



BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 13th October 2023

Our week started off with the school nurses giving the children from Reception to Year Six 'flu immunisations. We do hope this will help to keep the children healthy during the winter months.

On Tuesday, the children got to watch the national 'Great Big BHM Assembly.' Many schools across the country watched it. As the theme for this year is 'Celebrating Our Sisters,' the children learnt about famous Black women. Some of our girls will be presenting our own BHM assembly on Monday.

Some of our Reception parents attended a phonics workshop last week, delivered by our EYFS Lead Mrs Johnson. I hope those of you who attended found it very helpful.

Today, we had lots of families come to look around the school as prospective parents. They got to see our children fully engaged in their learning, and our Class Ambassadors doing their important jobs!

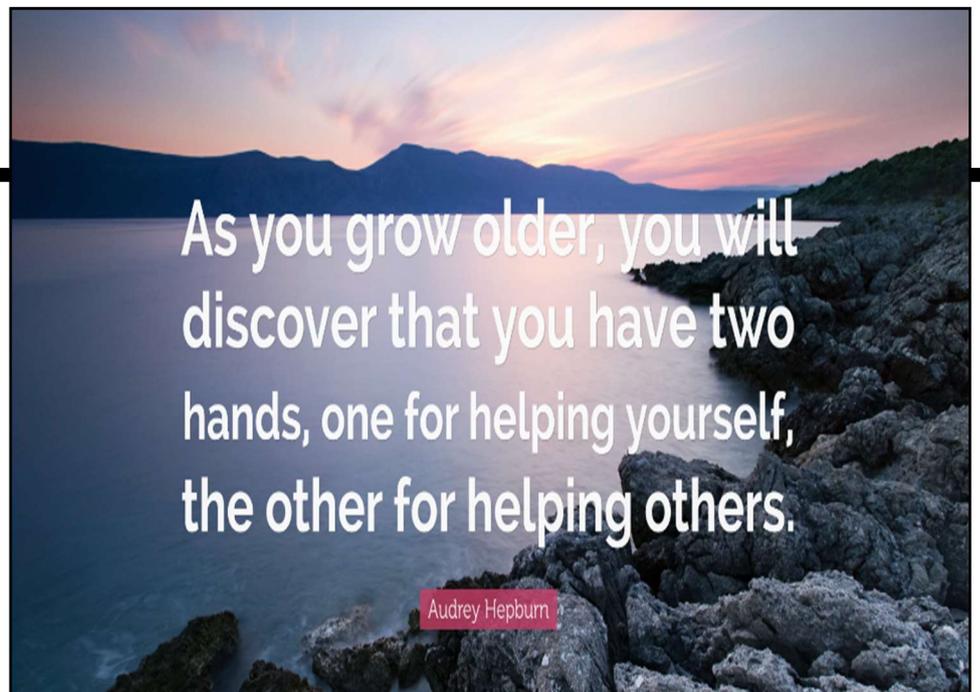
Next week will be our last week before we break up for half-term. It is amazing how quickly the time passes. We look forward to seeing you at one of the parents' evenings next week, when you can get to find out how your child is progressing in his/her learning, and how you can support at home.

Best Wishes

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Value for the term –

Service



If you have a concern

There will be times when as a parent, you have a concern about something at school. Please do follow these steps if this is the case:

Step One: Speak to the class teacher at the end of the school day. If you cannot do this, then you can phone the school office and leave a message, or send an email to the class teacher via the school office.

Step Two: If after communicating with the class teacher, you are still concerned, you should speak to the Team Leader for your child's phase. The Team Leaders for each phase are as follows:

- EYFS - Mrs Johnson
- KS1 - Mrs Haden
- LKS2 - Miss Parry
- UKS2 - Ms Alder

If you do not see the Team Leader in the playground, you can contact them via the school office.

Step Three: If after speaking with the Team Leader you are still concerned, then you can speak with Ms Alder, Headteacher.

