



Beechwood Primary News



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House Points

Kagan
4179

DeBono
3696

Costa
4025

Hyerle
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Well done to the
children in
Kagan

Attendance & Punctuality

As a reminder, our whole school attendance target is 97%, our attendance for this half term has decreased, leading to a slight decrease in the overall attendance for the year too. We look forward to your support in continuing to improve attendance. Children who attend well will make good progress, remember that children can come to school with coughs and colds, if they are too unwell to attend we will give you a call.

Whole school attendance this half term is: 92.8%, this gives us a current overall figure for the academic year so far of 95.1%.

Picasso-92%	Rosen- 90%	Attenborough- 95.4%
Lewis Carroll-90.9%	Pankhurst 90.9%	Hawking- 97%
Malala- 95.1%	Mandela- 88.8%	

A big well done to Year 4 who have won their first token towards achieving their treat! Well done to Sofia D who has won the gift voucher this half term for either attendance over 97% or improved attendance.

Please remember that punctuality is also as important as attendance. We have had an increase in the number of children arriving to school late. We appreciate that this may happen during times when there is snow and ice on the roads but we are looking at the children who are late when the weather is fine. Please remember that the bell goes at 8:45am, the children need to be on the playground by this time.

Congratulations to.....

Darcie-Mae & Harrison (YR), Olivia, Oliver L & Albi (Y1), Freddie & Reece (Y2), Alysha & Martha (Y3), Callum & Emily (Y4), Daisy A & Sophie (Y5), Scarlett W & Joseph (Y6).

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

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 new 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. Alternatively you can send a message through Seesaw to any member of staff regarding any concerns that you may have.

Lunches

As a polite reminder, please ensure that if your child has a packed lunch, this does not include any products that contain nuts. This includes spreads such as chocolate spread and snack bars - thank you

Thank you!

I would like to say thank you to all families for all of your support and patience while we have had supply in our school office. When we return, school staff will cover the office until 1st March. On this date we will welcome Miss Hannah Burns as our School Business Manager. Can I politely request that you continue to show support and patience whilst Miss Burns gets to know you as parents and our children.



Sports



Unfortunately we have only had one school games event this half term due to the planned events being cancelled but we look forward to engaging in lots of exciting activities next half term.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics

Our children in Years 1-6 have really enjoyed taking part in gymnastics lessons with Beth Tweddle Gymnastics. During their sessions the children have developed their skills in balance, jumping, flexibility and sequencing these skills together.

Basketball

8 children from Y5/6 took part in a basketball tournament they all had a fantastic time, especially when they played against Miss Tabone at the end.

Wider Curriculum

Year 3/4/5 Norton Priory

As part of their history topic on Victorians, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in two workshops at Norton priory. In the first workshop the children took part in an interactive Victorian School experience, some unfortunate children had to place their fingers in finger stocks to stop them from fidgeting. The children also worked together to make butter and this was followed by experiencing a Victorian PE lesson where they learnt a dance. In the second workshop the children explored artefacts from Victorian life, including toys, household appliances and clothing. The children also learnt all about Norton Priory itself.

Runcorn Fire Brigade

As part of Year 2's history topic on The Great Fire of London, the fire brigade came into school so that the children could compare how the first service has changed since 1666. The children loved exploring the fire engine and they asked lots of interesting questions.

As part of EYFS People Who Help Us Topic, the children enjoyed learning all about the fire engine and the firefighters uniform and how it keeps us safe and them safe. The children loved the fact that they left the playground with flashing lights and sirens!

Key Stage 2 Mental Health Family Workshop

It was lovely to have 15 families join us for a range of activities encouraging discussion on their mental health and wellbeing. The families worked with their children completing brain gym, mindful colouring, matching facial expressions to emotions and making worry monsters. Due to the success of this we are looking at booking in another workshop for our children/families.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This final week of the term the children have been completing work linked with the theme 'My Voice Matters.' Year 2 have looked at how it is important to listen to each other by looking at body language and recognising that there are different ways to express themselves. Lewis Carrol class have been looking at how your emotions can impact on behaviour and have explored different strategies to support this. Reception class have read 'Ruby's Worry' and discussed how it is important to share their emotions. It was lovely to see our children express themselves through their clothing today.

Safer Internet Day

Our Key Stage 2 Computing Ambassadors, delivered an assembly all about this years theme of inspiring change. The classes then completed a variety of activities linked to staying safe online. Year 5 looked at how AI can be used to enhance and support people's carers, they also compared this with the negatives. Year 3 created a poster with top tips on how to stay safe when playing games online.

Arts

HPAN

The whole school worked together to create our 'What a Wonderful World' exhibition. Each class produced artwork linked to the story The Oak Tree. The exhibition is now open in the Town Square, Runcorn Shopping City. It will stay up until the 23rd February so please do go and visit to see the wonderful work from the children of Beechwood and other local primary schools. We also need to say well done to our Year 6 children who sang beautifully to officially open the exhibition.

Mandela Class Assembly

It was lovely to see our Year 6 children performing with confidence during their class assembly, The children shared all of their history learning linked with their topic warfare and it was lovely to hear them share some extracts from their Macbeth story. They finished by singing their HPAN songs and we look forward to hearing these on the Brindley stage next half term.

World Book Day

Just a quick reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Miss Arnold, our English Lead, has been working hard to organise a full day of events for the children. This year, our theme is "Read their way" which is all about bringing the fun of reading to more children and celebrating people's choices about reading. Therefore, we encourage the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in what they like to wear when they read their book.