BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 13th November 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families,

We have had a very special week.

Last Friday our football team won their away match against Beechwood. The score was 3 – 0. Congratulations to the team and thank you to Mr Marshall.

On Tuesday, some of our Year Sixes: Shraddha, Shreya, Advik, Aadya, Viaan, Niki and Chinmayee, presented a very special Diwali assembly to the school. It was highly informative. I learnt the different ways people in different parts of India celebrate Diwali.



We had our special Remembrance assembly on Wednesday. It was a very solemn occasion, with our 2-minute's silence honouring the fallen.

For the latter part of the week, many of our Year Sixes completed their Bikeability training. The majority of them got to progress to riding on the local roads.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the BBC charity Children in Need and making donations.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

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Go Bears!

Congratulations are in order for our amazing football team.

They achieved an impressive 3-0 win away at Beechwood. The team played excellently together and were well deserving of their victory!

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Reminders & Updates

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

On Monday 16th November, we are encouraging all children to wear odd socks.

The purpose of this day is to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, by celebrating individuality and encouraging people to express themselves.

More information can be found here: Odd Socks Day

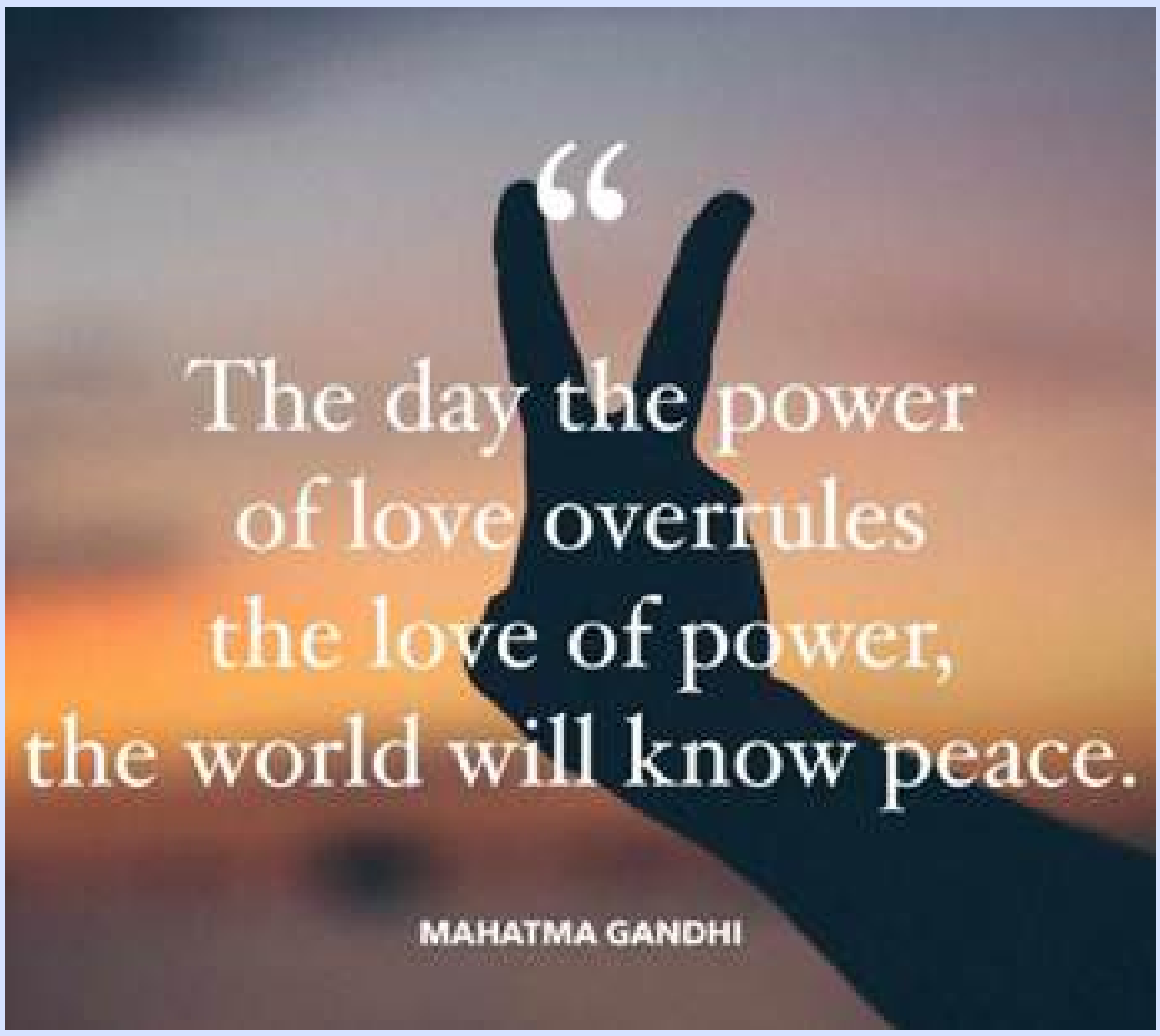
Donations to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance can be made here: Anti-Bullying Alliance - JustGiving.