Step Four: If after speaking to Ms Alder, you continue to be concerned, then you should ask the office for a copy of our complaints procedure. If you decide to make a complaint, you would put this in writing to Christine Jeater, Chair of Governors.

It is important to follow these steps, so that concerns can be rectified as early as possible. If you go straight to the headteacher, you may find that your concern takes longer to be addressed. We want to ensure we can help our parents as swiftly as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



REMINDER

School Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all of our parents who ensure their children fully adhere to our uniform policy. Please remember that navy-blue shorts or jogging bottoms for PE should not have logos on them. Trainers should also be all black - including the soles.

World Mental Health Day



On Tuesday 10th October it was World Mental Health Day and in classes, we talked about why our mental health is so important and how we can make sure that we look after it. In our SMSC assembly this week, we listened to Ant and Dec, working with ITV's Britain Get Talking and the mental health charity 'Young Minds', explain the importance of talking to someone and sharing worries. They introduced a very special homework task: a conversation starter for children to take home, designed to help them talk about the hardest subjects on their minds with their parents, guardians or trusted adults. They know that sharing worries can help ease stress and reduce anxiety. Along with this week's newsletter, you will find the homework task to complete with your child, which is simply just to talk!



THANK YOU!

Mrs Haden and Bearwood School would like to say a big thank you to Robin for donating his drum kit to us. The children are going to love it!

Superstar!



On 7 October, Aidan in Year 4 took part in the Palmer Park Velo Cycling road race championships at the Hillingdon circuit in London. This was Aidan's first race, and he came 4th in the U8 category. Well done Aidan!

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Katie
Otter – Florence
Beaver – Alana
Red Kite – Whole Class
Fox - Olivia
Dormouse – Amber
Red Squirrel – Leo
Hedgehog – Molly
Pine Marten – Jenson

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Albie
Otter – Evie
Beaver – Anas
Red Kite – Ego
Fox - Mia
Dormouse – Charlie
Red Squirrel – Trevor
Hedgehog – Faye
Pine Marten – Thomas



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

LKS2 – Fox Class 629 points

UKS2 – Pine Marten Class 160 points

Mrs Haden's Performer of the week!



Well done to Shravil, Aubree-Fay and Alex. Who all performed this week.

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Mon 16th October - BHM Assembly
- Mon 16th October – 3.30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 18th October – 4-6.30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 19th October – Osun Arts Foundation Workshop UKS2
- Thurs 19th October – LKS2 trip to Stonehenge
- Fri 20th October – International Attire Day
- Mon 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term
- Mon 30th October – Children Return
- Mon 30th October – 3.30-6pm – SEN Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 31st October – KS1 Trip to Brooklands Museum
(Don't forget payment via your Arbor app)
- Wed 1st November – 9am – Reception Parents Reading workshop
- Thurs 9th November – Diwali Assembly
- Fri 10th November – Remembrance Assembly
- W/C 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- W/C 13th November – Year 6 Bikeability
- Fri 17th November – Children in Need
- Mon 20th November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Tues 21st November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thurs 23rd November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Fri 24th November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- W/C 27th November – Maths Week
- Sat 2nd December – Christmas Fair
- Wed 6th December – EYFS Nativity Play to Parents
- Thurs 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Fri 8th December – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 12th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 15th December – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 15th December – Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
- Tues 2nd January - INSET

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](#)

Every day
COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –88.7%

RM Orsa –85.5%

Rabbit –100% Winners 🏆

Otter –100% Winners 🏆

Beaver –98%

Red Kite –98.5%

Dormouse –96.6%

Fox –100% Winners 🏆

Red Squirrel –98.1%

Hedgehog –98.9%

Pine Marten –98.5%



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.



Parents' Evening Appointments

Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointments via Arbor.

Monday 16th October 2023 15:30-18:00
Wednesday 18th October 2023 16:00-18:30

Monday 30th October 2023* 15:30-18:00
(*SEN APPOINTMENTS ONLY)



Bikeability Half Term Course.

