



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Families

It was fantastic to welcome back our children for the new half-term - Spring Two. Our first week back has again been really exciting. We started from the first day with our first ever Parents' Forum meeting. At the meeting, parents who attended got to find out about the further improvements at the school. They heard the positive feedback we have received from other headteachers from local schools in the SLA (Schools Learning Alliance) and from our Wokingham SIO (Schools Improvement Officer). Our Chair of Governors, Christine Jeater, also shared a presentation about academy trusts. The presentation will be emailed out to you along with this newsletter.

We had an informative Year Two parents' meeting on the KS1 statutory assessments, led by our Assistant Headteacher Kayleigh Haden. I'm sure the many parents who attended found the meeting helpful. The statutory assessments for Year Two will be completed in June.

Our Year One children got to experience scooter training. They were very excited, and did extremely well. They learnt some good skills for helping to keep themselves safe when they ride their scooters along the pavement.

LKS2 have started rehearsing for their spectacular production of The Jungle Book. LKS2 parents will get to come and watch the show at the end of term.

Next week, we have our parents' evenings. Do make sure you have booked your appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. You will get to find out how your child is doing, and how you can further support your child at home. You will also be given your child's targets and attendance record.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

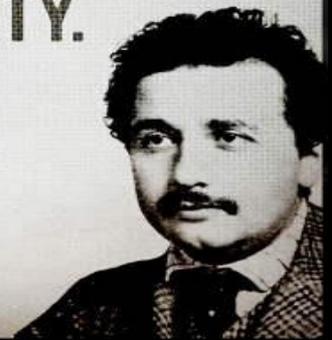
Respect

I SPEAK TO EVERYONE IN
THE SAME WAY, WHETHER
HE IS THE GARBAGE MAN
OR THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNIVERSITY.

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THE MIND UNLEASHED
UNCOVERING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL



Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

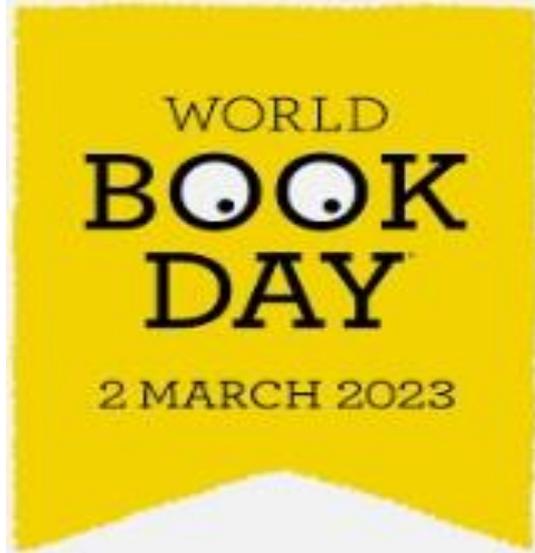
Beaver – Akira
Rabbit – Lucas
Otters – Dylan
Grey Wolf – Heidi + Reinhard
Red Squirrel – Harveen
Fox – Amber
Dormouse – Christopher
Pine Marten – Delilah
Hedgehog – Susan
Wolverine – Madison

Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Karam
Rabbit – Ayansh
Otters – Rowan
Grey Wolf – Oliver C
Red Squirrel – Sakina
Fox – Brooke
Dormouse – Alex
Pine Marten – Ronnie
Hedgehog – Rayan
Wolverine – Marcos

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Mon 27th Feb – Year 5/6 Victorian Workshop
- Tues 28th Feb – Year 1 Local Walk
- Tues 28th Feb – 3.30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 1st March – 4.30-7pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 2nd March – World Book Day
- Tues 7th March – Tues 14th March – Book Fair
- Wed 8th March – Year 3/4 Chiltern Trip
- Wed 8th March – Fairtrade Workshop
- W/C 13th March – Science Week
- Thurs 16th March – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and Residential
- Fri 17th March - Comic Relief
- Wed 22nd March – Reception Walk in the woods
- Thurs 23rd March – Jewish Passover assembly



World Book Day

On **Thursday 2nd March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Bearwood. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and to bring in their favourite book to share with their class.

For World Book Day ideas take a look at the following link: [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#)



In line with our 'Healthy Eating Award' and due to the fact that we are a 'Nut Aware' school, all chocolate spread will **no longer be allowed** in children's packed lunches.

For healthy lunch ideas please take a look at the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/lunch/>



Parents' Evening Reminder

Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointment.

