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Values of the term: Belief, Trust, Respect

'Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible' - Dalai Lama

Dear all,

What a week it's been! From sporting success and exciting trips out, to excellent feedback from our SEND review - there's so much to celebrate.

Tag Rugby – Fantastic news for our Year 5/6 rugby players, who won the tournament on Tuesday. Six schools took part, and Buckland only conceded one try - an amazing achievement! We're so proud of the whole team for their brilliant effort and outstanding teamwork throughout – they are now through to the finals on 25th February.



Wayland Smithy –

On Wednesday, Oak Class enjoyed an exciting trip to Wayland's Smithy and White Horse Hill as part of their Stone Age topic. The long walk to and from Wayland's Smithy didn't dampen their enthusiasm - the children loved exploring and imagining what life might have been like during the Stone Age. Despite the gloomy weather, everyone stayed in high spirits throughout the day. They were absolutely buzzing when they returned to school - some even said it was the best trip apart from the residentials, which is high praise



indeed! A huge thank you to Mrs Stevens, Mrs Houston, and Mrs Scrivens for accompanying the class and helping make the day so memorable. More photos on Oak class pages

<https://www.bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk/waylands-smithy-2/>

SEND review - We're delighted to share the super feedback from our recent annual trust SEND Review. The reviewers were so impressed with the caring, inclusive ethos that shines through every part of Buckland Primary. They highlighted the strong sense of

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belonging we create for all children, the calm and positive atmosphere around school, and the dedication of our staff to making sure every pupil can thrive. Our leadership team, teachers and support staff were praised for their reflective practice, creative teaching approaches and strong teamwork. The reviewers particularly noted how well we know our pupils and how thoughtfully we adapt learning to meet individual needs. It was lovely to hear how families value our honest, supportive communication, and how pupils themselves spoke with pride and enthusiasm about their learning. There were also some helpful points for development - which we really welcome - as they'll help us continue to grow and make Buckland an even better place for every child. A massive thank you to Ms Hatton, who works tirelessly to ensure our SEND provision is robust, inclusive, and always focused on what's best for the children. We couldn't be prouder of this feedback – it's a testament to the warmth, care and hard work that makes Buckland such a special place to learn and grow.

This week in classes -

Acorns - have continued to enjoy learning about Autumn this week. We have been sharing Autumn stories which have inspired us to create our own playdough hedgehogs and leaf pictures. Little Acorns have enjoyed lots of turn taking and listening games, especially when blowing the leaves on the large parachute and playing musical statues! Big Acorns have been making their arms and fingers strong through disco moves and lasers, they have then been working hard to create beautiful portraits and name writing. We have also been matching and sorting objects in different ways.

Beech have had a busy week. We have spent lots of time thinking about kindness. We have thought carefully about how we say things and what we say may impact others and kind word are always best. In maths this week, we have been learning about addition families and doubling single digit numbers. In English, we have enjoyed reading Harry the poisonous centipede and have created a story map for when he was swept away by water. In science the children enjoyed learning about life cycles of frogs and butterflies. We have finished learning about the 4 different zones of regulation colours. I wonder if your children can tell you about them at home. On Friday, we will be changing the reading for pleasure books. Everyone has brought one home tonight; this is a book that you can share together. Please can you make sure they are in their bookbags on a Friday so that we can change them.

Sycamore - This week in Sycamore, we have been busy writing our own non-chronological reports about imaginative rainforest species. In maths, we continued practising addition and subtraction using number lines to support our understanding - next week, we'll be moving on to the column method. In science, we had a particularly exciting lesson where we used chocolate to explore how different types of rocks are formed. During netball, we

focused on improving our footwork and applying it in our practice games. In French, we have been practising our greetings and developing our confidence in speaking.

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Oak - have had a busy week in school. In Maths, the Y6's have been solving complex word problems that involve the 4 operations whilst the Y5's have been multiplying and dividing by 10/100/100. Photos of this week's trip to Wayland's Smithy and White Horse Hill are online on the Oak class page. The trip will support our recount writing next week in English. We have also identified real and fake news headlines as part of our Computing focus, described inherited and environmental characteristics in Science, created a Skara Brae fact file in Topic and discussed how a team work successfully in Circle Time.

After school

A reminder to all families that the school grounds need to be clear by 3.30pm Monday–Thursday, as our after-school club and a range of other activities take place straight after the school day. If your child is playing on the adventure playground or lower field at pick-up, please supervise them carefully. We have had some instances of children running across the playground and top field where clubs are in progress, as well as climbing on outdoor furniture, which can be disruptive and isn't safe. To avoid disturbing these sessions, please walk along the side of the playground when leaving. If you are collecting your child from a sports or art club, we kindly ask that you wait in the parent shelter or outside the gate by the road. With lots of movement on site after school, these measures help us keep everyone safe and allow the clubs to run smoothly. On Fridays, families are welcome to stay and play together, but children always remain the responsibility of their parents.

Next week –

Tuesday – Acorns Little City at the Memorial Hall – communication has gone home on ParentPay.

Wednesday – Individual and sibling school photos.

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	82	118	99
Termly total	310	495	422

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Arabella and Monty

Beech – Camillo and Tabitha

Sycamore – Arthur and Patrick

Oak – Dahlia and Eddie

Have a lovely weekend all!

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.

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