

# Beechwood Bulletin

**Beechwood Primary School**

Ambleside Close

Woodley

Reading

Berkshire

RG5 4JJ

Telephone: 0118 9695976

Email: office-beechwood@fraysacademytrust.org

Term 3, Issue 26



Wednesday 19th April 2023



## NOTICEBOARD

### *Welcome Back*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

*Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. Let's hope that the weather continues to remain dry and warm up over the coming weeks. We are very much looking forward to running as many of our usual summer term activities as possible this term.*

*Coming home next week will be our Curriculum Overviews which outline the learning taking place in school in the summer term in each year group.*

*It has been wonderful to see and hear all about what the children have been up to over the Easter break. Please don't forget that if children have any medals, certificates, trophies or awards for out of school achievements they would like us to share in our Celebration Assembly, please send them into school on a Thursday, ready for Assembly on a Friday morning.*

*Please could we ask that children do not bring fidget toys into school with them unless these have been agreed as part of their provision with either your child's class teacher, Miss Chick or Mrs Baker.*

*Whilst the children can continue to wear their winter school uniform throughout the academic year, children also have the option, now we are in the summer term, of switching to our summer uniform - red and white checked dresses, or black shorts with a white shirt or polo shirt, but without their school tie.*

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter  
Headteacher



### ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week before Easter was Falcons class with 96.3% attendance. Well done Falcons!

### STRIKE DAYS

There are two teacher strike days being held on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. At the moment we are unsure as to how it will affect our school. Miss Hunter will update you as soon as she is able to. However you may wish to start thinking about childcare for these days in case they are needed.

### PENNY WARS WINNERS

Well done to Rabbits class who won the penny war. They will celebrate with a dress down day on Friday.

### REMINDER: POLITE NOTICE

We would be grateful if you could please ensure your child/children do not walk across local residents gardens, pathways or driveways. Thank you

### REMINDER: NO PARKING

Please do not attempt to drive down Ambleside Close. No-one should be driving, stopping or parking there. Parking enforcement officers are continuing to patrol the area.

### Star Pupils—w/c 27/3/23

Butterflies— Rosamay/Jasmine

Robins — Guhan

Wrens— George

Rabbits— Indie

Hedgehogs— Mathea

Badgers— Phoenix

Foxes— Rosie

Woodpeckers— Sarjanan

Owls— Nishkkalaa

Kites— Whole of Year 5

Falcons— Whole of Year 5

Hawks— Sarata

Eagles— Theo

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 27th March was 92.6% which is unfortunately below our target.

## Over the last week at Beechwood.....

**Foundation Stage** have been visited by some firefighters and even got to go in their fire engine. They really enjoyed learning about all the equipment that the fire engine holds and had a go at squirting the water from the hose to put out a pretend fire. In maths they have been learning about doubling and in literacy they have acted out the story of The Gingerbread Man.

**Year 1** have started their new topic - 'Around the World in 80 days.' The children made passports and tickets and travelled on the Eurostar to Paris. They have been learning about life in France and famous landmarks and will travel to different countries over this term. In maths the children were able to get out in the sunshine to practice their counting in 2s and they will also be counting in 5s and 10s this week.

**Year 2** have started their new topic Castles and Catapults. In English they are using the story 'Tell Me a Dragon' to create their own dragons and write beautiful descriptions about them including similes. In maths the children are reviewing addition and subtraction. They have loved being scientists this week for Science Week, finding out which biscuit is the best for dunking. They had lots of fun!

**Year 3** have begun their topic on ancient Greece, learning a song about Orpheus and Eurydice in music and reading a non-fiction text about ancient Greece in reading. In English the children have been looking at describing mythical creatures using some fantastic adjectives! Year 3 are looking forward to their ancient Greek workshop tomorrow.

**Year 4** have started a new genre study in English: suspense writing. They have been creating their own superheroes and will be writing a story featuring their characters. In maths, they are continuing to learn about decimal numbers, moving from tenths onto hundredths. In science, they are carrying out experiments to find the best biscuit for dunking: does the temperature of the liquid make a difference? In history, the children have started work on the Vikings, with the time period going up to 1066. In P.E. they are going to be looking at Rounders and outdoor and adventurous activities. Both their P.E. sessions will (hopefully) be outside this term.

**Year 5** have started their unit on shape in maths. They have been classifying and estimating angles. In English, the children are exploring features of a recount and writing techniques they can use within them. They enjoyed their first lesson of Outdoor Adventurous Activities in PE, where they had to work as a team and develop their communication and negotiation skill to achieve tasks.

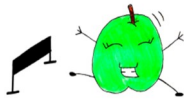
**Year 6** have started their new topic, "Your mountain is waiting". The children are currently reading their class text: Everest, which focuses on the lives of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. In English they are using descriptive writing to convey emotions and atmosphere of Danny MacAskill, who is, bravely and skilfully, biking through the Cuillin Mountains on the Isle of Skye.

## House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
301



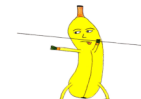
**Amazing  
Apples**  
302



**Super  
Strawberries**  
372



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
253



**Congratulations to Super Strawberries for collecting the most tokens last week.**

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 19th April	- Kites Class Parents evening 5.00-7.30—Via Zoom
Thursday 20th April	- Greek workshop—Year 3 <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Tuesday 25th April	- Phonics screening information afternoon—3.30pm
Wednesday 26th April	- Rabbits Class Assembly—2.30pm
Monday 1st May	- May Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May	- Kings Coronation Celebration, dress down day <b><u>NEW—DETAILS TO FOLLOW</u></b>
Monday 8th May	- Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
Wednesday 10th May	- Wrens Class Assembly—2.30pm
Friday 19th May	- PTA Disco— <b><u>NEW—DETAILS TO FOLLOW</u></b>
Monday 22nd May	- School Photographer visit—Class photos
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd May	- Half Term
Monday 5th—Friday 9th June	- Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 6th June	- FS height & weight check
Wednesday 14th June	- Robins Class Assembly—2.30pm