

Beechwood Bulletin

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Parents Evenings

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the last week at Beechwood, children have been taking part in their termly assessments. These enable us to see how well the children are progressing and supports us identifying the next steps in their learning journey. We have been extremely proud of all the children who have been trying extremely hard.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful world book week this week. We love reading and it is always fantastic to see the children so excited and engaged in books. We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed up as book characters tomorrow.

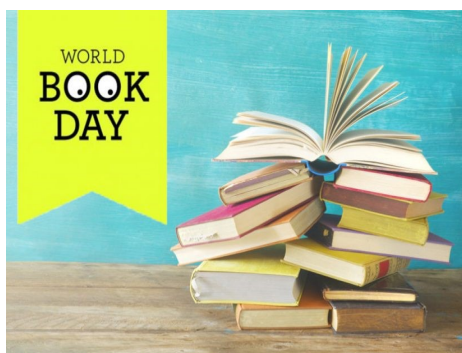
Our next Parent Consultations for all classes will take place on Monday 18th March and Wednesday 20th March. This term both parents evening sessions will be held face to face in school from 3.30-6.00pm.

At these meetings your child's class teacher will discuss your child's current attainment and how they are progressing in reading, writing and maths, as well as share with you your child's current targets.

The booking system will go live for you to make an appointment at 4pm on Monday 11th March.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Kites with 97.8% attendance! A big well done to Kites!



WATER BOTTLES:

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day. We have a very small supply of plastic cups that we are able to lend.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Schools get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium', for every child registered as eligible for a free school meal.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits: [Income support](#), Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#), Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#) [NASS support](#), Guarantee element of [State Pension](#), [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends, [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400. If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's web-site.

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 92.5% which is unfortunately below our target!

Star Pupils—w/c 25/02/24

Butterflies— Deniz

Robins — Timea

Rabbits— Megan

Hedgehogs— Caleb

Badgers— Grayson

Foxes — Tronie

Woodpeckers— Sanctus

Owls— Arabella

Kites— Moyo

Falcons— Bella-Rose

Hawks — Finley

Eagles— Mila

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have continued learning about people who help them. On Friday they will be visited by a firefighter who will answer questions direct from the children about his role. They have used the iPad to edit their own superhero photographs. In maths sessions they have been learning about number bonds to 10. In English they have composed their own stories with a beginning, middle and end and acted them out to their peers.

Years 1 & 2 have been writing up their fact files on the Big 5 animals in Africa. In maths Year 1 have moved onto place value to 50, looking at the numbers 20, 30, 40 and 50 and how they make groups of ten to represent these numbers. Year 2 are continuing with fractions, finding and recognising a third. They are enjoying their art unit of adding texture to create an ocean scene.

Year 3 have been writing their own castle inspired rhythms in music, drawing on their knowledge from their castle topic in year 2. In maths they have continued to work on fractions and identifying them on a number line. In science the children have designed a bionic hand which they will make in their lesson next week.

Year 4 have been working very hard on improving their vocabulary choice for writing. They have been working on using evocative language, similes, metaphors and personification. This is all in preparation for planning, writing and evaluating a holiday brochure next week. In maths the children have been continuing their work on fractions and are comparing proper fractions and improper fractions. They have continued their theme of 'The Spy' in their dance lessons. It has been lovely to see the children inventing and combining dance moves to make a sequence.

Year 5 have moved onto percentages in maths this week, and are looking at the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. During English, the children have started to write the biography of a notable Tudor of their choice. During science this week, the children will be carrying out an experiment to see what happens when certain substances are mixed to create a new substance, and how this can be useful - in other words, blowing things up!

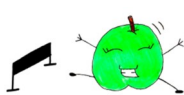
Year 6 have enjoyed researching their chosen places for their independent travel writing in English. They will need to write about the same place to two different audiences. In maths they have started to convert fractions to decimals and have learned how to do this using short division. They have explored the characterisation of Thanatos in reading lessons and are eager to read more of Oh Maya Gods by Maz Evans. They have learned about how the eye works in science and are looking forward to building periscopes.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
152



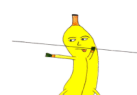
**Amazing
Apples**
158



**Super
Strawberries**
121



**Brilliant
Bananas**
241



Congratulations to Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 7th March | - World Book Day, come to school dressed as your favourite book character |
| Wednesday 13th March | - Hedgehogs class assembly—2.30pm |
| Friday 15th March | - PTA Comedy Evening |
| Mon 18th & Wed 20th March | - Parents Evenings - Both in person and both 3.30-6.00pm |
| Monday 18 th March | - KS2 Easter church visit—1.30pm |
| Tuesday 19th March | - French Day— MORE INFO TO FOLLOW |
| Wednesday 20th March | - SEND Coffee morning—9.30-10.00am |
| Tuesday 26th March | - Hawks Class assembly—2.30pm |
| Thursday 28th March | - End of Term 1.10-1.30pm |