

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 2nd October 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

We have had another fantastic week at Bearwood.

Last Friday after school, our football team played against Hillside, and we won 2-1. Congratulations to our Bears! Thank you also to Mr Marshall for coaching them to show great teamwork.

I have been given some special treats this week. Kamron from Nursery (Brown Bear Class) presented me with a delicious gingerbread man. Akira from gardening club presented me with some onions they had harvested. The onions smelt fresh and were delicious fried up! Jude from Year 4 (Hedgehog Class) also made some lovely Autumnal shaped biscuits - thank you for sharing them with us!

This week, Miss Amor and I visited the proposed Spencers Wood site. We can share that the journey driving took approximately 10 minutes from Bearwood to the site. The site is situated in a quiet spot on the edge of a residential area with a bus that stops on the corner.

Today the children will be having their individual photographs taken. You will receive information on how you can order copies in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

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Value for the term - RESPECT



School Notices

We are proud to say we have been awarded the 'Good' standard for our school travel plan. This reflects the efforts we have taken to encourage families to take green options for travelling to and from school. We will now strive to achieve the next level!



Events

- **6th Oct** - 9am Year R Parents phonics workshop
- **8th Oct** - Year 3 trip to Stonehenge
- **14th Oct** - 9am Inclusion Coffee Morning
- **14th Oct** - Year 4 class local walk
- **15th Oct** - Year 1 & 2 class local walk
- **15th Oct** - Year 5 & 6 trip to Reading Museum
- **20th Oct & 22nd Oct** - 3:45-6:30pm Parents Evening
- **22nd Oct** - Black History Month assembly
- **23rd Oct** - International Attire Day
- **23rd Oct** - 9:30am Prospective parents tour
- **W/C 26th Oct - Autumn Half Term - school closed**
- **2nd Nov - INSET Day - school closed to children**
- **3rd Nov** - Children return to school
- **10th Nov** - Diwali assembly
- **11th Nov** - Remembrance assembly

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Special delivery!

Kamron from Nursery made a special delivery of a ginger bread man he had baked with his classmates to Ms Alder on Tuesday morning. It came just in time for Ms Alder to have it with her mid-morning cup of tea.

Kamron's entrepreneurial spirit showed when he asked Ms Alder for payment! Ms Alder offered him a special golden sticker instead, and he said he will check with his parents if that is alright!

What an intelligent young man with a fantastic personality! You will go far, Kamron.



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Football season off to a great start

CONGRATULATIONS to our football team, on a hard-fought 2-1 win for Bearwood against Hillside Primary last week!

They worked hard and stuck together for their first victory of the season.

Goals by Chris and Kayson 😁 Shout out to Oscar with a point blank save to prevent an equaliser and to Ollie who went through the wars for the team!



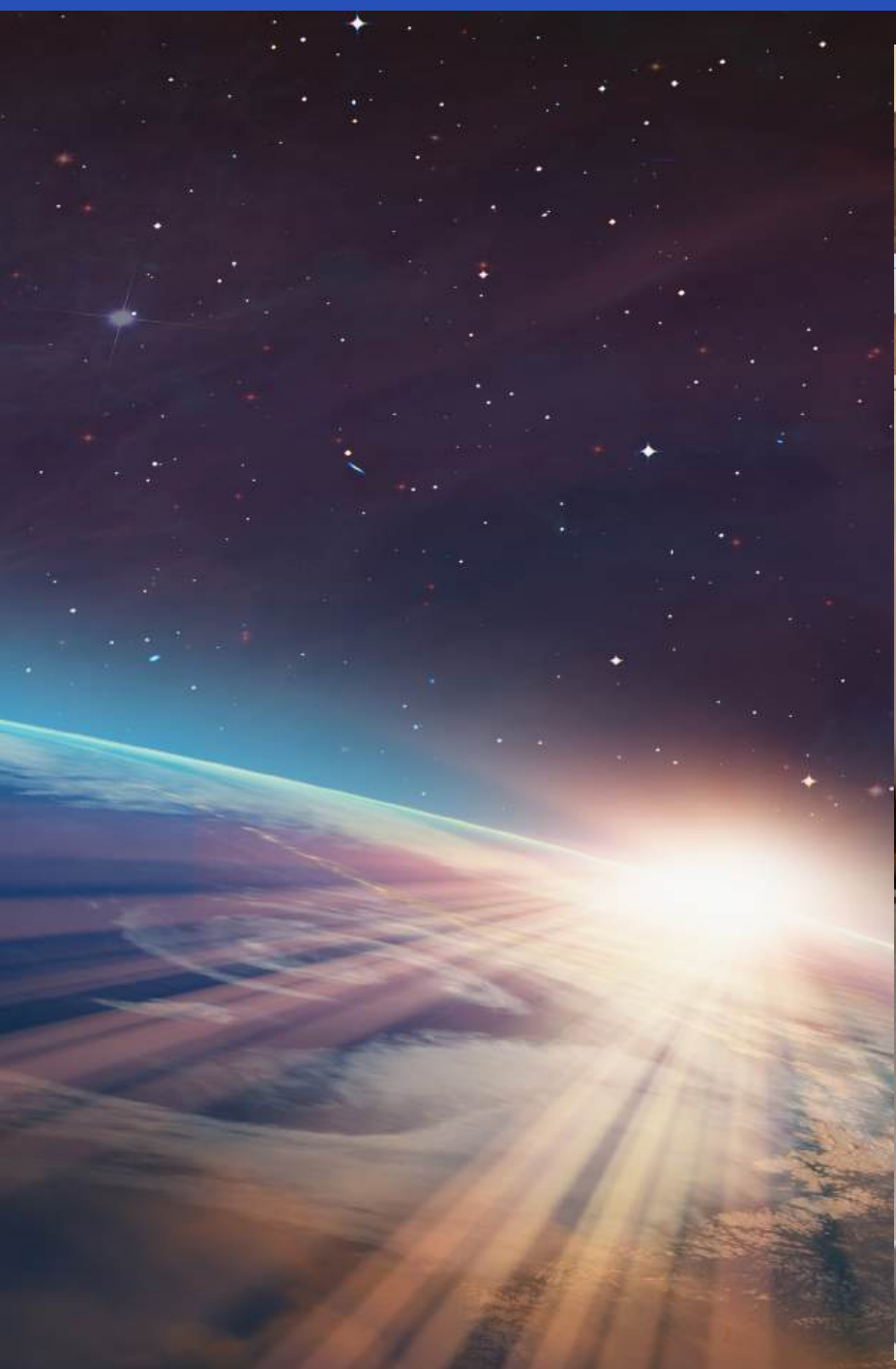
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Catering out of this world!