We look forward to seeing all the different sock styles on Monday!



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Value for the term - PEACE



Events

- **W/C 16th Nov -** Maths Week, Road Safety Week & Anti-Bullying Week
- **16th Nov -** Odd Socks Day
- **17th Nov -** Reverend Patrick and Bishop Mary - special assembly
- **19th Nov -** 9am Maths morning for parents
- **26th Nov -** Road Safety assembly by Volker Highways
- **27th Nov -** 9am prospective parents school tour
- **1st Dec -** 9am Inclusion Coffee Morning with Ms Clarke
- **2nd Dec -** Year 3 and Year 4 trip to St Catherine's Church
- **7th Dec -** EYFS Nativity dress rehearsal to school
- **8th Dec -** 9am EYFS Nativity performance to parents
- **9th Dec -** Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- **11th Dec -** School Choir at Mayor's Carol Concert rehearsal
- **13th Dec -** School Choir at Mayor's Carol Concert performance

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK





Last Sunday, Salena took part in a Remembrance Day parade with her Brownie group, 2nd Winnersh Brownies. They marched through Wokingham town, laid a wreath at the church and marched back. Salena was very proud.

For your child to feature, please share a photo and text with the School Office

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award

- **Beaver Class** - Caprice, for great understanding of parts and wholes in Maths
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Kiara, for her helpful and caring attitude
- **Red Kite Class** - Noelle, for her fantastic resilience. I am very proud!
- **Hedgehog Class** - Gabrielle, for a brilliant attitude towards school life
- **Otter Class** - Eliza, for showing resilience with her work. Keep up the positive attitude!
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Mollie, for excellent listening and focus during Bikeability sessions, which the course instructors highlighted



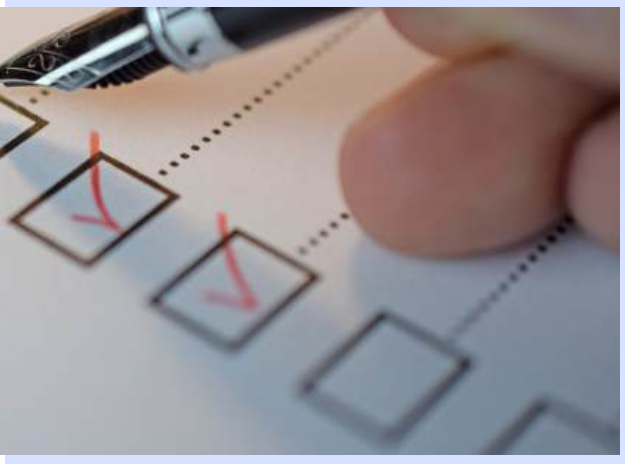
PE Award

- **Beaver Class** - Whole class, for demonstrating that teamwork really does make the dream work
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Shanaya, for great practice at front support and back support
- **Red Kite Class** - Annie, for an excellent gymnastics sequence
- **Hedgehog Class** - Evie, for great dribbling and defence in hockey
- **Otter Class** - Maisie and Alondra, for showing great teamwork and excellent control when making partner balances
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Louisa, for super effort in both gymnastics and hockey sessions this week



