

BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Families

We have at last come to the end of the 2023/24 school year - and what another eventful year it has been - in so many ways!! This week has been no different.

The week commenced with the publication of our Ofsted report - an external validation of all the hard work and determination that has been put into our school over the last 5 years. It is a very positive report, with so many positive statements about Bearwood. We know our next steps, and are already working on them.

Our Year Sixes put on a fantastic performance of Bugsy Malone. Thank you to Miss Muller for tirelessly getting the children to rehearse to such a high standard; and creating the backdrop. Thank you also to Miss Chandrasekar for supporting. Miss Reed also helped with some of the singing rehearsals. We must also thank Mr Whitehouse, who produced the excellent giant cut-out and stylishly painted cars. Our Year Sixes were phenomenal. Our Year Sixes and their families also had their BBQ after school yesterday; and have their special leavers' assembly today.

On Thursday, we had our very own Bearwood's Got Talent. Kaiden in Year Five won first place with his brilliant beat-boxing. Well done, Kaiden. Thank you to Miss Parry and Mrs Haden for organising it. The day was finished off with the all-important end of year class parties.

Today, we have been able to give out the 100% attendance medals. 127 children were awarded medals today - that is 44% of the school population - which is just brilliant.

Thank you to all our families for your support over the year. We hope you have a fantastic summer break. We wish our Year Sixes the best of luck at their secondary schools. Farewell to our families who will no longer have children at Bearwood. We look forward to seeing everyone else on Wednesday 4th September!

Best wishes

Funmi Alder Headteacher

Bearwood Ofsted Inspection

Here are some of the quotes from our Ofsted inspection:

"Pupils are rightly proud of their kind and friendly school. Adults make sure that all pupils start each day with a warm welcome. Staff are keen to hear pupils' views and take prompt action to resolve any concerns. This helps pupils to feel happy and safe."

"The school has high aspirations for all pupils to achieve their very best...Pupils are ambitious and work hard in their lessons. They recognise and meet the high expectations that staff have for both their academic and pastoral development."

"Pupils behave well. The behaviour policy is understood across the staff team and applied fairly and consistently."

"Pupils enjoy their roles and responsibilities, such as being school councillors, class ambassadors, librarians and peer mediators."

'Governors, leaders and staff are united in their ambitious vision for the school. Pupils achieve well, yet there is no sense of complacency. There is a school-wide determination to build on every success and achievement."

"Children get off to a strong start in the early years. This is because there are high expectations for their learning and behaviour from the beginning of their school life."

"Pupils enjoy learning about different cultures. They have a deep understanding of fairness and equality. Pupils value differences in other people and the opportunity to learn from them. They are polite and respectful towards each other."

"Staff are proud to work at the school. They value the support and professional development they receive that positively impacts on their teaching."

"Governors have a strong knowledge of the school. They know what the school is doing well and what needs refining to continue to provide a good quality of education for all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged."

Year Six Leavers' Destinations

Here are the schools our Year Sixes will be going onto in September: Bohunt School - 10 children Claire's Court - 1 child Herschel Grammar School - 1 child Maiden Erlegh School - 5 children Maiden Erlegh School, Reading - 1 child Reading Boys' Grammar School - 2 children Reading Girls' Grammar School - 2 children Reading Girls' Grammar School - 1 child St Crispin's School - 6 children The Bulmershe School - 2 children The Bulmershe School - 2 children The Forest School - 8 children The Holt School - 4 children The Holt School - 4 children The Royal Grammar School - 1 child We wish them all the best of luck!

Best wishes, Funmi Alder

Value for the term -

Thankfulness



Superstar!



Emily in year 1 achieved her number 9 gymnastics proficiency award this week!

Well done Emily!