Huge thanks to our kitchen team for the amazing 'Space Day' themed menu they provided on Thursday.

They fully embraced the theme, which made lunchtime lots of fun for the children!



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Save the Date!



BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

AUTUMN DISCO!

EYFS & KS1
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
5PM - 6PM

KS2
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
5:30PM - 7PM

DRESS TO IMPRESS!

This event is complimentary of the PTA

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Save the Date!



BEARWOOD PTA

AGM

All Welcome!



WEDNESDAY
4TH NOVEMBER



6PM



BEARWOOD
SCHOOL

WE WILL BE ELECTING:



CHAIR(S)



TREASURER



SECRETARY



PTA MEMBERS



Nibbles & Wine

♥ WILL BE PROVIDED ♥

We really need your support for the PTA!
We want to make the next year a memorable one for our children and parents and make it really special.





You don't need to be (or want to be) a member of the PTA to attend.



FIRST DAYS CHARITY

**Life is expensive.
We can help.**

First Days Mobile Support Hub



Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

October 2026

Wednesday 7th

Woodley Precinct 10:00-13:00 (extended visit)

Wednesday 21st

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00

Wednesday 14th

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00

Wednesday 28th

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00



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WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Gosoon, for great effort in all your writing and patterns in Maths!
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Eli, for his fantastic attitude to learning in class
- **Red Kite Class** - Wayne, for his fantastic effort in writing using his phonics knowledge
- **Hedgehog Class** - Natasha, for her amazing attitude towards learning her times tables
- **Otter Class** - Olivia, for always having an excellent attitude to all her learning
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Blake, for excellent effort in all lessons this week!



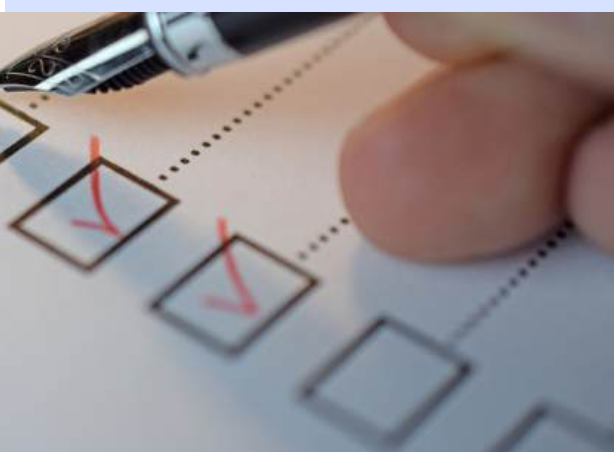
PE Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Joshua, for super effort in jumping and giving advice on how to improve
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Morrison, for his co-ordination when practicing bouncing and catching skills
- **Red Kite Class** - Annie, for great sportsmanship and following the rules carefully
- **Hedgehog Class** - Louie, for his fantastic effort and accomplishment in swimming
- **Otter Class** - Akira, for getting into the ready position after each shot in tennis
- **Grey Wolf Class** -



Writer of the week ★

- **Lower Phase** - Olivia, for a great autobiography with commas for a list
- **Middle Phase** - Albie, for his great use of adjectives and similies in a character description
- **Upper Phase** - Nathan, for a great news report and using the correct features as well as formal language



Attendance this week ★

- Brown Bears - 99%
- Fox Class - 96%
- Beaver Class - 98%
- Red Squirrel Class - 94%
- Red Kite Class - 96%
- Hedgehog Class - 98%
- Otter Class - 95%
- Grey Wolf Class - 97%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



I would like to invite you to our very first Inclusion Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 14th October at 9am**. Save the date!