Writer of the week

- **Lower Phase** - Blanka, for great use of new sounds and being able to add '-ed' to the ends of words successfully
- **Middle Phase** - Ianis, for using subordinating conjunctions and exciting adjectives in his diary entry
- **Upper Phase** - Vincent, for a fantastic biography with all the features and cohesion



Attendance this week

- Brown Bears - 94.9%
- Fox Class - 95.0%
- Beaver Class - 83.9%
- Red Squirrel Class - 95.6%
- Red Kite Class - 98.3%
- Hedgehog Class - 98.1%
- Otter Class - 95.1%
- Grey Wolf Class - 98.2%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)

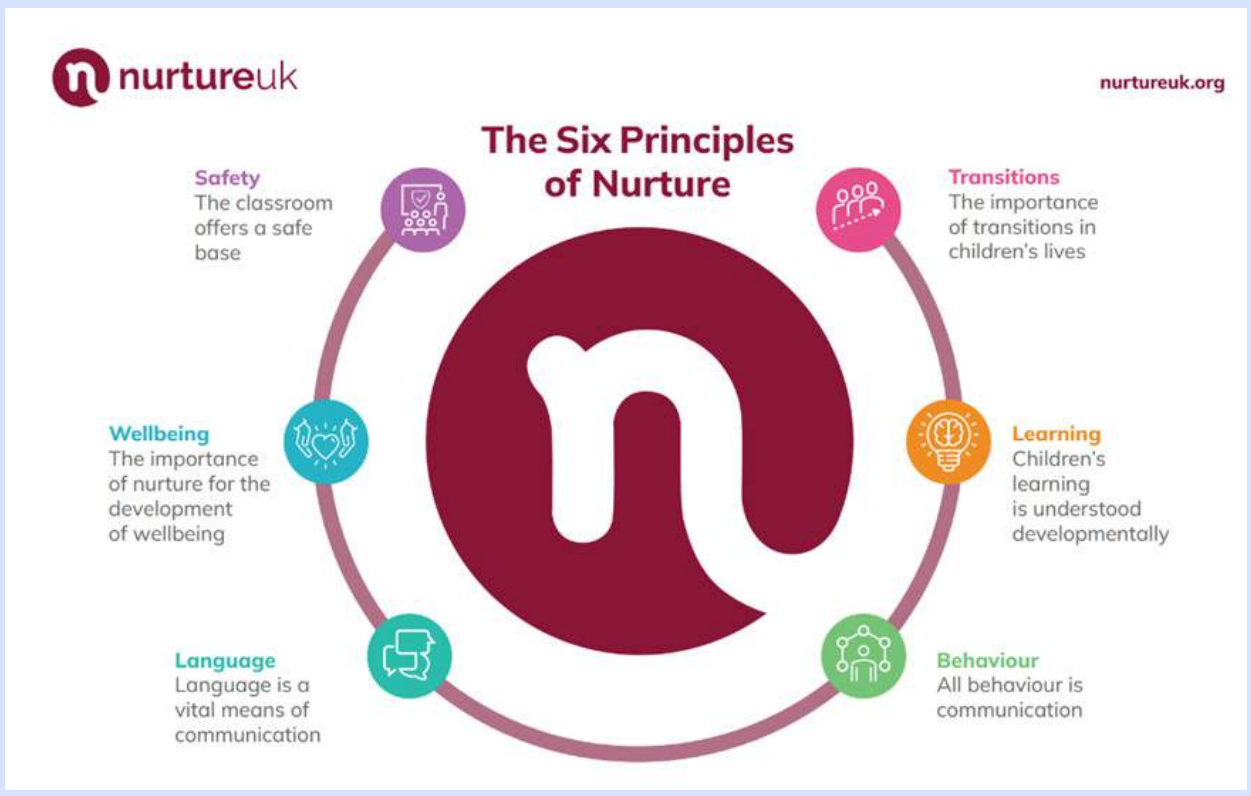
As Ms Alder mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are working towards achieving the National Nurturing Schools Award. Ms Brannigan and I have already attended three training sessions and will be leading the 18-month project at Bearwood.

