley Cluster Bake off challenge @ Bulmershe **NEW**

- PTA School disco

- Half Term

- INSET DAY

- Family Learning Session 9.00-10.00am **NEW DATE**

- Year 3 Living Rainforest visit

- Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm

- PTA Bingo Bongo

Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm <u>NEW</u>

- Hedgehogs Class Assembly—2.30pm

- Falcons Class Assembly— 2.30pm NEW DATE

- Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm Booking information to follow

- Year 5 trip to Legoland **NEW—details to be sent later this week**

- Parents evening 6.00-8.30pm **Booking information to follow**

- End of Term 1.10-1.30pm