



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 18th November 2022



Sanctuary School Award

On Thursday 16th November we had a special celebration at Beech Hill.

We are delighted to announce that we are the first school to receive the **Sanctuary School award** in Calderdale!

This award recognises the way in which we welcome children and families that are seeking refuge here in Halifax. We have achieved this through many years of supporting refugees and partnering with other organisations such as Verd De Gris and taking part in projects such as the '5000 Miles' and Refugee Week.

As part of the celebrations, a selection of children from year 3 performed some poetry that they have created with our poet in residence, Winston and the Beech Hill choir, led by Mrs Haigh, performed a fantastic song called 'So Much More'. Lower School took part in the 'Fill the Skies with Hope' initiative and flew orange aeroplanes to show that we are a welcoming country. Qambar from year 6 shared his moving story about coming to England and seeking refuge in Halifax. He expressed feelings of hope and happiness at joining Beech Hill.

We had a variety of guests join us for the celebrations, including the Mayor of Calderdale. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting our children and gave special badges to our head boy and girl.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Beech Hill team - staff, children and parents - for creating and fostering a culture of welcome here.



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Whole school competition this week. Well done to everyone who took part!

Class results

1. Denmark
2. China
3. Tanzania

Pupil results

1. Hassan Hussain (Denmark)
2. Malaika Hussain (Egypt)
3. Sai Podapati (France)

House Points

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

Umamah Anwar
Arooj Azmat
Aarav Dwivedi
Rayan Islam
Zayan Ahmed
Mazeeda Giwa
Ismaeel Chowdhury
Mursad Mohammad

Hasnain Afzal
Matias Granados
Jana Dababsa
Halima Hussain
Sara Noor
Abdul Malik
Rehan Ali
Justin Obhielo
Michaela Zoltakova

Well done. Keep up the good work!

House Points

These children have all been awarded a **silver** certificate for receiving **100** House Points.

Amina Afzal

Well done. Keep up the good work!

Healthier Lunchbox Recipes

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then we've got you covered with some inspiring quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips. These will be posted weekly on a rotation and are designed to meet our school's healthy packed lunch guidelines and nut-free policy.

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon low-fat Greek style yoghurt
- 1 thin slice of white cabbage, shredded (to give a handful)
- 1 small carrot, grated
- 2 spring onions or a slice of onion, chopped
- 20g reduced-fat cheddar cheese, finely chopped or grated
- Parsley, chopped (optional)
- 1 large wholemeal pitta bread

Method

1. In a bowl, mix the mayonnaise and yoghurt.
2. Add the vegetables, cheese and parsley (if using). Mix well.
3. Carefully split open the pitta bread and fill with the coleslaw.

The coleslaw keeps well in the fridge so make it the evening before to help with the morning rush!

Simply double the quantities if you have 2 lunchboxes to prepare.





England vs Iran



Monday 21st November @ 1:00pm

We are going to celebrate the start of the football World Cup in school by inviting children to come to school dressed in **red or white or sports clothes**. Children will be able to watch the match in school and take part in other activities.



"Be careful what you tolerate. You are teaching people how to treat you."

Coffee Mornings

From Thursday 24th November, we will start holding a weekly coffee morning for parents.

If you would like to attend, please drop your children off at the school office at 8:40am. You will be taken through to the staff room where you will be able to spend some time catching up with other parents and enjoying a nice warm drink.

We hope to see you there!

Every Thursday from 8:40am until 9:10am.



October Half Term - Family Challenge

Well done to the October half term family challenge winners.

Gold - Reya Mukkara

Silver - Nivigna and Nitika Kodali

Bronze - Yani Sabir

Keep your eyes peeled for the Christmas half term family challenge. We can't wait to see your pictures!





This year we are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting School Award.

At Beech Hill we ensure that we create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our school embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Each week we will include one of the many rights that children have and show what we are doing in school to ensure children's rights are valued.

Below shows how pupils and staff are committed to meeting the needs of all children at Beech Hill School.

Our School Charter
Here are all the things that we are committed to and that staff have the responsibility for at Beech Hill. Together, this allows us to learn without limits!

Pupils commit to...	We all commit to...	Staff commit to...
<p>Article 28 Trying their best in lessons so they can achieve their full potential.</p> <p>Article 6 Exercising regularly and eating healthy.</p> <p>Article 3 Accepting there will be consequences if responsibilities are not met.</p> <p>Article 12 Using their voice to help make positive changes in the school.</p>	<p>Article 28 Attending school every day that we are able to.</p> <p>Article 12 Not saying something that we think if it's hurtful or offensive to others. Listening to and considering what others have to say.</p> <p>Article 2 Treating everyone equally and with respect.</p> <p>Article 6 Considering everyone's emotional health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Article 19 Being responsible for looking after one another. Following the school rules.</p>	<p>Article 12 Listening to children's views and considering pupil voice when making decisions.</p> <p>Article 19 Safeguarding children in school and acting if they are informed of mistreatment.</p> <p>Article 28 & 29 Providing all children with challenging, engaging learning experiences. Giving all children the opportunity to succeed.</p> <p>Article 31 Providing children with a creative curriculum with opportunities to add to their cultural capital.</p>

Cross Country

Last Wednesday afternoon, pupils across KS2 competed in the Local Cross Country Competition which was held on the playing fields of Ling Bob School.

