



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 12th June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. It has been wonderful to finally open up Beech Hill to a larger number of children this week and the year 1 children who have returned are really benefiting from time in their new bubbles. They have spent time adjusting to the new school day and settling back in with PSHE activities. Thank you for the responses to messages that have been sent via Seesaw - it makes it so much easier for us to plan and prepare when parents respond swiftly. We are grateful for the support from all the parents who have chosen to bring their child back to school; we also completely understand and respect the decision of parents not to return at this time. By next week, we will have bubbles operating for year 1 and reception children. We do not have any plans to take any more children from these year groups in the immediate future. If you decide that you would like your Y1 or reception child to return, their name will be added to a waiting list and we will review the bubbles in 2 weeks' time. We are in the process of contacting parents of children in nursery and year 5 in order to arrange time in school for these year groups. Please can we ask all parents to check Seesaw on a regular basis for any updates.

We have tried to provide as much detail as possible on Seesaw about how to access the school premises when your child returns. This information is specific to your child's bubble. Here are some general reminders about bringing your child to school:

- Only one adult should drop off and collect; other siblings who are not attending school shouldn't enter the playground unless there is nobody at home to look after them.
- Adults must not gather in groups to have conversations - everyone must maintain the 2 metre social distance rule.
- Adults cannot talk to teachers and other members of staff at these times as it is important that they can concentrate on getting the children into the classroom and settled. If you have an important message, please make contact on Seesaw or telephone the school office; information will be passed to the adults working with your child.
- It is really important that we minimise face-to-face conversations in order to keep everybody safe.
- To drop off, you will enter the school site via the 4G pitch entrance on Pellon Lane and then use the one way system to access the playground - clear signage is in place.
- When queuing in the playground, please take note of the markings on the playground floor which are spaced out 2 metres apart. Teachers will call children in one at a time.
- Children do not need to bring book bags - just a coat, a water bottle and their lunch if they have packed lunches.
- You should leave via the Mount Pleasant Avenue gate. Staff will be around to assist with this.
- To collect, you will enter the playground the same as drop off and parents will queue outside the correct classroom doors. Children will be dismissed one at a time and you will then exit via the same route.
- If you have more than one child, then we will work on contacting you to arrange one classroom to drop them off and collect from to make it easier for you. There will undoubtedly be teething problems but I am sure we can work together to iron these out.

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Please be aware that our school has been selected to take part in the School Street Initiative being organised by Calderdale Council. This means that over the coming weeks during drop-off and collection times, Mount Pleasant Avenue may be closed to all traffic other than residents and emergency vehicles. We would like to remind parents that they should not park on Mount Pleasant Avenue at these times anyway and should seek alternative parking arrangements if they cannot make the journey on foot.

Many of our children are still accessing home learning. You may have noticed that there are different members of staff setting and responding to work on Seesaw. This is because more teachers are now working with groups of children in school so they are not available to check Seesaw regularly throughout the day. It is still important for children to access as many activities as possible. You may have noticed that the format of our weekly pack has changed slightly and guides children to which tasks they should carry out on each school day. The date on the first page will always be from the week before as this gives us time to prepare the weekly pack ready to post on Monday morning. Different activities will also be posted on Seesaw on a regular basis. Remember that responses don't have to be completed on a screen - using pen/pencil is fine - and interaction with family members is also a good use of time, for example playing games, going for a walk, cooking together.

If you have any questions or queries at any time, please contact staff on Seesaw or the school office via email: admin@beechhillschool.co.uk or telephone: 01422 345004. At Beech Hill, our staff team has worked really hard to do everything we can to be prepared for the weeks ahead in these ever-changing times. We will continue to update you all as soon as possible on any further developments. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain

Further home learning



You'll find daily lessons for homeschooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more.

Click this link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> or search for **bbc bitesize daily lessons**.

Healthy Futures Calderdale return to school



If you are worried about coronavirus, and the impact that returning to school may have on your child's physical health or emotional wellbeing, the Healthy Futures Calderdale school nurses are here to offer advice and support.

Call: 0303 330 9974
Young people text: 07480 635297
Parents / Carers text: 07507 332157

From 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday we have experienced clinicians waiting to help. Messages outside this time frame will receive an automated response letting you know when you will receive a reply, and who to contact to get immediate help.

Recipe of the Week Banana Bread

Click the link above to see a recipe which you can make easily at home! You could even add cinnamon, vanilla or chocolate chips to yours.



Why not have a go at home? Send a picture to your teacher on Seesaw if you make this or you can send a picture of any other cooking you do at home!

Mrs Bowling's Family Close Up Quiz answers from the last newsletter

1. Paint Brush
2. Melon
3. Kiwi
4. Orange
5. Flower
6. Spaghetti
7. Chocolate
8. Carrot
9. Sponge
10. Pencil

How did you do?

Mrs Bowling's Family Quiz



Can you identify the food from these close-up pictures?

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| 1.  | 6.  |
| 2.  | 7.  |
| 3.  | 8.  |
| 4.  | 9.  |
| 5.  | 10.  |

The Piece Hall Learning Zone

The Piece Hall has created an online site all about its history!

