

# **BEARWOOD NEWS**

Friday 16th September 2022

#### **Dear Families**

We have come to the end of the second week, and the children are well and truly settled. It really is lovely to walk around the school and see the children focused on their learning, demonstrating their positive attitude to education.

This week, the children have experienced more special assemblies about Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. They learnt more about her life and the service she gave, and about the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is an excellent example of unity, which is our value for this term. This Monday is a special bank holiday, as the Queen's funeral will take place on that day.

School Council representatives have been appointed for all classes from Year Two to Year Six. We have sent out with this newsletter other important jobs children can apply for. An application form is also attached. Do get your child to look at the jobs on offer, and encourage them to apply. Children should not have more than one post, so if your child has been appointed as a school council representative, then that will be their important job. This is so we can ensure there are enough jobs to go around!

School will of course be closed on Monday for the bank holiday. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday.

Best wishes

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Value for the term – Unity

We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.

J.K. ROWLING

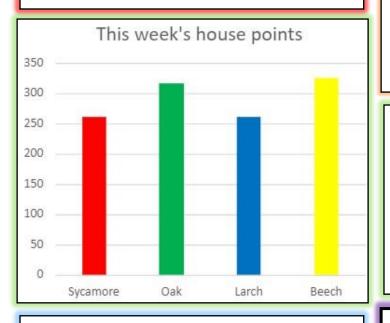
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# **Office Notices**

# **Gerald Awards**

Week Commencing 12th September

Rabbit - Isla-Rose Beaver - Ella-Mae + Ghamay Grey wolf - Olivia +Oliver Otter – Oscar Red Squirrel – Saffie Fox – Darren Dormouse – Isabella Pine Marten -Arasta Hedgehog – Miley Wolverine - Poppy J



#### EV2 Forms

Please complete your generic EV2 form and return to the school office. **Thank you** 

#### Year 1 Local Walk

**Tuesday 20th September** 

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable, waterproof clothing and footwear.



#### Sports Stars Award

Rabbit – Lily J Beaver – Alana Grey Wolf-Reinhard Otter- Shrayaan Red Squirrel-Lakshitha Fox – Rhema Dormouse-Emma Pine Marten – Fletcher Hedgehog-Jenson Wolverine-Alex. S



Volunteers required!

Please email the school office if you would like to volunteer your time.



#### Pupil's roles and responsibilities

Would your child like to apply for one of our many roles and responsibilities within the school?

Please see the attached documentation for more information.





Our new website will be live next week!

All children will be sent home with website/app logins next week!



All bookings for our upcoming Parents' Evening will be made via the app.

Please ensure you read the instructions carefully.

Should you have any problems, please do contact the School Office who will be able to support you.

Thank you



# School success starts with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs 77.4%

Bobby Bear 94.1%

Beaver 93.8%

Rabbit 98.2%

Otter 93.2%

Grey Wolf 95.5%

Red Squirrel 99.1% - Winners

Dormouse 97.3%

Fox 96.4%

Wolverine 97.5%

Hedgehog 94.8%

Pine Marten 90.8%



Please ensure you call, email or complete a daily absence form <u>each day</u> your child is absent.

You can find our daily absence form on our website:

https://www.bearwoodpri.wokingham.sch.uk/parents/forms

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.

MINUTES LATE Per day	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY Lessons This Is Missed	
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS	
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS	
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS	
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS	
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS	

#### <u>Lates</u>

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. It can be very disruptive to the child and to the rest of the class.

Thank you



#### **Prospective Reception September 2023 Parent Tours**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm

Please email the school office if you wish to book onto one of our tours.





If your child cycles to school, please do ensure they are wearing a bike helmet.

Thank you



School Closure

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September due to HM Queen Funeral.

# Nursery



We have enjoyed being back at Nursery and we have been very busy! We harvested our carrots and beetroot as well as giving the vegetable garden a very big tidy up. There were so many weeds to pull out!

# Reception



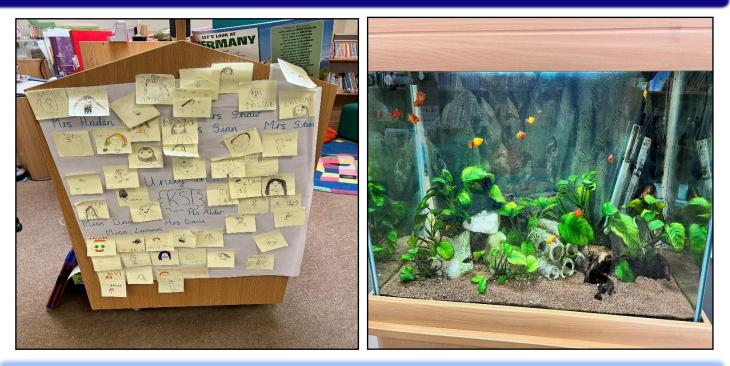
The Brown Bears have been reading, 'Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen this week. We have been hunting bears in our playground... no luck yet!

# Year 1



This week in Year One we started our 'Incredible Me' topic. We have looked at our baby photos and talked about what we can do now that we couldn't do then and we have had discussions about what makes us special. We also painted our self-portraits; don't they look amazing!

# Year 2



The Year 2 children have got stuck into the week by exploring different animals and their offspring. We discussed why animals need to have offspring and talked about how our new fish in our KS1 area grow.

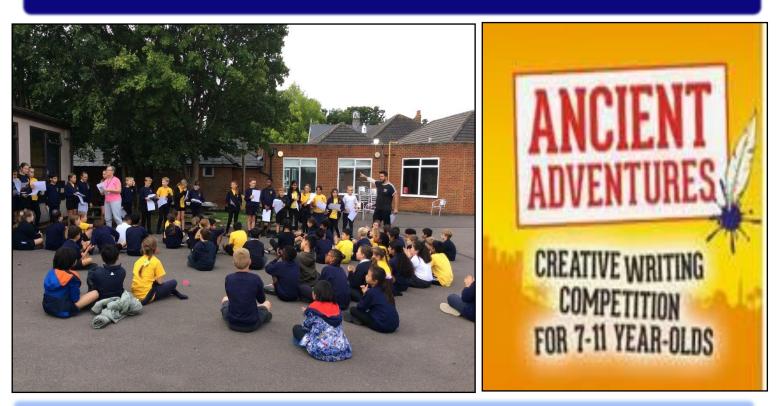
The children really enjoyed their assembly about unity in KS1 and drew some amazing pictures of themselves to show that they are all a part of the KS1 team!

### Year 3+4



In LKS2 this week we have been reading and learning about stories from other cultures in English. We have been identifying and retrieving the different features of the text and discussing their effects on the reader.

Year 5 + 6



Today, we found out that 30 of our Year 6 children have been selected to be official authors in the Young Writers Competition. Nationally, there were over 8,000 entries. Every successful author has received a certificate and their very own bookmark. From all of Bearwood, congratulations to our amazing writers.