



BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 20th October 2023

We have now reached the end of the autumn half-term. It has been very busy for children and staff, and we all deserve a good rest!

Last Friday, some of our KS1 children attended a multi-skills sports festival after school - developing their future sporting competitor potential.

On Monday, we had a fantastic Black History Month assembly, presented by Elsie (Year Five) and Ella-Grace and Somto (both Year Four). You can find out more information later in this email.

Thank you to all the parents who attended one of the Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found your appointment/s informative, and are surer of how you can support your child with their learning at home.

Our LKS2 children enjoyed their trip to Stonehenge, as part of their history learning this term on the Stone Age to Iron Age. What a beautiful, special place to be able to visit.

Our UKS2 children enjoyed a workshop from the Osun Arts Foundation. They got to find out more information about their history learning - Kingdom of Benin. They also experienced African drumming and dancing. One member of the workshop is the great-grandchild of the Benin warrior who stood up to the British when they tried to invade Benin City in 1897, which sparked a war and eventual colonisation and absorption of Benin into what we now know as Nigeria.

Today is International Attire Day. It is just so fantastic to see the effort put into the children's outfits. Our school is like a mini-global utopia. I think we could teach some of our world leaders a thing or two!!

I do hope you all enjoy the half-term break. It looks like it will not be raining, so hopefully you will get to have time in outdoor pursuits. I look forward to seeing the children back on **Monday 30th October.**

Best wishes, Funmi Alder

Value for the term –
Service



Black History Month

Elsie, Ella-Grace and Somto presented a very special BHM assembly. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Our Sisters'. The girls researched and talked about 3 Black British successful women.

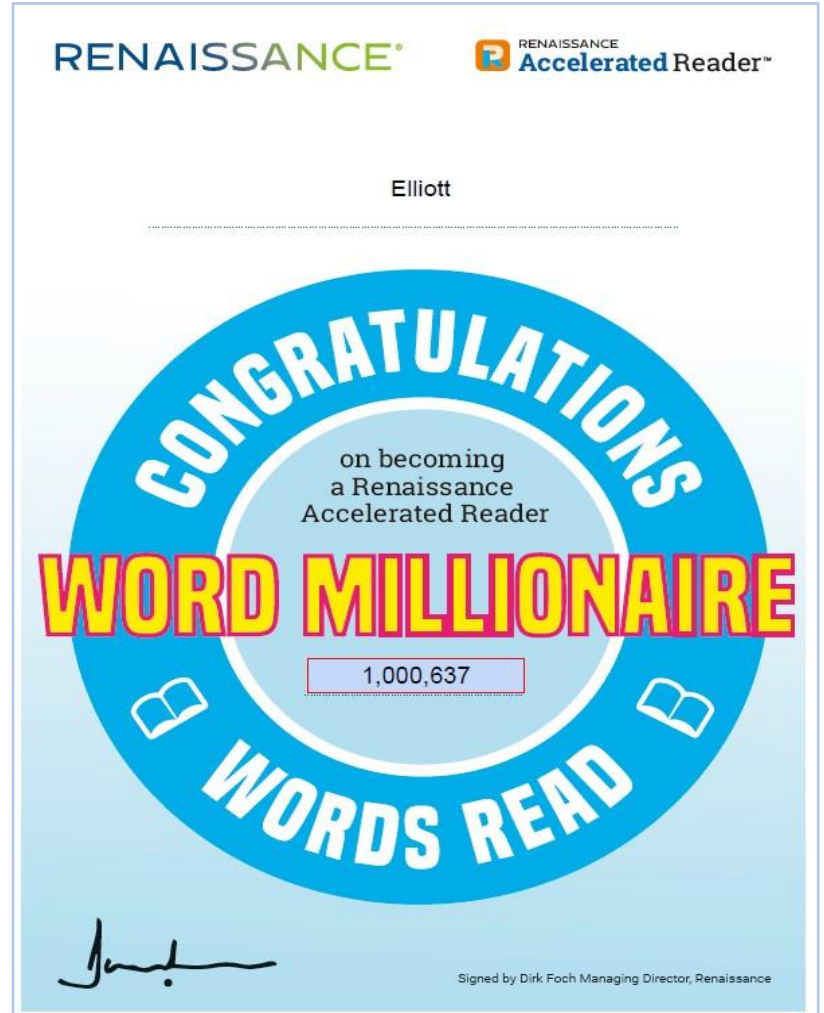


International Attire Day!