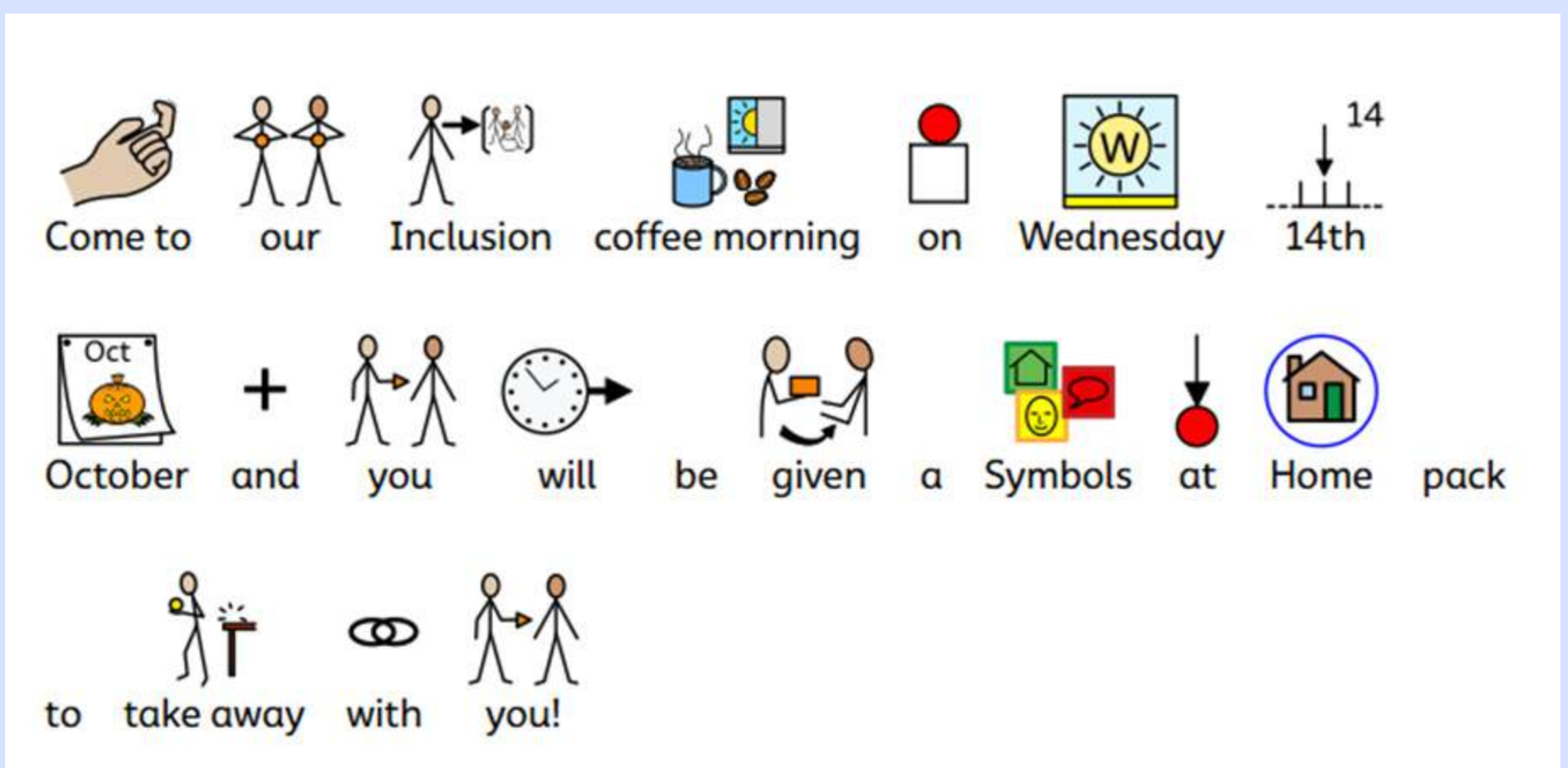
This will be a safe, non-judgemental space to chat over a cup of tea or coffee and find out more about Inclusion at Bearwood.



Our theme will be Widgit Symbols.

- Find out more about Widgit Symbols and how we use them in school.
- Look at some of the resources staff have created to help support children with their communication, understanding and organisation.
- Look at examples of resources that are used to support the whole class – e.g. vocabulary cards, displays, checklists...
- Think about how Widgit Symbols could be used at home to support your own child / children with their communication, organisation, learning and wellbeing.

This will be a very informal share and chat – not a formal presentation!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears **Reception - Fox Class**

What a delicious week we've had! We baked our own Gingerbread Man, hopefully you managed to get a bite or two when they were brought home this week.



The wonderful warm sunshine has brightened our days and brought many talented children onto our outdoor stage, what a treat!