If you would like your child to star in our weekly newsletter please email the school office with a photo and a brief description.

thank you

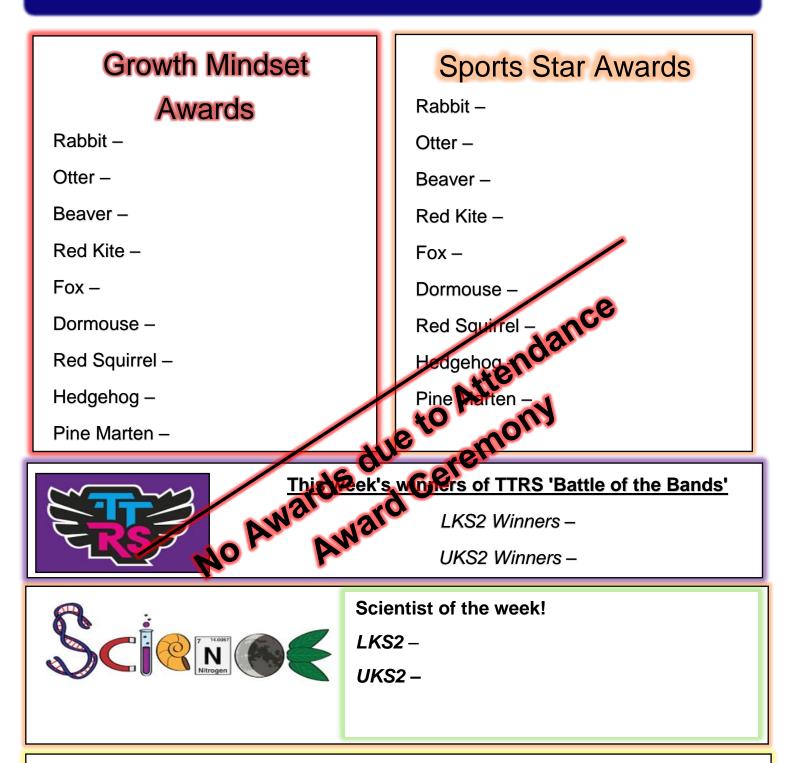


A huge thank you to Maisie-Lou, Bella-Rose, Mia and Frankie in Year 4 for all the money they raised this year on their loom band stall.

They raised a whopping £202.36

Well done girls!

Office Notices





Performers of the week!

This week's performer was Summer-Rose. She played the piano beautifully and amazingly, she taught herself how to play at home! Well done, Summer-Rose, you should be so proud of yourself.

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 3rd September Inset Day
- Wed 4th September Children Return to School
- Monday 9th September Nursery Children Return to School
- Mon 28th October Fri 1st November Half Term
- Mon 4th November Inset Day
- Tues 5th November Children Return to School



Medication – All medication kept in school must be collected from the class team on the last day of term.

Arbor App – All balances must be cleared and at zero.

Thank you

New Academic Year

Medication – Please ensure that all medication is returned to school and a new medication form is completed.

New uniform – Please ensure all uniform is labelled for the new school year. We have had a lot of lost property this year and unable to return to the children.

Return to School Date - Wednesday 4th September

New School Times from September – 8.45am-3.15am (Soft Start 8.35am as usual)

Lates – after 9.15am any lates will be classed as unauthorised absence. Please be on time, thank you.

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.





with attendance

<u>Weekly Attendance</u> RJ Koda –85.71%

RM Orsa – 91.67%

Rabbit -96.75%

Otter -83.46%

Beaver -97.14%

Red Kite -95.24%

Dormouse –92.12%

Fox -97.45%

Red Squirrel -99.47% - Winner

Hedgehog -97.14%

Pine Marten -90.32%



Please ensure you call or email <u>each day</u> 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.

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Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based <u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of <u>State Pension</u>
- <u>Child Tax Credit</u>, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- <u>Universal Credit</u>, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

Download the form and apply for Free School Meals on Wokingham Borough Council's website.



NETBALL SUMMER CAMP

The Holt School 22nd & 23rd July 10-3pm Group 1: Years 2-5 Group 2: Years 6-8





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& BOYS

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