



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 18th June 2021



Announcements

We say goodbye to our site manager Mr Lapsley today and would like to thank him for his hard work over the last few years and wish him well for the future.



Additionally, Mrs Ashraf has now started her maternity leave - we wish her well and look forward to hearing about the new addition to her family.

Reminder for parents of year 5 students that the closing date for applications for the Halifax Grammar Schools (North Halifax Grammar and Crossley Heath Grammar) Admissions Tests is Friday 2nd July 2021.

The link to apply is below:

<https://sites.google.com/view/halifax-grammar-schools/home>



Family Challenge

Well done to all those who took part in the family challenge over the holidays. It was lovely to see such fantastic photos of families getting out and about and making memories together. Here are a few photos to inspire you to join in next time!



Miss Cutler

Caught Being Good

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

Switzerland

Jasmina Vozenilkova

Nigeria

Haroon Khan

Australia

Hannan Mohammad



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

Switzerland

Dyuati Devineni

Nigeria

Ismah Sultan



These children have received a gold certificate this week for earning 150 'Caught Being Good' stickers.

Switzerland

Redha Asim



Well done. Keep up the hard work!

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WINNERS

Congratulations to our competition winners!



ESH CONSTRUCTION

In March, we were asked by ESH Construction Company to run a competition to design a Site Safety Poster for the new Beech Hill Development just below school. Pupils from across the school entered and all the posters were sent off to the construction company to choose the winners. Thank you to everybody who entered, there were some wonderful designs! We are pleased to announce the winners of the safety competition were:

- Ayesha - Year 1
- Mohammed S - Year 2
- Amina - Year 3
- Shayan H - Year 4
- Aayan - Year 5

On Tuesday, the winners met with Victoria and Richard from ESH Construction to see their winning safety posters on the site, see some diggers in action as well as collect their certificates and book token vouchers.



OBON Day 2021

On Friday 25th June, Beech Hill will be celebrating 'One Britain, One Nation' Day. The focus of the day is pride and unity. There will be lots of activities and exciting things going on, which will be announced closer to the time! It will be a day for us to unite and enjoy together.



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 21st June

3 BH	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steak 1, 5, 10	Lamb Curry Naan Bread 3, 5	Fishcakes 2, 5 Parsley Sauce 10	Chicken Dinner and Gravy	Pizza 5, 10
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Vegetarian Burger 5	Cheese Tortellini 4, 5, 10, 12	Samosas and Savoury Rice 5	Cheese and Veg Bake 5, 10
Vegetables	Spaghetti 5 Chips	Broccoli Carrots Herby's 5	Peas Sweetcorn Wedges	Cauliflower Mixed Veg Roast Potatoes 5	Beans Herby's 5
Served Every day	Jacket Potatoes				
Dessert	Sandwiches				
	Iced Cake Custard 5, 10, 12	Blueberry Muffins 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge Custard 5, 10, 12	Rice Pudding 10	Assorted Puddings 4, 5, 10, 12
	Cheese and Crackers 5, 10	Cornflake Bun 5, 10	Jelly	Chocolate Mousse 10	Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email admin@beechhillschool.co.uk



verd de gris arts honoured with prestigious Queens Award for Voluntary Service.



Congratulations to verd de gris on this amazing achievement—they are saying a huge thank you to everyone they have worked with, including Beech Hill School!

THANK YOU!

It's a great honour to receive this award on behalf of all the local people and communities we have worked with for over 15 years.

As a small company verd de gris can do and have done many wonderful things in our aim to impact on areas like community health and positive social change - but none of this is possible without an active and committed team of volunteers.

We have always sought the help of volunteers - helping in our various intergenerational work and support work with older people. Very often these were young people looking to gain experience in health and social care, or artists keen to explore new ways to support older people in meaningful, life-enhancing activities.

"I think that by being a young person I played an important role in showing the older people I worked with that many young people are caring and interested in community issues. I believe I challenged older people's perceptions of younger people and what our experiences my generation has had."

Bronagh Sheridan, Volunteer

More recently our emotional wellbeing work has led to many participants staying with the company as volunteers, wanting to give something back to other women who have been living with similar negative life experiences.

"I think the most amazing experience was seeing verd de Gris taking so much interest in working with people from differing backgrounds and showing compassion in helping clients from various walks of life. It was amazing. It wasn't done to hit targets or statistics for commissioners - it was more than just a job. It was about bringing humanity together and connecting the dots between human beings regardless of their colour, race, religion and backgrounds."

Samea Mahboob, Volunteer

Volunteering with verd de gris is about embarking on a journey of discovery. Often it involves learning about a health condition that is new to the volunteer. It may mean meeting with and learning to support a group of people and/or community that is very different to you. A big part of the journey is about listening - being responsive and sensitive to an individual participant's needs - it is also about exploring and responding to some of the core life-lessons that shape how and who we are as human beings.

"Verd de gris are unique. I have looked at volunteering before but the unpredictable nature of my son's illness made it almost impossible. I cannot guarantee I will be available at a specific time. I believed I would never be able to have a professional life as long as my son lived with me. Verd de gris' approach is so different. They never lose touch with you, and keep you within their family for as long as you need their love and support."

Cath Senior, Volunteer

Increasingly our work has focussed on the acknowledgement and celebration of lived experience. Using one's own experiences and finding the courage to engage, articulate and share takes a tremendous amount of resolve and strength. Many of the people we have met and worked with as participants have experienced acute trauma / a lifetime of pain and struggle. But, with the help of verd de gris, they have gone on to use these experiences to help others in a similar space: making films, speaking at events, taking the lead.

"I got a chance to share my story and it was a really cathartic experience for me. It also became a film, and led to a peer support group in Calderdale and Central Lancashire for affected families and individuals. The resulting 'What Remains' film we made as a family was premiered at the 10th International Bereavement Conference in Manchester in 2019 to over 400+ delegates from around the world. I was there with my mum to present this film and talk to the audience."

Mary Brooks, Volunteer

The award this year came with a special commendation from Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, recognising the outstanding contribution made by volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thanks to everyone who supported and continues to support our work.