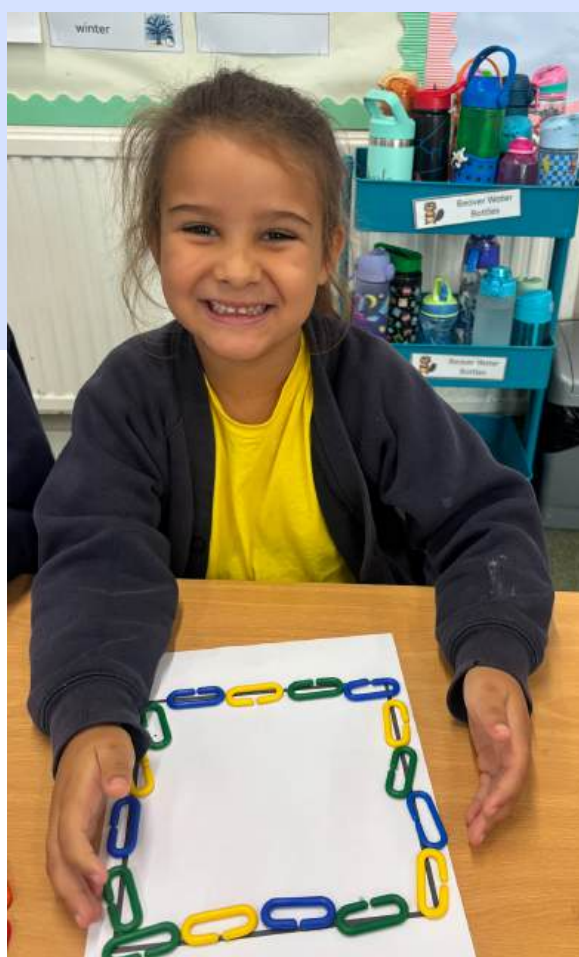
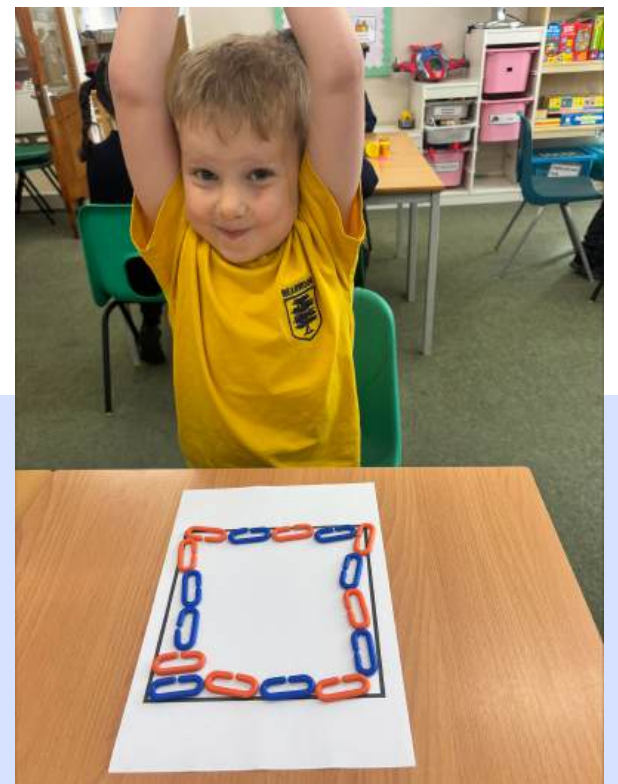
WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 1 - Beaver Class



This week in maths we have been learning about different patterns.

Every day this week, we have learnt about different pattern structures and had a go at making them using lots of different resources.



