

Beechwood News

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Dear Parents,

We are very nearly at the end of the Spring term and two-thirds of the way through the academic year. I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone. The children have grown so much already this year and have worked so hard to achieve their targets and I know this will continue throughout the summer term. At least we have the lighter mornings and evenings to look forward to during the next term. Term ends this Friday at 3.05 and school reopens on Tuesday 22nd April. Please enjoy the break and I hope you get to enjoy some nice weather.

Best wishes, Sue Rees

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Half Termly Attendance Figures

Lower School	Upper School
3R = 96.86%	5A = 97.14%
3W = 95.11%	5W = 96.09%
4B = 98.14%	6T = 98.33%
4D = 97.56%	6B = 97.41%

Our school overall target is 96%.

Weekly winners receive a 5 minute extra playtime each week.

Half term winners receive an extra break time.

Spring 2 winners are 4B and 6T, many congratulations to both classes!! Enjoy your playtime!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open from 7.30 till 8.30, £2.50 per child. We cannot take responsibility for your child before 7.30 so please wait with them until breakfast club opens. Don't forget you have to book your child's place using the booking grid on the website or email fastclub@beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk.

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Reminders

Phone Number Change

Please ensure that you let the school office know if you change your mobile or home/work phone number. There may be a time when we have to contact you as an emergency and there are a large number of contact numbers we hold that are no longer available.

Homework Club

Homework club will need to change to Wednesday and Mondays. Therefore Yr's 3&4 on Mondays and Yr's 5&6 on Wednesdays!

Facebook

There have been a high number of issues recently that have involved Facebook being used inappropriately by children. We are finding that these issues, although taking place at home, are impacting on children whilst at school. A lot of time is being taken up by staff trying to ensure children who have been affected by these issues are appropriately supported at school. Could I please remind you that it is against Facebook rules that any child under the age of 14 has a Facebook account. Therefore, if a child has one it has been set up after false information has been given to Facebook.

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in raising our attendance. Our whole school attendance now stands above our target at 96.45% and we're hoping that it continues to rise. Pupils whose attendance is below 90% will be receiving a letter from school before the end of term outlining our concerns. While we are aware that there are some particular circumstances where ill health can prevent good attendance it is important to remember that 10% non-attendance equates to one half day absence every week. This hinders effective progress and if repeated year on year has a long term impact on a child or young person's ability to succeed alongside their peers. Hoping that it continues to rise.

Coffee Morning

Apologies but there will be no coffee morning on the first week back after the Easter holidays.

Social Media

Whilst there are many good sides to the world's technological developments there are also some issues of concern relating to children. This term I have spent quite a lot of time dealing with issues related to children using social media sites inappropriately. When this has happened it has often continued in school in the form of friendship issues and has meant staff are tied up trying to deal with this. Please think very carefully before allowing children free access to some of these sites and at no time must they mention other children or staff of the school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Dancer at Beechwood

Kasia Bober, a Year 6 pupil at Beechwood Junior School has a hidden talent as a super dancer! Kasia has been in training at Julia's Dance Studio, where she has been working towards an Aerial Hoop competition which took place Friday 7th March. Kasia had to create her own freestyle dance routine, she nailed it on the day, winning second place in her first ever competition for 'Under 13 Freestyle Routine'. Watch out Diversity!



New Hockey Club comes to school

Beechwood Junior school pupils are looking forward to learning some different skills as the new after school hockey club begins in April, on a Tuesday from 3.10-4.10. The session will be run by expert and very experienced hockey coach, Mr Dunham. We look forward to hearing more about it in our next edition of Sports Times.



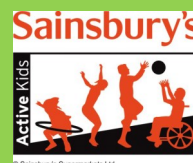
Top Trumps

Over the past weeks, Beechwood children have been playing Top Trumps to find their champion player and we are pleased to announce Oscar Richards in Year 6 is our 2014 champion. He will have the opportunity to go online to play against other school champions. Good luck Oscar.



Sainsbury's Active Kid Vouchers

We are still collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers, please deposit them in the box in reception. (please don't staple them together).



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Head Teachers Awards

The following children were nominated for a Head Teacher Award this month for outstanding work and behaviour.



3R: Libby Ashman, Jamie Nicholas, Luca Willis, Layla Thompson, Kelsey Ret, Jude Lane, Richard Page, Maia Decu.



