



BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 14th July 2023

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our summer fayre on Saturday. A huge thank you to our fabulous PTA for organising it. Although it rained, it was a huge success. We are very fortunate to have such a strong and committed PTA at Bearwood now - a real strength of the school.

I hope you were happy with your child's end of year report, which you would have received at the beginning of the week.

Our governors spent the day at our school on Wednesday. They sat in classes, met with the school council and heard about all the exciting work we are doing with our curriculum.

This morning, we had our brilliant music concert. Very unfortunately, we had to shrink the planned outdoor music festival into an indoor concert in the hall, but it was still great. Our rock bands performed - and were phenomenal. Some of our fantastic pianists performed - extremely talented. Our Year Two children played the glockenspiels, and our Year Four children played the clarinets. It was very special to be able to showcase our musical talents. A big thank you to all the children who performed, the staff who helped them practice and to Mrs Haden for organising it. We will be sending out information on how you can sign your child up for musical instrument tuition lessons and for the Rocksteady tuition.

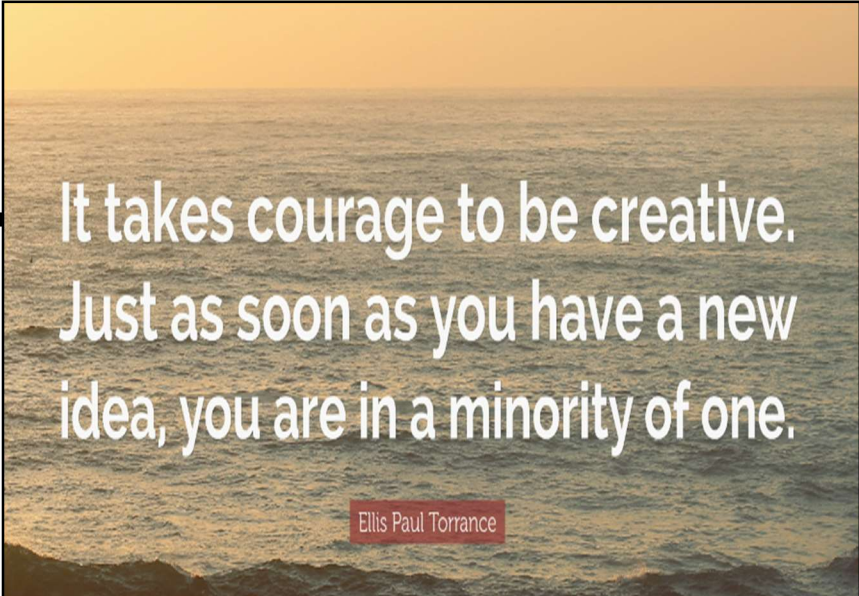
There really is a real feel for the way our curriculum is developing in a very special way. Bearwood is destined for even greater heights next year.

Best Wishes

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Value for the term –

Courage



It takes courage to be creative.
Just as soon as you have a new
idea, you are in a minority of one.

Ellis Paul Torrance

Superstars!



Tanishi in Year 3 has passed level 3 of her swimming this week, for swimming 5 meters unaided!

Well done Tanishi!



A big well done to Kaiden in Year 4 who took part in a dance show on Saturday, performing his street and hip-hop dancing!

Kaiden has been performing since he was 4!

Well done Kaiden!



Armaan in Year 5 recently got the
'Managers Player' award representing
'Winnersh Rangers' under 10s' football
club for 2022-23 season.

Well done Armaan!

If you would like your child to
star in next week's Newsletter
please email a photo and a short
description to the school office.

Office Notices

Growth Mindset

Beaver – Alana + Albert

Rabbit – Ghamay + Shravaan

Otters –
Grey Wolf – Awards for other
Red Squirrel – year groups
Fox – postponed due to
Dormouse – our Music
Pine Marten – Concert and Year
Hedgehog – 6 play rehearsals.
Wolverine –

Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Amelia

Rabbit – Jackson

Otters –
Grey Wolf – Awards for other
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IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 18th July – 2pm – Year 6 – Wizard of Oz Production
- Wed 19th July – 6pm – Year 6 – Wizard of Oz Production
- Wed 19th July – Year 3/4 Matilda Trip
- Thurs 20th July – Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
- Fri 21st July – Attendance Medals
- Fri 21st July – 2pm – Early Finish
- Fri 1st Sept – Staff Training Day
- Mon 4th Sept – Staff Training Day
- **Tues 5th Sept – Child return to school**
- Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct – Half Term

Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

School Gallery



Nursery Closure*

Nursery will be closed on:

Thursday 20th July

Friday 21st July

Tuesday 5th September

**Whilst we prepare for our Autumn intake*

SCOPAY OVERDUE BALANCES

ALL BALANCES IN SCOPAY MUST BE CLEARED TO ZERO IMMEDIATELY.



Summer Fete!

We made a whopping **£1050.00**

Thank you for supporting us, even in the rain!

PTA Team



Transition to Secondary Seminar

Please take a look at the following link to prepare your Year 6 child's transition to Secondary.

<https://mailchi.mp/annafreud/march23-451540?e=ef2fca22e5>

Credit cards, loans or going into debt for essentials? Get help during summer holidays
The rising cost of living continues to impact people across the area, even in the summer months.

Especially with the summer holidays almost here. To get by many are:

- Getting into credit card debt
- Using overdrafts
- Relying on friends and family
- Stopping eating or making other sacrifices

If you're doing this, you could access support. [Apply for the Household Support Fund.](#)

It can be used to pay for food, bills, energy and other essentials.

Our partners can provide £100 per household with a food, fuel or cash voucher through the Household Support Fund.

It's open to anyone to apply. You don't need to receive benefits to be able to apply.

There's also specific support for families where children receive means-tested free school meals.

This is £15 per child, per week. So you could get £90 to help this summer, as well as help at Christmas, next Easter holidays and the half-terms between.

[Apply for the Household Support Fund.](#)

Other support options

- Our [cost of living help hub](#) for Council Tax discounts and exemptions,
- [Check our food map](#) for help with where you can get low cost or free food
- Use the [Citizens Advice calculator](#) to see how to maximise your income
- Use the [Entitled To budget tool](#) to plan your spending
- [Contact Citizens Advice Wokingham](#) for advice and support on what you're facing
- [Government's Help for Households website](#)



A big well done to Miss Roberts who guessed 10 out of 12 correctly in the 'Guess the staff member' photo challenge at the Summer Fete!

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with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 93.14%
Brown Bear –95.24%
Beaver – 94.74%
Rabbit –98.77%
Otter –100% Winners 🏆
Grey Wolf –91.92%
Red Squirrel –96.17%
Dormouse –99.6%
Fox – 94.07%
Wolverine –97.04%
Hedgehog –99.26%
Pine Marten – 95.19%



Please ensure you call or email **each day** your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



Lates

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. It can be very disruptive to the child and to the rest of the class.

Thank you

FREE BIKE CHECKS
THURSDAY, 27 JULY BETWEEN 10.30AM-12.30PM
AT DINTON PASTURES COUNTRY PARK CAR PARK,
DAVIS STREET, HURST, RG10 0TH



Booking essential:
myjourneywokingham.com/events



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