The aim of the programme is for us to 'create a nurturing environment that enhances learning, strengthens resilience, and helps pupils achieve their full potential.'

The programme is based on The Six Principles of Nurture. At our staff training meeting on Tuesday, all the teachers took time to reflect on each Principle, thinking about what we already do well at Bearwood and what we could do to make our school even more nurturing. Our learning support assistants and office staff have also been invited to reflect and contribute their views. We have got through many packs of Post-It's with all our ideas!

A child-friendly version of the Nurture Principles will be shared with classes later in the term.

I will be sharing regular updates in the newsletter as we want all our parents / carers to be involved and feel part of our Nurture journey.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...





Nursery - Brown Bears
Reception - Fox Class

We have been learning all about space, we even launched a rocket!
On Remembrance Day all the children joined in together to make beautiful poppies. We were so proud of how the children showed respect for this important day.















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Year 1 - Beaver Class

This week in PE, we were learning all about working as a team.

We played different games using the parachute and though about ways to succeed altogether, as well as motivating each other throughout the lesson.







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Year 3 - Red Kite Class

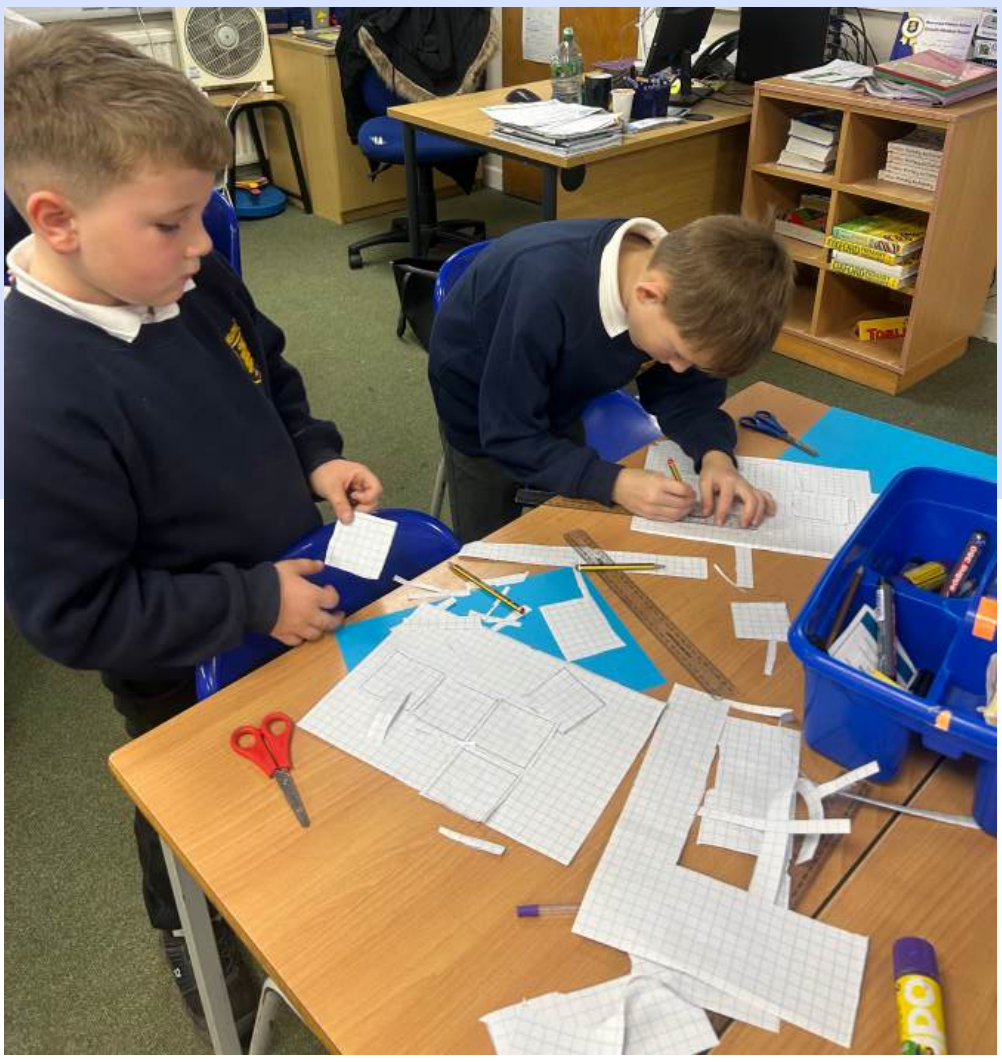
This week in D&T, the children loved drawing and constructing nets to assemble into 3D cubes.

