



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 4th November 2022



Important dates for November

8th & 9th November - Parents' Evening

9th November - Reception & Y6 National Measurements

11th November - Y1, 2 & 3 Cinema Trip

14th to 18th November - Anti-bullying week including Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th

Cinema Trip - Y4 15th Nov, Y6 16th Nov & Y5 18th Nov

23rd November - Y4 Trip to Leeds Museum

24th November - Y2 Owl Workshop

28th November - Y6 Crime Workshop

29th & 30th November - Y5 Residential

30th November - Cross Country Finals

30th November - Y1 Victorian Day



Beech Hill Values

This year at Beech Hill, we will be focusing on 8 core values.

These values are something that we feel our pupils need to learn and demonstrate throughout all aspects of life.

Each half term, we will have a focus value and we will be rewarding children for demonstrating excellence in each value. We encourage you to help your children to demonstrate these values at home and in the wider community. We also welcome you to let us know different ways that your children have demonstrated the different values.

Please see below for each half term's focus value.

Autumn 1 - **Honesty**

Autumn 2 - **Tolerance and Respect**

Spring 1 - **Determination and Perseverance**

Spring 2 - **Appreciation**

Summer 1 - **Friendship**

Summer 2 - **Kindness**

This half term's value is: **Tolerance and Respect**



Nut Free School

As we are a nut free school, we can not accept any chocolates or chocolate cake in school that may contain traces of nuts. From today, this includes chocolates that children bring in for birthday celebrations - sweets are ok.

We will still celebrate by singing to the child and making them feel special.

Thank you for your continued support!



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TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 - Nitika Kodali (Canada)

Year 3 - Aahil Nasir (Jordan)

Year 4 - Navin Karthik (Australia)

Year 5 - Hassan Hussain (Denmark)

Year 6 - Noor Iman (Tanzania)

Overall Winner - Aahil Nasir (Jordan)



House Points

These children have all been awarded a **bronze** certificate for receiving **50** House Points.

Uzair Zulfiqar
Zahid Afzal
Anika Jeyarajan
Laukya Chaurasia

Alina Hussain
Akshaa Roxmillan
Ozaan Ahmadi

Well done. Keep up the good work!

Hello Yellow

On Friday 14th October we celebrated World Mental Health Day by all coming into school wearing something yellow.

In total we raised **£107.64** and all proceeds raised will go to the Young Minds charity.

Thank you to everyone who donated!



Beech Hill Orchestra

The first session for the Beech Hill Orchestra took place on Tuesday.

The children were fantastic! They tried out different instruments from the brass, woodwind and string families to see which one suited them best.

In next week's session, they will find out which instrument they will play in the orchestra.





"We don't always have to agree. We just have to respect each other's difference of opinion when we don't."

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppy merchandise is now available to be purchased.

Our Head Boy and Girl and Deputies will be coming round to the classrooms next week where children can purchase items or make a donation.

If your child would like to buy something, please send some money in to school with them. Alternatively, you can purchase merchandise from the school office.

Suggested donations

Zip pull 50p

Silicon Wristband £1

Reflector 50p

Snap band £1.50

Paper Poppy (donation)

Metal pins £2



Reception Trip to Copley Woods

Last half term Reception had their first school trip to Copley Woods.

The children spoke about what they observed in their natural environment such as different sized trees, squirrels, birds, a river and many other exciting things.

The children showed outstanding behaviour. Well done!



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 7th November

		School Meals Menu - Week 3						
3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Hot Meal Option	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Puddings (5, 10, 12) Gravy	Homemade Spicy Kebabs 12	Homemade Chicken Tikka Paninis (5, 12) Chicken Goujons (1, 3, 5, 8, 10)	Assorted Pizzas 5, 8, 10			
	Cheesy Omelettes 10, 12	Quorn Bangers (5) Homemade Mash (10)	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Vegetarian Meatball Curry 8	Homemade Vegetable Pasta 5, 10			
Vegetables	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Sweetcorn	Roasties Broccoli Mixed Veg	Criss-Cuts (5) Peas Carrots	Chips Spaghetti (5, 8) Sweetcorn	Ziggy Fries Beans			
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Chicken Tikka, Bolognaise, Chilli, Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request							
Dessert	Strawberry Swirls 10	Ginger Sponge (5, 10, 12) Custard (8, 10)	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Chocolate Custard 5, 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12			
	Parkin 5, 12	Crispy Buns 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10			

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

Let's Get Crafty!

Come and join us in our new Coffee Shop, Rhythm & Brews every Saturday up to Christmas from 10am until 12pm for Arts and Crafts and a decent brew!

Calderdale Music - Let's Get Crafty.

Address

The Old Courthouse
Blackwall
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There will be a small charge of £3 per person to cover the cost of materials.

Calderdale Music

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "you're just my type" and "let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases: users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a false age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches intimacy level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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