



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Families

We were blessed with a very special visit from a former Bearwood pupil this week. Dr Beer attended Bearwood in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He delivered a very special assembly where he shared his fond memories of Bearwood. The children were totally captivated. One child said "It's the best assembly I have ever heard!" Dr Beer also visited every class and spoke with the children. He was very impressed with how the children were engaged in their learning and their fantastic behaviour. He and I discussed education and how things have changed. It was really interesting to hear about the history of the school and how the buildings have changed. Dr Beer presented the school with a very special painting of Bearwood - painted by the wife of a former headteacher - Mr Sparrow. The painting is currently in my office, and can be seen through the window. We are going to buy a very special frame for the painting and then hang it in our reception area so all visitors can see it.

Mrs Haden presented a phonics workshop session for Year One parents. I hope those who attended found it helpful.

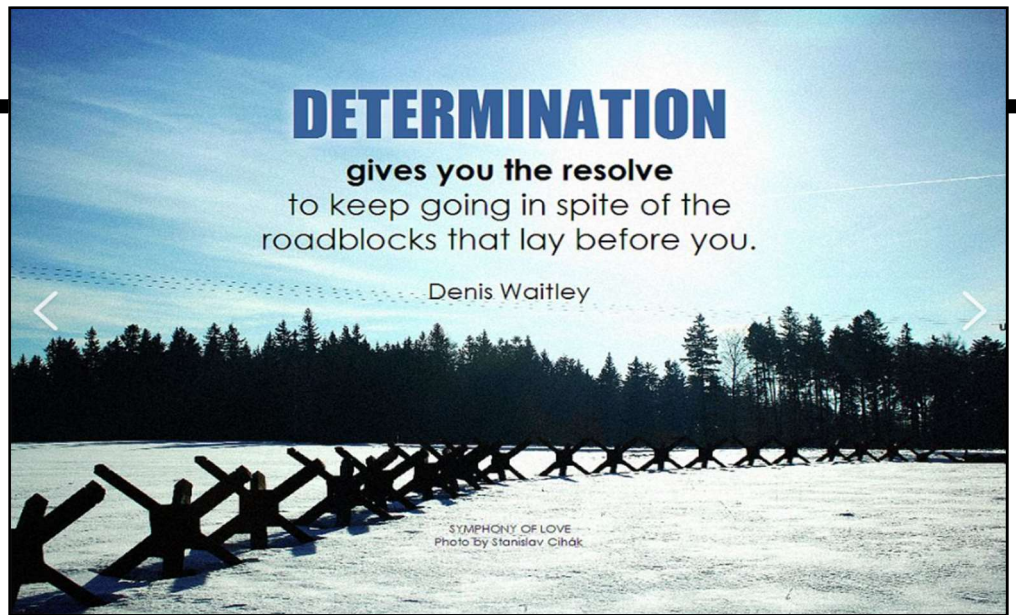
Pine Marten Class presented their class assembly this week. It was excellent - sharing all the many things they have learnt so far this year. The information they shared on Latin was particularly interesting. It was clear to see the children have really benefitted from their Latin lessons, purposefully designed to be engaging and further developing analytical skills.

It has been an extremely cold week. Thank you for ensuring your children are appropriately dressed for the weather. It has also been lovely to see our Nursery children starting to wear the Bearwood sweatshirt - looking a real part of the Bearwood family.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder

Value for the term –
Determination



Ms Alder and Dr Beer – January 2024



We give a very big welcome to Keri-lee Muller, our new experienced class teacher for Hedgehog Class. Miss Muller has been an absolute breath of fresh air with her positivity, and calm and engaging presence. The children have settled very well with her. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Muller to the Bearwood family.

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Arlo

Otter – Labiba

Beaver – Bella

Red Kite – Zac

Fox - Frankie

Dormouse – Tanishi

Red Squirrel – Alex

Hedgehog – Amelie

Pine Marten – Vibhor

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Salena

Otter – Tanwir

Beaver – Jad

Red Kite – Chioma

Fox - Izyan

Dormouse – Shajpreet

Red Squirrel – Lily

Hedgehog – Jake

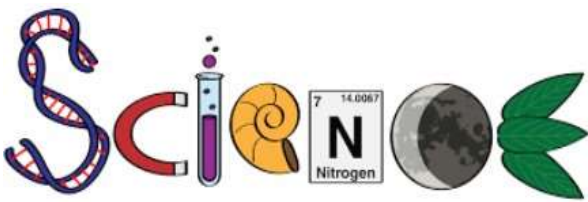
Pine Marten – Aditya



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

LKS2 Winners – Fox Class 494 points

UKS2 Winners – Hedgehog 97 points



Mr Bell's Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Harveen

UKS2 – Skylar

Mrs Haden's Performer of the Week!

Mollie, Callum and Kayson performed a great rendition of Bad Habits this week in our singing assembly. As you can see from the photo, they took it in their stride, singing every lyric off by heart! A big well done, you were a great trio!



IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Thurs 25th January – 9am – Hedgehog Class Assembly
- Fri 26th January – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- 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

**“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.



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 –75.6%

RM Orsa –99.1%

Rabbit –92.8%

Otter –96.3%

Beaver –97.3%

Red Kite –97.4%

Dormouse –94.6%

Fox –93.2%

Red Squirrel –93.1%

Hedgehog –95.8%

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.

Spring Term 24

Dates for your Diary



For Wokingham Borough Families

Date	Event
22nd January 10 - 11am (Zoom) 7.30 - 9.00pm (venue TBC)	Parent Carer Participation Group More information about the Participation Group and how to book on our website www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
23rd January 7.30 – 9.00pm	EHCP Annual Reviews - A Parent's Guide - SENDIASS Training Course
1st February 7.00 - 8.30pm	Zoom update with WBC on the Safety Valve Programme
6th February 10.00 – 12 noon	EHCP Process - A Parent's Guide - SENDIASS Training Course (for those going through the EHCP process for the first time)
26th February 7.30 - 9.00pm	Preparing for Adulthood – A Parent's Guide - SENDIASS Training Course
6th March 10 - 11am (Zoom) 7.30 - 9.00pm (venue TBC)	Parent Carer Participation Group More information about the Participation Group and how to book on our website www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
11th March 10.00 – 12 noon	SEN Support in Schools & Effective Communication - SENDIASS Training Course

More Information about all our events and training sessions and how to book on our website:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk or email
info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk



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



Raising money for First Days Charity

FIRST DAYS
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

www.firstdays.net

First Days Children's Charity reg number: 115 7855

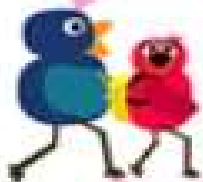
Year 6

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



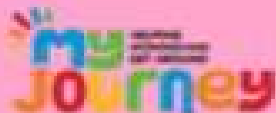
PRIZES ARE:

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



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