



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Families

We have had another wonderful week at Bearwood. The LKS2 classes each went on a geographical field trip and river study to Dinton Pastures. They walked there and back, so got excellent exercise too! They engaged in proper hands-on geographical work, measuring the flow and the depth of the river.

Hedgehog Class delivered a brilliant assembly to their parents this week. The theme was 'Ubuntu' - I am because we are. It is a Southern African philosophy focused on humanity towards each other. Miss Muller introduced the children to the term, as she is from South Africa. So fitting for Bearwood, as it is what we strive for. The children shared where their families came from, which really helped to show what a global village we are. Our children are excellent examples of how all people can live together harmoniously. The class also shared their class affirmations and motto - it really is not surprising how quickly the children have settled with their new teacher. I am hoping Miss Muller will be able to share some of her fantastic strategies with the rest of the school over time. The assembly ended with a beautiful South African workers' song - rhythmic and uplifting.

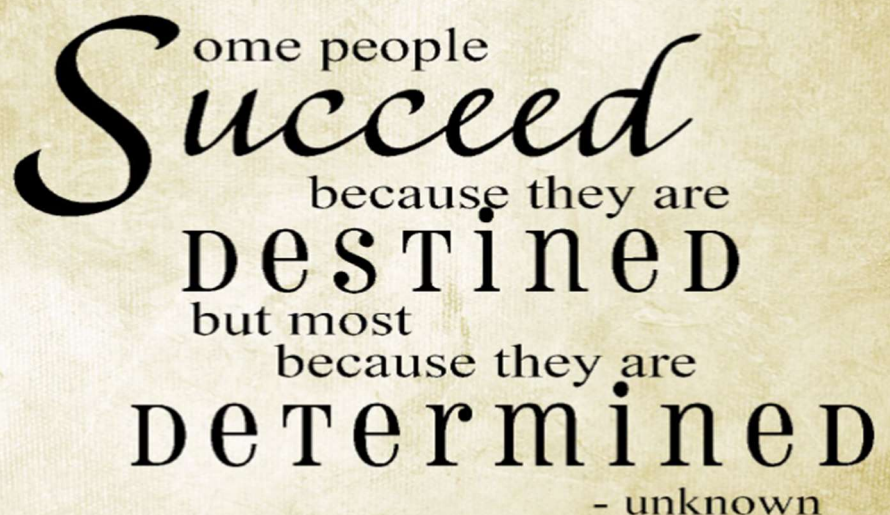
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Determination



Some people
Succeed
because they are
DESTINED
but most
because they are
DETERMINED
- unknown

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Elyssia

Otter – Lucien

Beaver – Matthew

Red Kite – Ego

Fox - Shraddha

Dormouse – Bobby

Red Squirrel – Eliana

Hedgehog – Alfie

Pine Marten – Zayaan

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Vienna

Otter – Evie

Beaver – Gracie

Red Kite – *No awards due to walk.*

Fox - *No awards due to walk.*

Dormouse – Robin

Red Squirrel – Aubree-Fay

Hedgehog – Poppy

Pine Marten – Zak



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

LKS2 Winners – Fox Class 910 points

UKS2 Winners – Pine Marten 135 points



Mr Bell's Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Rhys

UKS2 – Joseph



Mrs Haden's Performer of the Week!

Evie in Year 1 really has the moves! This week, she performed a dance routine to Timber. At first, she was very nervous but she overcame her nerves and danced like a real dance star for both KS1 and KS2.

You were fantastic, Evie. Well done!

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Tues 30th January – Year 5+6 Trip to RAF Museum.
- Thurs 1st February – 9am – Red Squirrel Class Assembly
- Thurs 1st February – Year 1+2 Windsor Castle
- Tues 6th February – Safer Internet Day – Parents' Workshop – 9am+5pm
- Thurs 8th February – 9am – Dormouse Class Assembly
- Mon 12th February to Fri 16th February – Spring Half Term
- Mon 19th February – Children Return
- Tues 20th February – Year 3+4 Trip to Sutton Environmental Centre (2 classes)
- Wed 21st February – Year 3+4 Trip to Sutton Environmental Centre (1 classes)
- Fri 23rd February – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 29th February – 9am – Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4th March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6th March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7th March – World Book Day
- W/C 11th March – Science Week
- Wed 20th March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21st March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22nd March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26th March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27th March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Thurs 28th March – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Thurs 28th March – Last day of term – 2pm finish
- Mon 15th April – Children Return
- Thurs 18th April – Vaisakhi Assembly
- Thurs 25th April – Red Kite Assembly
- Fri 26th April – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 2nd May – EID Assembly
- Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 13th May – Year 6 SATs
- Thurs 23rd May – 9am - Beaver Class Assembly
- Fri 24th May – 2pm – Country Dancing Show to Parents
- Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May – Half Term
- Mon 3rd June – Children Return

Superstar!