This hands-on practice is preparing them for their final project, where they will design and build their own custom gift boxes over the next few weeks.

We hope this sparks their imagination as they start thinking about what shape they want their box to be and which Christmas treats or gifts it might hold!







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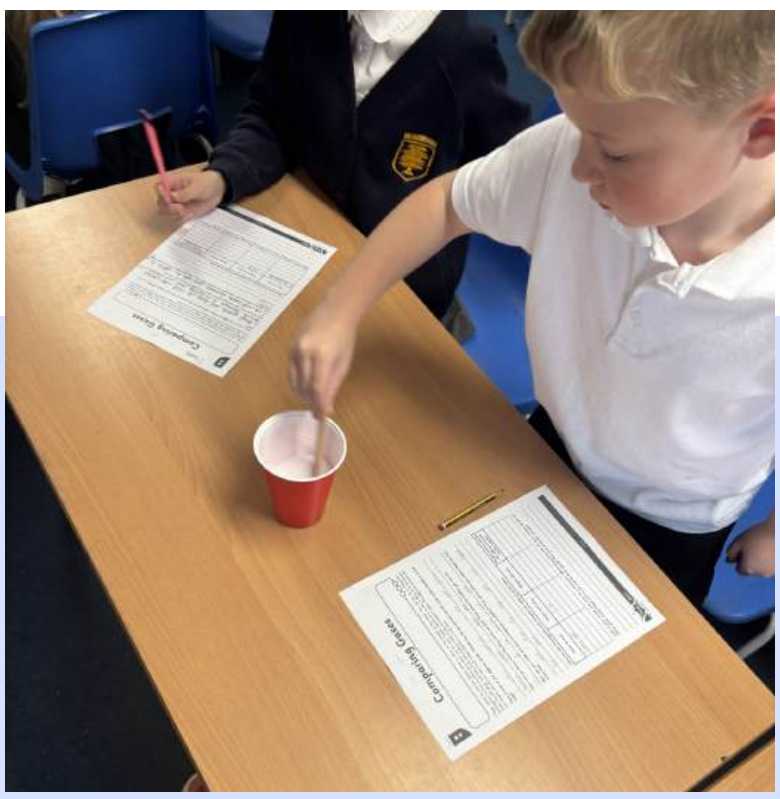


