



Beech Hill News



Beech Hill Does Have Talent!

On Thursday 1st July we took a group of our Y6 children to perform at a talent showcase event at Park Lane High School. 10 of our children performed in a street dance and a group of 4 of our Czech and Slovak children performed a traditional Slovak song (with the help of our translator Mirislav). There were several schools performing at the event, but due to the high standard of our performance, we were selected to be the opening act! We would like to thank those parents and staff who came along to support us. Well done to everyone who took part.



Children's Voice Event

Over the past year, our school council have been working in collaboration with the school council of other local schools. Together they designed anti-litter posters and filmed their own seatbelt awareness advert.

Today a special celebration event was held in our school hall where the children took part in 4 school council workshops. One of which involved the Big Brother Chair! We were very proud to be hosting this event and hope that there will be more in the future.



Y5 Rounders

Our year 5 boys and girls took part in a rounders tournament held at Halifax High on Thursday 8th June. All the team members involved played very well throughout the tournament reaching the final but just losing out in a close fought contest to Parkinson Lane by half a rounder!!! Well done to all the players involved.

Y5 Filey

Last Wednesday the whole of Year 5 went to the sea-side as a celebration of a successful year. We arrived in Filey at 10.30am and the fun started. First a mega cricket match where Mrs Javid and Mrs Ahmed showed that they were ace cricketers. Followed by lunch in the Country park (Beech Hill packed lunches just get better!) Then the beach!!! We all rolled up our trousers or changed into our beach wear and set off for a group paddle. (Amraiz and Aika set off for Holland!) Mr Madley and Mrs Bickle wished they'd bought their costumes as the sea was fantastic. Then a sandcastle competition between Class 14 and 13. Both were fabulous. The weather was great, the sea was beautiful and the whole of Year 5 were fantastic!

Report by Sahare, Ikram and Ahmed





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Are your children driving you mad?

Get tips on how to improve your parenting skills and meet new people at the same time. Incredible years parenting classes start here in the Family Centre late September 2010. Anyone who is interested please speak to Mandi Hunter (Learning Mentor) at Beech Hill.



Halifax High Modern Foreign Languages X Factor

Some of our Y6 children performed at the Halifax high MFL "X-Factor" after school on Thursday 8th July. They sang the JLS song "Beat Again" in German "Schlag Wieder". They competed against 7 other schools in our Family of Schools and really did themselves proud. Their German and performance were brilliant and they were definitely the coolest act there. They came 3rd and received a trophy. Thank you to Miss Koglin and Mrs Crowther who helped our children practice really hard. Well done! Beech Hill ist am best! *(Beech Hill is the best!)*

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School gets £7,300 for sport sessions

By Joanna Wardill

A SCHOOL is one of three organisations to get a cash grant to help make Halifax healthy.

Community Foundation for Calderdale has chosen a trio of groups to share £21,000 for projects promising to get people moving and eating healthier.

Beech Hill Primary School's Parent and Teacher Association are celebrating after receiving £7,300 to provide sport sessions for people of all ages during evenings and weekends between June 2010 and April 2011.

Paul Kendall, community sports cohesion officer at the school, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity. The foundation has given us a start in our aim to make the school a hub of the community, so different groups can use our facilities."

Calderdale British Muslim

One of three to get share of £21,000

Association has received £5,700 to raise awareness of obesity among the elderly south Asian community in Park.

And Home Start Calderdale netted £8,000 to provide training for volunteers to teach children and parents about nutrition and health.

Megan Vickery, the foundation's grants manager, said: "Successful projects increase knowledge of five-a-day healthy eating and encourage physical activity in families to make Halifax a healthier place to live."



Cash boost: staff, parents and children from Beech Hill School, Halifax, have got a grant for after-school healthy activities



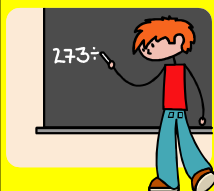
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Staff Training Dates:

Calderdale Council has increased staff training days from 5 per year to 6 as of the academic year 2010-2011. Beech Hill will be closed to students on the following 6 days:



Friday 20th May to Friday 27th May

(just before the May holiday of Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June)



VIP visits Beech Hill

On Monday we had a very special visitor to our school Wenlock the 2010 Olympic Mascot!

We were one of only 12 schools to be selected for this prestigious event and several members of the press attended. Wenlock joined our assembly and watched our Y6 street dancers perform, he even joined in!



Term Dates 2010

School closes on: Tuesday 20th July
Re-opens on: Wednesday 1st September

Looking forward to 100% attendance

Y3 Essentially Dance, Brighouse

Y3 has been to a very exciting ballroom dance show at Brighouse High. We went on a double-decker bus and had special green T-shirts to wear. The best dancers got medals for the Cha Cha Cha and for the Waltz. We saw a demonstration by professional ballroom dancers and other groups performing. We all had a great time.



Piece Hall Concert: Year 5

A group of children from Y5 performed at a concert at the Piece Hall on Saturday 10th July This was part of a project the children had been involved in with two other primary schools, Riverside and Mount Pellon.

The children performed several Arabic songs which they had learnt during the week, working with "Reem Kalani" a famous known Palestinian singer. They were cheered by a large crowd celebrating Palestinian Culture.



Visitors to Beech Hill this week:

Carol Thomas (School Improvement Officer), Andy Jackson (Karate School), Carl Thomas and Carly Hawes (Music), Wenlock the 2010 Olympic Mascot!



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PTA: Bangladesh Flood Appeal

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £70 for the above appeal.



PTA: Clothes and toys collection

We will be collecting for "Bags for school" in September. If you wish to donate items in good condition such as bedding, clothes and toys we would be most grateful. Please bring them to the school in September. Sorry but we cannot accept them before September, please do not bring them before then as we don't wish to embarrass anyone by having to turn them away (we have no storage facilities). Thank you.

Our Y6 Aim Higher Graduation!

Over the past year our Y6 children have been taking part in the Aim Higher project. A national project which aims to encourage children to go to University. As part of this project, our children visited Huddersfield University to experience what university really is like. They had a fantastic and interesting day and were all excellent ambassadors for our school.

Our pupils will be having a graduation ceremony at 9.10am in our hall on Friday 16th July. It will be conducted by a real University professor dressed in a cap and gown and all Y6 parents are welcome to attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Y6 children well for the future.

We will miss you.



Non-Uniform Day

On Tuesday (the last day of term) there will be a non-uniform day. If you wish your child to take part please bring a donation of 50p per child. All funds raised will be for the PTA. Thank you for your continued support.

PTA: No tuck shop this Friday

Sadly there will be no tuck shop this Friday as we are helping with the Year 6 party. There will however be a tuck shop on Monday and Tuesday (the last two days of term). Thank you for your continued support.

Mini-Whistlers

This week we were visited by St Chads Year 3 and 4 children who took part in our mini-whistlers raining led by Mr Madley. Everyone had a great time.