Olivia in Year 3 wanted to share her first medal from playing county level tennis.

She was the runner up at a Match Play tournament in Surrey last Sunday.

Well done Olivia! Keep up the hard work!

If you would like your child to star in our Newsletter. Please email the school office a brief description and photo of their achievements. Thank you.

Superstar!



Matthew in Year 2 has obtained his level 9 badge for his Gymnastics, he has been working hard over the past few weeks and has achieved the next level certification.

Well done Matthew!



**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

NHS

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

Gallery



School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda – 88.1%

RM Orsa – 100% Winners 🏆

Rabbit –97.7%

Otter –96.3%

Beaver –94.4%

Red Kite –98.5%

Dormouse –93.7%

Fox –97.3%

Red Squirrel –96.2%

Hedgehog –94.6%

Pine Marten –99.6%



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.



FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Heart Trail

10th-18th February

**A family event at Lightwater Country Park this
February half term**



Purchase a map for £3 from
Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café

Follow the trail around the lakes and take part in the
Fitness Trail at the same time (approx 1km)

Find the letters that spell out the secret word

Learn fun facts about your heart and spot all
the hanging crocheted hearts

Once completed, take the map back to **Lightwater Adventure Golf
or the Country Park Café** and receive a sweet treat



Massive thanks to the Barkham
Hookers for creating beautiful
hearts for this trail.

**LIGHTWATER
ADVENTURE GOLF**

Free Parking



FIRST DAYS
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

www.firstdays.net

First Days Children's Charity reg number: 115 7855

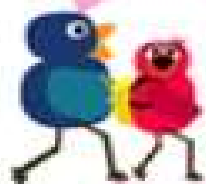
Year 6

Osmington Bay Payment Plan

£125 – due 10th February 2024

Final Balance due 25th March 2024*

*We cannot accept any late payment.



Primary Schools Competition



**Walk or cycle to school
more in 2024**

BETWEEN MONDAY, 15 JANUARY AND WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY
WE WOULD PUPILS TO DRAW OR TAKE A PHOTO OF SOMETHING
THEY LIKE TO SEE WHEN TRAVELLING ACTIVELY TO SCHOOL.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO WRITE A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF
WHY YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS.

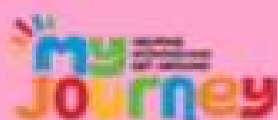
SEND YOUR ENTRY TO: MYJOURNEY@WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK
BY WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY



PRIZES ARE:

FAMILY TICKETS TO A READING FOOTBALL MATCH
SPONSORED BY READING FC
RUNNERS-UP PRIZES:

KS1: FAMILY SWIM TICKET SPONSORED BY PLACES LEISURE
KS2: BORN TO MORE CLASS SPONSORED BY PLACES LEISURE



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



KS1 are looking for some donations for their spare uniform box:

- Tights
- Socks
- Underwear
- Spare uniform

Please hand any donations to your class teacher or the school office.

Thank you



Attendance is very important, please do have a look at the following link for advice on how to keep your children healthy for school:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

Should your child be too unwell for school, please ensure you call or email each day your child is absent and note the reason your child is absent. The DFE requires us to note your child's symptoms.

Thank you



Outstanding Balances:

Please ensure that all overdue balances on your Arbor App are paid.

Thank you

Measles

You may have noticed the recent BBC news coverage on the increase in measles outbreaks <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cqee2qz4vk1t>. Measles is a highly infectious disease, especially within schools, and can be very serious.

NHS England has launched a national MMR catch-up campaign. Over the next few months, children aged 6 to 11 who are missing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine will be invited to contact their GP practice to check their immunisation history and book an appointment for the MMR vaccination. Your local Children's Immunisation Team will also be holding local community clinics for 6- to 11-year-olds.

You can find more information about measles and the MMR vaccination below: <https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/measles> (with google translate to select your preferred language)

MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version

(publishing.service.gov.uk)

MMR vaccination (publishing.service.gov.uk)



Reception have been learning about superheroes recently and we have begun to explore the everyday superheroes (keyworkers) that we have in our lives. Do you work in a keyworker job? Something like the following: police, firefighter, doctor, nurse, carer, vet, paramedic? If you or anyone in your family has a job like this we would love to hear from you? Do you have any photos or information you could send us about the important work that you do? Would you be willing to come in for a 15-minute talk to our Reception children about your work?

We would love to hear from you if you can help. Please email in to the office or speak to the Reception staff on the gate.