The children looked absolutely fantastic today for International Attire Day! To see some more photo's please click the following link: https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/web/school_gallery/608522

Well done!



A huge well done to Elliott in Year 6 who has become the first to become our 'Accelerated Reader Word Millionaire'!

Keep up the good work Elliott!

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Whole Class
Otter – Oviya
Beaver – Robyn
Red Kite – Bliss
Fox - Milan
Dormouse – Somto & Ella-Grace
Red Squirrel – Kaiden
Hedgehog – Jayden
Pine Marten – Elliott

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Whole Class
Otter – Gabrielle
Beaver – Karam
Red Kite – Rhys
Fox - Savannah
Dormouse – Aidan
Red Squirrel – Riley
Hedgehog – Preesha
Pine Marten – Riley



This week's winners of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

LKS2 – Fox Class 937 points

UKS2 – Hedgehog Class 674 points

Mrs Haden's Performer of the week!



*Gopika was our
performer
of the week!
She sang to KS1 and
after half term, she
will be singing to KS2.
Watch this space!*

IMPORTANT

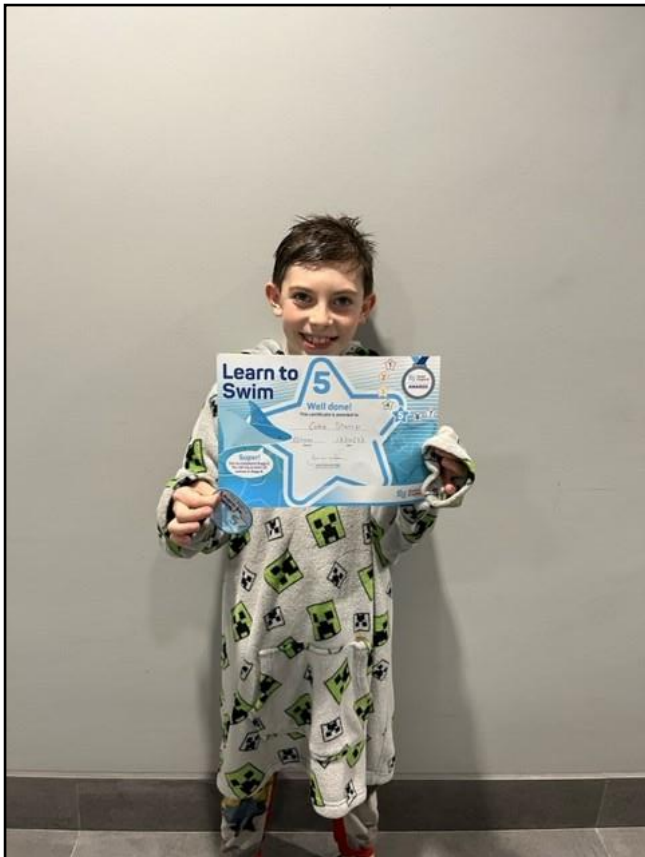
dates to remember

- Mon 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term
- Mon 30th October – Children Return
- Mon 30th October – 3.30-6pm – SEN Parents' Evening
- Wed 1st November – 9am – Reception Parents Reading workshop
- Thurs 9th November – Diwali Assembly
- Fri 10th November – Remembrance Assembly
- W/C 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- W/C 13th November – Year 6 Bikeability
- Fri 17th November – Children in Need
- Mon 20th November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Tues 21st November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thurs 23rd November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Fri 24th November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- W/C 27th November – Maths Week
- Sat 2nd December – Christmas Fair
- Wed 6th December – EYFS Nativity Play to Parents
- Thurs 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Fri 8th December – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 12th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 15th December – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 15th December – Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
- Tues 2nd January - INSET

Superstar!