3W: A J Stitson, Ava Cook, Kelsey Ely-Ryde, Pheonix Bukhory, Keidon Dawson, Sienna Collins, Susan Ahmadi, Benji Pryer.



4D: Denas Miskunas, Rachel Brindley, Ewan Hunt, Rania Saleh, Charlie Veal, Jacob Allen-Roe, Jakob Pardoe-Matthews.



4B: Kai Fairburn, Adrian Szytler, Ewan Minns, Malaika Raja, Taylor Smith, Charlie Binstead, Dylan Winch, Hallie Pickering.



5W: Thomas Price, Beth Stirrat, Vitold Bundzsak, Mackenzie Kavulok Anthony Westwood, Lucie Downer, Bathabile Magagula, Jimmy Holmes.



5A: Tanya Deacon, Bethany Amor, Mia Flood, Lucy-May Clarke, Saya McCloud, Amy Shearing Matthew Butt, Lily Waghorn.



6B: Mackenzie Amies, Fionntan Dowling, Emily White, Jacie Adams, Zia Strange, Jamie Brindley, Kasia Bober, Josh Warwick.



6T: Lauren Sheard, Nic Wisniewski, Lucy Hunt, Oscar Richards, Vinny Halliday, Megan Chapman, Ben Hunt, Danielle Wiles.



Important Dates April –May 2014

03/04 09:00-10:00	3W Victorians Assembly
03/04 14:00-15:00	Y4 Titanic Tea Party
07/04—21/04	Easter Holidays School Closed
22/04	First day of summer term
24/4 09:00-12:00	Y6 visit from Jane Glennie
28/4—2/5	Stubbington Residential Yr's 3&4 only
01/05 17:00-17:30	SATs information evening
05/05	Bank Holiday Monday
06/05-09/05	Open week
08/05	Newsletter
08/05	3R Rainforest Assembly
12/05— 16/05	SATs week Yr 6
21/05	End of Term Disco
22/05	WW2 Tea Dance
26/05-30/05	Half Term

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DAY	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	Time
MONDAYS		
28/04-14/07	IXL	15:05 – 16:05
28/04-07/07	Fencing Club	15:05 – 16:10
28/04-14/07	Homework Club Yrs. 3/4	15:05 – 15:50
TUESDAYS		
29/04-08/07	Dance Club	15:05 – 16:10
29/04-08/07	Hockey Coaching	
WEDNES-DAYS		
30/04-09/07	Football Coaching	15:05 – 16:10
THURSDAYS		
01/05-10/07	Multisports Club	15:05 – 16:10
30/04-16/07	Homework Club Yrs. 5/6	15:05 – 15:50
FRIDAYS		

Please remember that we do not run clubs during the first week back after half term and on the last week before we break up for holiday.

Due to confidentiality and noise levels, parents and siblings are unable to wait for children inside the school building but must collect them promptly from outside of the main reception. If it is raining, please use the cover of the bicycle compound. Children will not be allowed to leave the building unless the club leader has seen the adult/parent waiting to collect them. Homework and all other clubs will not run on the first and last week of any term unless specified otherwise in the original letter sent home inviting application to apply for a place. This does not apply to privately run clubs such as the Sarah Mepham School of Dance.

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Young Gymnast Trains Hard.

Zahra, a pupil from Shirley Infant school, is part of the Southampton Gymnastics Club and is a member of the Acrobatics Development Squad. She trains for six and a half hours each week, tumbling, and doing strength, conditioning and flexibility work. She has already participated in many competitions. Keep up the good work Zahra, we will look forward to hearing about your future successes.



Sports Leaders Get off to Flying Start

Sports leaders from Shirley Infant school, Shirley Junior school and Hollybrook Junior school have got off to a flying start. Children have been working with Mrs Capper over several weeks, developing their leadership skills and learning new, fun games. Working as part of a small team, children are on their way to putting their new found skills into action when they will have the challenge of running lunchtime activities for other children. The responsible and privileged position involves planning the activities, getting all the equipment ready and explaining and putting into action a mini game for other children. Some young leaders have been rewarded by getting new and very smart Sport Leader polo shirts which marks out their role when on the playground.

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Runners Do Well in Local League.

