

Newsletter 3rd November 2023

For Pupils, Parents, Carers,
Governors and Friends

What is happening at Beechview

Peer Mentors

We are very pleased to present to the school the Student Senior Leadership Peer Mentor Team. The core mentors consist of Tamsin, Lottie, Diamond, Aura, Janiyah and Shayla with Taylor, Noah, Ethan and Lola supporting.

The children completed their training with Bucks Mind and proved themselves to be the right candidates for the job. We are very excited about them beginning their role at Beechview and seeing how they develop it further to support their peers with their mental health.



Bikeability

Four Year 6 children completed their Level 2 Bikeability course this week where they braved the weather and went out on the road to become proficient riders. They did so well and learnt important road safety skills. **We will be running Level 1 for Years 3 and 4 and another Level 2 course for Years 5 and 6 in January.** Follow the links to the relevant google forms in order to sign up. **Closing date for signing up is Monday 20th November.** Here are some quotes from two of the children this week:

Diamond said, *"It was really fun and improved my confidence on the road. The instructor was really nice."*
Shayla said, *"It was fun because we got to go on the road and learnt new things like looking behind us regularly."*

If you have any spare helmets, which you are able to donate to the school, we would be very grateful. We would love as many children as possible to take part in the new year.

Appointments and Requests for Leave

We have noticed an increase in early pick up requests recently and would like to ask you to please try and make all appointments after school where possible.

For any holiday requests, please come to the office to collect the form for completion. As a school we are under pressure to refuse all holiday requests but it will be down to the headteacher's discretion whether if it will be authorised and for how many days. Requests for leave can only be authorised under exceptional circumstances.

Weekly Attendance Champions:

03/11/23 **Maple 99.04%**

Whole school Attendance this week:

92.14 %

Reading Champions:

Fingers crossed next week is the week a class reaches 90%!



World Calendar Events

- November - Men's Health Awareness Month
- 5th Nov - Bonfire Night
- 11th Nov - Armistice Day
- 12th Nov - Remembrance Day
- 12th Nov - Diwali (Hindu Festival)
- 12th Nov - Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikh Festival)
- 13th Nov - Anti Bullying Week
- 30th Nov - St Andrew's Day

Update from the Headteacher

It has been a wonderful return to school this week, with adults and children happy to get stuck back into their learning. The pupils have settled in wonderfully even with our ongoing electrical works continuing and certain areas changing access throughout the week.

With regard to building works, the electrical requiring has been going really well with the team working around the school wonderfully, sometimes working nights to ensure areas are complete for the children. The project is likely to be finished by the end of January which will be great.

With regard to the refitting of the lower ground after the sewage overflow, we are working with the project managers with scheduling deadlines. The classrooms are now fully dry so the removal of the flooring can happen soon with refitting of classrooms hopefully beginning just before Christmas. We are already looking at some new designs for this area and are excited about what the future holds.

This half term, our Student Senior Leadership Team will be starting their training, working with designated adults to support them in their role, which we are excited to get started. We know the impact these pupils will have on our Beechview community will be nothing but positive. Along with this, we are starting to prepare school council nominations in classrooms. Please talk to your children about the purpose of this to ensure their voices are heard.

Once again another busy start to the half term and so much more to come!

**Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Parry-Woolner**

Important dates this term:

- Mon 13th Nov - Fri 17th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week**
- Tues 14th Nov - Y2 Open Events (9:30am & 3:30pm)**
- Fri 17th Nov - Children in Need**
- Tues 28th Nov/Weds 29th Nov - Parent Meetings**
- Tues 19th Dec - School Finishes at 1:15pm**
- Weds 20th Dec - Weds 3rd Jan - Christmas Holidays**
- Thurs 4th Jan/ Fri 5th Jan - INSET DAYS**

Something to celebrate!



The most dojo points collected:

<u>Week beginning 16th October:</u>	<u>Half term champions:</u>
3H- Eliza	3H- Emilia
30- Clara	30- Clara
4C- William	4C- William
4E- Georgia	4E- Akshita
5H- Louie	5H- Ethan
6M- Israel	6M- Taylor
6P- Andrii	6P- Frankie

House: Courage

Stars of the Week

03/11/23