This has opened up a wonderful opportunity for families to explore a mixture of educational and creative content to help develop a greater understanding of the local area. During the 2020/21 academic year, each year group will embark upon a local area study for historical and geographic purposes. It would be a great start for the children to familiarise themselves with the history of The Piece Hall over the next few months.

The website offers learning through videos, images, creative activities and research. There are a range of enjoyable and educational tasks that can be completed for children of all ages.

Since The Piece Hall was built in 1779, it has gone through many changes - it has seen hot air balloon ascents, tightrope walkers and has even been a wholesale market. There are so many exciting events to explore! Next week, the staff will share an activity for the children to try on Seesaw. There are plenty more tasks that you can complete at your leisure by using the link below. Enjoy exploring!

<https://piecehalllearning.wordpress.com/the-piece-hall-history-resource/>





World Environment Week

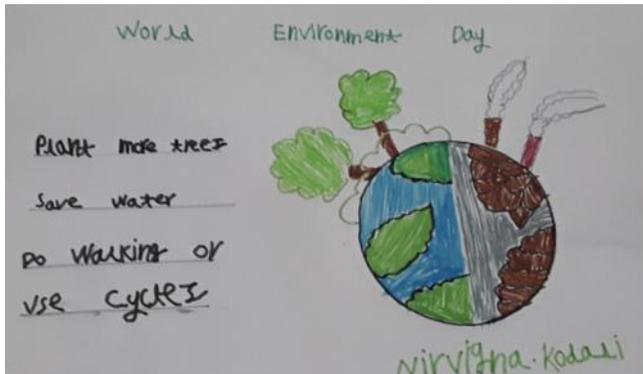
This week we have been celebrating World Environment Week at Beech Hill and you have all been very busy at home creating some beautiful posters! This year's theme was

'Time For Nature'

Thought for the Week



Whose job is it to look after the environment?



In March (just before school shut for most children) we had a fundraising day where many children came in blue or green and we raised money for the planet.

This was part of our Science week celebrations all about 'Our Diverse Planet'.

With your help we raised **£171.72**

Thank you very much to all the children and families who supported this fundraising.

Eco Club helped us to make the decision of where this money should be going.

With the money raised we have chosen to support the **Marine Conservation Society** and their work with **keeping our seas, beaches & animals healthy, pollution free and protected.** We will also be able to **sponsor a turtle** through the MCS!

We hope you enjoyed thinking more about the Earth and how we can help it during Science week and are looking forward to continuing to learn more this week as part of Environmental Week.



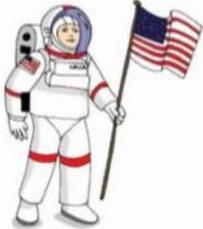
Friday – Fictional Neil Armstrong Competition

COMPETITION

Win two tickets to The Space Museum's Neil Armstrong event!

On the 21st of July, The Space Museum will be putting on a very special event. On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon and we think we should celebrate! We will watch the famous video of the historic event and we're excited to tell you that some of NASA's top astronauts will be here to answer any questions you may have!

Learn about Neil's life and work!



Win prizes in our Moon Landing Quiz!



Enjoy our Space party with food and drinks!

When Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." He was right! At our event, we'll also look at the steps we have taken in space travel since that very first moon walk.

To enter the competition, simply answer this question:

Who was the second man to walk on the moon?

- A. Buzz Moon
- B. Buzz Aldrin
- C. Buzz Lightyear

Circle the correct answer, fill in your contact details and post this slip to:
The Space Museum, Moonlight Way, London, WC8 9AB
OR email your name and answer to: competitions@thespacemuseum.org

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____



We have had even more adults sign up to TT Rockstars this week, who wanted to get in on the action!!

Teachers' Leaderboard

Amount of correct answers this week

1. Miss Asma
2. Miss Waddington
3. Mrs Hussain
4. Miss Whitton
5. Miss Jordan

Well done again Miss Asma for holding on to the top spot!

Teachers' Leaderboard

Quickest Studio Speed

1. Miss Waddington 0.86 secs
2. Mrs Shaneen 0.98 secs
3. Miss Whitton 1.28 secs
4. Miss Cutler 1.29 secs
5. Miss Opie 1.32 secs
6. Miss Asma 1.23 secs

Well done to Miss Waddington for holding on to the Speed Queen title for another week, she's getting quicker!

Leaderboard for the last 7 days

These are the 5 children with the most correct answers on TTRockstars in the last week!

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| 1. | Aayan Khan - Egypt | 2752 correct |
| 2. | Chakrika Valluru - Mexico | 2482 correct |
| 3. | David Obhielo - Tanzania | 1971 correct |
| 4. | Muhammad Asghar - Mexico | 1556 correct |
| 5. | Samee Hussain - Tanzania | 1133 correct |



Leaderboard for the last 7 days

These are the 5 children with the most correct answers on Numbots in the last week! We have a new leader! Well done!

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| 1. | Sai Podapati - Portugal | 21222 |
| 2. | Nirvigna Kodali - New Zealand | 13314 |
| 3. | Dyuati Devineni - New Zealand | 10725 |
| 4. | Usman Ali - Fiji | 10100 |
| 5. | Haashim Shahnawaz - Switzerland | 6647 |

