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.









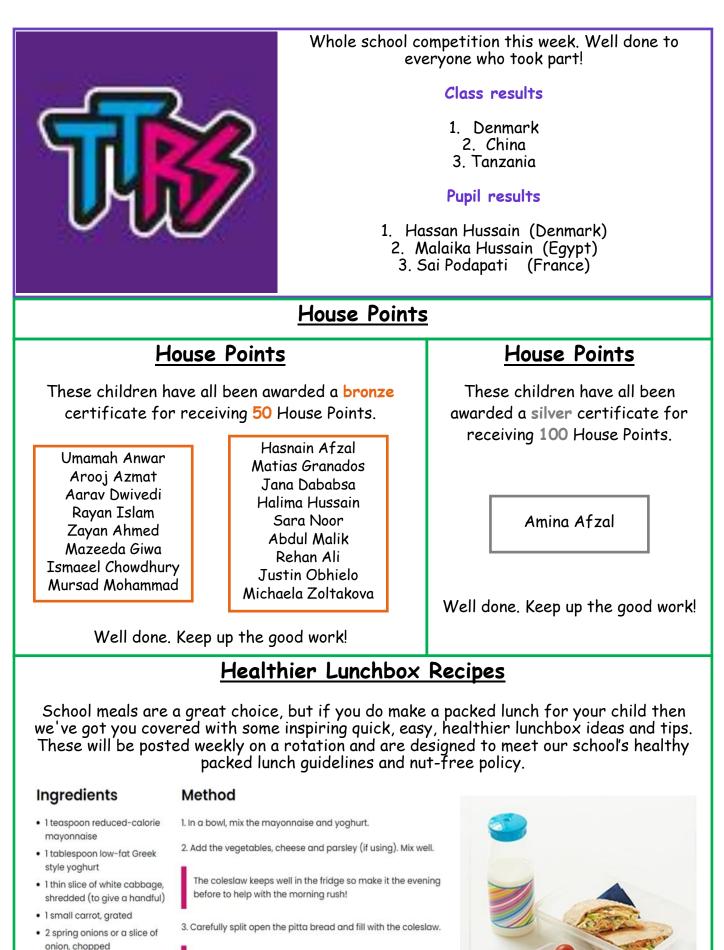






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Simply double the quantities if you have 2 lunchboxes to prepare.

• 20g reduced-fat cheddar

grated

bread

cheese, finely chopped or

Parsley, chopped (optional)1 large wholemeal pitta

England vs Iran

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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."

<u>Coffee Mornings</u>

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!









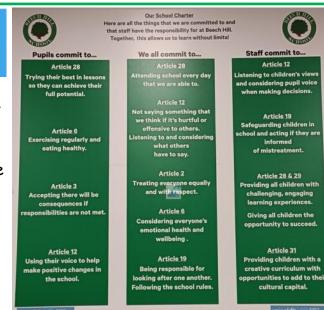




This year we are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting School Award.

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.

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.

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Anti-Bullying Week 2022 - Reach out

	Sch	ool Meal	s Menu ·	- Week	2
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option	Southern Fried Chicken Strips (1, 5) Fresh Coleslaw (12)	Homemade Spagetti Bolognaise 5, 10	Battered Fish 2, 5	Homemade Chicken Curry (3, 8) Naan Bread (5)	Assorted Pizzas 5, 8, 10
Hot Meal Option	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, Bolognaise 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	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Bakewell Tart (5, 10, 12) Custard (8, 10)	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
Des	Cornflake Buns 2, 5	5, 10 Strawberry Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Chocolate Ice Cream

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 21st November

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

National Online Safety - Weekly Information

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 block and the start of the safety. This mulde for the safety can be for adults which he have brief and the for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel block and the for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel block and the for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children should be for adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children safety adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children safety adults with the information to hold an information to hold an information about online safety with their children safety adults with the information adults with

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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

est CoD players are likely to end the majority of their time Modern Warfare II in online Jitplayer mode. This entails mpeting against – or cooperating the – strangers on the online titlefield. The fast-paced, cut-thro irid of CoD means that mmunication through the game's ice chat and direct messages ofte ics heated and aggressive, which ay upset younger players. De*# d, cut-throat

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Warfare II follows the pass' model of games

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 PG0 18 age rating is there for a reason.

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.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.

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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.

TRY OTHER MODES

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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 break Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.



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AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

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