

Bearnes Primary School

Bearnes School Newsletter
Friday 19th January 2018



Message from Head of School

2018 could be Bearnes best year yet: as a result of a generous donation from one of our school governors, we will be completely refreshing the Accelerated Reader books for children in years two and three. They will have far more choice and many more interesting titles to choose from!

Preschool are now the fortunate beneficiaries of a lovely wooden playhouse donated by Mrs Wooton and built this week by Mr Sutton.

The amazing success of the Christmas fair has enabled us to purchase a large reading rug and rainbow dividers for the preschool which will really enhance the appearance and feel of this area.

The staff and children are very grateful for all of the donations of time, money and skills that we receive from our parents and wider community as it enables Bearnes to be the very special and unique environment that it is.



Diary Dates:

Monday 29th January – Bikeability week for Redwood class.
Friday 2nd February – Gym team to attend competition at Hennock School
Monday 5th February – actor/storyteller to visit KS2.
Week beginning 5th February – Parents evenings (more info' to follow)

Stars of the Week

This week we celebrated the achievements of Alfie, Lexi, Kayden and Jess, who made the extra effort in class all week to make amazing progress and stand out as learning role models for their classes.

Attendance:

Redwoods: 97.3%
Sycamore: 96.2%
Chestnuts: 96.5%
Acorns and Oaks: 95.8%
A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life

90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all

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Acorns and Oaks News

Oaks and Acorns have had a great week. They are enjoying learning about Weather and the season. This week we have read a story called 10 little lights. The children have made actions for the different animals in the story and are using these to help them re-tell it. They are excellent storytellers! Next week we will be continuing to read the story and the children will be changing one of the animals from the story. They will then have a go at writing a sentence each to make our own version of the story. We are encouraging children to use their phonics to become more independent in their writing, any support with this would really help the children progress with their writing. They can help write birthday cards or labels and captions about the toys they are playing with!

Chestnut News

We've had a great week in Chestnuts. The children have been writing their own instructions on how to reach their treasure island.

They have also been working very hard on multiplication and talking about adding equal groups together and representing it as repeated addition. The year twos have then been progressing their work further by representing the repeated additions with the correct multiplication table.

Owen created his own multiplication story about 5×5 and $5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5$

'A man wanted to make 5 apple pies and in each pie he needed 5 apples in each pie. He used 25 apples in total. Awesome effort Owen!!!

Please remember to read 5 times a week for 20 minutes a night and to ensure that spellings and timestables are being done throughout the week.

Sycamore News

We have been racing along with our D&T this week and making our own models. After evaluating, we made a few adjustments and then progressed to making our own piston by connecting two syringes together and integrating this with our cardboard drive wheel. This was such a fiddly and complicated task but showed how well our children can work under pressure to produce fantastic results!

The whole class did an amazing job at building their model drive wheel, but Kayden showed a real understanding of the mechanics involved and worked tirelessly to complete his accurately. He even supported other children when he had finished! Well done Kayden-enjoy your star award!

Redwoods News

Redwoods have been very busy this week thinking about their new text, 'Leon and the Place Between'. I have loved seeing children adopt phrases and vocabulary into their writing and the enthusiasm some of them have shown towards the story. Callum's expression and intonation during his retelling made it very engaging indeed! In maths, we have started fractions! We cut up delicious cake into different fractions to find equivalents...it was a rather tasty lesson.

We have two workshops this week to extend our writer and deep thinkers. Jacob and Saul really enjoyed their thought provoking questions in their philosophy workshop and taking part in discussions with other children.

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