

Our whole school attendance for the week commencing 8th May was 96.2% which is just below our target. Let's see if we can hit target next week.

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

**Foundation Stage** have continued learning about mini beasts, in particular the life cycle of a butterfly. They have really enjoyed collaging butterflies in the style of author and illustrator, Eric Carle. In maths sessions they have learnt about adding on and in literacy they have written clues to describe different mini beasts.

**Year 1** have had the opportunity to speak with Mrs Nicol's daughter who lives in Australia! They asked her all of their questions about Australia including 'Had she been bitten by a snake, shark or spider?' The children learnt lots from her and then wrote what they found out in their books. In science the children planted sunflower seeds and filled in their cress diaries, now the cress has grown to its full potential. In maths the children started their unit on fractions and enjoyed cutting up cake and pizza into halves.

**Year 2** have been working really hard on their SATs this week. We are so proud of their positive attitudes and determination this week, keep it up Year 2!

**Year 3** have been learning about the bones in the human body in science and have conducted an investigation into whether a long femur makes you a better jumper. In English, the children have begun to look at newspaper reports and have been learning to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks in maths. Finally, in art they spent a lesson using sketching techniques to live sketch some Greek artefacts.

**Year 4** are currently busy planning and writing their newspaper articles in English. In guided reading they have begun the bloodthirsty story of 'Beowulf The Brave'. Maths work this week is all about money. In P.E. the children continued with rounders and outdoor and adventurous activities. In science the children have learnt about food chains. In history the children have been looking at families in Viking times, and Viking houses.

**Year 5** thoroughly enjoyed debating last week in English; they have now moved onto writing balanced arguments. In maths, the children have been developing their skills in translating shapes using coordinates and reflecting shapes using a line of symmetry. In geography and P.E. they have been developing their understanding of compass points and efficient routes in orienteering. The children have continued to learn about the life cycles of different categories of animal in science and this week they are dissecting flowers.

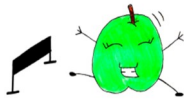
**Year 6** have finished their SATs and are moving on to auditions for their end of year production. The children are very excited to have received their scripts for *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*. Auditions will take place on Thursday morning.

## House Points

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
55



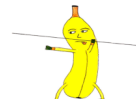
**Amazing  
Apples**  
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**Super  
Strawberries**  
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**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
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**Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most tokens last week.**

## Dates for your diary:

Friday 19th May	- PTA Discos
Monday 22nd May	- School Photographer visit—Class photos
Monday 22nd—26th May	- Woodley School Sports Week
Tuesday 23rd May	- Family learning session—9-10am
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June	- Half Term
Monday 5th—Friday 9th June	- Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 6th June	- FS height & weight check
Monday 12th—Friday 16th June	- Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 21st June	- Robins Class Assembly—2.30pm— <b>NEW DATE</b>
Friday 30th June	- Family learning session—9-10am
Wednesday 5th July	- Sports Day
Friday 14th July	- Reports to parents
Friday 21st July	- End of Term 1.10-1.30pm