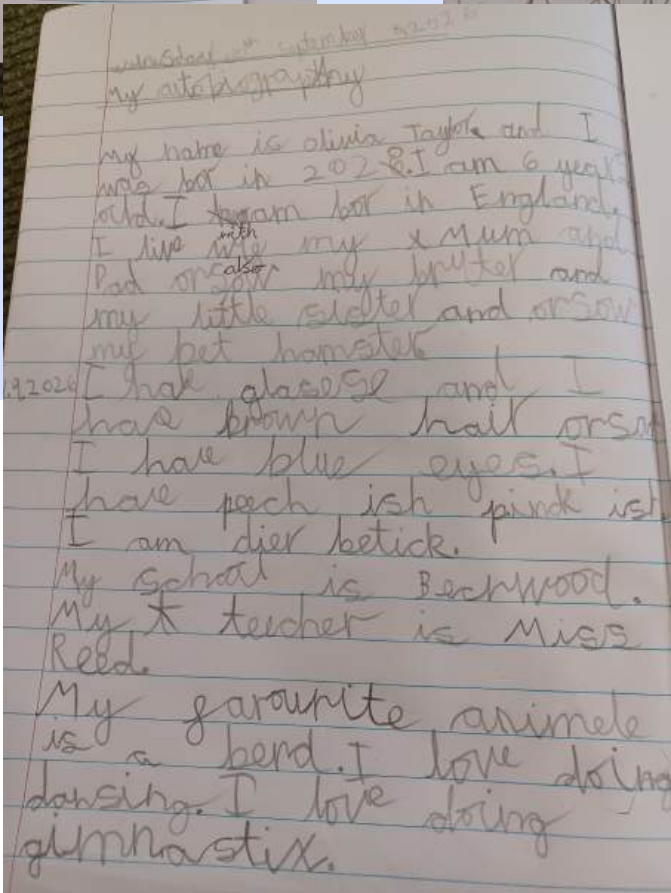
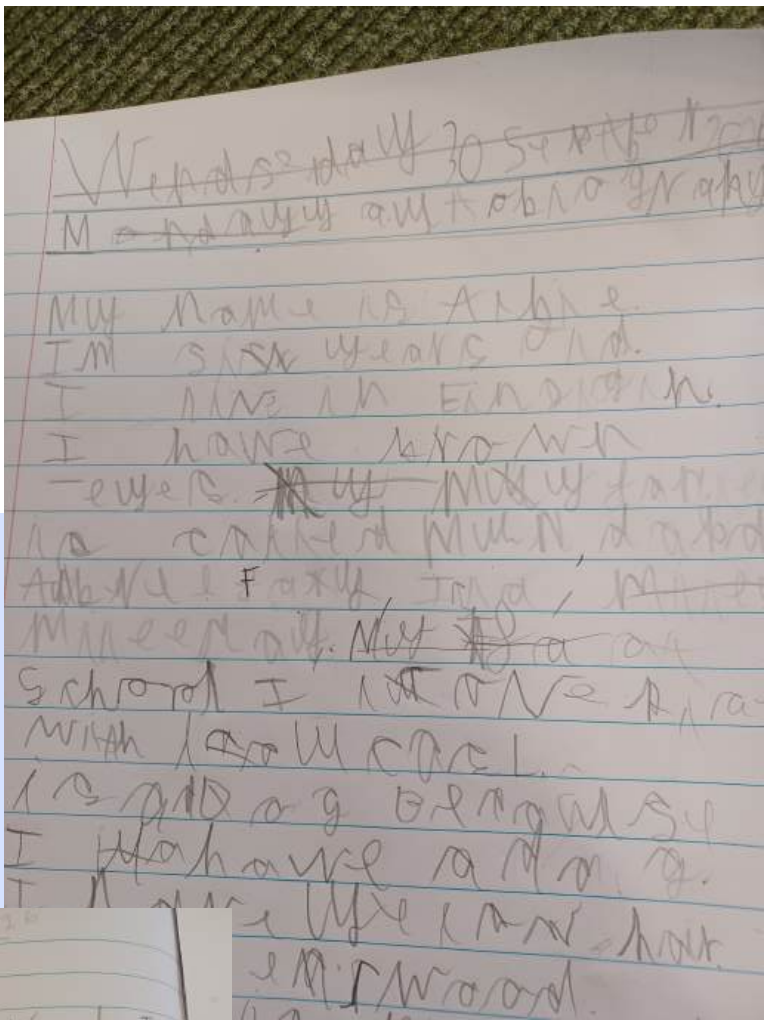
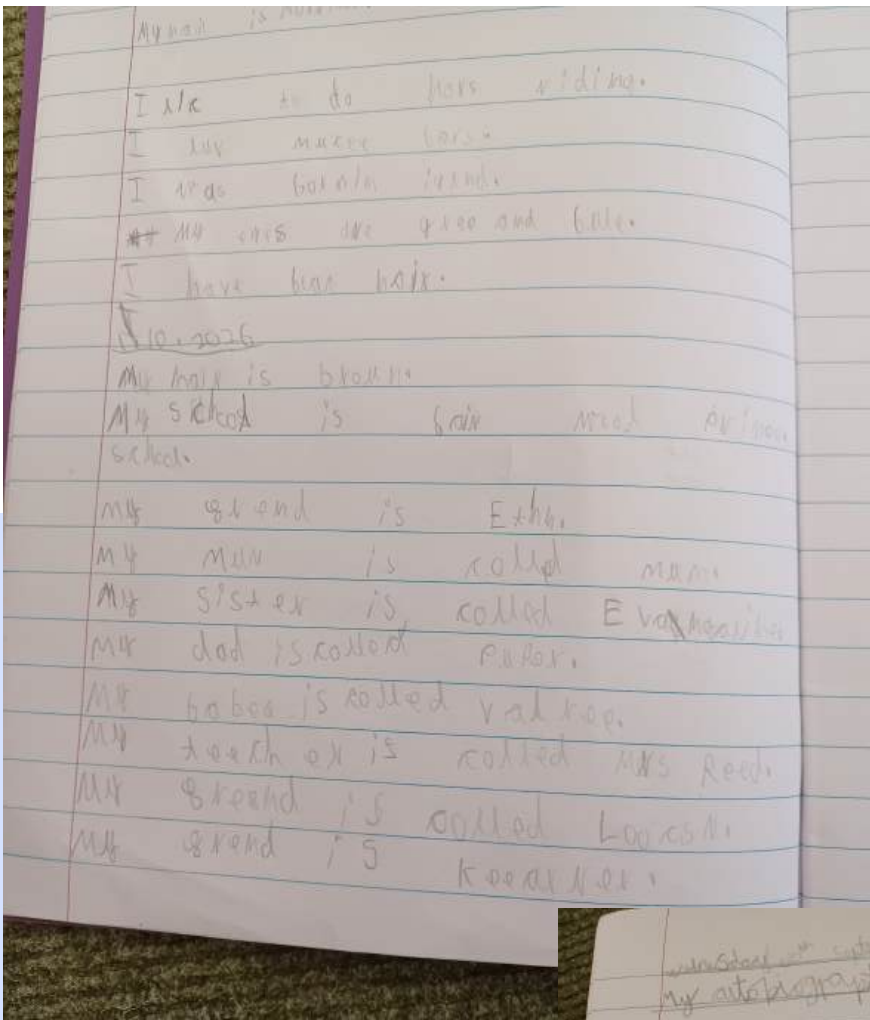
WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class