Parents' Evening will take place on:

Tuesday 28th February (3:30pm-6pm) or

Wednesday 1st March (4:30-7pm)



Don't forget to pay your February Installment for your Osmington Bay PGL Trip!

Thank you



Weekly Attendance

- Bear Cubs- 93.39%
- Brown Bear –93.71%
- Beaver –93.85%
- Rabbit –94.57%
- Otter –90.68%
- Grey Wolf –95.45%
- Red Squirrel –95.41%
- Dormouse –100% Winners 🏆
- Fox – 94.58%
- Wolverine –90%
- Hedgehog –96.98%
- Pine Marten – 99.09%



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.

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



Lates

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

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.

[Nursery](#)

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Years 3 and 4](#)

[Years 5 and 6](#)

[School Gallery](#)



Please see the below rules reminder for any of our Parents that use our Parent run Facebook page.



Bearwood Parents & Guardians Group



Josie Mackenzie · 5 Sep 2018 · 

A page for Bearwood parents/guardians to share positive and helpful advice/reminders/information. The following will be removed:

- Negativity – complaints, bad language, inappropriate content
- Business/personal ads, selling posts
- Posts that name, shame or air grievances with School, staff or this site/its administrators



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



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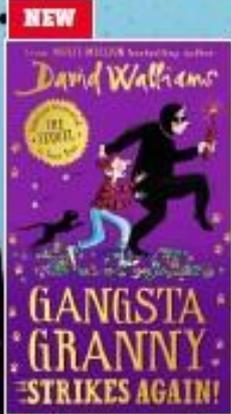
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BOOK FAIR

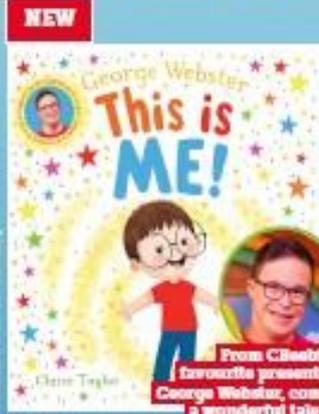
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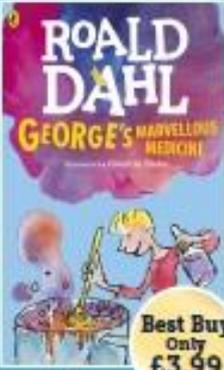
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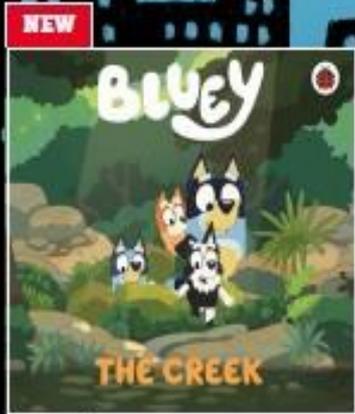
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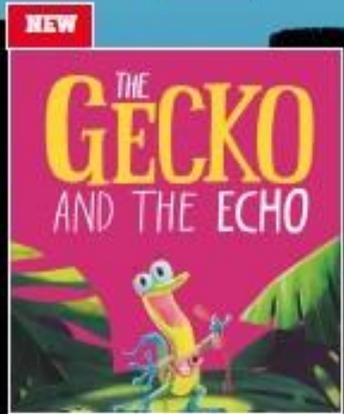
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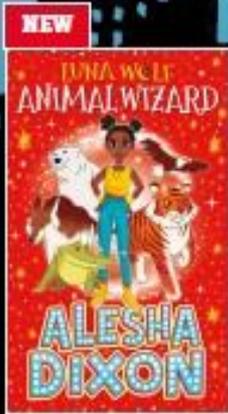
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*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.

Art © Dav Pilkey

Please note that the children will be bringing home a Book Token which can be redeemed in stores or at the Book Fair.

**Tuesday 7th March –
Tuesday 14th March**

Scan the QR code to pay online!



UNIVERSAL VOICES

Director: Dr Rebecca Berkley

BRING A BUDDY OPEN REHEARSAL

Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 16.00 – 17.30

University Great Hall, London Road Campus, RG1 5AQ

Come and sing with Universal Voices, the free children's community choir at the University of Reading - singing, games, laughter, fun and performance

Universal Voices is a community choir open to all boys and girls aged 7-12 in the Reading area. No auditions are necessary. We rehearse on Wednesdays in term time, 16.00 – 17.30, in Building L29 on the London Road Campus.

