



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 25^h October 2024

Dear Families

We have had a very busy last week of this half-term. It is absolutely amazing that we have now come to the end of Week 8 of this school year - the weeks have flown by so quickly.

We had our parents' evenings this week. I hope you were able to attend the parents' evening for your child. If you were not, do please contact the office to arrange another time to meet with your child's class teacher. We will be sending home the target sheets and attendance records for all children whose parents did not attend.

Yesterday, we got to experience an excellent BHM assembly, delivered by Ella-Grace, Elsie, Somto, Rhema, Savannah and Joshua. The focus was 'Reclaiming the Narrative of Africa.' The aim was to share the positiveness of Africa and its vibrant culture. The presentation was very well researched and presented by Ella-Grace, Elsie and Somto. Ella-Grace and Somto also spoke with their siblings Dana-Rose and Chi in their mother-tongue. Rhema choreographed the Afrobeats dance - which was excellent. Wokingham sent a photographer in so they could share what we have done for BHM on their website, along with other schools in Wokingham. You can find photographs on our Facebook page and the school website.

Today, it is fantastic to see the children dressed up for our annual 'International Attire Day.' The wide array of costumes from around the world, and the creativity shown in many instances, is just tremendous. Our Bearwood Primary School really is a global oasis - with tranquillity and respect. Our children really can teach the world a thing or two about unity and peace. We will share photographs on the school website and our Facebook page.

At the end of today, we break up for a well-deserved half-term break. Children return on **Tuesday 5th November**.

In the first week back, on Thursday 7th November, the Citizens' Advice van will be parked in the KS2 playground from 2pm to 3:30pm. If you have any concerns or issues in your personal life regarding legal, financial, housing, or family issues, you can come to the van and seek confidential advice. You can find out more about Citizens' Advice here: [We are Citizens Advice, we are the people's champion - Citizens Advice](#)

On Friday 8th November from 8:35am, the PTA will be holding a coffee morning and Annual General Meeting. The PTA play a very important role helping to raise additional funds for the school to further enhance the educational experiences we can give to our children. Do please come along to find out more.

Have a lovely half-term break.

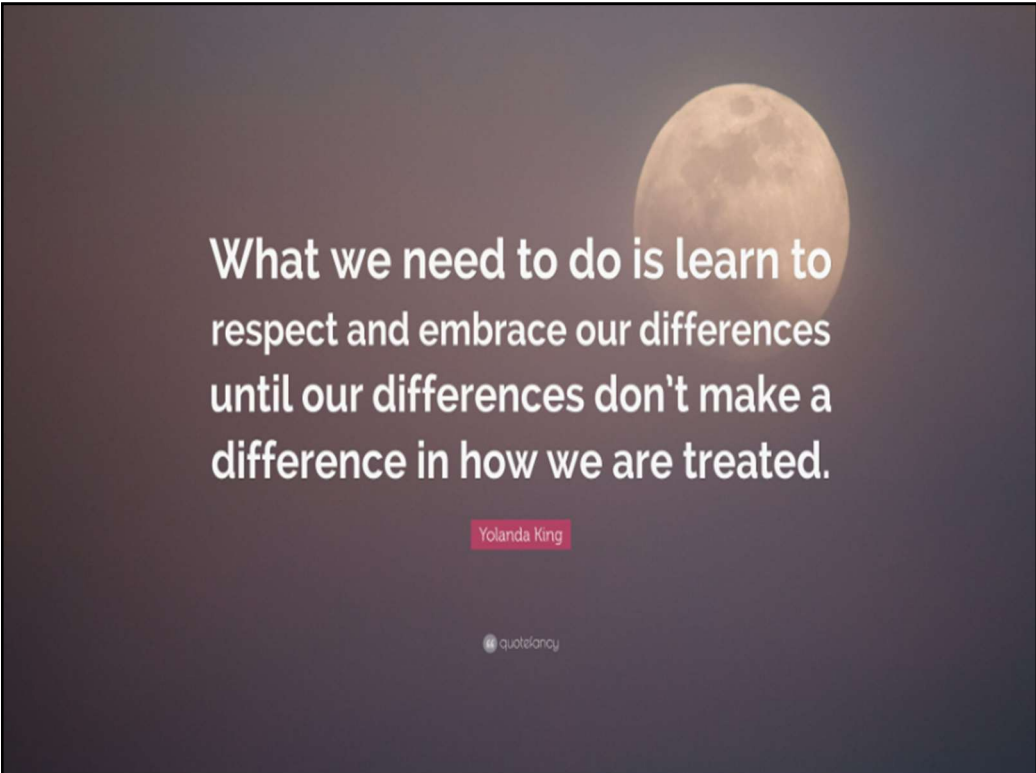
Best wishes

Funmi Alder

Headteacher

Value for the term –

Respect



What we need to do is learn to respect and embrace our differences until our differences don't make a difference in how we are treated.

Yolanda King

quoteagency

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Max

Beaver – Jude B

Red Kite – Matthew

Red Squirrel – Charlotte

Dormouse – JJ

Badger – Mia

Otter – Gerald

Grey Wolf - Leo

Sports Star Awards

Fox – Melodie

Beaver – Hampton

Red Kite – Connie

Red Squirrel – Chathurya

Dormouse – Oscar

Badger – Fateh

Otter – Kaiden

Grey Wolf – Karl



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

LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 316 points

UKS2 Winners – Otter 387 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Everyone

UKS2 – Hailey

Performers of the week!

This week's performers were Ellie, Mollie, Eva and Olivia from Year 4. The girls sang Paradise and also performed some gymnastics moves to the music. Well done, girls. You gave everyone a great performance - you were worth the wait!



