## **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 Kites again with 97.4% attendance. Well done Kites!



### YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Year 6 performance next week via Parentpay. 2 tickets per family per performance are available, if you require additional tickets we can add your name to a waitlist, we will let you know if and when further tickets become available and how to pay for them.

### **REMINDER: STRIKE DAYS**

There are strike days scheduled for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July next week. We will send further information regarding how this may affect your child's class next week.

### **WATER BOTTLE**

A reminder to please ensure your child/ children bring their water bottle to school everyday.

### **Summer Events**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week at Beechwood our Year 1 children have enjoyed a fantastic trip to Beale Park, whilst our Year 2 children spent a very exciting day at the Tower of London. It was wonderful to see just how excited the children were about their school trips.

It has also been lovely to see all the children from across the school out on the field taking part in a range of sporting activities in preparation for sports day.

Year 6 are also in the full swing of rehearsing for their end of year production which they will be performing to their parents next Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening.

As we head towards the end of term, please do keep an eye out on our school diary to ensure you do not miss out on any key dates.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school on Friday from 9-10am for our final family learning session of the year, where you are invited to come in and carry out an activity alongside your child.

Kind regards,



Miss S E Hunter Headteacher



### Star Pupils—w/c 19/6/23

Butterflies— Benny & Mykola Robins — Anaya

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-Wrens— Polina & Enzo

Rabbits— Tobias

Hedgehogs— Adam

Badgers— Wiktoria Foxes— Aliza Owls— Pinky
Kites— Harry
Falcons— There will be 2
next week
Hawks— Kyla-Rose
Eagles— Tobias
Well done to all of our
Stars!

Woodpeckers - Jaiarna

### **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 19th June was 93% which is below our target.

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

Foundation Stage have continued learning about sea animals. They have really enjoyed making an octopus, turtle and dolphin out of plastic bottle tops. In maths sessions they have played counting on games and bingo by matching pictures to numerals up to 20. They have also been very busy practicing for our class assembly. We are so proud of them, they did a fantastic job learning all of their lines and singing beautifully.

Year 1 have had the best time at Beale park and the children enjoyed seeing lots of interesting animals as well as bouncing on a big pillow! We have continued our visit around the world and are currently learning about the Rio Carnival!

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Tower of London yesterday. It was lovely to see all of our learning of the Great Fire of London and about castles come to life. The children behaved really well and had a lovely time. Later in the week they will be writing recounts of our great trip!

Year 3 have been using scratch in computing to code their own drawing programme. In maths we have continued to look at shapes, learning to draw 2D shapes and identify their properties. In music we have been composing our own pieces based on the ancient Mayans. Finally in DT, we have painted the base layer of our pots ready for the patterns which we will paint on Friday.

Year 4 have been working with statistics in maths, looking at line graphs, estimating information from line graphs and answering questions from line graphs, bar charts and pictograms. In english we have begun work on script writing. We have used the nicknames of some of the well known football clubs of the UK to lead us into learning about the major cities of the UK, and how and why they grew where they did. In R.E. we are considering Christianity. In PSHE we are continuing our unit on Changing Me and this week will be learning about puberty in girls. P.E. sees us continue to work on tennis and athletics, as we look forward to the upcoming Sports Day!

Year 5 have completed their flashbacks in independent writing and have moved onto their study of Macbeth; so far we have met the Weird Sisters and examined how the author portrays the characters. In maths we have started our unit on converting units of measure. We have enjoyed athletics in PE and developed our technique in javelin throwing. In history we have explored how Reading was impacted during the Dissolution of the Monastaries during the Tudor Era and the significance of Hugh Farringdon.

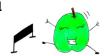
Year 6 is almost ready for their production! We have two more days of dress rehearsals and then we are performing for our first audience on Monday. Adults are welcome to attend on Tuesday afternoon or Thursday evening-- please make sure you get you tickets on ParentPay. Our Year 6's have also enjoyed some transition time at their new schools. We can't believe they're almost off to secondary school!