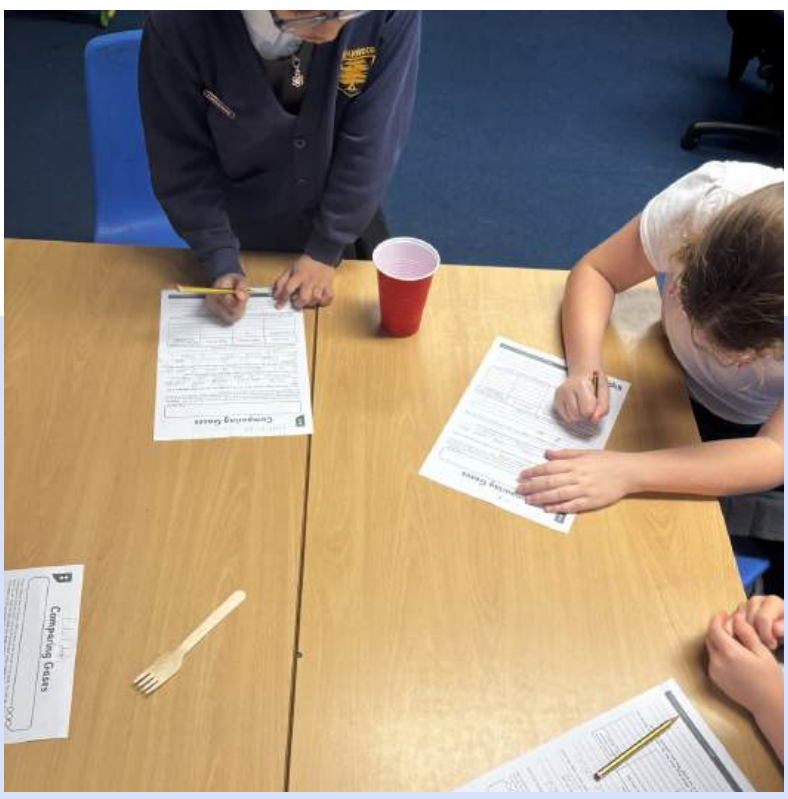
Year 4 - Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class have been investigating the properties of matter in Science this week.

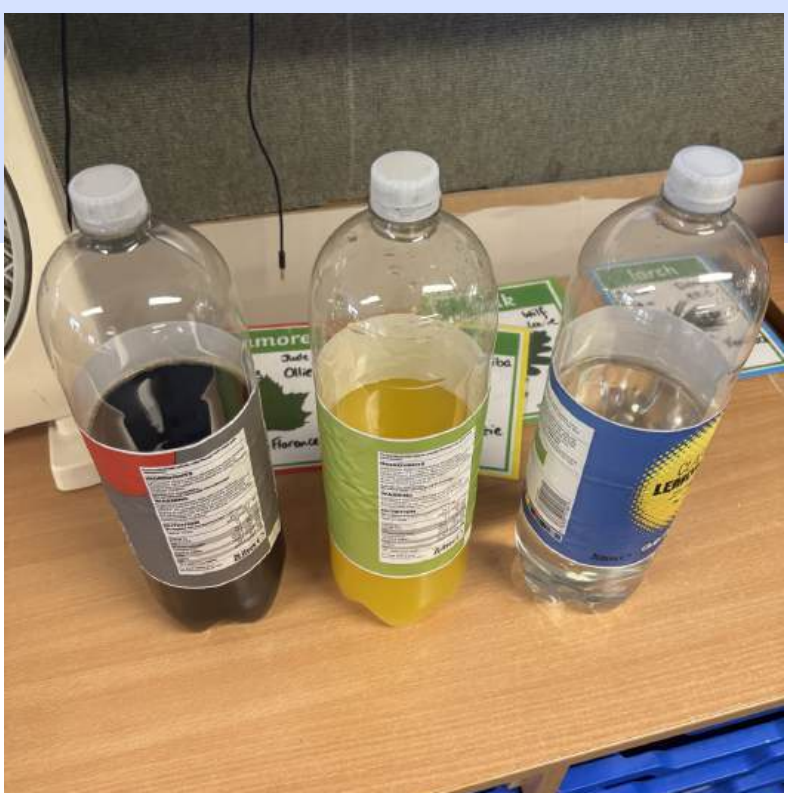
They have conducted an experiment testing if gases have weight. The children weighed different carbonated drinks before and after removing the gas.

Our results showed significant differences between the weights.









WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Lots of Year 6s have completed their Bikeability courses this week: learning how to ride, including how to do so on our busy roads safely!

The instructors were very complimentary of their attitude and perseverance.

