



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 23rd July 2021

Although we have had another strange year where the children have missed out on some of our most memorable experiences, we have still been working hard as a school to try to provide these experiences within the guidance given to us.

We have had some lovely events at school recently, in particular to celebrate the end of the primary school journey for our year 6 children, some of whom have already moved onto their secondary schools. The last day in school for our year 6 pupils will be **Friday 23rd July**. The final day for all other year groups is **Tuesday 27th July at 1pm**.

It is important that all our pupils return in September and I would like to reassure you that, as a school, we continue working hard to ensure that everything will be in place to support your child's return.

Next year's term dates have now been published on the school website. School will reopen on **Monday 6th September**.

As this is the last newsletter for 2020-21, I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last year and wish you all a happy summer break. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the school office and I will be happy to discuss any concerns with you.

Please take care of yourselves and your families and I look forward to us all trying to bring some form of normality back to school in September.

Mrs Hussain



Leavers and Starters

We will sadly be saying goodbye to some members of our staff at the end of the 2020-21 term.

Miss Badley, class teacher and science co-ordinator.
Mr Brearley, site manager.
Miss Zaebe, teaching assistant.
Mr Craven, catering manager.
Miss Myhowycz, early years practitioner in nursery.
Mrs Thornton, cleaner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and wish them well for the future.

We are, however, very excited to welcome some new members of staff who will start in September - Miss Appleyard, Miss Lunn, Miss Rowley and Miss Khan.



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Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners last week. Here are the majority of the children who achieved an accolade in year 6. Very well done to you all - there was a lot of competition this year!



HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

If your child is eligible for free school meals through qualifying benefits, they may be able to access a fully funded holiday place, during the school holidays this summer.

Your child will receive a nutritious meal and have opportunities to take part in fun activities for four weeks of the summer holidays, beginning on 9th August.

For more information on the programme, available locations and provider details please contact:
 Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays
 Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk
 Telephone: 01422 288001



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Good luck at high school to all the children who are moving on.



School Dinners w/c 26th July

For the last two days of the term the menu served will be an assortment of all the children's favourites.

Children with allergies will still be catered for.

Water Safety



On Thursday 8th July, Year 4 and 5 were invited to an assembly (via Zoom) delivered by Yorkshire Water about the importance of water safety and the dangers of open water swimming. The children listened very well and learned lots of invaluable information from the team. They then created their own water safety posters outlining the rules to abide by around open water and what to do if you see somebody in trouble in open water.

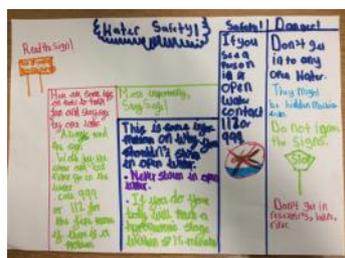
The key points to remember:

- Look out for red and yellow signs - they mean danger
- The water may look calm and swimming may seem like a good idea on a hot day, but there are strong undercurrents and sometimes dangerous machinery which cannot be seen from the shore
- Alert an adult if you see someone swimming where they shouldn't be.

If someone is in trouble in the water and may be drowning, call **112** or **999** and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service - they have the expertise and equipment to save lives.

Please visit the following website for further details on how to stay safe:

<https://www.yorkshirewater.com/education/water-safety/>





This week it has been Sports Week at Beech Hill School. Each year group have been competing in their tree group in a range of activities such as sprint races, long-distance running, javelin throw, egg and spoon race and lots more.

Children showed fantastic perseverance, sportsmanship and team-work throughout the day and it was a wonderful event for all involved.



Mental Health Project

A group of year 6 children were invited to take part in a junior version of Dragon's Den. The course was run by a group called IVE and ran for 10 weeks via Zoom. The programme seeks to inspire young, diverse and talented people.

During these weeks, the group had to come up with a creative idea on how to tackle and improve young people's mental health and deliver a presentation via Zoom. Eight schools took part in this competition. Beech Hill received detailed and highly complimentary feedback, including that it was 'a high standard of presentation that included extensive research on well-being and mindfulness' with a recommendation to write to the minister for mental health, Nadine Dorries, in order that this area be discussed more in parliament. Beech Hill scored 26/30 and finished in 3rd place. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to Mrs Lee who coordinated the project. She is extremely proud of how our children conducted themselves throughout these meetings, always showing maturity and understanding.



Caught Being Good

These children have received a bronze certificate this week for earning 50 'Caught Being Good' stickers.

China

Danyal Ali
Habibah Rahman
Zakarriya Hussain
Rasil Attique
Hafsa Mahboob
Khadija Chishti
Fatima Anayat



These children have received a silver certificate this week for earning 100 'Caught Being Good' stickers.

Tanzania

Noor Iman Zahid



Well done. Keep up the hard work!



Helping, lost, abandoned and unwanted small animals

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in the art competition to raise money for 'Furever Loved Small animal rescue' we managed to raise an amazing £53.10.

Below are some of the images of the winning designs and runner up designs.



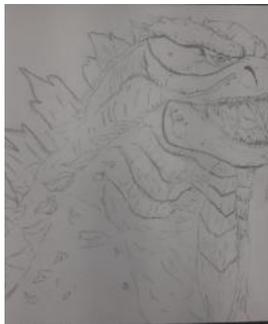
Lower School Winner

Taanvi Chandra - Mexico



Lower School Runner-up

Alesha Ahmed - Morocco



Upper School Winner

Hannan Mohammad - Australia



Upper School Runner-up

Aaradhya Dwivedi

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CALLING ALL FOOTBALLERS!

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

Dates: 9th Aug - 3rd Sept 2021
Ages: Y1 to Y7 - Boys & Girls
Times: 9:30am to 3:30pm
Cost: £15 per day, lunch & snacks provided
Venue: Beech Hill Primary School

Free places are available on this course as part of the 'Healthy Holidays Calderdale' Scheme. Those receiving free school meals and in Y5-Y7 are eligible.

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Please take any rubbish home with you

Litter

Please can all parents and children ensure that when moving on or around the school premises, any litter you may have is taken home and put in the bin.

We are seeing an increasing amount of rubbish on the school premises. This is not only time consuming for the site manager to clear up, but it is also unhygienic and makes the site look untidy.