

Beechwood Newsletter



Attendance

Attendance continues to be one of our key school priorities, as we know that regular attendance plays such an important part in children's learning, progress and overall success at school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for working alongside us to support and maintain good attendance and punctuality.

We continue to celebrate attendance and punctuality every Friday, recognising the fantastic efforts of our children and families. A huge well done to everyone at Beechwood Primary! Last week, Class 1 achieved the highest attendance with an impressive **98.2%**, closely followed by Class 10 with **97.7%**. These are fantastic achievements, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by both classes



We would also like to celebrate some outstanding punctuality. Congratulations to **Class 1, Class 3 and Class 13**, who all achieved **100% punctuality with no late arrivals**. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to all the children, parents and carers who have helped make this possible. Please continue to check the school website regularly for the latest news, updates and information that may be relevant to you. If you have any further questions or queries regarding attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact the Attendance Team via the school office.

Trips, Visits and Experiences

Year 4 Ancient Greek Workshop

Year 4 had an excellent day on Tuesday because a history expert came into school to teach us all about daily life in Ancient Greece. First, we looked at different reconstructed artefacts, and we learned that the Ancient Greeks invented a clay water clock and a clay baby bottle. Catherine told us that they had bathhouses like the Romans and that each city state designed their own coins to trade with. We learned that archaeologists discovered Ancient Greek vases, and we really enjoyed designing our own.



Francophone Day

To celebrate the diversity of languages, we had a fantastic day on Friday focusing on Francophone countries – countries where French is spoken. Children learnt songs in their key stages, which will be performed in our celebration assembly in a few weeks' time. They also enjoyed plenty of games and had the opportunity to research different Francophone countries.

It was wonderful to see so many children joining in by dressing in the colours of their year group's nominated French-speaking country.

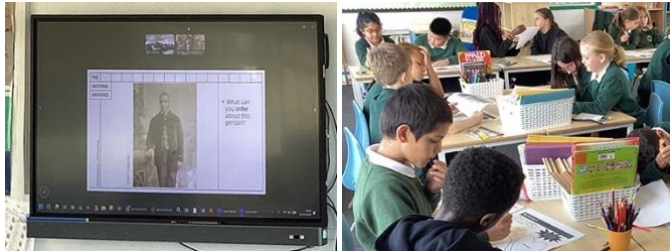


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Year 5 National Archives: Black Victorians

To kick off our work for Black History Month, Year 5 took part in an exciting workshop led by The National Archives, exploring the lives of Black people during the Victorian era. Using historical documents, pupils investigated the experiences of three Black individuals and developed their historical enquiry skills. The session explored themes of migration, identity and resilience, highlighting how many Black Victorians overcame racism to achieve success. We also learned about “hidden histories” and discussed the importance of remembering and celebrating people whose stories have often been overlooked.



Year 5 Victorian Workshop

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating workshop led by storyteller and historian Matthew Bellwood, exploring leisure activities in Victorian Britain. Pupils discovered how Victorians spent their free time and compared this with entertainment in other periods of history. They learned about popular Victorian toys and pastimes and even had the opportunity to try some traditional parlour games. It was a fun and engaging way to bring history to life and deepen our understanding of the Victorian era.



Year 6 Animation Workshop

Year 6 took part in an animation workshop where we brought our own rainforest to life! It was a great day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We may have a few budding animators on our hands.



National Poetry Day

On Thursday 1st October, the whole school celebrated National Poetry Day. Children in KS2 took part in an exciting live assembly with Michael Rosen and Hot Poets on this year's theme 'Wonder is...'. Children in EYFS and KS1 learnt and performed different poems in classes from the Read, Write Inc collection 'Say a Poem'.

Spanish Workshop at BYA

Year 6 took part in a Spanish workshop at Bishop Young. We split into different groups and tried Spanish food, played bingo, learnt how to pronounce different sports and also how to count to twenty. We had a great morning, and everyone was really involved. Thanks to Bishop Young staff and students for helping.



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Early Reading and Phonics workshop

Last week, parents were invited in to learn more about how early reading and phonics is taught in school and how you can best support your child at home. We were so pleased to see so many of our parents at the meeting. If you were unable to attend or would like to look at the information again, please visit the English section on the school [website](#).