The local running league, which included 5 separate races, saw excellent results for pupils at Shirley Junior school. The Year 5 and 6 boys A team, consisting of Zach Williams, Reece Kimber, Victor Savage, Leo Dobbs and Ollie Cook ran brilliantly, finishing first with an equally brilliant effort by the B team, consisting of Joshua Batt, Thomas Goldstraw, Ollie Cazaly and Lars Feyera-bend-Powell who came in second. Special mention must go to Zach Williams who did amazingly well, finishing 3rd overall. Not to be outdone, the girls team, Isabella Richardson, Chloe Tsao, Tilly Muir and Jessica May finished in a very respectful third place.

Well done also to all participants who ran in the March Hare Race and achieved similar fantastic results with the boys A team Leo Dobbs, Ollie Cook, Thomas Goldstraw and Ollie Cazaly finishing first, the B team Zach Williams, Reece Kimber, Victor Savage and Joshua Batt finishing second, the C team Jamie Poelvoorde, Ben Cowan, Charles Bradford and Isaac Robinson finishing fourth and the D team Duncan Savage, Lars Feyera-bend-Powell, Louis Jeffries and Jacob Mittoo finishing sixth.

The girls teams did well with the A team - Kitty Malone, Chloe Tsao, Hannah Jewell and Lucy Walker finishing fourth and the B team - Jessica May, Abigail Lovell, Amelie Hill and Lucy Phillips finishing fifth.

The mixed team of 2 boys and 2 girls - Natasha Fraser Corbridge, Marley Curtis, Rex Robinson and Cameron Lindo finished third and - Isabella Richardson, Kaira Feyera-bend-Powell, Connor Brown and Thomas McCarthy finishing fourth. Fantastic results which the runners should be very proud of!

Eastleigh Football Tournament

Children from Harefield Primary School participated in a local football tournament with local schools. The team worked incredibly hard and played really well. The results were as follows:

Harefield Primary School vs Thornhill Primary School - 0-0.

Harefield Primary School vs Townhill Junior School - 1-0. Well done to Shea O'Loughlin who scored the winning goal for Harefield from a corner taken by Connor Allen.

Well done to all the children involved - Kieran James, T.J. Foot, Riley Freeborn, Bradley Bellows-Reynolds, Ben Ballard, Shea O'Loughlin, Connor Allen and Billy Jay West.



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Karate Congratulations.

A huge well done to karate experts Ben and Leo Harbour from Harefield Primary. Leo was recently successful in gaining his blue belt. For this he had to show a range of basic punches and kicks, upper, middle and lower blocks, sparring actions and demonstrate 2 katas.

Ben gained a purple belt which required him to show the same as Leo as well as 3 katas sanchin sanpo, Gekifa and seifa. Many congratulations to both boys!



Schools do Comic Relief.

A great day was held on 21st March at Harefield Primary School where Miss Creasey and Mrs Capper helped over 100 children on their way to completing a mile run; for some their first ever mile! Miss Creasey began the school day with a thought provoking assembly as to why we were all running.

Staff joined in with what turned out to be an inspiring and successful day of physical activity. A big thank you to mum, Mrs. Jordan who helped keep motivation high by getting everyone to join in an aerobics style warm up on the playground.

Weather was perfect for running – breezy with sunny outbursts and everyone returned to lessons tired but happy – well done to all the runners! In total, runners raised an amazing £444.23. Thank you to all the parents for their support.

Shirley Infant school held their run on 20th March and had an equally fun day. Miss Prior was at the helm, running an aerobic routine on the playground for the children before and after their run. All the children completed the mile challenge and Year 4 pupils from Shirley Junior school did their bit to help with marshalling

Multiskills event!

Over 100 children descend on Upper Shirley High! A fun and active time was had by all at the recent Multi-skills event which took place over two days at Beechwood Junior school on 13th February and Upper Shirley High school on 14th February. The event was organised by Tracie Capper and Claire Sidney, PE teacher from Upper Shirley High. Staff and children didn't let the terrible weather stop their enjoyment of an afternoon filled with PE. More than 200 children took part in the event which challenged the children to a whole variety of skills including throwing, balancing, running, skip-ping, jumping, dribbling, catching and bouncing. When asked about the event, children were quoted as saying "it was good fun but hot!", "it was great fun, I learnt a lot" and "I loved it and can't wait to do it again!"

Staff were also enthusiastic and actively helped children with the various activities. Even the teachers were up for the challenge!