A huge well done to Olivia in Year 3 she was scouted to play and train with Berkshire under 8's county team!



A huge well done to Cobie in Year 6 who has passed his stage 5 swimming!

Would you like your child to star in our next newsletter? Please email a photo and a brief description into the school office.

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



Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –86.1%

RM Orsa –96.3%

Rabbit –91.2%

Otter – 96.3%

Beaver –97.6%

Red Kite –98.9%

Dormouse –98.9%

Fox –97.8%

Red Squirrel –97.4%

Hedgehog –99.6% Winners 🏆

Pine Marten –99.6% Winners 🏆



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.



Reception families

Don't forget to download the Seesaw app and see what we have been up to this week. Teachers will also use this to communicate messages such as reminders.



Please ensure that your child has a winter coat and a hat, scarf and gloves for playtime.

Thank you



As you all know Mrs Weaver's guide dog Nelson retired at the start of the October and Mrs Weaver has been away from school busy training her new boy Warner.

During the half term break Warner will be spending time learning the local area and the regular routes he and Mrs Weaver will be taking. Therefore, Mrs Weaver has asked that if you should see them out walking during half term please do try not to distract him as this is still a part of the training phase and they need to remain focussed.

We look forward to welcoming Warner to Bearwood when they both return after the half term break.



**Thursday 7th
December**

**Further details to
follow!**

Bearwood PTA Christmas wreath workshop



BEARWOOD PTA



DISCO

FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

MAIN HALL, BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

KS1- 3:30pm-4:30pm
KS2- 5pm-6pm

PRICE £2.50

PRICE INCLUDES ENTRY, DRINK & SNACK

PLEASE LOG INTO YOUR ARBOR
APP TO BOOK & PAY

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT BECKY BARKER
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Parentkind
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Come and try all our instruments for FREE!

Just turn up on Saturday 21st October

10.30am-12.30pm at our

Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court,

100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst,

Reading, RG30 4EZ

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Kingfisher Table Tennis Academy

FREE Open Day



**Come & Join
the fun on:**

Sat 04 Nov 2023

Sun 05 Nov 2023

9:00am – 3:30pm

**Reading School | Erleigh Road
Reading | RG1 5LW**



All children ages 5-11 welcome



Book your slot now
by scanning the
QR code or visit our
website.

Table Tennis is an excellent activity for children to develop hand-eye coordination, improve fitness, and have fun. We invite you to come and experience table tennis with your child. Our experienced coaches will be available to answer any questions, and your child can play some table tennis. We hope your child enjoys it and wants to come back for more!

We are offering a **FREE** table tennis bat worth £30 if you sign up to our programme at the open day.

Can't make it, you can join one of our taster sessions.



Contact **Raj Patel** on Tel: **07879 150 339** or
Email: **coaching@kingfishertabletennisacademy.com**
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DESIGN A LOGO FOR A HIGH VIS JACKET



This competition is open to all primary aged pupils in Wokingham borough. The winner's class will each receive high vis jackets with the design printed on.

Simple black and white designs will look best.

**Send your designs to us by
25 November to:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk**



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October Half Term Holiday Camps!

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**Open across Berkshire:
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October***

**Dates may vary according to location.*

9:30am - 3:30pm: £23.50 Sibling: £19

8am - 6pm*: £32.50 Sibling: £26 (20% discount included)

**Includes a nutritional breakfast & afternoon tea*

Additional hour options £3 per child per hour:

8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm

20%

Sibling Discount!

When you book more
than one child onto an
Extended Day Session
(8am - 6pm).

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**JOIN US
FOR
FESTIVE
FUN**



Bearwood PTA

Bearwood Christmas Fete

School Hall, Saturday 2nd December, 12-3pm

Free Entry, Crafts, Refreshments, Games, Facepainting and
a visit from Santa himself!!
Come along for some festive fun and support our school.

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