Superstar!



Congratulations to Hanna of Year 5 Badger class got her first Badminton Trophy- Best Player of the week.

Keep it up! Well done Hanna!

If you would like your child to star in our weekly newsletter, please send a photo and a brief description to the school office of their achievements.

A BIG
*thank
you*
♥

Thank you to Matthew in Year 3 for donating some toys to Year 1.

The children have loved playing with them!

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Autumn half-term
- Monday 4th November - INSET
- Tuesday 5th November – Children Return
- Monday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly
- W/C 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 11th & 12th November – Year Six Bikeability
- Thursday 14th November – Diwali Assembly
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need
- W/C 18th November – Maths Week
- Tuesday 19th November – Grey Wolf/Otter Class Museum Trip
- Wednesday 20th November – Bag2School
- Thursday 21st November – Badger Class Museum Trip
- Tuesday 26th November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Wednesday 27th November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thursday 28th November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Thursday 28th November – 7pm – PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- Friday 29th November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Saturday 30th November – 10am to 12pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Open Morning drop-in
- Tuesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity play to parents **(Date Change)**
- Thursday 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- Friday 13th December – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Wednesday 18th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thursday 19th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December - attendance medals assembly
- Friday 20th December – last day of Autumn term – 2pm finish
- Monday 6th January – INSET
- Tuesday 7th January – children return
- Wednesday 15th January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop
- Thursday 16th January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Thursday 23rd January – 9am – Otter Class assembly
- Wednesday 29th January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Thursday 30th January – 9am – Badger Class assembly
- Friday 31st January – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5th February – Year Six SATs meeting

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.

EYFS

KS1

LKS2

UKS2



School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Brown Bears –90.3%

Fox –95.4%

Beaver –93%

Red Kite –90.2%

Red Squirrel –92.4%

Dormouse –96.3%

Badger –98%

Otter –96.7%

Grey Wolf – 98.1% - **Winner**



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.



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Bearwood Primary School

PTA

Coffee Morning and AGM

Friday 8th November 2024

School Hall

From 8.35am

Come and meet the current PTA team and find out what we do to help support the school in providing enhanced learning experiences for our children.

Volunteers are always welcome and can be a great way to connect with other families in the Bearwood community.

Volunteers do not need to commit to being involved in every event.

To find out more please come to our coffee morning.

An election for the PTA committee will take place during the AGM.

Any queries, plus nominations for PTA committee can be submitted in advance via e-mail to PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!



Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education

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 [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), 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
- [Universal Credit](#), 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.

Tickets can be
purchased via
Your Arbor
School Shop

£30.50 per
ticket

First come first served, limited
availability.


Bearwood PTA

Christmas wreath workshop

Thursday 28th November at 7pm

Adults only please.

Feel free to bring your own bottle!



Bilingua Sing

Love Learning Languages

Multi-Award
Winning!

FREE Spanish Halloween session

Thursday 31st October, 10am



A fun, **FREE** Spanish song and craft session – suitable for ages 4–8

Find out more about Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead and have some fun!

Bracknell Library, RG12 1BH

Learning a second language has a whole range of developmental benefits for your child:



It boosts
their brain
power



It enhances
their speech
development



It increases
their self-
confidence



Suitable for ages 4–8

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“

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Suitable for children aged 4–8 years

”

cari@bilinguasing.com

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BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

Online Parent Workshop for Supporting Children with Anxiety

Wed 6th Nov | 9:30-10:45 | Wed 13th Nov | 18:00-19:15

Concerned that your primary school aged child may be struggling with anxiety or low mood? Is your child showing signs of:

- Avoiding activities they need or want to do
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions
- Low confidence and giving up easily
- Change in eating or sleeping habits
- Unexplained tiredness, stomach-aches or headaches
- Withdrawing from previously enjoyed activities
- Persistent tearfulness or irritability



Come along to the Mental Health Support Team's online parent workshop for tips on what to look out for and simple tools and ideas for supporting your child.

To book, please email the Mental Health Support Team, stating name of school your child/young person attends and which session you would like to join.

at MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk



BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Why Bearwood?

Bearwood Primary School is a dynamic, exciting learning community with dedicated, passionate staff committed to ensuring the absolute best for all our children.



Our Foundation Stage

At Bearwood Primary our foundation stage caters for children age 3-5 with an emphasis on learning through play and exploration.

Come and see what makes us different! Contact the school office to book a place on our upcoming open days and tours!



Tuesday 26th Nov—1.30pm

Wednesday 27th Nov—9.30am

Thursday 28th Nov—5pm

Saturday 30th Nov—10am-12pm
Drop in session



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Bearwood Road
Wokingham
RG41 5BB

0118 978 4628
admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk



“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.”

Ofsted

“We do so much fun learning, I love when I play and learn with all of my friends”

Reception Child



“Children had high levels of co-regulation, sharing and working alongside other children”

LA Advisor

**Are you looking for a Reception Class place for 2025?
Is your child turning 3 and you're looking for a nursery place?**

Contact Bearwood Primary School now to come to one of our tours or open days!





**Citizens Advice will be at:
Bearwood Primary School
Thursday 7th November
between 2pm and 3:30pm
with our Mobile Advice Unit.
Providing free, confidential
advice, information and support.**





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Kids**

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Childcare from £3 an hour

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Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November*

**Dates and activities may vary according to location.*

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– Ofsted, Falkland Holiday Camp, August 2024



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- Building your Child's Resilience
- Managing your Child's Anxiety
- Preparing for exams - coming in spring 2025
- Understanding Teenage Anxiety



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