

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.

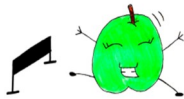
**Year 6** have been busy writing our piece about the Turtle's plight. We have been reading our Blue Planet books and really trying to use our descriptive writing tools to our best abilities. In science, we completed an investigation that looked into light and shadows - that was fun! We have also been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

## House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
156



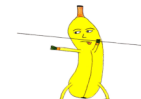
**Amazing  
Apples**  
100



**Super  
Strawberries**  
89



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
121



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

### Dates for your diary:

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| Monday 30th January              | - FS Visit to the Library  |
| Wednesday 8th February           | - Year 5 Woodley Cluster Bake off challenge @ Bulmershe <b><u>NEW</u></b>      |
| Friday 10th February             | - PTA School disco   |
| Monday 13th–Friday 19th February | - Half Term  |
| Monday 20th February             | - INSET DAY  |
| Wednesday 22nd February          | - Family Learning Session 9.00-10.00am <b><u>NEW DATE</u></b>                  |
| Friday 24th February             | - Year 3 Living Rainforest visit   |
| Wednesday 1st March              | - Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm  |
| Friday 3rd March                 | - PTA Bingo Bongo  |
| Wednesday 8th March              | - Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm <b><u>NEW</u></b>                               |
| Wednesday 15th March             | - Hedgehogs Class Assembly—2.30pm  |
| Wednesday 22nd March             | - Falcons Class Assembly— 2.30pm <b><u>NEW DATE</u></b>                        |
| Monday 27th March                | - Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm <b><u>Booking information to follow</u></b>      |
| Tuesday 28th March               | - Year 5 trip to Legoland <b><u>NEW—details to be sent later this week</u></b> |
| Wednesday 29th March             | - Parents evening 6.00-8.30pm <b><u>Booking information to follow</u></b>      |
| Friday 31st March                | - End of Term 1.10-1.30pm  |