



Beech Hill News



Thursday 17 February 2011

Year 3 "Wacky Weather"

Excellence and Enjoyment Day



On Tuesday the 15th February all the pupils in classes 11 and 12 took part in an Excellence and Enjoyment Day.

The topic was "Wacky Weather" and the day served as a grand finale to all that had been learnt by the pupils this term on the subject of weather.

The children enjoyed a carousel of activities including:

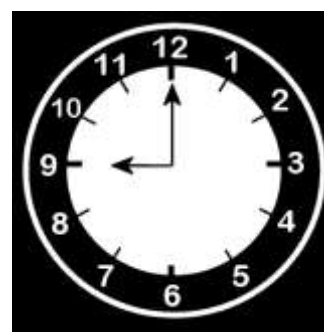
- Composing a piece of weather music
- Making a waterproof garment
- Filming a weather forecast
- Creating a weather collage

All of the pupils and teachers had a very enjoyable day.

Before School Childcare

The school has been approached by several parents asking whether Beech Hill could provide child care before school. As more of our parents and carers get jobs or return to college we feel that we could help by extending the school day. To this end we are putting together a programme that will allow you to drop your child / children off at school from 7.30am onwards every day in term time. Your child would receive high quality childcare plus a cooked breakfast.

As we would need to employ extra staff for this there would be a charge of 50p per child each morning. If you want to use this programme the school would ask you to book a place at the beginning of each half term and pay for the place a half term in advance.



The School Day Starts at 9am

Please remember that the school day starts at 9 O'clock.

The number of late children this week has risen dramatically.

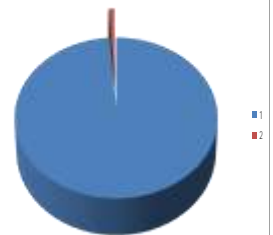
If you arrive at school late, you must enter school through the main entrance where our **Attendance Officers will note down your child's** name so that it can be entered onto the register as a late mark. Please support us with this procedure.

If you have any problems regarding this matter please contact Miss Lewis, our Deputy Headteacher. Thank you.



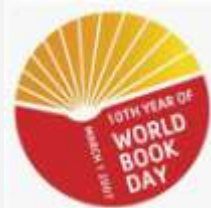
Absolute Attendance

Well done to Class 17 who achieved the highest attendance at 94.6% for the second week running! The whole school attendance figure was 98.6%. Will class 17 be beaten next week?



World Book Day

World Book Day is celebrated this year on Thursday the 3rd



March. The schools' theme will be "My favourite Book". Our activities for the day will include:

- All staff and children dressing up as their favourite book character.
- Staff and children can speak about their favourite books in our school assembly.
- **We will hold a "design your own book mark" competition.**
- We will write a story blog on the 3rd of March. The blog will pass from classroom to classroom, each class adding a chapter to the story one at a time.
- There will be a visit from Fred **Wade's book shop week** commencing 1st March and all our children will receive a FREE book.



If any pupils or parents have any other ideas which they would like the school to review and include please let us know in the next few weeks.

Important Note for Reception and Key Stage 1 Parents and Carers

Please note well that the doors for Key Stage 1 and Reception will open at 8.50am promptly at the start of each school day. Please ensure that you inform a member of teaching staff before you leave your child for the day. Thank you.

Diary Dates



1st March—Year 5 Games Club at Lunchtime with **"Imagination Gaming"**.

3rd March—Fred Wade Book Stall, World Book Day, see article to the left.

9th March; Parents Evening and Maths Assembly with a times table competition.

10th March: School Photos for each class will be taken by Lionheart Photography, please dress smartly and Year 6 will visit Eureka to participate in a Wallace and Gromit project workshop.





Class 5 Puppet Making Workshop and Visit to Square Chapel Theatre

On Wednesday the 16th February Class 5 took part in a Puppet Making Workshop run by the I dolrich Theatre Company. All of the children made: Snails, Hedgehogs, Squirrels and other countryside animals out of Newspaper.

Our pupils then took their handmade puppets to the Square Chapel Theatre and enjoyed a performance of "The Hare and the Tortoise".

