

### **BEARWOOD NEWS**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

#### **Dear Families**

It has been so fantastic to be able to welcome back our brilliant children for the second half of the Spring term. The children have come back so positive, engaged and ready to learn. On the very first day back, our LA SIO visited the school, taking a walk around and going into every classroom. He was very impressed with the behaviour of the children - strong evidence of the impact of the hard work that has taken place here over the recent years.

Our LKS2 classes visited Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre for hands-on science discovering living things and their habitats. Do look at our school website and the Facebook page for photographs.

We had a great turn-out for our Year Six fundraiser - Movie Night. The children were content with their popcorn and drink, and enjoying the 'cinema' experience in the school hall. Thank you to all the adults who helped.

Yesterday, myself and our assistant headteachers attended a LA conference on 'Leading Racial Equity - creating an anti-racist school.' We heard really inspirational national speakers. I also presented on the work we have done developing the history topic Benin, taught in UKS2.

From today, our KS1 children are getting to experience special gymnastics lessons delivered by a specialist coach as part of an Olympic enrichment programme. There will be three sessions in all.

Do have a lovely weekend.

**Best wishes** 

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Value for the term -

Peacefulness



### **Office Notices**

### Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit - Kai

Otter – Amelia

Beaver – Florence

Red Kite – Rhys

Fox – Jack

Dormouse – Hanna

Red Squirrel – Eliana

Hedgehog - Adeela

Pine Marten – Katrick

### **Sports Star Awards**

Rabbit - Wilf

Otter – Siara

Beaver – Charlotte

Red Kite - No awards due to trip.

Fox - Sahibpreet

Dormouse - Shajpreet

Red Squirrel – Brooke and Keelee

Hedgehog – Poppy

Pine Marten – No awards this week.



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

LKS2 Winners – Fox Class 453 points

UKS2 Winners - Red Squirrel 139 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Frankie UKS2 - Waleed

Performer of the Week!

To be announced next week! Have a lovely weekend everybody!

## IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> February 9am Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-6pm Parents' Evening
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March 4 to 6:30pm Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March Science Week
- Wed 20th March 5pm Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9am Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm LKS2 production to parents
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March Easter Bonnet Competition/Own Clothes Day £1 donation
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March Attendance Medals Assembly
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March Last day of term 2pm finish
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April Children Return
- Thurs 18th April Vaisakhi Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April Red Kite Assembly
- Fri 26th April 9am Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May EID Assembly
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday
- W/C 13th May Year 6 SATs
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9am Beaver Class Assembly
- Fri 24th May 2pm Country Dancing Show to Parents
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June Children Return

### Superstar!

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



Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

#### 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 –74.1% RM Orsa –91.1% Rabbit –96.7% Otter –96.3% Beaver –95.1% Red Kite –97.4% Dormouse –97% Fox –98.2 % Winners Red Squirrel –88.5% Hedgehog –92.9% Pine Marten –96.3%



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.

# 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 <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.

Easter Bonnet Competition on Thursday 28th March £1 to wear your own clothes along with your Easter Bonnet! Winner of the most imaginative design will win a prize!

Easter Bonnet

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### **Superstar!**



Olivia has shown amazing skill and determination over half term when she competed in a tennis tournament. She played against 5 other children, winning 4 of her matches. Because of her skill, she was developed the overall winner of the competition.

Well done Olivia!

#### **Missing Library books?**

We seem to have a lot of missing library books, please could you all have a good look at home. In cupboards and under beds etc.

Please return any found books to your class teacher.

Thank you



PLEASE

RETURN

YOUR

LIBRARY

BOOKS!

Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointment via your Arbor App!

# Year 6

WORLD

BOOK

DAY

7 MARCH 2024

### **Osmington Bay Payment Balance**

The final payment will be due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late payments.

### World Book Day! - 7th March 2024

This year's theme is *Read Your Way*. World Book Day 2024 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun. Read Your Way calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.

All children are invited to wear a costume resembling their favourite book character and they can bring in the book to match!