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We want to make you aware of a serious safeguarding concern linked to Roblox. This concern is targeted towards children from the age of 5 years. Please see this [link](#) to Sky News for more information.

Safeguarding

If you are worried about any safeguarding situation or about your child being harmed, then you should contact Miss Roberts (Designated safeguarding lead), Mrs Giles, Miss Magill or Mrs Ticala (Deputy designated safeguarding leads) to share your concerns.

Young Carers

For more information about Young Carers—including events, updates, and news—please visit the [school website](#).

School Grid

Please continue to use School Grid to order your child's meals in advance. It is really great to involve your child in making these choices to ensure they are enjoying their lunches.



Diary Dates

14th October- Reception Stay & Play 9am
10^h October-Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip
15th October- School Photos
20th October- Year 4 Leeds City Museum Trip
21st October- Parents Evening

School Council

We are very excited to welcome our newly elected School Council members from Years 1–6! At their first meeting, the children shared lots of ideas about how they could support our Harvest collection for Leeds South and East Foodbank. Together, they decided to organise a non-uniform day on Friday 2nd October and created their own posters to encourage families to bring in donations. Next week, our School Council will proudly present all of the collected items to Reverend Anne Russell during our special Harvest assembly.



Black History Month Assemblies - Parents Welcome

Nursery – Wednesday 14th Oct 10:15am or 2:00pm (only attend one)
Reception – Tuesday 20th Oct 2:30pm
Year 1 – Monday 19th Oct 9:00am

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Year 2 – Thursday 22nd Oct 2:30pm

Year 3 – Tuesday 20th Oct 9:00am

Year 4 – Monday 19th Oct 2:30pm

Year 5 – Tuesday 13th Oct 9:00am

Year 6 – Monday 12th Oct 2:30pm

School App

Thank you for activating your Arbor account for all communications. If you are having any issues logging in, please contact the school office.





Reception

Open Afternoon

for children starting
Reception in September 2027

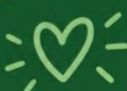


**Monday 16th
November
at 3.30pm**

Come and see our school,
meet our team and find out more
about starting Reception at
Beechwood Primary School.



Beechwood Primary School
Kentmere Avenue
LS14 6QB



Nursery Places

We have a small number of 3-year-old nursery places available for both 15 hours & 30-hour places. Please contact the school office for more information and share this with family and friends.



Beechwood Primary School

Nursery Places Now Available



Unique
Outdoor Magic
Garden Trail



Exciting
Activities
& Indoor
Provision



Ofsted
Outstanding
Early years provider
2014/2015



Universal &
Extended 30hrs
Funded Options
Childcare
Choices



Spaces
are
limited

ENROL NOW BY CONTACTING OUR OFFICE TEAM

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Wrap Around- Premier Education

We are pleased to let you know that there are still places available in our Wraparound Care provision run by Premier Education. If you are looking for a flexible, high-quality childcare before or after school, please see information below. To secure a place for your child, please use the booking link [here](#).



**Before and After School
Wraparound Care from
Premier Education**



Timings*

Breakfast club
7.30am – 8.45am
Includes breakfast.

After School club
3.30pm – 5pm
3.30pm – 6pm
Includes snack and light tea option.

*example timings only

Why choose Premier Education?

- **Wide Range of Activities:** From gymnastics to gardening, we offer diverse activities to enrich each child's experience.
- **Convenient Online Bookings:** Our simple online booking system allows parents to book activities with ease. Receive instant email confirmations for hassle-free tracking and reduced administration.
- **Responsive Office Support:** Our dedicated office support team is available from 9am to 5pm daily to address any queries or concerns promptly.
- **Siblings Discount and Special Offers:** Enjoy increased siblings discount and exclusive offers for our valued families.

OFSTED REGISTRATION

Our wraparound clubs are registered with Ofsted, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards. This allows us to accept childcare vouchers against our provision.

Learn more about childcare vouchers at:
<http://tinyurl.com/premierchildcarevouchers>

SUITABLE FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICE PERSONNEL

Eligible Service personnel (Tri-Service) can register for up to 20 hours per week, per child, term time only (39 weeks per year) of wraparound childcare funding for 4- to 11-year-old children attending before and after school childcare in the UK.

Learn more at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childcare-for-service-children>

