

Beechwood Bulletin

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Tell us a story

Dear Parents and Guardians,

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

This week is National Storytelling Week. National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

At Beechwood we love reading and have been celebrating National Storytelling Week with some fun reading activities which have included storytimes around the school where children were able to listen to the story which most captured their interest and read with reading their buddies.

Later in the week, children will be taking part in a book quiz and 'revamping a reading display' with pictures of them reading books and making book recommendations for their peers.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD



ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Robins at 98.2%. Keep it up Robins!

FACEBOOK PAGES:

You can find us on Facebook under "Beechwood Primary School" where you can find out about what the children have been doing in school. In addition you can go to "Beechwood PTA Woodley" where you can find out about all PTA events including ticket sale information for the upcoming disco and Bingo Bongo evening.

REMINDER NO PARKING:

We have received a plea from local residents to please be considerate when bringing your child 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.



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 23rd January was 94.1% which unfortunately is below our target.

Star Pupils—w/c 23/01/23

Butterflies— Charlotte

Robins — Millie

Wrens — Carlton & Hamna

Rabbits— Rajveer

Hedgehogs— Eddie

Badgers— Sahasra

Foxes— Riddhi

Woodpeckers — Georgie & Sam

Owls— Alyssa

Kites— Presley & Zaenab

Falcons— Joe

Hawks— Ross

Eagles— Dylan

Well done to all of our

Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Space. They have learnt about some of the planets in our solar system. The children have made rockets, salt dough aliens and "mini me" astronauts. They have also constructed moon buggies out of Duplo. In maths they have looked at the composition of 6 and 7. In literacy they witnessed an alien crash landing and designed and labelled 'Have you seen this alien?' posters.

Year 1 have enjoyed moving around the school for whole school storytime and have enjoyed the other exciting reading opportunities to celebrate National Storytelling Week. They have been writing character descriptions for Peter Rabbit and Mr McGregor in English.

Year 2 have been learning all about Antarctica this week. They have been finding out a little about what life is like there in geography and finding out about the animals of Antarctica during reading lessons. This will help next week when we are writing fact files. In maths we have started our multiplication and division unit, looking at the multiplication symbol.

Year 3 had their pencil cases taken away by Miss Hughes this week and they had to use their best persuasive writing in order to get them back! They have also learnt about the layers of the rainforest and which animals lurk in the trees. In maths they have begun to build their measuring skills and in history they have begun learning more about Francisco de Orellana's expedition along the amazon river.

Year 4 have been working on diary entries in English. In maths they have begun work measuring in kilometres and metres and in reading they have continued with their class novel. In PE they have continued to work on their basketball skills and have been enjoying their swimming on Tuesday mornings.

Year 5 have enjoyed innovating their suspense story this week in English and are looking forward to completing their independent write next week. In maths they are learning about fractions and decimal equivalents and developing their understanding to apply this to calculating percentages. They have enjoyed singing Rock "n" Roll songs in music and learning how to jive in P.E.

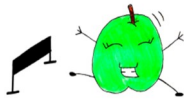
Year 6 have been working hard to save the planet and bring awareness to others. They have finished their persuasive and descriptive writing from the perspective of a turtle and are now writing a speech in the style of Greta Thunberg's that could be presented to World Leaders. They are also enjoying creating impressionist art pieces which show a beautiful underwater scene of unpolluted water.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
286



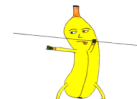
**Amazing
Apples**
211



**Super
Strawberries**
259



**Brilliant
Bananas**
290



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

Dates for your diary:

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

- Year 5 Woodley Cluster Bake off challenge @ Bulmershe

- PTA School disco

- **Half Term**

- **INSET DAY**

- Family Learning Session 9.00-10.00am

- Year 3 Living Rainforest visit

- Woodpeckers Class Assembly—2.30pm

- PTA Bingo Bongo

- Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm

- Hedgehogs Class Assembly—2.30pm

- Falcons Class Assembly— 2.30pm

- Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm **Booking information to follow**

- Year 5 trip to Legoland

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

- End of Term 1.10-1.30pm