



# Beech Hill News



Thursday 21st October 2010

## New Building

We are pleased to inform everyone that the New building is now complete.

We now have two separate entrances for KS1 children and KS2 children. Please use these entrances to enter the school in the morning from 8.50am onwards.

In order to reduce congestion at the end of the school day children in Yr1 can be collected from their classrooms. Children in Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6 will leave school through their classroom doors.

We will celebrate the opening of our new building and the new family centre in a joint **event with the Children's Centre** on Wednesday the 10th of November.



## Investors in Families

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **"Investor in Families"** award, following a half day assessment involving meeting with staff, pupils and parents the assessors from Bradford Local Authority - Paul Grundy and Ruth Ovey were very impressed in the work the school does with parents and its commitment to developing partnerships. We are the only school in Calderdale holding this award. Well done to the staff, children and parents. A copy of the report will be posted on our school website once it is available.

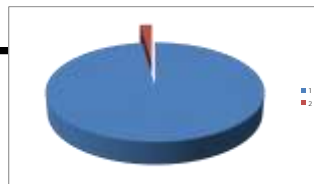
Shameem Hussain (Deputy Head)



## National Parents Week

This week parents have been joining their children in reading, maths and art classes. They have also been able to enjoy our school lunches. Feedback from the parents who attended has been positive and we would like to thank them for their continued support.

## Absolute Attendance! Class 17



Well done to class 17 who had the best attendance in school last week at 98.3%. This is way above our target of 94% so well **done!** **The whole school's attendance last week was 90.8%, we can do better than this!**

### Eco-Warriors Year 4

- Choose the milkman - By using the local milkman to deliver milk, fruit juices and soft drinks, you will be reusing containers. The glass milk bottles are refilled on average 12 times!
- Choose goods made with recycled materials. Items such as tissues, refuse sacks, stationery, kitchen rolls and toilet roll, made from recycled products is widely available from supermarkets.



### Important note for Reception Class Parents - Spare Clothes

If your child is attending Reception Class we would be very grateful if you could provide a full set of spare clothes. The clothes can either be kept at school or brought daily in their school bag. This will ensure if any accidents happen during the school day your child can be changed and as the winter months now approach we need to ensure every child is kept clean, warm and dry.



All spare clothes should be clearly labelled for identification.

If your child has borrowed clothes from the school during this school term, please can you ensure they are returned to the school this week.

If you have any queries regarding this subject **please speak to your child's class teacher.**



### Year 2 Excellence and Enjoyment Day

On Monday we had a carnival festival. First we put on our special clothes and hats. Next we danced around the hall to Caribbean Music. We had to buy a ticket and we flew on an aeroplane to St Lucia. We visited parts of the island and we lay on the beach and sunbathed. Finally we ate our healthy fruit salad before flying home.

By Class 8

### Diary Dates

2nd November - Roy Long (Aim Higher Project) giving poster prizes in assembly  
4th November - 6 pupils from Year 6 are going to Halifax High for Super Languages Day.

### Visitors to Beech Hill this week:

Carol Thomas (School Improvement Officer), Andy Jackson (Karate School), D Broadhead and Carly Boote (Music), Marsha Clark, (Tai Chi Tigers), Saymira Bashir (HOT), Nasreen Hussain (PTA), Andrew Butcher (Upbeat Kids), Brian Burgin (Calderdale MBC),



# ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our first attendance newsletter!! We have had a good start to the year. Our whole school attendance for the first half of the Autumn Term is 90.8%.

THE HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS  
THIS HALF TERM IS  
CLASS 15 WHO HAVE A  
WHOPPING 94.7 %  
WELL DONE! KEEP THIS  
UP!



## FANTASTIC!!

We currently have 11 Children who have achieved 100% attendance so far this half term. If they keep this up not only will they be awarded a certificate in **Friday's assembly, they will also be in line for a special treat if they still have 100% before the Christmas holidays!!**

## WHAT IS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE?

The figure is set by the Department of Children, Families and Schools. In 1 half term any pupil who has 14 or more sessions (7 days) absent for any reason must be classed as a persistent absentee. By Christmas any child who has 28 or more sessions (14 days) absent for any reason is also classed as persistent absentee.

All persistent absentees are monitored here at Beech Hill, which is why some **parents have received letters regarding their child's attendance or may have also been referred to our Education Welfare Officer.**

## PLEASE SUPPORT US IN TRYING TO CUT DOWN ON PERSISTENT ABSENTEES.

Every day your child is absent from school is a days learning they can never get back!

HOLIDAY REQUESTS— **remember holidays in term time will affect your child's achievement!!** All holiday requests are considered by the Headteacher who will **consult with our Attendance Officer Mrs Younis. The child's attendance and attainment will be taken into consideration before the holiday is granted.**

We currently have 51 pupils who are classed as persistent absentees.

# Celebration Assembly

Name: ..... Class: .....

**NEW ASSEMBLY TIME:  
Friday 9.10am**

All parents, friends and grandparents are welcome.  
The children who have impressed their teachers this week are:

Class 3	Zahid	For being a super fantastic mathematics
Class 4	Jaleel	for being very enthusiastic and hard working this week.
Class 5	Marie	for trying really hard and making lots of friends to play with.
Class 6	Brynden	has impressed Mrs Ahmed and Miss Armitage with his maths skills.
Class 7	Julia	for settling into school so well, picking up English very quickly and is a friendly member of the class.
Class 8	Husnain	for thinking of interesting phrases to describe a sea creature.
Class 9	Casey	for being a model pupil, always hardworking, reliable and enthusiastic.
Class 10	Alisha	for a fantastic effort with her homework—lots of it!
Class 11	Mohammed	for fantastic improvement in behaviour and listening very well.
Class 12	Iqra	for writing a fantastic non-chronological report and always being ready to learn.
Class 13	Haruj	for impressing Mrs Hunter this week.
Class 14	Zakib	for going the extra mile with his persuasive writing homework.
Class 15	Maryam	for the best work in the Science Test.
Class 16	Zara	for the best work in the Science Test.
Class 17	Faisel Aliyah	for great work in Read write Inc.
Class 18	Urooj	for consistently working hard and putting so much effort and enthusiasm into everything she does.

## LUNCHTIME AWARDS



Mussa Naveed class 1	Sayyam Qurban class 7	Hayder Akhlaq class 8	Sahil Ali class 11
Aneeka Farooq class 11	Charley Parsons class 11	Salihah Ahmed class 13	Maryam Mahdi class 15
			Mehboob Hussain class 11

Have  
a great weekend  
Jonathan Moss, Headteacher

**Beech Hill Primary School**  
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Treat adults and  
children with respect