As the play un-folded the two animals took part in a race. The hare was much faster than the tortoise but got distracted taking a visit to the library and hairdressers on the way. In the mean time the tortoise slowly plodded on, beating the hare and winning the race.

The moral of the tale was "if you want to reach your goal, keep on trying and slowly plod on you will get there in the end".

All of the pupils and teachers had a very enjoyable day.



11+ Halifax Grammar Schools

Free 11+ Guidance for Parents & Children, "11+ Halifax Grammar Schools—Helping your Child to Pass".

The above 1 hour workshop will be held at 11.30am, Saturday the 19th of February at Calderdale Multi-Cultural Activity Centre located at the junction of Hopwood Lane and Akeds Raad, Halifax.

Visitors to Beech Hill this week:

Carol Thomas (School I mprovement Officer), Andy Jackson (Karate School), D Broadhead and Carly Boote (Music), Donna Robinson (Air Services), Peter Armitage (Altiform), Richard Hemmingway and Dennis Matley (Acti Com), K Blatch (CMBC), G Knapton (ESOL Calderdale College), J E Lawton (SPT), K Rawson (SPT), J McNulty (LA—BIP), Sabina, Samina Kamwan, Sayba, Nasreen (PTA), Graeme Genty, S Addy, CThomas (St.Chads), Paula Howarth (BIP), Josh Baldwin (CI Adventures), John Ainley (ETTA), Grace Pratt (B Cleaning), Liz Russell (URH), A Booth (CMBC HR), Michael Benn (CMBC), T Williams, N Boyln (JW UK), Pajam (RETAS), J Lomes (SG World), Asiah Saeed (Sowerby Bridge), J Campbell (School I mprovement), Sophia Hargreaves (CMBC), Rachel Bean (Bikeability), G Rochell, B Richmond-Furin (LJS), Sofia Riaz (PDS), V Harold (EDS), I mran Younis, V Harold, C Clifford-Dixon (PDS), Gillian Bush (Sowerby Bridge School), Rhett Richardson, Richard (PDS), Farzana Hussain (Jubilee Childrens Centre), Samina Aslam (Webster Stratton), Julia McLean (I dolrich Theatre), Janet Armitage (Calderdale RBS), Misba Raja (Surestart), L Canning (SSRS), Kylie Lene (CMBC).



Wishing You a Happy Half Term Break



Celebration Assembly

Name: Class:

ASSEMBLY: Friday 9.10am

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

Class 3	Sharona	For being a kind and smiley member of Class 3.
Class 4	Mustafa	For creating a wonderful painting.
Class 5	Rakib	For being so enthusiastic, kind and polite all of the time.
Class 6	Zahrah	For becoming more confident and independent in all subjects, especially numeracy.
Class 7	The Whole Class	For fantastic maths work and trying really hard to remember bonds to 10.
Class 7C	Chloe	For fantastic literacy and Maths work— you are a shiny little star.
Class 8	Qasim	For writing a brilliant character description.
Class 9	Alinah	For always trying hard and a good role model to others.
Class 10	Zeshann	For fantastic ball skills.
Class 11	Sycamore Group	For fantastic behaviour and contribution to all activities during Year 3's Excellence and Enjoyment day.
Class 12	Ash Group	For excellent composition of a piece of weather music.
Class 13	Ramesha	For a fantastic effort in her Learning Log, well done.
Class 14	Sahar	For fantastic work in literacy, creating lovely similes and working very hard.
Class 15	Tajmeel	For a lovely poem using a persons' fiction.
Class 16	Milan	For improved attitude and speaking much more English.
Class 17	Aysha	For wonderful effort in all subjects, particularly science where a 5A was achieved in a recent test on micro-organisms.
Class 18	Asif The Whole Class	For making some very good contributions to class discussions. For making good progress in Karate, Sensei Andy is very pleased with all of the class performance and efforts.

LUNCHTIME AWARDS



Ameena
Class 15

Fadma
Class 15

Karotina
Class 11

Zara
Class 16

Have a great weekend
Jonathan Moss, Headteacher

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Every production of genius must be the
production of enthusiasm.