



# Beechwood Primary News



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## House Points

**Kagan**  
8998

**DeBono**  
8968

**Costa**  
6690

**Hyerle**  
5689

*Well done to the children in*

**Kagan**

## Welcome

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. We are so pleased with how well the Reception children have settled into 'big school' this half term. They are making lots of new friends and trying their very best. All staff are very pleased with how well the children have settled and look forward to a fun filled year ahead!

We have also welcomed Miss Tabone and Miss Morgan to our Teaching team along with Miss Fisher and Mrs Deacon to our Teaching Assistant team.

We would like to wish Mrs Jones well as she starts her maternity leave.

## Safeguarding

Do you have a concern about a child in Beechwood but you're not sure if you should say anything? On our school website there is a reporting tool for reporting any concerns that you may have to school. You can also submit your concerns anonymously this way if you would prefer. You can find this by clicking on the 'safeguarding' page on our website, cookies need to be enabled for the Whisper tool to work. Alternatively you can speak to Mrs Kidd or send a message through Seesaw to any member of staff regarding any concerns that you may have. As a reminder, if you send a message on Seesaw please also send a text asking for the staff member to check Seesaw so that staff see it straight away.

## Packed Lunches/Snacks/Treats

As a polite reminder, please ensure that any items in your child's packed lunch do not contain nuts, also remember the children are not able to have fizzy drinks or sweets/chocolate bars. Also please remember that at snack time the children can only have toast or fruit, please do not send them in with any other items. Finally if you are sending treats into school for your child's birthday, please ensure that the treats do not contain peanuts.

## Congratulations to....

Connor & Mia (YR), Olive & Elliot (Y1), Ellis, Carter & Louie (Y2), Millie & James (Y3), William & India (Y4), Alex & Serena (Y5), Emily & Louie (Y6).

For their excellent work this half term, keep up the hard work!

## House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains: De Bono- Joseph and Abigail, Costa-Brooke and Harry, Hyerle- Harriet and Scarlet, Kagan- Reece and Dougie.

## PTA

We would like to say a massive thank you to Jenifer Beech, Andrew Foulkes and Rachel Moorcroft who have agreed to be on our PTA committee so that we can still have exciting events for the children. If you have any fundraising ideas then please let them know.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who helped at our PTA Disco on 24th October. The children had a great time, one child told us it was the best disco ever!



## Sports



We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have helped us to transport the children without your support we wouldn't be able to take the children to all of these events.

### Year 3 Football

A Year 3 team attended the Inspire Football tournament. They competed against 8 other schools and finished 6th on the table. They displayed a fantastic team spirit, with lots of words of encouragement to each other as our team of mainly girls competed against all boys' teams. They demonstrated great determination and persistence, being resilient from defeat, securing a couple of wins. Massive well done to the whole team and to our player of the tournament, Elsie who eagerly volunteered to be in goal, facing some incredible shots and making fantastic saves.

### Year 4 Football

A Year 4 team went to represent us at the Inspire Football tournament and competed against a number of other schools. The team shown excellent sportsmanship and smiled throughout the entire competition. They displayed excellent determination and worked well as a team.

### Year 3/4 Tag Rugby

Our Y3/4 children has a fantastic team at the Tag Rugby. Whilst they were there, the children practiced some rugby skills and then got to play matches with the other schools who were there.

### Y5/6 Tag Rugby

The Children has a lovely time at the Tag Rugby learning Rugby skills and working as a team playing some matches. We were even given a signed picture of Vikings.

### Year 5/6 Sports hall athletics

18 children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the indoor sports hall athletics competition. The children took part in a range of track and field events, winning many of the track races. They demonstrated great determination and sportsmanship throughout and they finished in a very impressive 3rd place - well done!

## Arts

### **Remembrance Day**

This half term, all of our children have made poppies and Remembrance themed art work. These poppies and pieces of art work have now been taken to Runcorn Shopping City to be displayed in their Remembrance Garden. The display will be in the Town Square area of Runcorn Shopping City in November for everyone to see.

## Class Assembly

We would like to say a special well done to our children in Attenborough Class for their amazing class assembly. They have started the academic year off with the first of the class assemblies and they did a fantastic job sharing their learning from this half term, they have certainly learnt a lot already. We are so proud of each and every child, they performed with confidence. Well done Attenborough class!

## Attendance

As a school we value good attendance, the more children attend, the more they will learn. Unfortunately over the last few years, our whole school attendance has dropped. I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that children are able to attend school with coughs and colds. The only time that children need to be absent from school is if they have vomiting or diarrhea or Covid. Other than that children can still attend school, often being around friends helps to distract children if they are not feeling 100%. If we ever have any concerns about a child being too ill for school, we will contact you and ask you to collect them.

Our whole school attendance target for this academic year is 97%. We are making changes to our attendance rewards. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards will still be issued at the end of each full term for any child who has 100% attendance. In addition to this any Year group that achieves 97% or above attendance at the end of each half term will receive 1 token. When a Year group receives 4 tokens they will win a prize in class. Also at the end of each half term, all children with attendance over 97% or improved attendance from last half term will be entered into a prize draw and one child will receive a gift voucher.

Whole school attendance this half term is: 95%.

Picasso -96.1%

Rosen - 96.6%

Attenborough - 95.1%

Lewis Carroll - 93.2%

Pankhurst - 93.6%

Hawking - 97.3%

Malala - 98.5%

Mandela - 94.5%

Well done to Year 4 & Year 5 who have won 1 token!

Well done To Tommy W who has won the gift voucher this half term.

## Parent and Grandparent Volunteers

Thank you to the parents/ grandparents who have volunteered and been in school listening to our children reading. If anyone is interested in volunteering then please let us know. In line with our safeguarding procedures we need you to fill out an application form and we need to complete an enhanced DBS check on you. These can take a few weeks to come back but once they are back then we can welcome you in to support. Parent/grandparents don't always need to read, if you have another interest such as baking or art then please let us know.