#### **House Points**

Outstanding Oranges 341



Amazing Apples



Super Strawberries



Brilliant Bananas 291



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

### **Dates for your diary:**

Friday 30th June

Tuesday 4th July

Thursday 6th July

Monday 10th July Tuesday 11th July Wednesday 12th July Thursday 13th July Friday 14th July

Wednesday 19th July

Friday 21st July

- Family learning session—9-10am
- Year 6 Afternoon Performance
- Year 6 Evening Performance
- Year 5 Fishbowl Day @ Bulmershe
- Moving Up Morning
- Year 4 Trip to BCA Zoo
- Sports Day
- Moving Up Afternoon
- Reports to parents
- Year 6 Leavers Evening
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- End of term 1.10-1.30pm



# ESPOTLIGIE VOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

## **Record-Breaking Writers**



An author from United Arab Emirates has broken two world records before the age of five as he publishes a sequel to his first book! He now holds the records for the youngest person to publish a book and youngest person to publish a book series (male). Saeed Rashed AlMheiri, published his first book, The Elephant Saeed and the Bear, in March when he was just 4 years and 218 days old. Describing the story Saeed says, 'The elephant wanted to have a picnic on a mountain. He met a polar bear who, instead of eating the elephant, chooses to become his friend.' Amazingly

he then wrote a sequel to the book when he was 4 years and 238 days - only 20 days later! The second book in the series, called My True Friend, tells the story of what happens next. 'My book teaches children how to be kind.' Saeed says, 'When I grow up, I want to be a scientist and a superhero to save the Earth.' Saeed isn't the only record holder in his family, his sister, AIDhabi AIMheiri, is the youngest person to publish a bilingual book series (female) at the age of 8 years and 239 days old. Would you like to write a book?

Do you have a great story idea?

### **Wonderwoods Vertical Forest**

Europe's latest vertical forest is taking shape in Utrecht in the Netherlands. A vertical forest is created by adding vegetation to the exterior of a building, usually so that you can add to the greenery in a built-up area. Wonderwoods Utrecht will reportedly dampen city noise, provide summer shade, absorb CO2, and attract animal species to the Dutch city. The tower, which contains around 200 apartments, is situated in the fourthlargest city in the Netherlands. It was designed by award-winning Italian architect Stefano Boeri, who built his first vertical forest in Milan, Italy, ten years ago. The architect's website describes the amazing building: 'The facades of the tower will host about 10,000 plants from 30 different species, equivalent to one hectare of forest vegetation resulting in a genuine urban ecosystem capable of producing about 41 tons of oxygen each year. On the ground floor and connected to a garden on the sixth floor, is the Vertical Forest Hub: a centre for documentation and research into urban forestation worldwide.'

Would you like to see more buildings like this one? Would you like to design a building? What would it look like?



Pictured: The Wonderwoods Vertical Forest Source: Stefano Boeri @StefanoBoeri Twitter page









### Making an Impact



At Picture News, we are passionate about using current affairs to help children learn from our world, give them a voice and allow them to make a difference. Our Picture News Impact Awards aim to celebrate children, schools and communities who are doing just that!







This year, we will be awarding our applicants with either a **Bronze**, **Silver** or **Gold** award. To apply, provide us with an overview of your project (no more than two sides of A4). If you have made an impact, you will receive one of our awards and our Picture News Impact 2023 logo.

### Think about the following questions to help structure your application

Explain what you did. Why did you do it?

Did you have to overcome any barriers or difficulties when trying to make a difference?



Have you made a difference to your local community, the country or even the world?

> Who has it impacted? Consider everyone involved. How has your project made an impact?

Please include photographs and quotes to support your application. Anything you include may be shared publicly. Send your application to help@picture-news.co.uk or post to Picture News Ltd., Colber Lane Bishop Thornton, North Yorkshire, HG3 3JR

### Last week's topic:

### What is the best way to show your support?

I think the best way to show support is to give gifts and just say nice things. **Clara** 



I think there are lots of different ways. You can use your voice, or your actions. Vani

Support others by teaching them about what you know. Frank

Just by being there. Then people know you care. **Yolanda** 

### Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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## TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Four children have been found alive after surviving a plane crash and spending forty days alone in Colombia's Amazon jungle. Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1st May. They then became the focus of a massive rescue operation, involving soldiers and local people. Speaking of the incredible feat of survival, Gustavo Petro said, 'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history'.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- What skills and attributes do you imagine the children would have needed in their situation?
- Can you think of a time when you have needed to be brave? What happened?
- Talk to an adult at home and ask them about a time when they needed to be brave.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments







