



# Beechwood Newsletter

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## 1st March 2019

### ORACY AT BEECHWOOD

Did you know that being confident and fluent in language is vital in becoming confident in the future?

Beechwood Primary Academy is committed to improving every child's Oracy skills so all children can become confident and fluent in language.

Teachers are planning specific opportunities to develop and practice Oracy skills for every child in the school. For example, Year 3 have been debating whether they would like to live near a volcano or not. Year 6 have been working in groups to make fantastic models of a South American landmark.

The skills we are working on are:



How can you help at home?

Ask your child how their day was when you greet them from school. Ask them what the favourite part of the day was. Try not to take one word answers!

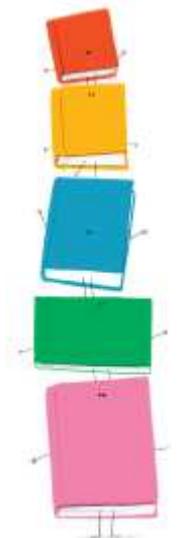
Create some space and time during the busy day to talk, around a family meal is a perfect chance to do this. Ask them to give reasons for their thoughts using sentence stems such as: 'I think ...because', and 'I disagree because...'.  
Look out for more information on the Oracy project throughout the coming terms.

### WORLD BOOK DAY - MUFTI

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
7 MARCH 2019



On Thursday 7th March children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for World Book Day!



They will receive a £1 book token which can be used to buy a special £1 book, or money towards another book of their choice.

## DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



### 2018/2019

Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day - Character Mufti
Fri 8th Mar	Hubble Class Assembly - 9.00am
Mon 11th Mar	Bikeability - Year 5
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day - Mufti
Fri 15th Mar	EYFS Classes Assembly
Mon 18th Mar	Balanceability - Rec
Fri 22nd Mar	Franklin & Hawking Class Assembly
Wed 27th Mar	Class Photographs
2nd & 3rd Apr	Book Fayre - Dining Hall 3.15pm
Thurs 4th April	Easter Assembly - 9.15am
Thurs 4th April	School closes for Easter
Fri 5th Apr	Non-pupil Day
Wed 24th Apr	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Sun 19th May	Schools Half Marathon Challenge
Mon 27th May to 14th June	Friday 31st May HALF TERM Ten Tors Weekend
Tues 23rd July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Wed 24th July	Non-pupil Day

### 2019/2020

Thurs 5th Sept	School re-opens at 8.45am
Wed 25th Sept	Beam House Residential - Year 5
Mon 21st Oct to Fri 25th Oct	HALF TERM
Thurs 28th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 29th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 20th Dec	School closes for Christmas Hols
Mon 4th Nov	Individual Photographs

## BUG BUSTING!

Could we please ask you all to check your child's hair over the Half Term Holiday for head lice and treat if necessary. We need to do this at least once a month to be able to control this problem.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## PTFA - BUDDIES NEWS

### YEAR 6 - LEAVERS HOODIES

Letters have gone out today regarding the purchase of Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies.

Cost : £18.00

Please return your slips to the office by

**Friday 29th March.**

Thank you.

### BIG TOP CIRCUS Saturday 22nd June

More details to follow



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.



## ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **11th February 2019.**

Sun	91.0%
Moon	87.4%
Hubble	89.0%
Newton	93.8%
Brunel	87.9%
Curie	89.2%
Jenner	95.6%
Anning	92.6%
Sharman	97.2%
Tesla	96.7%
Hawking	94.7%
Franklin	95.0%
Da Vinci	93.3%
Dalton	98.5%

=WINNERS

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



## HUBBLE CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Hubble Class are invited to their assembly on **Friday 8th March at 9.00am.** We look forward to seeing you there. Please use the black gate entrance by the main entrance. Thank you.



## RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th March  
Red Nose Mufti



Our School Champions have decided to support this year's 'Red Nose Day'.

As a plastic free school, our School Champions have asked that our children do not buy any plastic RND merchandise, red noses, glasses, etc. If you would like to instead donate this money, we would be grateful.

Thank you from the School Champions

## PANCAKE DAY Tuesday 5th March



The kitchen will be serving pancakes for desert.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS DAY Thursday 14th March 2019

More information to follow.

## PRE-SCHOOL SLEEP THERAPY WORKSHOP WITH CEREBRA Tuesday 12th March from 10am until 2pm

Please contact Mrs J Daw - Senco if you are interested in attending this event.



*Have a Great Weekend*  
*Lisa Evans - Head of School*



## ICT WARNING

We would like to make parents aware that there have been reports of hacking into children's programmes suggesting that children take part in nasty challenges. 'Challenges' appear half way through Kids Youtube, Fortnite, Peppa Pig to avoid detection by adults. Please be vigilant with your child using IT, the images are very disturbing.

The NSPCC, in partnership with O2, offers the following advice on online safety.

**Use Net Aware:** A guide to the social networks and apps your child might be using and practical advice over how to keep them safe.

**Parental controls:** Set up parental controls to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases and manage how long your child spends online. Lots of mobiles, tablets and home broadband come with settings to manage what your child can and can't see or do online.

**Online gaming:** Activate safety settings on games consoles, turn off in-app purchases. Both the Apple app store and Google Play allow parents to create a pin code which must be entered before every purchase.

**Internet history:** Check your child's internet history by entering CTRL + H when the browser is open.

**Child accounts:** Create a child's account on windows PC and enable Family Safety settings which allows you to block websites. If using Mac set up Screen Sharing so you can see your child's activity.

For more information and support about keeping children safe online, call the free 02 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002 or visit the following websites:-

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

[Www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre>



## PREVENT ASSEMBLY

On Monday, Michael House, a Healthy Child Leadership Associate, came into school to talk about the government PREVENT agenda. This is a government strategy to keep children and communities safe from the threat of terrorism, to stop people becoming terrorists and to stop people supporting terrorism.

The assembly focused on being kind to each other and respecting those who believe in different things. He talked about how important it was to let other people make up their own minds and to not influence others. He also talked about what children could do if they were worried about anything. They could talk to their teachers, parents or call the NSPCC website number. 0808 800 5000.

Further information can be found on the NSPCC website, on [www.ltai.info](http://www.ltai.info) (It's talk about it website) and an information leaflet is attached to this newsletter as well.