Bikeability Level 1&2 course for year 5 and above

23rd October, 9am-3pm, Woodford Park, RG5
4LY www.avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses

A MASSIVE
THANK
YOU

A massive **THANK YOU** to all!! Due to all you wonderful parents and carers coming out and supporting the school last year and raising such an amazing amount of money we have been able to purchase a new interactive teaching screen for a classroom. Having up to date technology in the classroom makes a huge difference in supporting the delivery of high-quality lessons, and without you this could not have happened. So, a BIG thank you from us.



Photo Orders

If you are not ordering your individual photographs online, please ensure your order is sent in to the school office by Tuesday 31st October.

We cannot accept orders after this date.

Thank you

Donations wanted!

EYFS are in need of more resources! Do you have any of these that you don't need any more? We'd love them in our Nursery and Reception classes!

- Your **recycling!** Boxes, cardboard, tubes, plastic tubs...we make lots of creations out of them!
- Paper, envelopes, stationary** of all shapes, sizes, colours and condition, we love to draw!
- Craft resources** such as paper plates, pipe cleaners, pom poms, sequins...anything crafty!
- Toys** for 5 year olds (please no board games or puzzles!) such as magnetic tiles, k-nex.
- Do you have any **wooden pallets? Logs? Cable drums? Tyres?** We'd love them too!

Anything we don't use will be added to our sale table! Thank you so much for your donations!

EYFS garden sale!

When? Every Thursday

**Where? in the KS1 playground,
next to EYFS gate.**

**Why? to help us raise money to
buy more amazing resources**

We have too many of some things, things that are a little young for us, or some resources that are best in a home environment as they are not easy to share!

We would love for you to stop by and make a purchase to help us reach our goal!

BEARWOOD PTA



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FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

MAIN HALL, BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**KS1- 3:30pm-4:30pm
KS2- 5pm-6pm**

PRICE £2.50

**PRICE INCLUDES ENTRY, DRINK & SNACK
PRE-BOOK BY EMAILING
PTA@BEARWOOD-PRI.WOKINGHAM.SCH.UK
CHILDS NAME & CLASS**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT BECKY BARKER
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

Parentkind
Member Association



Come and try all our instruments for FREE!

Just turn up on Saturday 21st October

10.30am-12.30pm at our

Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court,

100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst,

Reading, RG30 4EZ

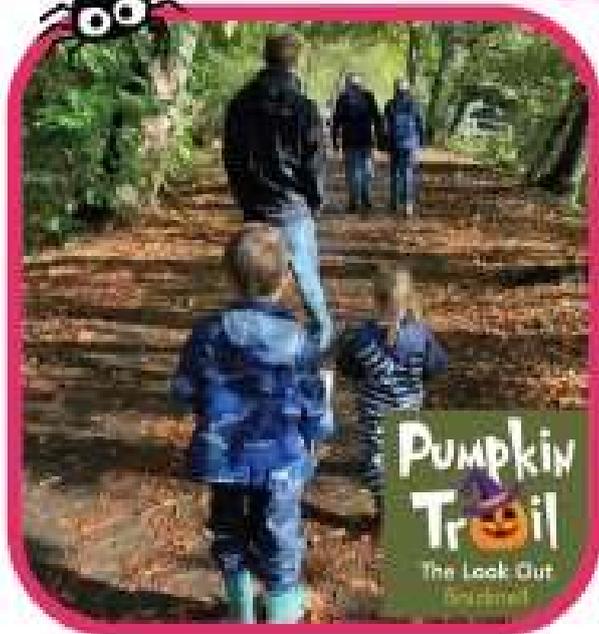
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**Funtastic
Kids**

October Half Term Holiday Camps!

Dependable childcare in a safe environment

Open across Berkshire:

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October*

*Dates may vary according to location.

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
themed activities!
Ofsted registered
Ages 4-15



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