

Beechwood Bulletin

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This week at Beechwood....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week at Beechwood we have been thinking about Chinese New Year, which begins on 10th February. In assembly we looked at how Chinese New Year is celebrated and listened to the story about how the order of the animals was decided. We then talked about which year the children were born in and which animal that linked to.

We are in the process of further developing some of our areas in school. If you are having a spring clean at any point and looking to rehome any of the following items, which are in good useable condition, we would be very grateful to receive them;

Cushions, Beanbags

Large throws or blankets

Large pieces of material

Dolls prams, dolls

Large construction equipment e.g. building blocks

Outdoor games/equipment

Lego

In school we have a child friendly version of our Safeguarding policy, which we have shared with the children in school. Please find attached a copy for your reference and for you to discuss at home with your child. It is very important to us that your child feels safe in school and they know what to do and who to speak to if something is worrying them.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Owls with 96.3% attendance!

A big well done to Owls!



PARKING:

Please remember to park considerately when dropping off your children. The service yards at the back of the shops and Ambleside Close should NOT be used to park in. Please use the local car parks and surrounding roads considerately when dropping or picking up your children from school.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER READERS IN BUTTERFLIES CLASS:

We are looking for parents or grandparents who would be willing to come into school on a regular basis to listen to the children in Butterflies read. Please let the office know if you are able to help out. Many thanks.

NUMBER DAY:

Don't forget to come into school on Friday dressed in non-uniform clothes with numbers on if you have them.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING:

Don't forget to give consent for your child to go swimming, as well as make the payment for the Year 5 swimming lessons which will be starting after half term.

Star Pupils—w/c 22/01/24

Butterflies— Hafsa

Robins — Angela

Rabbits— Carlton

Hedgehogs— Poppy

Badgers— Farah

Foxes— Reggie

Woodpeckers— Hiraj

Owls— Darius

Kites— Freia

Falcons— Imad

Hawks — Imogen

Eagles— Harriett

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 last week was 94.3% which is unfortunately below our target!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning about the country of Kenya! We have been learning about the Masai people and how to say hello in Swahili "Jambo!". Butterflies have enjoyed going on safari to find out about the animals that live in the Savanna habitat and have written descriptions of them. In maths, Butterflies have been learning about the number 8.

Years 1 & 2 have started their new English unit using the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. They have learnt about the author as well as explored some of his books. They have also made predictions about what each story is about as well as inferring from the pictures what each character is feeling. In maths, Year 1 have moved onto addition and subtraction and Year 2 are looking at the 2x table. The children have been working hard in art this half term learning all about sketching and this week will be using all the skills they have learnt to sketch an animal. We can't wait to see the final results!

Year 3 have been learning about the Congo rainforest in geography. In maths, the children have become confident in measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres and are beginning to convert them. In English, the children have been using their persuasive writing techniques to persuade people to save the rainforest and to join Beechwood school. In science they have been conducting a comparison investigation into what plants need to survive.

Year 4 have been working very diligently in maths. They have been learning how to work out the perimeter of a variety of shapes and they have been focusing on the 6 times table. In English the children have been looking at the features of a diary entry. They have planned and written a diary entry from the viewpoint of the woodcutter in the story of Little Red Riding Hood. In history, they have been learning about Anglo Saxon villages and how there were important jobs in each village.

Year 5 are writing suspense stories this week, based on their class reading book 'River Boy'. In science, the children have started to investigate reversible and non-reversible changes and have been able to make their own butter! In French, the children have been learning to have a conversation about their favourite colours.

Year 6 have been finding their persuasive side by starting to plan and write letters to the Prime Minister. They are hoping to use their fantastic persuasive skills, passion and knowledge to persuade the government to save our oceans! In maths the children have moved onto solving equations within their Algebra unit. The children have all been putting in 100% effort and their efforts show in their work. In the afternoon, the children have particularly enjoyed using GarageBand on the iPad to learn chords and compose their own songs.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
294



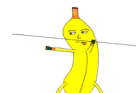
**Amazing
Apples**
224



**Super
Strawberries**
281



**Brilliant
Bananas**
274



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 7th February - Year 5 Bake off at Bulmershe

Monday 12th to Friday 18th February — HALF TERM

Monday 19th February - Inset day—School closed for pupils

Mon 26th Feb—Fri 1st March - D.T. week

Wednesday 28th February - Woodpeckers class assembly—2.30pm

Thursday 29th February - Family Learning Session—9.00-10.00am

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day **MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

Wednesday 13th March - Hedgehogs class assembly—2.30pm

Mon 18th & Wed 20th March - Parents Evenings - Both in person and both 3.30-6.00pm

Tuesday 26th March - Hawks Class assembly—2.30pm

Thursday 28th March - End of Term 1.10-1.30pm



CHILD FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY

At Beechwood Primary School, all staff think your health, safety and welfare are very important.

In our school, we respect our children and help to protect your rights.

We teach you how to recognise risks and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

Safeguarding means that school staff should:

- Protect you from harm
- Make sure nothing stops you from being healthy or developing properly
- Make sure you are safely looked after
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful

How will we try to protect you?

- We will provide a safe and secure environment for you to learn in and progress
- We will help to ensure that you remain safe, at home as well as at school
- We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something

Need to talk?

If you need to talk – we will listen.

You can talk to any adult in school, but some staff have a key responsibility for making sure you are safe and well cared for. They all wear an orange safeguarding lanyard:

Our Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Minter.

Our Deputy DSL's are:

Miss Hunter, Mrs Baker, Miss Radburn, Miss Mills, Mrs Blinco and Miss Heaps.



DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY.

WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN.

When someone hurts you it can be called abuse.

This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful like:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around which makes you scared, unhappy or worried
- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time
- If someone touches you in places you know are wrong
- If someone makes you look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret or give you presents.

Abuse is never ok and if you are being or have been abused you must remember – it is not your fault.

You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop.

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