



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 14th October 2022



Breakfast Club Drop-Off

Please can all parents dropping children off at breakfast club ensure that they park in a car parking space and bring their child to the door until a member of staff greets them. When you don't park in a bay and just sit in your car around the entrance it causes problems for other vehicles entering the car park and can be dangerous to adults and children who are on foot. This situation will be monitored.

Thank you for your continued support.

Beech Hill Values Awards for Honesty

The following children have been awarded the school value award this term for showing great **Honesty**.

Well done. Keep up the hard work!

Habiba Ali
Aliza Maria
Anika Jeyarajan
Umamah Anwar
Ismaeel Sohail
Umayah Sheraz
Adam Parvez
Redha Asim
Inaya Kayani
Maseerah Malik
Ruhan Hussain



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TT Rockstars Weekly Winners



Year 2 - Alina Hussain (Morocco)

Year 3 - Aahil Hussain (Jordan)

Year 4 - Abdul Aziz Al Anazi (Australia)

Year 5 - Hassan Hussain (Denmark)

Year 6 - Chakrika Valluru (Egypt)

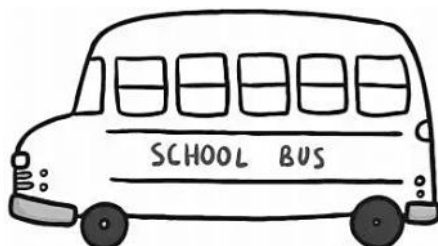
Overall Winner - Abdul Aziz Al Anazi (Australia)

Minibus Drivers

We would like to say a HUGE congratulations to Miss Pearce who passed her minibus test yesterday.

She now joins the minibus driving team made up of Mrs Croker (who just renewed her minibus licence last week - well done), Mrs Clark, Mr Hussain and Mr Hodgson.

Thank you to you all for driving our children and staff on trips safely.



House Points

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

Well done. Keep up the good work!

Kaya Goddard
Mohammed Sabeeh
Redha Asim
Shahaam Naeem



Year 6 Trip to Eden Camp

On Monday, Year 6 went to Malton to visit Eden Camp Modern History Museum to enhance their learning about World War II.

The children were able to immerse themselves in what life would have been like in the 1940s during the war - from life on the home front to experiencing what it would have been like during an air raid in the London Blitz through a simulated attack from the skies. They were also able to view vehicles of war, such as tanks and the famous Spitfire and Hurricane planes, and they enjoyed entertainment from Vera Lynn in a puppet show.

A great time was had by all and the children were a credit to the school.





Secondary School Admissions 2023

Apply online now for Secondary School 2023 places for children born between 1st September 2011 and 21st August 2012.

"Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure."

The deadline for applications is **Monday 31st October 2022**.

To apply, and for more information, please follow the link below:



Fire Safety—Top Tips

With bonfire night looming, please see some top safety tips from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service below:



- * Don't over stack bonfires or make them too large to control
- * Check the fire before lighting (ensuring there are no animals or small children hiding inside)
- * Never light a bonfire that doesn't belong to you
- * Never put fireworks on a bonfire
- * Never burn dangerous rubbish — such as aerosols or paint tins
- * Make sure you stand well back from a fire to prevent flying embers catching alight on clothing
- * Light sparklers one at a time and always wear gloves
- * Children under the age of 5 must never be given a sparkler as they will not understand how to use them safely
- * Children should be supervised when using sparklers
- * When the sparkler has finished, plunge it into a bucket of water with the hot end down, as they can stay hot for a long time.

West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 17th October

		<h3 style="text-align: center;">School Meals Menu - Week 1</h3>				
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 4, 5	Homemade Keema Curry	Fishcakes (2, 5) Parsley Sauce (5, 10)	Battered Chicken Steaks 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Pizza 5, 8, 10	
	Quorn Big Mac and Cheese 4, 5, 10, 12	Samosas (5) Homemade Onion Bhajis (10, 12) Savoury Rice	Homemade Macaroni Cheese (5, 10) Garlic Bread (4, 5, 10)	Homemade Cheese and Onion Quiche 5, 10, 12	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry Naan Bread (5)	
Vegetables	Fries Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges (8) Broccoli Carrots	Potato Cubes (5) Peas Sweetcorn	Curly Fries (5) Spaghetti Carrots	Ziggy Fries Beans	
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Homemade Chicken Tikka, Bolognese and Chilli. Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request					
Dessert	Pancakes and Syrup 5, 10, 12	Marble Sponge (5, 10, 12) Custard (8, 10)	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc-Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Chocolate Custard 5, 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12	
	Chocolate Ice Cream 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10	

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

Play Development Service



October Half Term Play Schemes 2022

MON 24 th Oct	TUES 25 th Oct	WED 26 th Oct	THURS 27 th Oct	FRI 28 th Oct
Beech Hill School 12:00 – 4:00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue Halifax, HX1 5TN	Mixenden Activity Centre 12:00 – 4:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HX2 8SH		Beech Hill School 12:00 – 4:00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue Halifax, HX1 5TN	Field Lane Park session 12:00-4:00pm Burnsall Road Rastrick HD6 3JT

We do ask Children and young people with a disability/special need to book on so we can meet your child's particular need. We operate on a first come first served basis, in our busy periods it is advised to arrive early to avoid disappointment as places are limited and are filled quickly.

The Play Development Service provides free open access play sessions for children and young people aged between 5-14 years old. The sessions are open access and are offered at various centres, parks and open spaces across Calderdale. We provide a range of activities that are chosen by children and young people; these can sometimes get messy, so please come in clothes that are appropriate for the activities and the weather. We aim for all our activities to be inclusive to all children and young people.

For further information please call the Play Development Service on **01422 380995**

You can also visit our website www.calderdale.gov.uk



Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

24th October to 28th October 2022

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during October Half Term!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Calderdale Council, ACTIVE CALDERDALE, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in free, fun activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Find out what's on and book your place at www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!

Forza Football October Half Term Camp

We are back with our camps again after the huge success in the Summer where we were fully booked. We expect to have a fully focused week with players ready to improve their game.

Venue - Beech Hill School

Players Aged 4-13

Mon 24th - Thu 27th October

To book a place, please click on the link below.

<https://forza-football-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder – a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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