This week year 2 have been writing autobiographies.

We have written about all about ourselves: what we look like, our family, our favourite things and our school.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 3 - Red Kite Class



The children have been having great fun in Music learning about a 1 beat crotchet, 2 half beat paired quavers, 2 beat minim and 4 beat semibreve in the form of a Stone Age family. They have been using body percussion to create rhythms involving all of the different beats and have worked with their partner to try and perform it correctly to the class.



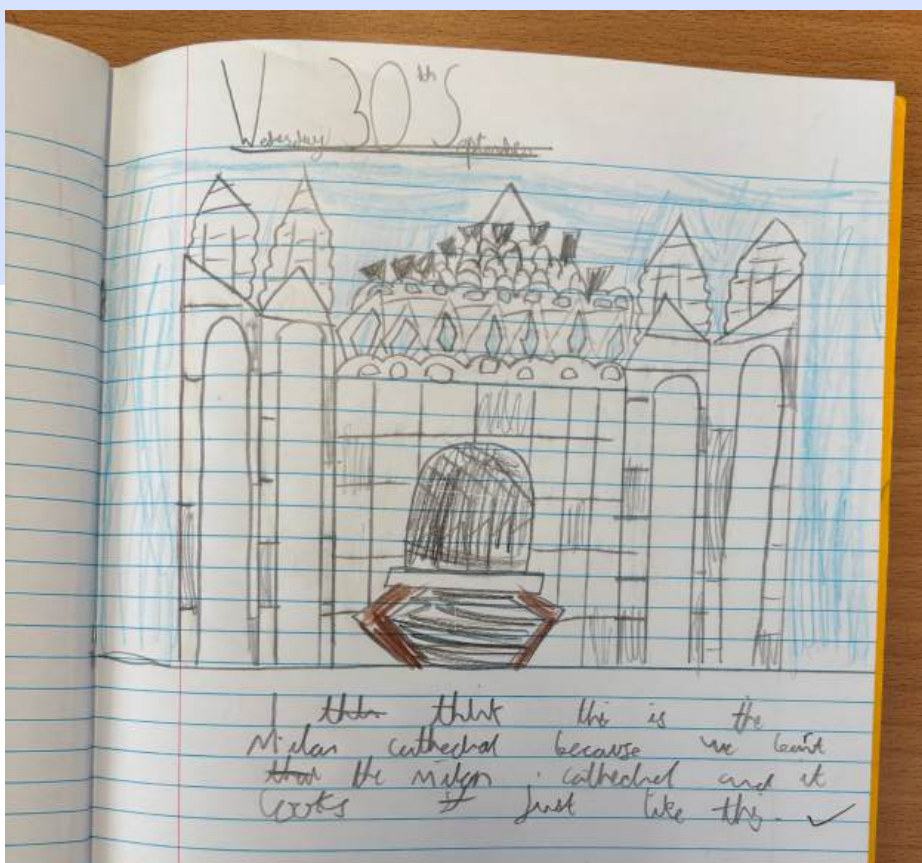
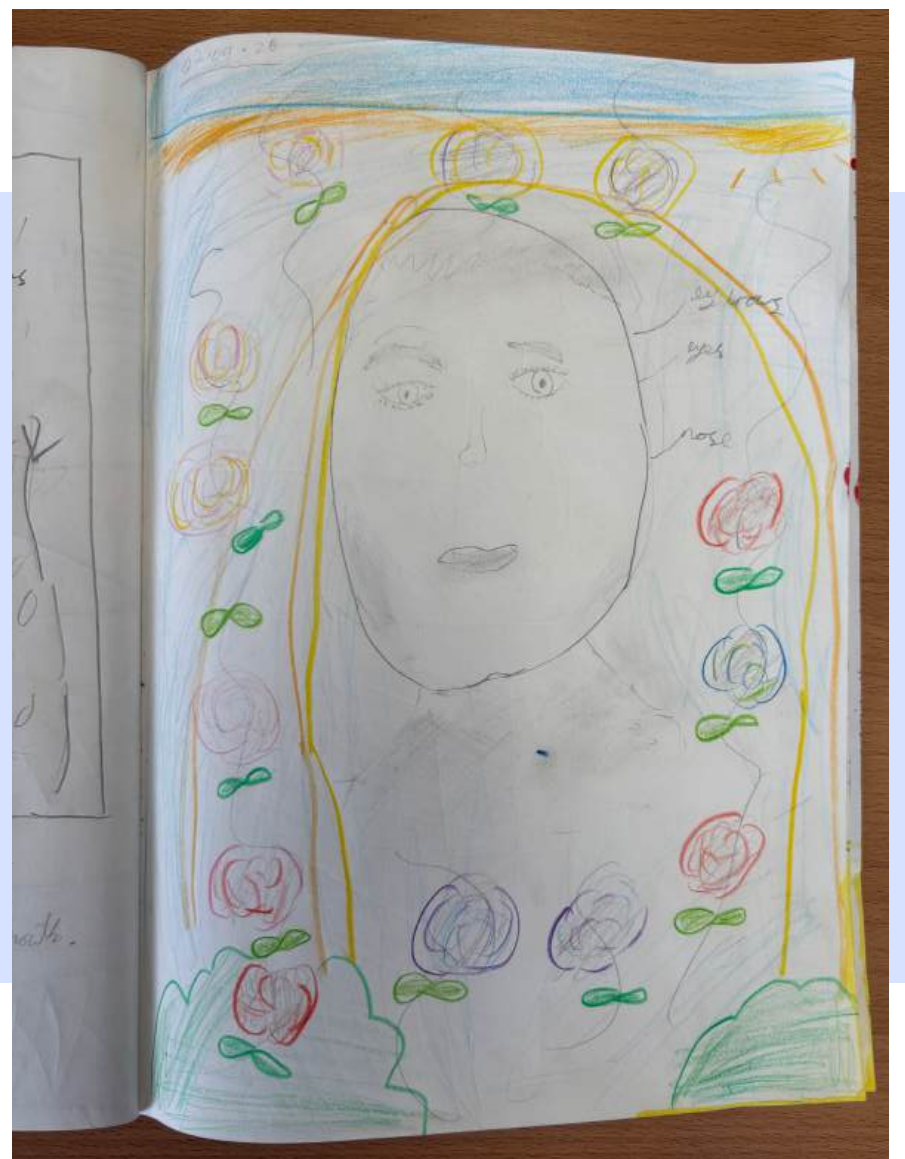
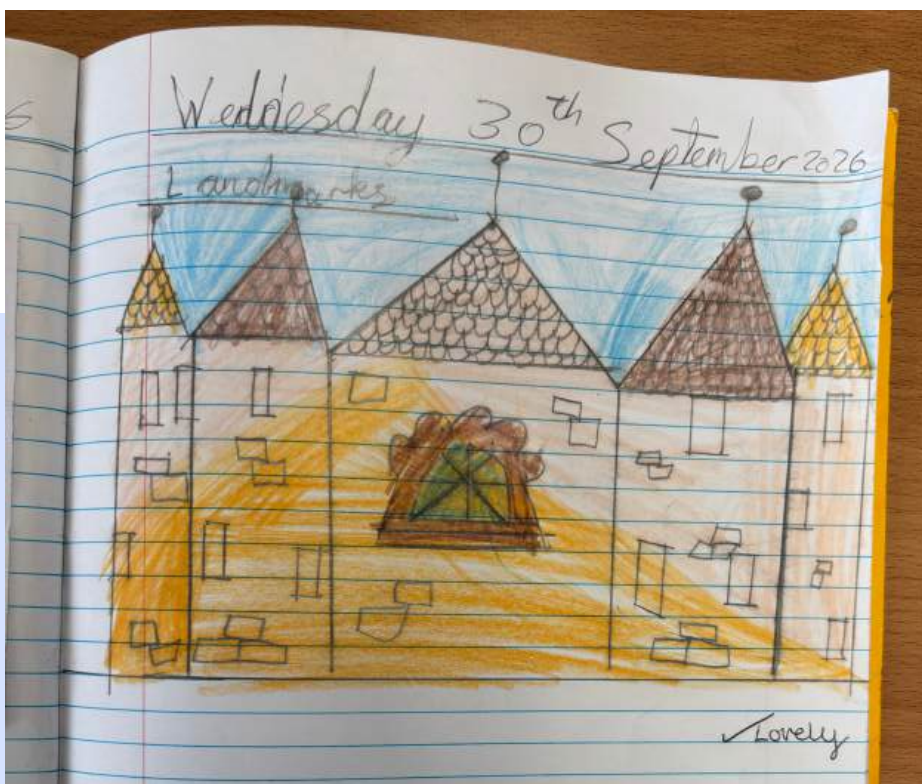
WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



This week in Hedgehog class we have been practising line drawing- adding colour to show personality.