Universal Voices is free for all children, thanks to the generous support of our donors and the University Alumni and Supporter Engagement Office.

To book your child's free place at a rehearsal, please complete this [online registration form](#), or scan this QR code

You can also email universalvoices@reading.ac.uk



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PERFORMANCE



COMMUNITY



Winnersh Parish Council

Clean Up Day 2023

Meeting at St Marys Church, Church Close, Winnersh,
RG41 5NA on Sunday 26 March 2023 at 11am

Please come along and lend a hand but remember to wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing

Please bring along your own litter picker and Hi Vis if you have them otherwise they can be provided while stocks last

Refreshments will be provided

For further details please contact Winnersh Parish Council on 01189 780244 or email clerk@winnersh.gov.uk

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Help keep it green!



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Easter Holiday Camps!



Dependable childcare in a safe environment

Open across Berkshire
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April
(Closed Friday 7th and Monday 10th)

9:30am - 3:30pm: £23.50 Sibling: £19
8am - 6pm*: £32.50 Sibling: £26 (20% discount included)
*Includes a nutritional breakfast & afternoon tea
Additional hour options £3 per child per hour:
8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**20%
Sibling Discount!**
When you book more
than one child onto an
Extended Day Session
(8am - 6pm).

Energetic sports
& creative Easter
themed activities!

Funded HAF
places available
Ofsted registered
Ages 4-15



funtastickids.co.uk bookings@funtastickids.co.uk 07715643412 / 01189799253

Parents/carers can book places via our website: <https://funtastickids.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Spaces have already started filling up, so we encourage people to book as soon as possible!

If possible, could the following information about vacancies be shared with school staff and parents as well? We have recently increased our pay rates and have a new hr email address, so I have attached up-to-date versions of our job adverts.

Vacancies

We have an ongoing need to recruit enthusiastic individuals to join our Holiday Camp teams. Supervisor, Playworker and Sports Coach roles are available across Berkshire during Easter and Summer.

Working with Funtastic Kids is an enjoyable and rewarding way to earn additional income, and would particularly suit school staff or people with previous childcare experience.

More information and application forms can be found here:

<https://funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies/>



Holiday Camp Supervisors Needed!

www.funtastickids.co.uk

We are recruiting Supervisors to work with us and ensure children and families have an excellent service while attending our Easter and Summer Holiday Camps across Berkshire.

Hourly Rate: From £14 per hour.

Qualifications Required: Minimum Level 3 Childcare/ Early Years Qualification or Teaching Assistant Qualification.

Employment Details: You must be able to work a minimum of 18 hours a week. The opportunity to work future holidays will be offered. You will be employed on a Fixed Term basis for the duration of each school holiday period you choose to work.

Are You:

- A Teacher or Higher Level Teaching Assistant or experienced in working with Early Years children, primary aged children and/or children with additional needs?
- Nurturing, enthusiastic and reliable?
- Committed to safeguarding children and promoting positive behaviour?

Do You:

- Enjoy working with children, in a relaxed environment watching them develop and learn in social situations without the pressures of meeting targets?
- Have good communication skills, positive behaviour management and a sense of humour?

We can offer:

- A supportive management team committed to promoting opportunities for professional development.
- A positive working environment where everyone is valued.

Employees are entitled to one free child place for each day they are working.



For more information and to download an application pack, visit funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies

Completed applications should be emailed to hr@funtastickids.co.uk

Please apply with the application form to indicate how your skills and experience are relevant to the post. Please ensure any gaps in employment are fully explained.

Applications considered upon receipt.

Funtastic Kids is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All staff involved in the organisation must be aware that an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.



Sports Coaches and Playworkers needed!

www.funtastickids.co.uk

We are recruiting sports coaches & playworkers to join our team and ensure children and families have an excellent service while attending our Easter and Summer Holiday Camps across Berkshire!

Sports Coaches

Are You:

- A specialist in a particular sport or trained in coaching a range of sports?
- Passionate about keeping active and inspiring children to try new sports and develop new skills?

Playworkers

Are You:

- Looking for additional income over the school holidays?
- A Qualified Teaching Assistant or experienced in working with Early Years or primary aged children?
- Committed to safeguarding and promoting positive behaviour?
- Nurturing, enthusiastic and reliable?



Hourly Rate: Playworkers: £9 - £12* Sports Coaches: £10 - £14*
Rates of pay are dependent on experience and qualifications.

*Pay range for applicants aged 17+.

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