We had over 50 runners representing the school, some of which had never competed in any sporting events before. In the past, we've usually encountered wintry weather and this day was unfortunately no different. Nevertheless, all our representatives braved the conditions and ran their races with sheer determination and courage. Every child completed their respective races - some of them finished in the top 10 or even better for medal positions.



Although we are awaiting the official results, we are confident that some of our children will qualify to go on and compete in the Calderdale Finals. Well done to all our runners and thank you to those parents and guardians who came out and supported the children.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 took place this week, with a theme #REACHOUT. Assemblies were delivered to both Key stage 1 and 2 by The Learning Mentors and across the country children and adults took part in Odd Socks Day.

Thank you again for your support in creating awareness.

Mrs Lee



What is bullying?

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8iX-rstY9I>

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 – Reach out 2

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 21st November

School Meals Menu - Week 2					
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Strips (1, 5) Fresh Coleslaw (12)	Homemade Spagetti Bolognese 5, 10	Battered Fish 2, 5	Homemade Chicken Curry (3, 8) Naan Bread (5)	Assorted Pizzas 5, 8, 10
	Quorn Dippers 5	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Homemade Cheese and Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Samosas (5) Homemade Onion Bhajis (10, 12) Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese and Broccoli Pasta 5, 10, 12
Vegetables	Skin-on Fries Beans Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg Peas	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Wedges (8) Broccoli Peas	Ziggy Fries Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Homemade Chicken Tikka, Bolognese and Chilli. Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Chocolate Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 5, 10 Strawberry Swirls 10	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Bakewell Tart (5, 10, 12) Custard (8, 10)	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Cornflake Buns 2, 5		Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

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

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 games 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 **CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II**

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry - Modern Warfare II - has so far proved a massive commercial success. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features - unsurprisingly - extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

AGE RATING

PEGI
18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Like most of its predecessors in the franchise, Modern Warfare II carries an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Gaming Information system, which assesses games' content for suitability). This means players will encounter - according to PEGI's wording - depictions of "gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters".

OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING

Most CoD players are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer mode. This entails competing against - or cooperating with - strangers on the online battlefield. The fast-paced, cut-throat world of CoD means that communication through the game's voice chat and direct messages often turns heated and aggressive, which may upset younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Modern Warfare II follows the 'battle pass' model of games like Fortnite. For a fee - usually around £10 - each 'season' (every three months or so), players will be invited to complete extra challenges to earn new weapons and equipment. Different tiers of battle pass (costing more money) enable them to achieve this more quickly, while items can also be purchased from the in-game store.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Previous CoD games have been accused of attempting to "rewrite history": failing to correctly attribute alleged war crimes to the US military, for example. The semi-fictional version of history presented on screen can cause players to misunderstand past conflicts and the real reasons they took place. This could lead to young people developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.

AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

Multplayer mode in Call of Duty titles revolves around levelling up your character to unlock new weapons, abilities and equipment. The process is designed so that it doesn't take too long to see an improvement, and the feeling of making meaningful progress can keep players hooked for hours. It's easy for gamers of any age to lose track of time, but younger ones are especially susceptible.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESPECT THE AGE RATING

Based on accurately recreating combat situations, Call of Duty games are unflinching in their portrayal of war: limbs are shot off and explosions send gore flying, while the previous Modern Warfare featured a lengthy interrogation and torture sequence. With Modern Warfare II offering the same style of brutal realism, it's worth reiterating that the PEGI 18 age rating is there for a reason.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that 'must-have' weapon or item, consider removing your bank details from the console or computer to prevent indiscriminate spending - and an unwelcome bill. Pre-paid cards could be an option for in-game purchases, allowing you to control how much your child can spend in advance - and helping them learn the basics of budgeting.

CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION

Unless they're playing with their real-life friends, it may be worth closing communication channels if your child plays Modern Warfare II. There's less of a team focus than in many other online combat games and therefore no real need to interact with strangers. Call of Duty fans can be intensely competitive, so even a single action by your child could provoke a barrage of abuse from strangers.

TRY OTHER MODES

If it seems that your child only ever plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the Spec Ops mode with them - formulating strategies while enjoying each other's company. You could also play multiplayer together, taking it in turns to ensure regular breaks. Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.

Meet Our Expert

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