We have also been exploring the landmarks of Milan and making predictions using investigative questions.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 5 - Otter Class



Over the term, Otter class have been learning about forces.

This week we were learning about friction and we investigated the friction between different surfaces in the classroom.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Year 6 have been writing news reports - they have become journalists to write about a recent scandal taking place in the local area! Read to find out more...

Shraddha

SCANDAL At ANNUAL Dog Show!!

By Staff reporter | Winnersh

On 12th September Saturday, in Burghfield, the annual guide dog family funday took place. Today, we will be focusing on the dog show competition which included Warner, who is a guide dog at a local school, and his owner Mrs Weaver. For the most handsome dog show competition, Warner lost.

At around noon, Warner, Mrs Weaver and her friends arrived at the fair. There were around 300-500 people. This event supports guide dogs. At 2:50 pm, the dog show competition would take place. Mr Marshall and Ms Fenton persuaded Mrs Weaver to enter Warner in 'The Most Handsome Dog' competition, which Mrs Weaver did. Mrs Weaver explained, 'I did it for our team!'

The prize would be for first, second and third when they

around it. During the waiting, a spokesperson came over and exclaimed that Warner should win. Mrs Weaver added, 'Warner is definitely going to win!' At last, Mrs Weaver and Warner had their turn. The judge stated, 'What a beautiful dog!' only to them, which they thought was quite suspicious. The two judges conferred and according to reports, one judge was the Guide Dog Charity chairman. After the results were out, a cockapoo won first place and there were only three places. Warner did not obtain any of these places.

Mr Marshall recently filed a complaint to the Guide Dog Society and they reply was saying, 'Our annual shows are judged by qualified dog trainers, who assess each entrant against a clear range of criteria. Every dog is considered fairly with no breed or type being favoured and disadvantaged.'

Currently, they all still feel very upset and suspicious about it, even today. Even though they thought Warner was the most handsome dog as many people exclaimed, he didn't win.

Reported by Shraddha Greenpelli

Shraddha

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Mr Marshall explained, 'I am devastated, I encouraged Mrs Weaver and Warner but they didn't win, I am furious.'

Mrs Weaver and Warner had a very unlucky day regarding to spectators, who also exclaimed that Warner should win. Mrs Weaver was disappointed. Shortly after, Mr Marshall and his family left so did everyone else.

Reported by Shraddha Greenpelli

(Guide dog festival)

Reported by Shraddha



The Daily Press, Winnersh
Written by Laurence Fenton

Scandal At Annual Dog Show

Yesterday afternoon on Saturday 12th September, the annual Dog Show started. According to reports, it was held at the Guide Dog Centre in Burghfield as a family Fun Day. The resident guide dog of Bearwood School participated although he lost.

It has been confirmed that the Guide Dog Centre had missed a large amount of money that went to guide dogs everywhere - from charity. Many people had gathered around stalls, handing money into the buckets. Mr Marshall, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Fenton (all members of staff at Bearwood) participated in the dog's events with the other children and parents.

Later in the afternoon, at exactly 2:50 pm, the competition for the most handsome dog started. Seven dogs, including Warner, participated, doing trained tricks for treats. Unfortunately Warner had not won the winning prize. All the judges decided that they were first and were completely in agreement with their decision. The members of Bearwood Staff had stated that, 'Warner was an exceptionally handsome dog.'

The dog show events, family funday



As they left, the watching spectators confirmed that Warner had won. The festival ended at 4 o'clock and everyone felt disappointed in themselves. Mr Marshall explained, 'It is very difficult to persuade Mrs Weaver to go this.'

Mr Marshall has filed a complaint to the Guide Dog Centre and soon after they replied that every dog was treated fairly and nobody had been treated. Still now everyone still feels suspicious but proud of Warner. Further enquiries are expected to determine whether the judges were or were not biased.



Two Bearwood students posing with Warner

Annual Dog Show Scandal

At the Guide Dog Centre Burghfield, Warner, an LSA's guide dog was entered to the most handsome dog competition. Mrs Weaver (the owner of Warner), were devastated when Warner lost the competition.

On Saturday 12th September, Mr Marshall and the others encouraged Mrs Weaver to enter Warner to the most handsome dog competition and Mrs Weaver. During the competition, Mrs Weaver walked around the perimeter of the field with Warner as the judges rated Warner and examined him. Even though many spectators worked at the Guide Dog Centre, Warner lost the competition.

exclaimed Mrs Weaver. Other spectators were also surprised when Warner did not win. 'I think Warner should have won reported one of the spectators.'

Following the unexpected results, Mrs Weaver stated that she will not enter Warner to any competition again. As well as that, Mr Marshall sent a complaint to Guide Dogs UK.

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(above) Warner gets ready.

After results came in, everyone was furious that Warner had not won. In the end, the winner of the competition was a cockapoo. Mr Marshall alleged that since Warner was the only guide dog in the competition, the judges did not want to seem biased as they both worked at the Guide Dog Centre. 'We were furious when we found out that Warner did not win!'

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